

Strict Laws Against Using Char Dham Names

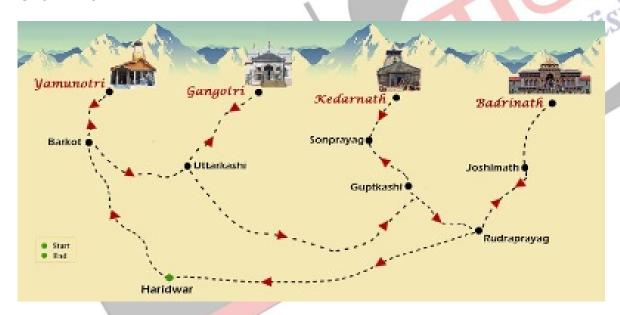
Why in News?

Recently, The **Uttarakhand Cabinet** decided to **implement strict laws against** organisations or trusts **using names of** <u>Char Dham temples</u> of the State.

Key Points

- According to the officials, such trusts and organisations create confusion among the general public, and also hurt local traditions and religious beliefs.
- The Char Dham temples' priest association also launched a protest against laying the foundation stone for the replica of <u>Kedarnath temple</u> in Delhi.

Char Dham



- 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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