

Clean-up on paper, waste on ground at Char Dham

798 Tonnes Garbage Collected Across 4 Shrines This Year

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Dehradun/Uttarakashi: Uttarakhand govt says 798 tonnes of waste has been collected during this year's Char Dham yatra. However, pilgrims and locals claim that garbage continues to be dumped down mountain slopes and into rivers despite efforts to keep the pilgrimage routes clean.

According to govt data, the highest collection was at Badrinath, where 393 tonnes of waste was collected, including 161 tonnes of dry waste. Badrinath Nagar Panchayat is compacting solid waste on site and has segregated around 24 tonnes of plastic waste, predominantly water bottles, officials said.

"While garbage may be collected regularly, waste is often left littered where pilgrims queue up for darshan. The public is also to blame for discarding water bottles and plastic packaging. Some pilgrims discard their clothes near Tapt Kund or the changing areas, and some of

these can even be seen floating in the Alaknanda below," said Manish Singh, a pilgrim from Bengaluru.

At Kedarnath, which has received at least 15 lakh pilgrims this season, govt data shows that 32 tonnes of dry waste has been collected, including 20 tonnes of plastic. PET bottles alone account for 18 tonnes. However, an RTI response received by Noida-based activist Amit Gupta showed that 50.3 metric tonnes of dry and wet waste was generated between April and Aug this year. Kedarnath executive officer (EO) Neeraj Kukreti said the 32-tonne figure covered only dry waste, while the RTI figure also included wet waste, explaining the apparent mismatch.

"Waste generated during the entire 2025 season was 21.4 metric tonnes, which shows a 135% increase in garbage collection in just four months.

The nagar panchayat claims that of this, 20 metric tonnes is plastic waste, of which 18.5 metric tonnes has been processed. A sacred and ecologically sensitive site like Kedarnath is turning into a dumping ground, and we ourselves are primarily responsible for this," Gupta said.

Pilgrims said much of the garbage discarded along the Kedarnath trek slips down the slopes into Mandakini and goes unaccounted for. Sanitation along the pedestrian route is handled by Sulabh International, which has separately collected 270 tonnes of solid waste this season. Of this, 6.5 tonnes of plastic has been sent for recycling, officials said.

At Gangotri, 98 tonnes of waste has been collected. Nagar Panchayat EO Jai Nand Semwal said. The civic body has recycled 22 tonnes of plastic waste, earning Rs 55,000, and produced 2.5 tonnes of compost from the remaining waste.

Sulabh International is also responsible for sanitation at Yamunotri and along its 5km trekking route. "The temple premises were cleaned periodically, but pilgrims frequently immersed or discarded clothes in the river. Even a brief interrup-

tion in cleaning led to piles of discarded clothes," Yamunotri Temple Committee secretary Sunil Uniyal said, adding that priests regularly conducted clean-up drives and appealed to pilgrims not to throw waste into the river.

Uniyal said pilgrims also discarded plastic bottles and wrappers along the trekking route despite repeated appeals. Of the 4.85 tonnes of plastic waste collected and safely disposed of, 1,790kg came from the Jankichatti-Damta stretch and 3,060kg from the Jankichatti-Kharsali stretch.

Hotel Association president Shailendra Matuda said, "Stopover points along the Gangotri and Yamunotri routes lacked proper sanitation arrangements. Major transit points outside municipal limits had no waste collection system, resulting in garbage accumulating on nearby hillsides."

Yatra administration figures show that more than 10 lakh QR-tagged bottles and other containers were returned for recycling across the four shrines between April 19 and Aug 26, with Badrinath recording the highest number. The initiative allows pilgrims to reclaim a deposit after returning tagged bottles and packaging.

2 priests killed, bodies set ablaze inside UP temple; man out on bail detained

Probe Points To Shrine Control Dispute: Police

Krishna Chaudhary | timesofindia.com

VILLAGER SAYS
Sumit was released from jail around a month ago, and had earlier set a villager's car on fire

Meerut: Two priests, aged 70 and 60, were killed and their bodies set on fire inside a Shiva temple in Shahjahanpur's Sutha village, with police detaining a 35-year-old local man who had been released from jail on bail around a month ago. Police said preliminary investigation indicated a possible dispute over control of the shrine.

The victims were identified as Baba Gopal Das, 70, a kathavachak who had lived at the temple for nearly 20 years, and Baba Bihari Das, 60, who became his disciple around a month ago and moved into the shrine. Bihari Das, who was unmarried, had earlier served at another temple in the village.

Villagers spotted smoking from the temple around 7am on Thursday and rushed there. They found one of the bodies still burning while the other had been reduced to a skeleton. The bodies were lying around 10 metres apart inside the temple, located outside the village, around 70 kilometres from Shahjahanpur district headquarters.

Temple patron Shiv Kumar Singh submitted a written complaint to police naming Sumit, 35, a local resident. Senior superintendent of police (SSP) Saurabh Dixit said Sumit had recently secured bail and, after his release, had begun spending time with the two priests at the shrine.

Dixit said villagers told investigators that Sumit had earlier asked the two priests to leave the temple and allegedly said he would stay there and exercise sole control over it. "Prima facie, the incident appears to have been committed last night over this," he said, adding that an FIR has been filed against Sumit under BNS section 103 (murder).

Police, senior officers and a forensic team inspected the temple and collected physical evidence. The bodies were sent for post-mortem examination to establish the cause and time of death. Police said an FIR was being registered against Sumit and he was being questioned. "Further action will be taken on the basis of facts and evidence that come to light," Dixit said.

Bihari Das's nephew, Pradeep Singh, alleged that Sumit had attacked the priests several times in the past. Villagers also claimed that Sumit, who was released from jail around a month ago, had earlier set a villager's car on fire. Police did not immediately specify the case in which he had been jailed or the circumstances of his release on bail.

Police further said their investigation indicated that Sumit had been undergoing psychiatric treatment. They did not provide further details about the treatment or link it to the killings.

Haridwar to get medical college with 50 MBBS seats per batch

Dehradun: The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has approved the establishment of an ESIC Medical College in Haridwar, which will admit 50 MBBS students in each batch. It will be started using the existing infrastructure and resources of the ESIC hospital in Haridwar, according to the state govt.

The approval was granted at the 198th meeting of the ESIC, held on June 30 at the corporation's headquarters in New Delhi.

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami thanked PM and Union labour and employment minister for the initiative. "The medical college will expand opportunities for medical education in Uttarakhand and provide students with another institution to pursue MBBS. It will also strengthen healthcare services in Haridwar and nearby areas," he said.

State govt said using the existing infrastructure will facilitate closer coordination between medical education and healthcare delivery. "The move is expected to strengthen the healthcare facilities while creating additional opportunities for medical education," a senior official said. Gaurav Talwar

13 yrs after Kedar deluge, Army retraces Kafni Glacier trail

Yogesh Nagarkoti | TNN



WAKE OF THE FLOOD: Personnel of 12 Kumaon (Daudkandi) on expedition to Pindari and Kafni glacier; (R) Climbers at unnamed col in Timphu Glacier

Bageshwar: An Army expedition has reached Kafni Glacier in Bageshwar district, nearly 13 years after the 2013 Kedarnath floods damaged the trekking route, while a separate team of climbers have claimed the first ascent of an unnamed 6,106-metre col in the Timphu Glacier region of Pithoragarh district.

Personnel of 12 Kumaon (Daudkandi), under Panchshul Brigade, undertook an expedition to Pindari and Kafni glacier areas from Sept 18 to 29, travelling through Bageshwar, Kapkot, Song, Loharkhet, Dhakuri, Khati and Dwali before reaching Kafni Glacier.

The 2013 floods washed away bridges and damaged stretches of the trail along Kafni river, making regular trekking difficult. Locals have also said trekkers were forced to use makeshift crossings in some stretches. The expedition assessed the condition of the trail and the feasibility of reopening it for trekking while negotiating steep terrain and rapidly changing weather conditions.

The team also carried out a cleanliness drive and ensured that plastic and other waste was not left behind in the fragile Himalayan ecosystem, officials said. Restoration of

the route, after safety and environmental assessments, could support local livelihoods through guiding, portering, homestays and other tourism-related activities in nearby villages, they added.

Separately, a four-member expedition led by Jitendra Singh Danu of Wachham explored Timphu Glacier region from Sept 16 to 23. Jitendra and Praveen Singh Danu of Jhuni reached an unnamed 6,106-m col at 8.45am on Sept 21, according to the expedition team.

The team claimed the first ascent of the col, which offers views of Nanda Devi, Nanda Devi East, the northern Nanda Devi Glacier and several peaks in the north-eastern Himalayas.

as. The expedition comprised Jitendra as leader, Satya Narayan Bag as deputy leader, and summiters Praveen Singh Danu and Virendra Singh Danu. Jitendra attributed the achievement to the collective efforts of the team in negotiating difficult high-altitude conditions.

British mountaineers Hugh Rutledge, RC Wilson and TH Somervell explored the Timphu Glacier region in 1926 while looking for possible approaches to Nanda Devi Inner Sanctuary.

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1)]

E-Auction Sale notice for sale of immovable assets under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8 (6) and Rule 9(1) of security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda secured creditor on 08.12.2023 will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/ Guarantor/s/Secured Assets/s/Dues/Reserve Price/E-auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:

Date & Time of Auction: 29.10.2026, 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM Last Date & Time of Submission of EMD: 28.10.2026, Upto 04:00 PM

Property Inspection date & Time.: From 05.10.2026 to 27.10.2026 Time 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM

S.I. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/ Mortgage s	Description of the Immovable properties	Total Dues	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Reserve Price /EMD/ Bid Increase Amount
1.	M/s Wings Commercial Co. Ltd Through its Directors: Mr. Sharad Kumar Agarwal Mr. Prateek Agarwal Smt. Neeta Agarwal Regd office : 76/41-42, Chandra Market, Harsi Road, Kanpur Director & Guarantor of M/s Wings Commercial Co. Ltd: (1) Mr. Sharad Kumar Agarwal R/o Station Road, Kashiapur, District Udhham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand) (2) Mr. Prateek Agarwal R/o Station Road, Kashiapur, District Udhham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand) (3) Mrs. Neeta Agarwal R/o Station Road, Kashiapur, District Udhham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand). Guarantor: RSL Industries Regd office : 76/41-42 Chandra Market, Harsi Road, Kanpur	Property (1):- Lease hold Plot No B-1(P), Industrial Area, Bazpur-1, Distt Udhham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand), owned by M/s Wings Commercial Company Ltd. having area 1140 Sqmtr. Bounded as : North: Plot No. C-1 South- Plot No B1 East- Road No 3 West- Plot No B2 Property (2):- Lease hold Plot No C1, C-2, Industrial Area, Bazpur-1, Bazpur, Distt Udhham Singh Nagar, owned by M/s Wings Commercial Company Ltd. Area 8211.57 Sqmtr. Bounded as : North: I.A Boundary South- Plot No B1 & B2 East- Road No 3 West- I.A Boundary Note: Outstanding electricity dues of Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited, Bazpur, Udhham Singh Nagar is Rs. 1,36,33,777/- + 10 percent collection charges as of 18.11.2010 *UPSIDUES, if any	Rs. 9,10,02,514.00 as on 31.03.2026 + interest and other charges w.e.f. 30.06.2009	Physical	Rs. 98,83,000 (RP) Rs. 9,88,300 (EMD) Rs. 1,00,000/- (Bid Increase Amount)

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Bank of Baroda secured website i.e. <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction> and online auction portal Banknet.com. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on Mobile No. 9451845259, 9906229922, 7800015875

Date : 29.09.2026 Place: Prayagraj Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

2 brothers found dead in water-filled pit

Kanpur: Two brothers were found dead in a water-filled roadside pit in Nandwara village under Naraini Kotwali in Banda late Wednesday.

Manoj (6) and Ashok (4) had left home in the afternoon to play. When they did not return home, their family formed police. The bodies were found in a pit containing six feet of water.

The family alleged that the children might have been killed. Banda SP Palash Bansal said that no evidence related to murder has emerged so far. TNN

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Sr. No.	Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgage Name & Address	DETAILS OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AND STATUS OF POSSESSION	a. Reserve Price (Rs) b. EMD (Rs) c. Incremental Bid (Rs) d. Date of Notice	Total Dues	DATE & TIME OF AUCTION (with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes duration each) Last Date & Time of Submission of EMD	The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorized Officer & Contact Person
1.	M/S Level 4 Prop: Mr. Harish Kumar Sharma S/o Mr. Hari Naryan Sharma Half Upper Ground Floor Shop No. 6144, Block No.- 1 Gali No. 5, Dev Nagar Central Delhi Delhi - 110005 Mr. Harish Kumar Sharma S/o Mr. Hari Narayan Sharma Khasra No. 480/2 Khata No 348 (New Khata No. 550) Vill - Kadarabad, Moh: Sudamapuri Modinagar Dist: Ghaziabad - 201201	All that part and parcel of EMT of Residential Property Khasra No. - 480/2, Khata No. - 348, (New Khata No. - 550) situated at Village - Kadarabad, Mohalla - Sudamapuri, Pargana - Jalalabad, Tehsil - Modinagar, District - Ghaziabad. Admeasuring Area - 396 Sq. Yard or 322.74 Sq. Meter. Boundaries of the Property as under- On the North: Property of Sh. Jagpal Singh On the South: Plot of Sh. Shekhar On the East: Land of Vandana Mishra On the West: Road 20 Feet wide (This property is in Constructive/Symbolic possession of the Bank)	a. Rs. 1,75,00,000/- b. Rs. 17,50,000/- c. Rs. 50,000/- d. 28.09.2026	Rs. 2,85,21,659.93 (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Five Lakh Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Nine and Paise Ninety Three Only) as on 31.03.2026 and further interest from 01.04.2026 at applicable rate along with expenses, other charges etc.	29.10.2026 between 02:30 P.M. to 03:30 P.M. 28.10.2026 till 05:00 p.m.	On 22.10.2026 between 11.00A.M to 5.00 P.M. SHRI KUNAL GAUTAM (AGM) - 950062365, and/or PRATYUSH KUMAR (945145589)

Date : 28.09.2026, Place : Delhi

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APPENDIX IV [See Rule 8(1)] PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 29-Jul-2024 Calling upon, 1. Kuldeep Kumar S/o Seeta Ram (Borrower) Address- Kason Kusiyari Ghior Mainpur-205121, 2. Ram Prakash S/o Seetaram (Co-borrower) Address- Kason Kusiyari Ghior Mainpur-205121, 3. Ved Prakash S/o Seetaram (Co-borrower) Address - Kason Kusiyari Ghior Mainpur-205121, 4. Sandeep Kumar S/o Sita Ram (Co-borrower) Add Res - S/o Sita Ram, Kason Post Kusiyari Ghior Mainpur Near Bt CSP Mainpur - 206301, 5. Sovran Singh S/o Balaram Guramur Address - Kason Kusiyari Ghior Mainpur-205121. To repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs-23,73,923/- (Rupees Twenty-Three Lakh Seventy-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Three Only), which includes interest as on date 18-Jul-2024, within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule on this dated- 29-09-2026. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the HDFC Bank Ltd for an amount of Rs-33,29,262.09/- (Rupees Thirty-Three Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Two and Nine Paise Only), which includes interest as on date 28-Sep-2026 and interest thereon. Borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

Property Details	Address of the Property	Boundary	Area	Owner Name
Residential	Residential Property No:- Nagla Kisee, Mauza Ghior, Pargana & Tehsil Ghior, Dist. Mainpur 205121	Boundary Details As Per Sale Deed:- North- Rasta 15'wide, East- House Yamet, South- House Of Jarnel, West- House Of Raju.	34.87 SQ. MT OR 375.34 SQ. FT	KULDEEP KUMAR S/O SEETA RAM

Date: - 29-09-2026
Place: - Ghior, Mainpur

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