



World's 2nd Highest Trek in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit [Gangotri Mukhba](#) on **27th February 2025** to inaugurate the winter yatra to Uttarakhand.

- **Mukhba (Mukhwa)** is a small village in the **town of Harsil**, on the **banks of river Bhagirathi**, on the way to the **pilgrimage of Gangotri**.
 - It is situated at an **altitude of 2620 meters** above the sea level.

Key Points

- **Foundation Stone for Janaktal Trek:** PM Modi will lay the foundation stone for the **Janaktal trek**, which will be the **second-highest trekking route** in the world.
- **Tourism Initiatives:** Several adventure activities have been planned, including, a motorbike rally to [Jadung](#) will be conducted under the aegis of the [Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board \(UTDB\)](#).
 - A trekking expedition organized by the [Indo-Tibetan Border Police \(ITBP\)](#) from **Neelapani** to [Mulling La Base](#).
 - It is expected to **boost tourism** and **enhance the economic growth** of the region through **sustainable tourism practices**.
- **Cultural Significance:** PM Modi is expected to offer prayers at the **Ganga Temple** in **Mukhwa**.

Janaktal trek

- It is located in **Uttarakhand**, the **Janaktal trek** reaches an impressive **17,716 feet**, making it the **world's second-highest trekking route**.
- Trekkers are treated to **breathtaking views of the Garhwal Himalayas**, unique **flora**, **serene glacial lakes**, and a glimpse into **local culture** through traditional villages along the way.
- The **12 km Janaktal trek** takes adventurers through **rugged, high-altitude terrain** to a secluded lake surrounded by **snow-capped peaks**.
- Previously restricted due to **military presence**, the area is now open to tourists, offering untouched beauty.
- The Uttarakhand government plans to develop this route, along with **Jadung**, **Nelong**, and **Sonam Valley**, to attract domestic and international adventure seekers.