



Kedarnath reopened to pilgrims amidst Vedic chants

Past records likely to be surpassed this year, says Dhama

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The Kedarnath Dham was ceremoniously reopened to the public on Friday in accordance with religious traditions. Aong with multitudes of devotees, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama witnessed the auspicious event and offered prayers at Kedarnath, seeking happiness, prosperity, and peace for the State. As in past years, the first prayers at Kedarnath Dham after the reopening of the shrine were performed in the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The temple doors were opened at 7 AM amidst Vedic chants while 'Har Har Mahadev' and the playing of devotional compositions by the regimental band of the Grenadiers echoed in the valley.

The chief minister extended his wishes to the people of the country on the occasion of Kedarnath being reopened to the public. He said that not only Uttarakhand but the entire nation eagerly awaits this sacred moment. He emphasised that Kedarnath Dham stands as a timeless symbol of India's spiritual and cultural legacy and is a place of immense reverence for followers of Sanatan Dharma.



The chief minister prayed for a safe and spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage season for all devotees. He noted that the number of people visitiung Kedarnath has been rising consistently every year, adding that a

new record of footfalls will be set this year. Dhama stated that the state government has finalised all necessary arrangements to ensure a well-organised and accessible pilgrimage. He added that appropriate provisions for security and convenience have also been made. He called upon the people of Uttarakhand to welcome pilgrims from across India and abroad with a spirit of service and warmth.

The CM also highlighted the devotion of Prime Minister Modi towards Baba Kedarnath. He recalled that it was under Modi's leadership that the reconstruction of Kedarnath town began after the devastating natural disaster of 2013.

Maharaj urges pilgrims to follow Govt guidelines during Kedarnath Yatra

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Tourism minister Satpal Maharaj said that pilgrims must follow government guidelines during the Kedarnath Yatra to ensure a safe journey. He urged all visitors to consult a doctor before starting the Yatra and carry required medicines and documents, including ID and travel permits. The portal of Kedarnath temple was opened on Friday in the presence of chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama. Maharaj said that United India Insurance Com-



pany, through Shri Badrinath Kedarnath Temple Committee (BKTC), has provided accident insurance of Rs 10 crore for pilgrims visiting the Char Dham, with Rs 2.5 crore allocated per shrine. The insurance covers stampedes, natural disasters and terrorism. Human Upliftment Service Committee paid the insurance premium of Rs 3.67 lakh including taxes and handed over the cheque to the CM, he added.

Transport department penalises 700 for violations on Char Dham routes

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The Transport department issued 700 challans and seized 11 vehicles for various violations on Char Dham Yatra routes in the past four days. The department deployed nine enforcement teams across key Char Dham Yatra routes on April 29, the regional transport officer (Administration) of Dehradun division and Char Dham nodal officer Sandeep Saini said. He informed that these teams include seven interceptor vehicles and two task force teams monitoring routes such as Timli-Katapathar-Yamuna Bridge, Yamuna Bridge-Damta-Badkot-Yamunotri, Chinyalisaur-Uttarkashi-Gangotri and others. Saini also informed that the department has issued over 11,000 green cards so far for the ongoing Char Dham Yatra. A total of 11,336 green cards have been issued by various offices, including 951 for vehicles from other states. Among them are 3,127 buses, with 353 buses registered outside Uttarakhand. He said that green card centres have been set up in Roorkee (Narson) and Dehradun (Asharodi), along with issuance at all regional offices. Green cards are mandatory for all vehicles traveling for the Yatra or tourism. They include details such as vehicle registration, validity of documents and driver information. For commercial vehicles registered in Uttarakhand, green cards are issued for the duration of the Yatra, while for those from other states, they are valid for 15 days. This year, commercial two-wheelers operating under the Rent-a-Motorcycle scheme are also being issued green cards. The fee is Rs 450 for light and medium vehicles and Rs 650 for heavy vehicles. A provision has been made to update expired documents such as pollution and insurance certificates in the green cards, Saini said. He informed that trip cards are also mandatory for all commercial vehicles participating in the Yatra or tourism. These cards include details of the vehicle, driver, travel dates, passenger names, addresses and contact numbers. Applications for trip cards can be submitted online two days prior to the journey. Applicants can can-

cel the trip card before the start of travel if needed. Of the 2,559 trip cards issued so far, 495 belong to vehicles from outside the State, the RTO said. He also informed that the temporary checkpoints have also been established at five locations along the Yatra routes which are Satyanarayan (Haridwar-Rishikesh route), Bhadrakali (Rishikesh-Yamunotri-Gangotri route), Tapovan (Rishikesh-Kedarnath-Badrinath route), Katapathar (Herbertpur-Yamunotri route), and Kuthalgate (Dehradun-Gan-



gotri-Yamunotri route), in addition to Sonprayag (Sonprayag-Gaurikund shuttle service). These checkpoints are operational from 4 AM to 10 PM and include help centres for travellers.

For driver convenience, rest arrangements have been made at Rishikesh office, Haridwar office, Asharodi green card centre, Narson green card centre and Sonprayag. Saini said that to prevent unauthorised operations, enforcement action is being taken against private vehicles used for hire and unlicensed travel agents in Dehradun, Rishikesh and Haridwar. In recent checks, ARTO Enforcement Rashmi Pant and transport tax officer Neha Jha issued challans to 15 private vehicles operating on hire and seized nine of them, he added.

Take strict action on violators of law and order in State: Dhama

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Taking a stern note of the incident in which a minor was allegedly raped by an elderly man in Nainital, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama has directed the State administration to take a strict action against those involved in the incident and in the cases of violation of law and order in the State. The

and take strict legal action against them. He said that any meddling with the identity of the State and its land will not be tolerated. Strict action will be taken against any person or organisation who dares to break the unity of the State.

The chief minister directed that complete vigilance for the safety of pilgrims and tourists in the State should be done. He warned that any kind of negligence in security arrangements will not be tolerated. Dhama also directed the district magistrates to submit all the reports of action taken against the verification of tenants, hawkers, illegal land grabbers and those who have got certificates made illegally, within three days.

The meeting was attended by chief secretary Anand Bardhan, director general of police Deepam Seth, principal secretary R K Sudhanshu, R Meenakshi Sundaram, additional director general police V Murugesan and others. Kumaon commissioner Deepak Rawat, inspector general Kumaon Ridhim Agarwal, DM Nainital Vandana, DM Udham Singh Nagar Nitin Bhadauria, SSP Nainital PN Meena and SSP US Nagar Manikant Mishra attended the meeting in virtual mode.



CM gave the order while chairing a high level meeting at his residence on Friday. He directed that action should be taken against the culprits involved in the alleged rape of a minor in Nainital. Dhama directed the district administration of Nainital to take care of the victim and provide security to her family. He said that the government stands firmly with the victim and her family.

The CM also directed the officials to immediately identify those who spread misleading information and rumours through social media and other means

CS tells Railway officials to make Harrawala a fully developed station

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Chief secretary Anand Bardhan has asked the Railway authorities to upgrade the Harrawala railway station in Dehradun on the lines of a fully developed station. He assured that the State government will provide the land needed for the purpose to the Railways.



The CS said this during a meeting held to review the progress of different projects of Railways in the State. The Divisional Rail Managers of Moradabad and Izzatnagar divisions and senior officers of the State administration attended the meeting.

While reviewing the Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail project, Bardhan directed the officers of administration to expedite the cases of Revenue and Forest land transfer. He directed that a joint meeting of Railways, Forest and Revenue departments headed by district magistrate of Rudraprayag should be held for disposing off the cases of land acquisition and transfer for the project. Stressing on timely completion of the important project, the CS directed that his office should be informed about the progress of the project from time to time. Bardhan said that the

roads near the tunnels dug for the project have been damaged and in view of the Char Dham Yatra the Railways should repair these roads immediately.

He suggested that a development plan for the area in the vicinity of Yog Nagri Rishikesh should be prepared and it

should be integrated with the plan of the Railways.

The CS directed that the Urban Development, Tourism, Industry and Railways should work in tandem to prepare plans for Railway projects in the State. He said that Kumbh Mela will be organised in Haridwar in 2027 and for this a plan for extension and upgradation of Jwalapur Railway station should be prepared for better crowd management during the Kumbh.

Principal secretary R Meenakshi Sundaram, additional secretary Vineet Kumar, Reena Joshi and others also attended the meeting.

Tiger Reserve Foundation defunct for 12 years grows alive after SIC's order

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A Right to Information (RTI) query by a concerned citizen not only exposed the folly of the Forest department but also revealed that the Tiger Reserve Foundation of the department was operational only on paper for the past 12 years.

Haridwar resident, Ramesh Chandra Sharma had filed an RTI query in the office of Rajaji Tiger Reserve, Haridwar range officer in which he sought information about a no objection certificate (NOC) given by the department to the Nirmal Panchayati Akhada, Haridwar. He later filed an appeal in the State Information Commission when the required information was not received by him.

Hearing the appeal, the State Information Commissioner Yogesh Bhatt sought a complete report from the Forest department. The official response revealed that the NOC was issued to the Akhada in the year 2013. The NOC mentioned that in lieu of the construction in the vicinity of RTR, the Akhada will create a green belt by planting broad leaved

trees and that waterholes will be constructed for the wild animals. It also mandated scientific disposal of the organic and inorganic waste and that the Akhada will deposit a sum of Rs five lakh in the Tiger Foundation of Rajaji Reserve.

In his order, Bhatt observed that the conditions mentioned in the NOC of the Forest department have remained unfulfilled. The green belt was not made, waterholes were not constructed and no money was deposited in the tiger foundation. The construction of a wedding point was also done by the Akhada in violation of the norms.

It also came to light that the foundation was operational only on papers. When the SIC directed the department to enforce the conditions mentioned in the NOC during the course of the hearing in the Information Commission, the Forest department informed that conditions mentioned in the NOC have been fulfilled and the Akhada has deposited a sum of Rs five lakh in the foundation.

Pahalgam terror attack takes toll on society's mental health: Experts

MANSI BHAMBRI ■ Dehradun

The recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, has had a significant social impact on individuals, potentially affecting their mental health, the experts said. In response to the attack, many people participated in protests in Dehradun, Vikasnagar and Haridwar, among other parts of Uttarakhand, expressing their outrage by painting and displaying images of the Pakistani flag on the roads. Experts emphasised that this attack has influenced society, leading to a rise in anger, frustration and resentment among individuals.

Clinical neuropsychologist Dr Sona Kaushal Gupta expressed her concerns regarding the recent attack in Kashmir. She said that this incident has had a widespread social impact, resulting in feelings of anger, frustration, hatred, anxiety and more among the people. In response, many individuals have chosen to express their outrage through rallies and protests. She advised that people should strive to remain calm and avoid resorting to violence. She stressed that any de-

cisions and actions regarding the situation fall under the government's ambit and that individuals should focus on their own responsibilities while allowing the government to take appropriate action.

Clinical psychologist Pratibha Sharma stated that this incident has sparked widespread feelings of anger and frustration in the public. She emphasised that social media plays a crucial role in amplifying these emotions and their effects. The influence of social media has fuelled feelings of revenge, stress and other negative emotions within the community. Sharma noted that the violent reactions stemming from this incident could adversely affect the mental well-being on individuals, which may subsequently impact their physical health. She advised people to remain patient and allow the government to make decisions or take action regarding the situation. Engaging in immature actions is likely to harm both their mental health and the overall atmosphere of society.

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WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.) a Housing Finance Company [duly registered with National Housing Bank (Fully Owned by RBI)] (hereinafter referred to as "SMHFC") under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002), and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated mentioned below under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon you being the borrowers (names mentioned below) to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers mentioned herein having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers mentioned herein below and to the public in general that the undersigned has Taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrowers mentioned here in above in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with said property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of "SMHFC" for an amount as mentioned herein under and interest thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) LAN	Description of Secured Assets (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1	LAN :- 611639211205784 1. Bhanu Pratap Singh, S/o. Sohan Lal 2. Vivek Singh, S/o. Bhanu Pratap Singh	All That Property Comprising of Land Bearing Khata No. 755 (Fasli Year 1416 To 1421) Khata No. 646 Ga (Old Khata No. 489) / Area Measuring 54.36 Sq. Mtrs With Coured Area Measuring 40.42 Sq. Mtrs. Situated At Mauza Niranjanpur, Pargana Pachwa Doon, Distt. Dehradun, East - Plot No.59 A & B, West- Property Of Shri Harjeet Singh, North - 10 Fit Wide Passage, South - Property Of Shri Harjeet Singh.	23.01.2025 Rs. 30,48,419/- (Rs. Thirty Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Nine Only) as on 13.01.2025	28.04.2025
2	LAN :- 611639211291272 & 611639211509188 1. Mohd Shahnawaz S/o. Mohd Yusuf 2. Falak Naaz W/o. Mohd Shahnawaz	All That Property Forming Part of Khata No.5 Ga Min Measuring 143.61 Sq.yards 12.12sq.mrs Situated At Mauza Pithuwalla Pargana Pachwa Doon, Tehsil Sadar, Distt. Dehradun, North - Land of Others, South 25 Fit Wide Road, East - Land of Smt Pinki Gupta & Others, West Land of Seller Being Sold To Shri Vikash Dhyani.	23.01.2025 Rs. 41,89,444/- (Rs. Forty One Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four Only) as on 13.01.2025	28.04.2025

Place : Dehradun, Uttarakhand
Date : 28.04.2025

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[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
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Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price/ Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	SARFAESI Stage
(A)	(B)	(D)	(C)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Amit Kumar Ahlawat (Borrower) Neeraj Ahlawat tendor (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHDEH00001519868 & LHDEH00001519873	Khata No. 121, Plot No. 65, Chak No. 5, situated at Village Daulatpur, Pargana Roorkee, Tehsil & Distt. Dehradun, Uttarakhand.	Rs. 16,16, 923/- April 25, 2025	Rs. 14,98, 500/- Rs. 1,49, 850/-	May 13, 2025 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	May 20, 2025 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	May 19, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Physical Possession
2.	Murad (Borrower) Sajid (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHDEH00001437746 & LHDEH00001438076	Khata No. 681, Khata No. 709 GA (Old Khata No. 508), Mauza Majra, Pargana Pachwa Doon, Distt. Dehradun, Uttarakhand.	Rs. 2,98, 035/- April 25, 2025	Rs. 27,28, 404/- Rs. 2,72, 840/-	May 13, 2025 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	May 20, 2025 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	May 19, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Physical Possession

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