



## Landslide in Vaishno Devi Track

### Why in News?

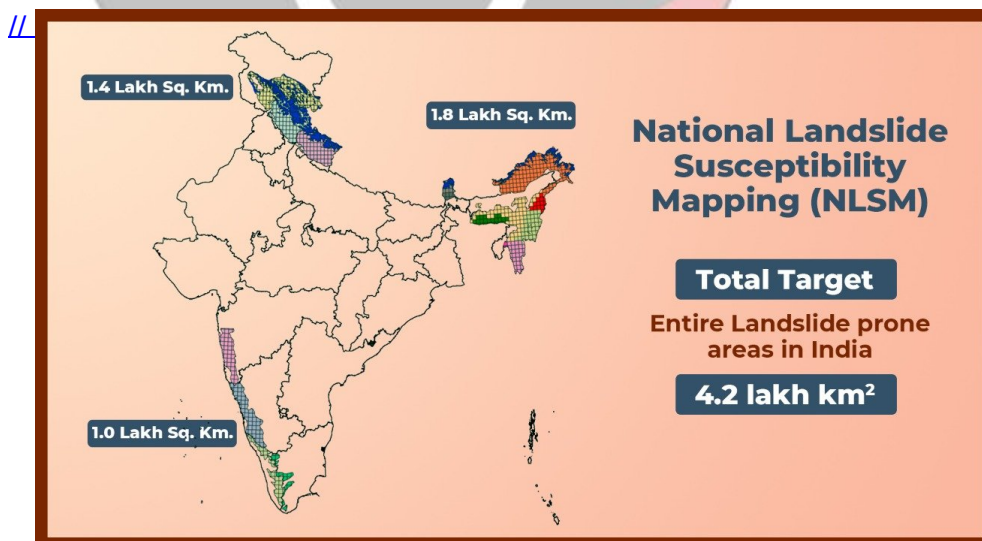
Recently, a [landslide](#) occurred on the new track to the Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, affecting the route near Panchi, 3 km ahead of Bhawan.

### Key Points

- **Vaishno Devi Temple:** Temple is located at **5,200 feet** in the Trikuta mountains, sees over one crore visitors annually, with a **12 km trek** from Katra.
  - **Key Landmarks:** Darshani Deodhi, Banganga, Chara Paduka, Indraprastha, Adhkuari, Garbha Joon, Himkoti, Haathi Matha, Sanji Chhat Bhawan, Sher ka Panja and Bhairon Mandir.
- **Reasi**, a town and notified area committee in Jammu and Kashmir, situated on the **bank of the Chenab River**. It was part of the **Bhimgarh state** established by **Bhim Dev** in the **8<sup>th</sup> century AD**.
  - Bhimgarh State, centered in Reasi, remained independent **until 1822** when [Raja Gulab Singh](#) unified the small states in the region.

### Landslide

- A landslide is a geological phenomenon involving the **downward movement of a mass** of rock, soil, and debris on a slope. This movement can vary in scale from small, localised shifts to massive and destructive events.
- Landslides can occur on **both natural and man-made slopes**, and they are often triggered by a combination of factors such as heavy rainfall, [earthquakes](#), volcanic activity, human activities (such as construction or mining), and changes in groundwater levels.



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