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## TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Devbhoomi Parivar Portal** launched — unique family ID; **Vision-2047** on ~**440 indicators**.
- Kshetra panchayat honorarium hike; **₹25 lakh** development fund revived.
- **Kedartal** (Uttarkashi) avalanche: **8 missing**, search halted by weather.
- Chamoli chopper crash (6 dead): **no Mayday call**; **AAIB** probing.
- Kedarnath closes **11 Nov**; Badrinath **16 Nov** (9:37 pm).
- Uttarakhand HC: list of parks & playgrounds in **6 + 3 months**.
- SC: green crackers in Delhi-NCR on **7–8 Nov**, 6–7 AM & 8–10 PM.
- PM: India to add another **500 GW** non-fossil capacity in **10–11 years**.
- **₹53,866 crore** contracts for **8 NGCs** — GRSE 5, GSL 3.
- **Manisha Bhanwala** — India's first woman senior world wrestling champion (**59 kg**).

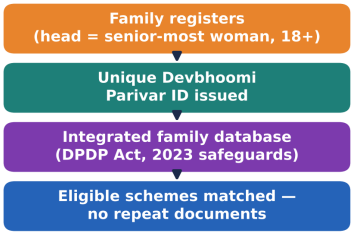
## SECTION A | UTTARAKHAND SPECIAL — State Schemes, Governance, Disaster & Heritage

### Devbhoomi Parivar Portal launched; Viksit Uttarakhand Vision-2047 released

UTTARAKHAND | UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Governance — Uttarakhand)

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Governance & e-governance; state welfare schemes. Prelims: **Devbhoomi Parivar Bill, 2026**; **DPDP Act, 2023**. |
| **Context** | CM **Pushkar Singh Dhami** launched the **Devbhoomi Parivar Portal** on **2 November 2026** at Mukhya Sevak Sadan, **Dehradun**, and released the **Viksit Uttarakhand Vision-2047** document. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Every registered family gets a unique **Devbhoomi Parivar ID** — "**one family, one identity, one platform**".<br>■ Implements the **Devbhoomi Parivar Bill, 2026** (tabled on **10 March 2026**); data exchange to follow the **DPDP Act, 2023**.<br>■ **Head of family** = senior-most **woman** member aged above **18**.<br>■ Proposed **Devbhoomi Parivar Authority** (state) + a **District Devbhoomi Parivar Officer** in each district.<br>■ Vision-2047 sets targets on about **440 indicators**, aligned with **Viksit Bharat @2047**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Consent-based **data protection**, grievance redress and offline help-desks for hill and border villages. |
| **Concept** | **Family ID** models: Haryana's **Parivar Pehchan Patra**, Rajasthan's **Jan Aadhaar** — enable **pro-active, paperless** benefit delivery and de-duplication. |

**Devbhoomi Parivar Portal — how it works**



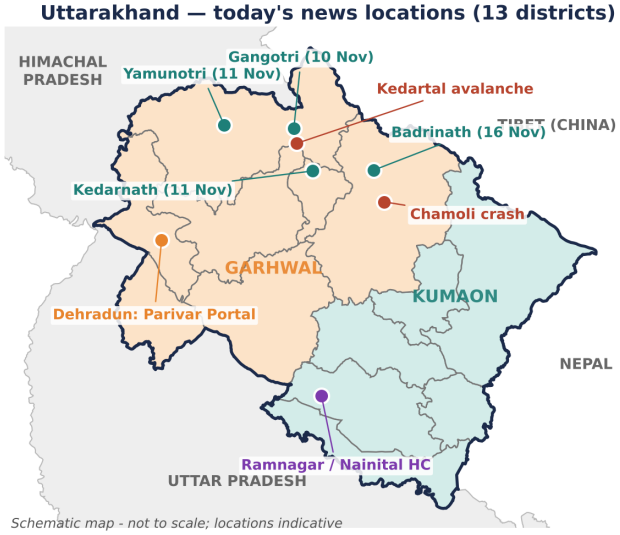

*Run by: State Devbhoomi Parivar Authority + District Officers*
"One family, one identity, one platform"

### Honorarium hike for kshetra panchayats; ₹25 lakh development fund revived

UTTARAKHAND | UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Governance — Uttarakhand)

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Panchayati Raj — **73rd Amendment**, **Part IX**; **Uttarakhand Panchayati Raj Act, 2016**. |
| **Context** | At a conference of block pramukhs in **Dehradun** (1 November), CM Dhami announced higher honoraria and allowances for **kshetra panchayat** pramukhs, vice-pramukhs and members. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Current honorarium: pramukh **₹6,000**/month; senior & junior vice-pramukh **₹1,500**; member **₹500**.<br>■ Discontinued **₹25 lakh development fund** for kshetra panchayats to be **revived**.<br>■ Pramukhs to join the **block-level NRLM committee**.<br>■ Gram panchayats to be **consulted** before a village is merged into an **urban area**.<br>■ State has **13 zila**, **95 kshetra** and **7,813 gram** panchayats. |
| **Way Fwd** | Back the hike with real devolution of the **29 subjects** (11th Schedule) and stronger own-source revenue. |
| **Concept** | **Art. 243B** — three-tier PRIs; **Art. 243H** — taxation powers; **Art. 243I** — State Finance Commission every **5 years**. Kshetra panchayat = **intermediate (block)** tier. |

**Uttarakhand — today's news locations (13 districts)**




*Schematic map - not to scale; locations indicative*

## Kedartal avalanche: 8 missing, search halted as snow hits the high Himalaya

UTTARAKHAND UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Geography & Disaster Management — Uttarakhand)

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Physical geography & **disaster management** of Uttarakhand. Prelims: **Kedartal**, **NIM Uttarkashi**, **SDRF**. |
| **Context** | The search for **8 persons** (7 trekkers + 1 guide) missing after an **avalanche near Bhojkhadak** on the **Kedartal trek** in **Uttarkashi** was suspended on **2 November** due to bad weather; fresh snow also covered **Badrinath and Kedarnath**. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ 13-member group set out on **27 October**; was due back on **29 October**.<br>■ **4 support staff** (3 porters, 1 cook) found safe near **Kachhi Dhang** on **31 October**.<br>■ Agencies: **NDRF**, **SDRF**, **Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM)**, a 10-member **Mountain Rescue Team** and a **UCADA** helicopter (3 sorties).<br>■ Missing trekkers: **5** from **West Bengal**, **2** from **Uttar Pradesh**. |
| **Way Fwd** | **Weather-linked trek permits**, GPS trackers and avalanche-forecast alerts for all high-altitude routes. |
| **Concept** | **Kedartal** (~**4,750 m**) is a glacial lake below **Thalay Sagar**; source of the **Kedar Ganga**, a tributary of the **Bhagirathi**. **NIM** (est. **1965**) is at **Uttarkashi**. |

## Chamoli helicopter crash: probe finds no Mayday call; spotlight on Char Dham air safety

UTTARAKHAND UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Science-Tech & Disaster Management)

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Disaster management; civil-aviation safety in hill states. Prelims: **AAIB**, **UCADA**. |
| **Context** | Initial findings on the **30 October** crash near **Chai village, Joshimath (Chamoli)** — a **Badrinath–Dehradun** flight that killed all **6** on board — show **no Mayday call** was made. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Operator: **Trans Bharat Aviation Pvt Ltd**; pilot + **5 passengers**, all from **Bengaluru**.<br>■ Probe by the **Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB)**.<br>■ AAIB study: **8 helicopter accidents** + 1 serious incident in the **Char Dham sector** in **2015–2025**; **5 fatal**.<br>■ Most were attributed to crew **not following SOPs**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Real-time **weather stations at helipads**, ATC-style monitoring and strict **SOP audits** of operators. |
| **Concept** | **Mayday** = international voice distress call (said **thrice**). **AAIB** (set up **2012**) is India's air-accident investigator under the **Ministry of Civil Aviation**. |




## Char Dham portals to close for winter: Kedarnath on 11 Nov, Badrinath on 16 Nov

UTTARAKHAND UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (History & Culture — Uttarakhand)

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Religious heritage of Uttarakhand — **Char Dham**, **Panch Kedar**, winter seats; pilgrimage tourism economy. |
| **Context** | With snow at the shrines, the Char Dham portals close this month. **Yatra 2026** logged about **56.89 lakh** pilgrims (to 7 Oct), above the **2023 record of 56.13 lakh**. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ **Gangotri**: **10 Nov** (Annakut, 12:05 pm) → winter seat **Mukhba**.<br>■ **Kedarnath** (8:30 am) & **Yamunotri** (10:28 am): **11 Nov** (Bhai Dooj) → **Ukhimath** & **Kharsali**.<br>■ **Badrinath**: **16 Nov**, 9:37 pm → **Pandukeshwar / Joshimath**.<br>■ **Tungnath**: **6 Nov** (→ **Makkumath**); **Madmaheshwar**: **16 Nov** (→ Ukhimath). |
| **Way Fwd** | Promote the **winter yatra** to the gaddi-sthals to keep hill livelihoods going year-round. |
| **Concept** | **Panch Kedar**: Kedarnath, Madmaheshwar, Tungnath, Rudranath, Kalpeshwar. **Kedarnath** is one of the **12 Jyotirlingas**; **Badrinath** one of **Adi Shankaracharya's** four dhams. |

## Uttarakhand HC orders State to list and protect parks, playgrounds and open spaces

POLITY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Governance — Uttarakhand)

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Judiciary — **Uttarakhand High Court (Nainital)**, **PIL**; urban local governance. |
| **Context** | A Division Bench of Acting CJ **Manoj Kumar Tiwari** and Justice **Subhash Upadhyay** disposed of **PIL No. 150 of 2022** from **Ramnagar**, directing a statewide list of **parks, playgrounds and open spaces**. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Secretary, Urban Development to **identify** spaces under **Sec. 3(1)** of the **1975 Act** within **6 months**.<br>■ **Publish** the list under **Sec. 3(4)** within **3 months** thereafter.<br>■ **M.P. Inter College ground, Ramnagar**: only **sports** use without the DM's written permission.<br>■ Petitioner showed the statutory list had **never been published**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Build a **GIS register of urban commons** and lock open spaces into town master plans. |
| **Concept** | **PIL** grew from **S.P. Gupta v. UoI (1981)** — relaxed locus standi. Open spaces/healthy environment read into **Art. 21**. Uttarakhand HC set up on **9 Nov 2000** at **Nainital**. |

### Char Dham Yatra 2026 — pilgrims (up to 7 Oct) & winter closure

| BADRINATH | KEDARNATH | GANGOTRI | YAMUNOTRI |
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| 19.14 lakh | 16.79 lakh | 9.10 lakh | 8.10 lakh |
| Closes 16 Nov • 9:37 pm | Closes 11 Nov • 8:30 am | Closes 10 Nov • 12:05 pm | Closes 11 Nov • 10:28 am |
| Winter: Pandukeshwar/Joshimath | Winter: Ukhimath | Winter: Mukhba | Winter: Kharsali |

*Total reported ≈ 56.89 lakh (record) • Source: official state tourism data*

## SECTION B | DATA POINT OF THE DAY

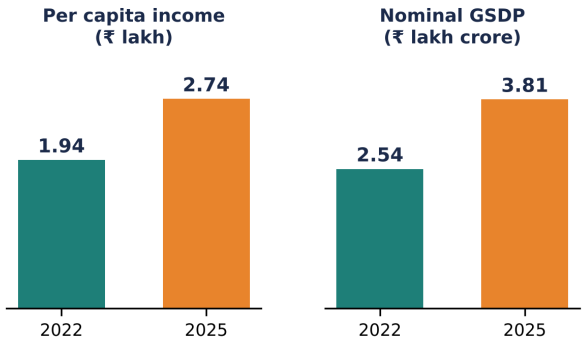
### Uttarakhand per capita income (Economic Survey 2025-26)

# ₹2.74 lakh

Up from about **₹1.94 lakh (2022)** to nearly **₹2.74 lakh (2025)**; nominal **GSDP** rose from **₹2.54 lakh crore** to **₹3.81 lakh crore**; growth estimated at **7.23%** for 2025-26; poverty index fell from **9.70** to **6.92**.

**Exam angle:** per capita income and GSDP trends are standard UKPSC Prelims questions on the **economy of Uttarakhand**; Mains can link them to **palayan** and hill-plain disparity.

**Uttarakhand economy: 2022 → 2025**




Growth 2025-26 (est.): 7.23% • Economic Survey 2025-26

## SECTION C | NATIONAL & WORLD — Polity, Economy, Defence, IR, Sci-Tech

### SC allows green crackers in Delhi-NCR on 7–8 November in fixed time slots

ENVIRONMENT UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Environment)

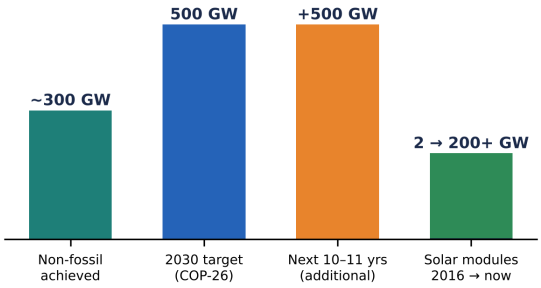
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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Fundamental Rights (**Art. 21**, **Art. 25**); air-pollution control. Prelims: **CSIR-NEERI**, **PESO**, **GRAP**. |
| **Context** | In **Arjun Gopal v. Union of India**, Justices **M.M. Sundresh** and **P.B. Varale** permitted **green crackers** in Delhi-NCR on **7–8 November** (Diwali), as Delhi moved to **GRAP Stage-II** with 'very poor' air. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Slots: **6–7 AM** and **8–10 PM** only; full ban returns from **9 November**.<br>■ Only **CSIR-NEERI / PESO**-certified crackers with **QR codes**; **barium** and series crackers (ladis) banned; **no online sales**.<br>■ **300 m** "No-Cracker Zones" around hospitals, schools, old-age homes and silence zones.<br>■ Court: **Art. 25** (religion) is subject to public health and the **Art. 21** right to a clean environment. |
| **Way Fwd** | Data-driven review of the trial window; year-round curbs on stubble burning and vehicle emissions. |
| **Concept** | **Green crackers** (CSIR-NEERI: **SWAS, SAFAL, STAR**) cut emissions by about **30%**. **GRAP** has **4 stages** (Poor → Severe+), enforced by **CAQM**. |

### PM: India will add another 500 GW of non-fossil capacity in 10–11 years

ECONOMY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Science-Tech & Environment)

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Energy security & renewables. Prelims: **ISA**, **National Green Hydrogen Mission**, **PM Surya Ghar**, **PM-KUSUM**. |
| **Context** | At the **Bharat Renewable Energy Summit 2026** (with the **9th ISA Assembly**) on **2 November**, the PM said clean energy cushioned India from the **West Asia crisis** and set a new **+500 GW** goal. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Nearly **300 GW** achieved towards the **500 GW by 2030** goal (COP-26, 2021).<br>■ **50%** non-fossil installed capacity reached in **2025** — **5 years ahead** of the Paris NDC.<br>■ Solar module capacity: ~**2 GW** a decade ago → **200 GW+**; cells ~**40 GW**.<br>■ **PM Surya Ghar**: **65 lakh+** homes; **PM-KUSUM**: **30 lakh+** farmers.<br>■ Investment opportunity **₹20 lakh crore+** this decade; green hydrogen target **5 MMT**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Scale **battery storage**, **pumped-storage hydro** (big Uttarakhand potential) and green-energy corridors. |
| **Concept** | **ISA** launched at **COP-21 Paris (2015)**, HQ **Gurugram**. **Panchamrit** (COP-26) includes **net zero by 2070**. |

**India's clean-energy push (GW)**



## MoD signs ₹53,866 crore contracts for 8 Next-Generation Corvettes

**DEFENCE** UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Science-Tech & Security)

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Maritime security; indigenisation in defence. Prelims: **GRSE**, **GSL**, **MAHASAGAR**. |
| **Context** | The **Ministry of Defence** signed contracts worth **₹53,866.50 crore** on **2 November** for **8 Next-Generation Corvettes (NGCs)**, days after the **CCS** cleared the project. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ **GRSE, Kolkata**: **5** ships; **Goa Shipyard Ltd**: **3** ships.<br>■ **~2,000 tonnes**, **~30 knots**; **in-house Navy stealth design**.<br>■ Roles: anti-surface & **anti-submarine warfare**, coastal defence, maritime surveillance.<br>■ First ship targeted **by 2030**; **~72 lakh** shipyard + **460 lakh** MSME person-days. |
| **Way Fwd** | On-time delivery and indigenous sensors/engines to raise **Atmanirbharta** in shipbuilding. |
| **Concept** | **Corvette** = smallest ocean-going warship class (below a **frigate**). **DAP-2020** gives top priority to **Buy (Indian-IDDM)**. |

**Next-Generation Corvettes: shipyard split**




## NSA Doval in Hanoi: India, Vietnam agree to deepen defence and security ties

**IR** UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations)

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | India's **Act East Policy** and the Indo-Pacific. Prelims: types of **strategic partnership**. |
| **Context** | NSA **Ajit Doval** met Vietnam's Deputy PM and Defence Minister **Gen. Phan Van Giang** in **Hanoi** on **2 November**; both sides agreed to strengthen military engagement. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Framework: **Joint Vision Statement on India–Vietnam Defence Partnership Towards 2030**.<br>■ Ties upgraded to an **Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** during President **To Lam**'s India visit (**May 2026**).<br>■ Focus: military exchanges, training, defence industry, **maritime security**.<br>■ Links **Viksit Bharat 2047** with Vietnam's **Vision 2045**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Deepen defence-industry links and maritime domain awareness in the South China Sea under **UNCLOS**. |
| **Concept** | India–Vietnam: **Strategic Partnership (2007)** → **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2016)**. Vietnam is a key pillar of **Act East (2014)** and **ASEAN** centrality. |

## Manisha Bhanwala becomes India's first woman senior world wrestling champion

**SOCIETY** UKPSC: Prelims (Sports & Awards)

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Sports current affairs — world championships, venues, records. |
| **Context** | **Manisha Bhanwala** won the women's **59 kg** freestyle gold at the **Senior World Wrestling Championships** in **Astana, Kazakhstan**, beating USA's **Abigail Nette 8–6**. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Only the **2nd Indian** senior world champion, after **Sushil Kumar (2010)**.<br>■ India: **4 medals** (1 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze), all in **women's freestyle**.<br>■ Silver: **Neelam Sirohi (50 kg)**, **Kajal Dhochak (76 kg)**; bronze: **Tanu (72 kg)**.<br>■ **USA** topped the table with **15 medals (7 gold)**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Build women's wrestling pipelines via **Khelo India** centres, including in hill states. |
| **Concept** | Two Olympic styles: **freestyle** and **Greco-Roman** (no holds below the waist). Governing body: **United World Wrestling (UWW)**, Switzerland. |

## Assam to build India's first public-sector Proton Beam Therapy Centre

**HEALTH** UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Science-Tech & Health)

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | Health infrastructure; cancer-care technology. Prelims: **proton therapy**, externally aided projects. |
| **Context** | Assam signed an MoU with Belgium's **Ion Beam Applications (IBA)** for a **₹600 crore** centre at **Gauhati Medical College** — India's **3rd** proton centre and the **first in the public sector**. |
| **Key Facts** | ■ Funding: **₹315 crore World Bank** loan + **₹285 crore** from the state.<br>■ Under the **ASSIST** project; implementing agency **AHIDMS**.<br>■ Technology: IBA's **ProteusONE** system; operational in about **3 years**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Pair hi-tech centres with early **screening** and **Ayushman Bharat** coverage — a model for hill states. |
| **Concept** | **Proton therapy** exploits the **Bragg peak** — protons dump most energy at a set depth, sparing healthy tissue; ideal for **child** and brain tumours. |

## SECTION D | PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

| Topic | Quick Fact |
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| **BIMSTEC** | First **BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise** (30 Oct–3 Nov) concludes at **Sri Vijaya Puram**; all **7** members took part. |
| **Uttarakhand Day** | **9 November** — state formed in **2000** as India's **27th state**; HC at **Nainital**. |
| **Bullet train** | **Delhi–Guwahati** corridor (via Siliguri) of **1,500 km** approved. |
| **GSI** | **Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir** becomes the **55th Director General** of the Geological Survey of India. |
| **Bulgaria** | **Iliana Iotova** — Bulgaria's first elected woman **President** (**57.58%** votes). |
| **Tungnath** | World's highest Shiva temple (Panch Kedar) closes **6 Nov**; winter seat **Makkumath**. |

## SECTION E | PRACTICE CORNER — UKPSC Pattern

### PRELIMS MCQs

Q1. Consider the following pairs (shrine — winter seat):
1. Gangotri — Mukhba
2. Yamunotri — Kharsali
3. Kedarnath — Pandukeshwar

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?
(a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
**Answer: (b)** — Kedarnath's winter seat is the **Omkareshwar temple, Ukhimath**; **Pandukeshwar/Joshimath** is the winter seat of **Badrinath**.

Q2. With reference to Uttarakhand's Devbhoomi Parivar Portal, consider the following statements:
1. Each registered family gets a unique Devbhoomi Parivar ID.
2. The senior-most male member above 18 years is the head of the family.
3. Data exchange is to follow the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
**Answer: (b)** — The **head of family** is the senior-most **woman** member aged above **18**, so statement 2 is wrong.

### MAINS PRACTICE

**Recent trekking and helicopter accidents in the Uttarakhand Himalaya expose gaps in high-altitude safety governance. Discuss with examples and suggest a framework. (250 words, 15 marks)**

**Hint:** Intro: **Kedartal avalanche** (8 missing) + **Chamoli crash** (6 dead, no Mayday). Body: weather forecasting gaps, permit/tracking, **SOP violations** (AAIB: 8 accidents 2015–25), rescue logistics (**SDRF, NIM, UCADA**). Way forward: **AWOS at helipads**, GPS-tagged permits, carrying-capacity limits, **NDMA guidelines**. Conclude with **Sendai Framework**.

Revise in one line: **Devbhoomi Parivar ID** (head = senior-most woman) • Kedarnath shuts **11 Nov**, Badrinath **16 Nov** • Green crackers **7–8 Nov** • **+500 GW** in 10–11 yrs • **8 NGCs** = GRSE 5 + GSL 3.

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