

PM to Offer Prayers at Mukhwa

Why in News?

The Prime Minister of India is going to visit Uttarakhand and pray at the winter seat of Maa Ganga in Mukhwa.

Key Points

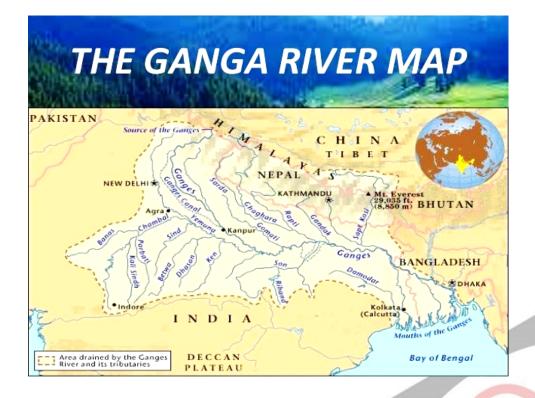
- Events in Harsil:
 - The Prime Minister will flag off a trek and a bike rally in Harsil.
 - He will also address a public gathering during a function in the region.
- Winter Tourism Programme:
 - The Uttarakhand Government has launched a Winter Tourism Programme in 2025.
 - The initiative aims to promote religious tourism and boost the local economy.
 - Thousands of devotees have already visited the winter seats of <u>Gangotri, Yamunotri,</u> <u>Kedarnath, and Badrinath.</u>
 - The programme will support homestays, tourism businesses, and related sectors.

Mukhwa

- It 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.

Ganga River System

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- The headwaters of the Ganga called the 'Bhagirathi' are fed by the Gangotri Glacier and joined by the Alaknanda at Devprayag in Uttarakhand.
- At Haridwar, Ganga emerges from the mountains to the plains.
- The Ganga is joined by many tributaries from the Himalayas, a few of them being major rivers such as the Yamuna, the Ghaghara, the Gandak, and the Kosi.

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