

# PRABHA IAS IPS COACHING ACADEMY



## **Gangotri National Park**

Recently the Gangotri National Park reopened after a six-month winter break.

**Location:** It is located in the state of Uttarakhand.

It sits along the upper catchment of the Bhagirathi River.

**International boundary:** The northeastern section of the park forms the international boundary of India and Tibet (China).

The area enclosed by the park also borders Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary and Govind National Park.

The mountains in the park are part of the Gangotri Group of the Garhwal Himalayas, which are a subrange of the eastern Himalayas.

**Important Peaks:** Major peaks within the park include Chaukhamba I, Satopanth, Chaukhamba II, Chaukhamba III, and Kedarnath Main.

The famous Gangotri Glacier is located in the park boundaries and is known for being one of the primary sources of the Ganges.

**Flora:** Western Himalayan subalpine conifer forests dominate the lower elevation landscapes. These forests are filled with fir trees intermixed with deodar, oak, spruce, and rhododendron trees.

Higher elevations in the park are home to Western Himalayan alpine shrubs.

**Fauna:** It is mainly home to Snow leopard, brown bear, blue sheep, musk deer, Asian black bear, and the Himalayan tahr etc.