

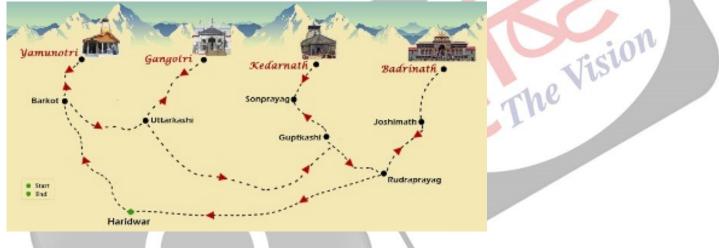
## Char Dham Yatra | Uttarakhand | 16 Apr 2024

## Why in News?

According to the Uttarakhand tourism department, the online registration for the <u>'Char Dham Yatra'</u> has started on the tourism department's portal.

## **Key Points**

- The Char-Dham yatra in Uttarakhand consists of visiting four temples, Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri.
- The Char Dham Yatra holds profound spiritual significance in Hinduism. This journey typically occurs from April/May to October/November.



## **Char Dham Yatra**

- Yamunotri Dham:
  - Location: Uttarkashi district.
  - Dedicated to: Goddess Yamuna.
  - River Yamuna is the second-most sacred river in India after River Ganga.
- Gangotri Dham:
  - **Location**: Uttarkashi district.
  - Dedicated to: Goddess Ganga.
  - Considered the most sacred of all Indian rivers.
- Kedarnath Dham:
  - Location: Rudraprayag district.
  - Dedicated to: Lord Shiva.
  - Situated on the bank of the Mandakini River.
  - One of the 12 Jyotirlingas (divine representations of Lord Shiva) in India.
- Badrinath Dham:
  - Location: Chamoli district.
  - Home to the sacred **Badrinarayan Temple.**
  - Dedicated to: Lord Vishnu.
  - One of the holy shrines for Vaishnavites.

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