



Uttarakhand's Narayankoti Temple: Adopt a Heritage Project

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Recently, the Narayankoti temple (Uttarakhand) has been included under the Centre's [Adopt a Heritage project](#).



Key Points

▪ Adopt a Heritage Project:

◦ About:

- Launched on 27th September, 2017 ([World Tourism Day](#)), it is a **collaborative effort by the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture and [Archaeological Survey of India \(ASI\)](#), State/UTs Governments.**

◦ Aim:

- To **develop [tourism amenities](#)** at heritage/ natural/ tourist sites spread across India to make them tourist friendly, in a planned and phased manner.

◦ Implementation:

- The **sites/monuments are selected** on the **basis of tourist footfall and visibility** and can be **adopted by private and public sector companies and individuals** — known as **Monument Mitras** — for an initial period of **five years.**
- The Monument Mitras are **selected by the 'oversight and vision committee,'**

co-chaired by the **Tourism Secretary and the Culture Secretary**, on the basis of the bidder's 'vision' for development of all amenities at the heritage site.

- There is **no financial bid involved**.
- The corporate sector is expected to use **Corporate Social Responsibility** (CSR) funds for the upkeep of the site.

Other Related Schemes

- [DekhoApnaDesh](#)
- [Iconic Tourist Sites](#)
- [Swadesh Darshan](#)
- [Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive \(PRASHAD\)](#)

▪ Narayankoti Temple:

- The temple is a **group of ancient temples**, about 2 km from Guptkashi on the **Rudraprayag-Gaurikund highway**.
- This is the **only place in the country which has nine planetary temples in a group** that are a "symbol of nine planets".
- It is devoted to **Lakshmi Narayana** who is associated with Pandavas.
- It is believed that these temples were **constructed in the 9th century**.

Other Important Places in Uttarakhand

- **Chardham** - Gangotri, Yamunotri, Badrinath (on the bank of River Alaknanda, dedicated to Lord Vishnu), Kedarnath (dedicated to Lord Shiva), collectively known as Char dham.
 - Under the [Chardham Pariyojana](#), the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is aiming to improve the connectivity for Chardham.
- **Hemkund Sahib**: Formerly known as Gurudwara Shri Hemkund Sahib Ji, it is a Sikh place of worship and pilgrimage site in Chamoli district. It is devoted to [Guru Gobind Singh](#), the tenth Sikh Guru, and finds mention in Dasam Granth, a work dictated by Guruji himself.
- [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#) of Valley of Flowers and Nanda Devi (National Parks).
- [Jim Corbett National Park](#) (oldest national park of the country) and [Rajaji Tiger Reserve](#).

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