



PM to Offer Prayers at Mukhwa

Why in News?

The Prime Minister of India is going to visit Uttarakhand and **pray at the winter seat of Maa Ganga in Mukhwa.**

Key Points

- **Events in Harsil:**
 - The Prime Minister will **flag off a trek and a bike rally in Harsil.**
 - He will also address a public gathering during a function in the region.
- **Winter Tourism Programme:**
 - The Uttarakhand Government has launched a **Winter Tourism Programme** in 2025.
 - The initiative **aims to promote [religious tourism](#) and boost the local economy.**
 - Thousands of devotees have already visited the winter seats of [Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath.](#)
 - The programme will support homestays, tourism businesses, and related sectors.

Mukhwa

- It is a small village in the **town of Harsil**, on the **banks of river Bhagirathi**, on the way to the **pilgrimage of Gangotri.**
- It is situated at **an altitude of 2620 meters** above the sea level.

Ganga River System

THE GANGA RIVER MAP



- The headwaters of the Ganga called the '**Bhagirathi**' are fed by the **Gangotri Glacier** and joined by the Alaknanda at Devprayag in Uttarakhand.
- At Haridwar, **Ganga emerges from the mountains** to the plains.
- The Ganga is joined by many tributaries from the Himalayas, a few of them being major rivers such as the Yamuna, the Ghaghara, the Gandak, and the Kosi.

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