

## **AWARENESS TO GENERAL PUBLIC**

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This is to inform the general public that people from across the nation and abroad come over to Uttarakhand for the Char Dham Yatra whereby they visit holy hindu shrines located at Shri Badrinath ji, Shri Kedarnath ji, Gangotri and Yamunotri. People in large numbers also come to the State to visit Hemkund Sahib, Valley of Flowers and other places.

Since most of these places being located in higher Himalayan region they generally has highly inhospitable and unpredictable weather. As the timing of the Char Dham Yatra coincides with the monsoon period pilgrims and others visiting the State are often stranded at different places due to landslides that are commonplace in the hills in this season.

It may be noted that the State Government closely monitors the yatra and in the event of any such exigency every care is taken to ensure minimal discomfort to the stranded pilgrims and others. Early evacuation of the stranded persons is ensured and suitable logistics and other arrangements are also taken care of.

Disaster Management has made every effort to circulate updates on the status of roads, weather and other specific incidences through various modes, particularly media. In case you require updates on any specific incidents you may contact the concerned officials at State and District level whose contact details are enclosed herewith.