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The states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand are reaching the limits of ecological carrying capacity due to tourism. Critically evaluate.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS I · 12 marks · World's Physical Geography

Salient features of world's physical geography.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Char Dham and Kedarnath, 2013

Pilgrimage landscape hit by extreme rain and debris flows, made deadlier by riverside building.

Rohtang / Manali peak load

Classic Himachal choke point where vehicles and waste exceed valley capacity in season.

Vaishno Devi yatra

High-volume Jammu pilgrimage that needs tight waste and crowd management on a steep path.

Hydropower in Uttarakhand and HP

Dam and tunnel projects that alter rivers and slopes beside the tourist economy.

Carrying capacity

The visitor and built load an ecosystem can take without lasting damage.

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