

# Uttarakhand General Knowledge

100 Important Questions for Competitive Exams

## About Uttarakhand - Essential Information

Uttarakhand, formerly Uttarakhand, 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

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

5 First Commissioner of Kumaon under British?

6 Khatima incident (1930) was related to?

7 Rawain revolt of 1930 opposed?

8 "Gandhi of Garhwal"?

9 Chipko Movement origin?

10 Chipko Movement leader?

11 Highest peak in Uttarakhand?

12 Where do Bhagirathi and Alaknanda meet?

13 Source of Bhagirathi River?

14 Uttarakhand's international boundaries?

15 Soil type in Terai region?

Garhwal kings.

G.W. Traill (1817), known for road construction and education.

Forest Satyagraha against British forest laws.

Forced labor (begar) system - spontaneous village uprising.

Indramani Badoni - active in non-cooperation and civil disobedience.

1973 in Mandal village (famous incident in Reni village, 1974).

Sunderlal Bahuguna (also Chandi Prasad Bhatt, Gaura Devi).

Nanda Devi (7,816m) - India's second highest peak.

Devprayag - one of Panch Prayag, forming the Ganga.

Gangotri Glacier in Uttarkashi district.

China (Tibet) in north, Nepal in east.

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 (*Moschus chrysogaster*).

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.

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| 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 naulus (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).



99 Pandavas' heavenly pass (legend)?  
Swargarohini Pass near Badrinath  
(Mahapraasthan legend).

100 Uttarayani Fair at Bageshwar?  
Makar Sankranti (mid-January) - major  
cultural/trading fair.



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