

Uttarakhand General Knowledge

100 Important Questions for Competitive Exams

About Uttarakhand - Essential Information

Uttarakhand, formerly Uttaranchal, is the 27th state of India, formed on November 9, 2000. Known as "Devbhoomi" (Land of Gods), this Himalayan state is renowned for its spiritual significance, natural beauty, and rich cultural heritage.

Basic Facts

Capital: Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)

Formation: Nov 9, 2000

Area: 53,483 sq km

Population: ~1.01 crore

Language: Hindi, Garhwali, Kumaoni

Geography

Borders: HP (NW), Tibet (N), Nepal (E), UP (S)

Regions: Garhwal & Kumaon

Districts: 13

Highest Peak: Nanda Devi (7,816m)

Forest Cover: ~45%

Political Structure

Assembly: 70 seats

Lok Sabha: 5 seats

Rajya Sabha: 3 seats

High Court: Nainital

Divisions: 2 (Garhwal & Kumaon)

Religious Sites

Char Dham: Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, Badrinath

Panch Prayag: 5 confluences

Panch Kedar: 5 Shiva temples

Major Sites: Haridwar, Rishikesh

Natural Heritage

National Parks: 6

UNESCO Sites: Nanda Devi, Valley of Flowers

State Animal: Alpine Musk Deer

State Bird: Himalayan Monal

State Tree: Buransh

Economy

Major Sectors: Tourism, Agriculture, Hydropower, Pharma

Industrial Hubs: SIDCUL (Haridwar, Dehradun)

Main Crops: Basmati rice, medicinal herbs



Culture

Folk Dances: Langvir, Chholiya, Barada Nati

Art Forms: Aipan, Ringal craft

State Flower: Brahma Kamal

Festivals: Kumbh Mela, Nanda Raj Jat

Education

IAS Academy: LBSNAA, Mussoorie

Military: IMA, Dehradun

Research: WII, FRI

Literacy: 79.63%


100 Important Questions & Answers


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| 1 | Who founded the Katyuri dynasty? | Vashudev Katyuri (7th century). Capital at Joshimath, later Baijnath. |
| 2 | Chand dynasty's capital city? | Champawat (initially), shifted to Almora by Kalyan Chand in 1563. |
| 3 | Which Gorkha general conquered Kumaon-Garhwal in 1803-04? | Amar Singh Thapa led the Gorkha conquest. |
| 4 | Treaty of Sugauli (1816) result? | British gained Kumaon and parts of Garhwal; western Garhwal restored to |

Garhwal kings.

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| 5 | First Commissioner of Kumaon under British? | G.W. Traill (1817), known for road construction and education. |
| 6 | Khatima incident (1930) was related to? | Forest Satyagraha against British forest laws. |
| 7 | Rawain revolt of 1930 opposed? | Forced labor (begar) system - spontaneous village uprising. |
| 8 | "Gandhi of Garhwal"? | Indramani Badoni - active in non-cooperation and civil disobedience. |
| 9 | Chipko Movement origin? | 1973 in Mandal village (famous incident in Reni village, 1974). |
| 10 | Chipko Movement leader? | Sunderlal Bahuguna (also Chandi Prasad Bhatt, Gaura Devi). |
| 11 | Highest peak in Uttarakhand? | Nanda Devi (7,816m) - India's second highest peak. |
| 12 | Where do Bhagirathi and Alaknanda meet? | Devprayag - one of Panch Prayag, forming the Ganga. |
| 13 | Source of Bhagirathi River? | Gangotri Glacier in Uttarkashi district. |
| 14 | Uttarakhand's international boundaries? | China (Tibet) in north, Nepal in east. |
| 15 | Soil type in Terai region? | Alluvial soil - highly fertile for agriculture. |

16	Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve UNESCO year?	1988 (expanded with Valley of Flowers in 2005).
17	Pass for Kailash-Mansarovar Yatra?	Lipulekh Pass (5,334m) connecting to Tibet.
18	Doon Valley location?	Between Shivalik Range (south) and Lesser Himalayas (north).
19	"Sorrow of Uttarakhand" river?	Kosi River - frequent flooding in Kumaon region.
20	Uttarakhand's administrative structure?	 2 divisions (Garhwal, Kumaon) and 13 districts.
21	District with largest forest cover?	Pauri Garhwal district.
22	Siwalik fossil park location?	Dehradun district (Saketi area).
23	"Skeleton Lake"?	Roopkund Lake in Chamoli (5,029m) - human remains found.
24	Kedarnath disaster (2013) affected?	Mandakini River valley (Alaknanda tributary).
25	Abundant mineral in Doon Valley?	Limestone - used in cement manufacturing.
26	Number of national parks?	6 - Corbett, Rajaji, Valley of Flowers, Nanda Devi, Govind Pashu Vihar, Gangotri.

27	Jim Corbett NP established?	1936 (as Hailey National Park) - India's first national park.
28	National park famous for alpine flowers?	Valley of Flowers National Park (UNESCO site).
29	Project Tiger launched where?	Jim Corbett National Park in 1973.
30	Sanctuary for Asiatic elephants?	Rajaji National Park in Shivalik ranges.
31	State animal?	Alpine Musk Deer (<i>Moschus chrysogaster</i>).
32	Endangered bird in Valley of Flowers?	 Himalayan Monal (state bird) and Snow Partridge.
33	Askot Wildlife Sanctuary known for?	Musk Deer (also snow leopards, Himalayan black bears).
34	Community forest conservation initiative?	Van Panchayat (Forest Councils) - local forest management.
35	GHNP ecosystem extends to?	Himachal Pradesh (though GHNP is in HP).
36	Largest GSDP contributor?	Services sector (tourism, IT, education).
37	SIDCUL industrial estates locations?	Haridwar, Dehradun, Kashipur, Pantnagar, Sitarganj.
38	Famous export products?	Basmati rice (Terai region), medicinal herbs, tea.

39	Pharmaceutical industry hub?	Haridwar and Dehradun districts (SIDCUL areas).
40	Maximum cultivated crop?	Paddy (rice) in Terai and valley regions.
41	Tehri Dam details?	On Bhagirathi River; 2,400 MW capacity.
42	Organic farming scheme?	Uttarakhand Organic Commodity Board & Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana.
43	Rajiv Gandhi Technology Park location?	Dehradun (Sahastradhara area).
44	GI tag products from Uttarakhand?	Tejpat (Bay Leaf), Ringal Craft, Himalayan Kala Zeera.
45	Home Stay Scheme region?	 Various districts; notably successful in Garhwal for rural tourism.
46	Legislative Assembly constituencies?	70 Assembly constituencies.
47	Lok Sabha seats?	5 Lok Sabha constituencies.
48	Rajya Sabha representation?	3 Rajya Sabha seats.
49	Panchayati Raj three tiers?	Gram Panchayat, Block/Kshetra Panchayat, District/Zila Panchayat.
50	Constitutional provision for state creation?	Article 3 (Parliament can form new states).
51	High Court location?	Nainital (Dehradun permanent bench from 2018).

52	First Chief Minister?	Nityanand Swami (Nov 2000 - March 2001).
53	State Finance Commission articles?	Article 243-I (Panchayats), 243-Y (Municipalities).
54	Forest rights act?	Indian Forest Act 1927, Forest Rights Act 2006 (FRA).
55	Right to Services Act year?	2011 (UK Public Services Guarantee Act) - time-bound services.
56	Traditional dance forms?	Langvir Nritya, Barada Nati, Pandav Nritya, Chholiya.
57	Kumbh Mela location?	Haridwar (Ardh Kumbh every 6 years, Purna Kumbh every 12 years).
58	Script for Garhwali/Kumaoni?	Devanagari (historically Takri script in some regions).
59	"Jagar" folk song tradition?	Ritualistic singing to invoke deities/spirits by Jagariya.
60	Jageshwar temple architecture?	North Indian Nagara style (7th-14th century CE).
61	Nanda Raj Jat Yatra (12 years)?	Goddess Nanda Devi pilgrimage from Nauti to Roopkund.
62	Ashoka's edicts in Uttarakhand?	Found at Kalsi (not UNESCO listed).
63	"Dhol-Damau" instrument use?	Festivals, weddings, cultural celebrations.

64	Aipan art form region?	Kumaon - floor/wall decoration using rice paste.
65	Magh Mela location?	Uttarkashi on Bhagirathi banks (Jan-Feb annually).
66	Five Prayags (upstream to downstream)?	Vishnu Prayag, Nanda Prayag, Karnaprayag, Rudraprayag, Devprayag.
67	Yamuna source?	Yamunotri glacier.
68	Tons River forms boundary with?	Himachal Pradesh (UK-HP border).
69	River at Kedarnath?	Mandakini River (Alaknanda tributary).
70	Kali/Sharda River boundary?	Nepal (international eastern boundary).
71	2013 disaster damaged project?	Vishnuprayag Hydroelectric Project (and others on Alaknanda).
72	Ramganga River origin?	Doodhatoli ranges, Pauri Garhwal.
73	Aromatic rice cultivation valley?	Bhabhar-Terai along Ganga tributaries.
74	Char Dham sites?	Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, Badrinath.
75	Hemkund Sahib altitude?	4,632m (15,197 ft) in Chamoli - Sikh pilgrimage.
76	Deity at Badrinath?	Lord Vishnu (Badrinarayan) - 108 Divya Desams.

77	Tungnath temple altitude?	3,680m (12,073 ft) - world's highest Shiva temple, Panch Kedar.
78	Panch Kedar temples?	Kedarnath, Tungnath, Rudranath, Madhyamaheshwar, Kalpeshwar.
79	Purnagiri temple location?	Champawat district (near Tanakpur) - Shakti Peeth.
80	Adi Shankaracharya Math in UK?	Jyotirmath/Joshimath - one of four cardinal mathas.
81	Baleshwar temple period?	10th-12th century CE (Chand dynasty) stone architecture.
82	Mukhya Mantri Saur Swarojgar Yojana?	Solar energy-based self-employment in rural/hill areas.
83	"Gharāt" scheme supports?	Traditional water mills for flour grinding - sustainable energy.
84	Senior citizen pilgrimage scheme?	State-sponsored Char Dham Yatra for elderly.
85	Atal Ayushman UK Yojana benefit?	₹5 lakh cashless treatment per family annually.
86	Traditional water source revival?	Jal Jeevan Mission & NGO initiatives for naulas (water tanks).
87	CM Self-Employment Scheme targets?	Educated unemployed youth for micro/small enterprises.

88	Revenue Village Act year?	2016 - empowering gram sabhas with autonomy.
89	Single-window clearance portal?	USease (UK Single-window Enabling Approval System Electronically).
90	Mukhya Mantri Swarozgar Yojana amount?	Up to ₹5 lakh for self-employment (with subsidy).
91	IAS training academy?	LBSNAA (Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy), Mussoorie.
92	Indian Military Academy location?	Dehradun (established 1932).
93	Central university named after reformer?	Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar (Garhwal).
94	Wildlife Institute of India location?	Dehradun (established 1982) - conservation training.
95	Petroleum research institute?	Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP/CSIR-IIP), Dehradun.
96	Forest Research Institute established?	1906 in Dehradun - iconic Greco-Roman architecture.
97	Sports academy in Uttarakhand?	GMVN Sports Academy and various district-level centers.
98	Uttarakhand Sanskrit University location?	Haridwar (established 2005).

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| 99 | Pandavas' heavenly pass (legend)? | Swargarohini Pass near Badrinath (Mahaprasthan legend). |
| 100 | Uttarayani Fair at Bageshwar? | Makar Sankranti (mid-January) - major cultural/trading fair. |



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