



Chardham Yatra 2024

Why in News?

Yamunotri Temple, opening on **10th May and closing on 31st Oct, 2024** welcomes pilgrims seeking blessings at the source of the [Yamuna River](#).

Key Points

- Yamunotri temple is the first stop of the sacred [Char Dham](#) Yatra. It is situated in the Garhwal Himalayas in the Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand.
 - Every year, thousands of Hindus go on a **spiritual odyssey** to seek blessings at this shrine.
- In 2024, this auspicious date is chosen based on the **Hindu Panchang**, coinciding with [Akshay Tritiya](#), a day of immense significance.

Yamuna River

- **About:**
 - The Yamuna River is one of the major tributaries of the Ganges in Northern India.
 - It forms an integral part of the **Yamuna-Ganga Plain**, one of the world's most extensive alluvial plains.
- **Source:** It has its source in the **Yamunotri Glacier at an elevation of 6,387 meters** on the southwestern sides of Banderpooch crests in the lower Himalayan ranges.
- **Basin:** It meets the **Ganges at the Sangam (where Kumbh mela is held)** in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh after flowing through Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi.
- **Important Dam:** Lakhwar-Vyasi Dam (Uttarakhand), Tajewala Barrage Dam (Haryana) etc.
- **Important Tributaries:** Chambal, Sindh, Betwa and Ken.
- **Government Initiatives Related to Yamuna River:**
 - Yamuna Action Plan
 - Delhi Government's Six-Point Action Plan to Clean Yamuna by February 2025

