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## Tragic Wasps Attack Claims Lives in Uttarakhand | Uttarakhand | 05 Oct 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, a tragic incident in Uttarakhand highlights the dangers of [wildlife](#) encounters, resulting in the deaths of a father and son due to a [wasp attack](#).

### Key Points

- **Incident Overview:**
  - A 47-year-old man and his eight-year-old son, tragically lost their lives after being attacked by wasps while grazing their cows in a forest in Jaunpur block of Uttarakhand's [Tehri Garhwal](#) district.
- **Wasps and Their Dangers:**
  - **Types and Aggression:**
    - Wasps, including yellow jackets, paper wasps, and hornets, can exhibit aggressive behavior when their nests are disturbed.
    - They possess smooth stingers that allow them to **sting multiple times** when threatened.
  - **Effects of Stings:**
    - A wasp sting typically causes immediate pain, swelling, and redness at the site due to the venom, which **contains toxic enzymes and proteins**.
    - Individuals may experience allergic reactions, ranging from mild symptoms like hives to severe **anaphylaxis, characterized by difficulty breathing, swelling, and potential loss of consciousness**.
  - **Multiple Stings and Risks:**
    - Multiple stings significantly increase the risk of severe systemic reactions, particularly in sensitive individuals.
    - [Anaphylaxis](#) can occur, necessitating immediate medical attention to prevent serious health complications or death.
  - **Prevention and Emergency Response:**
    - To prevent stings, avoid bright colors and floral patterns, use insect repellent, and seek professional help for nest removal.
    - In case of a sting, clean the area, apply a cold compress, and take pain relief if necessary. Severe reactions require urgent medical care.