



## Rudranath Temple

### Why in News?

Rudranath Temple, known as the fourth Kedar, has **reopened to devotees** after its winter closure.

### Key Points

#### Rudranath Temple

- It is a **temple dedicated to Lord Shiva**, located in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand.
- It is one of the revered **Panch Kedar** temples.
  - The Panch Kedar temples include [Kedarnath](#), [Madhmaheshwar](#), [Tungnath](#), [Rudranath](#), and [Kalpnath](#).
- The temple is situated at an altitude of **2290 meters** above sea level.
- In the Rudranath temple, Lord Shankar's Ekanan means that the face is worshiped, while the whole body is worshiped in the Pashupatinath of Nepal's capital of Kathmandu.

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### Char Dham Yatra

- **Uttarakhand**, often referred to as **Devbhoomi** or the Land of Gods, is home to many sacred temples and attracts devotees throughout the year.
- Among these spiritual sites, the [Char Dham Yatra](#) is considered one of the most prominent pilgrimages in the region.
- The Yatra comprises visiting four holy shrines: **Yamunotri**, **Gangotri**, **Kedarnath**, and **Badrinath**.
  - **Yamunotri Temple**, situated in **Uttarkashi district**, lies near the source of the sacred **Yamuna River** and is dedicated to **Goddess Yamuna**.
  - **Gangotri Temple**, also in **Uttarkashi district**, is dedicated to **Goddess Ganga**, regarded as the most sacred river in India.
  - **Kedarnath Temple**, located in **Rudraprayag district**, honors **Lord Shiva**.
  - **Badrinath Temple** is famous for the **Badrinarayan Temple** and is dedicated to **Lord Vishnu**.

- The **shrines are located in the Garhwal Himalayas** and are traditionally visited between May and November.

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