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# Char Dham Project

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**Why is in news?** The land subsidence in Joshimath has become emblematic of a geological disaster

On January 5, the NTPC issued a statement washing its hands of the unfolding crisis after locals began pointing fingers at **Tapovan Vishnugad**, as well as the **Helang-Marwari bypass** as part of the Char Dham project.

Scientists from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-National Geophysical Research Institute set out on January 10 to examine the circumstances of the subsidence.

Both the national and the State governments must heed the team's findings, even if it means ceasing further construction work.

Char Dham National Highway, is an under construction **two-lane (in each direction) express National Highway** with a minimum width of 10 metres in the Indian state of Uttarakhand under **Char Dham Pariyojana** .

The under construction highway will complement the under-construction Char Dham Railway by connecting the four holy places in Uttarakhand states namely **Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri**.

The project includes 900 km national highways which will connect whole of Uttarakhand state

This project can **act as the strategic feeder roads** which connect the India-China border with the Army camps in Dehradun and Meerut where missile bases and heavy machinery are located.

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# THE CHAR DHAM PARIYOJANA

is a programme of the Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highways to widen about 889 km of highways connecting:

Rishikesh to Rudraprayag  
**141 km**

Rudraprayag to Mana  
**140 km**

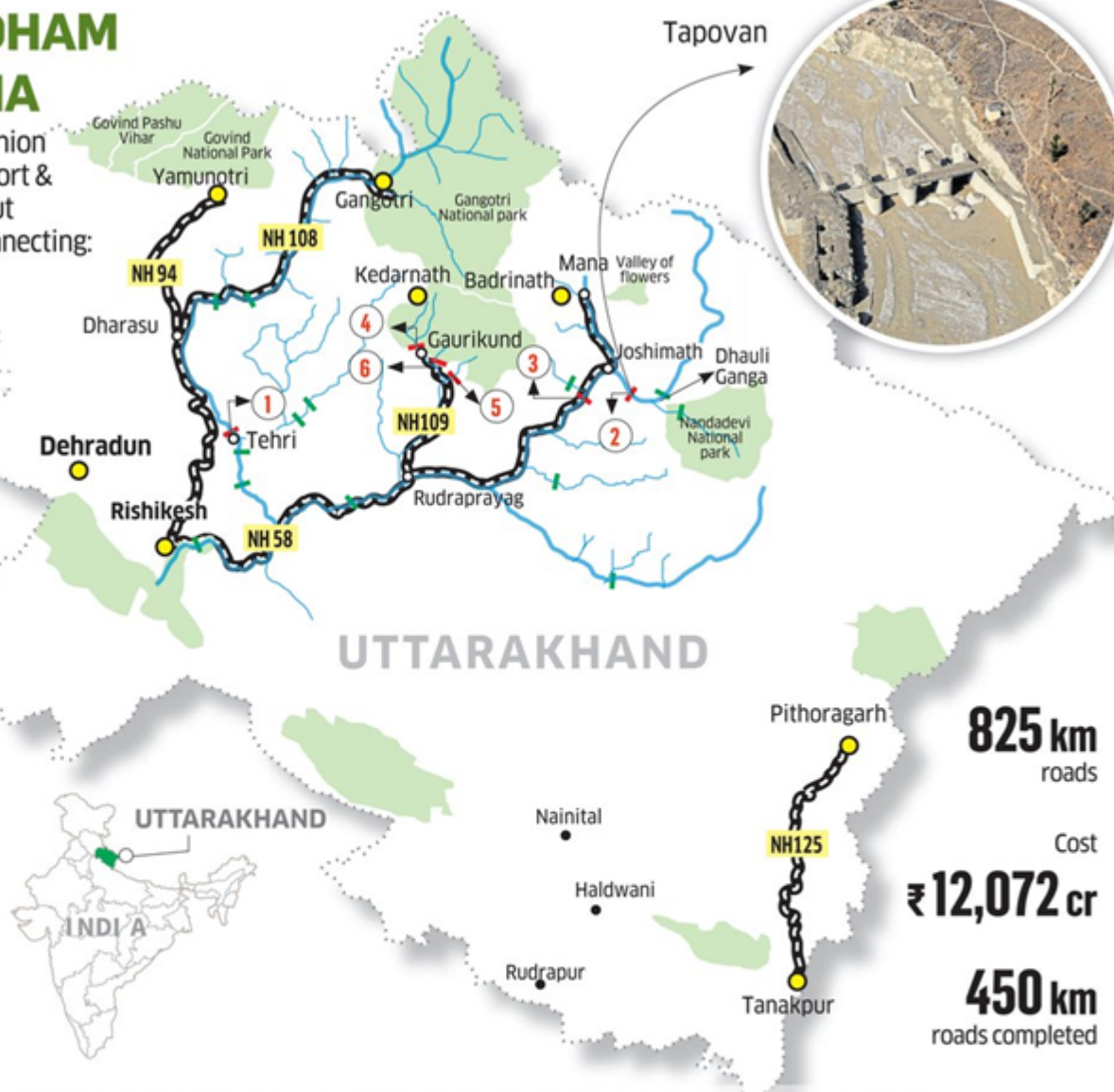
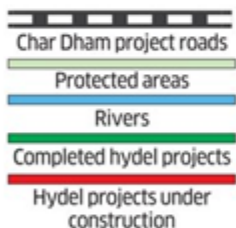
Rishikesh to Dharasu Bend  
**120 km**

Dharasu Bend to Gangotri  
**110 km**

Dharasu Bend to Yamunotri  
**75 km**

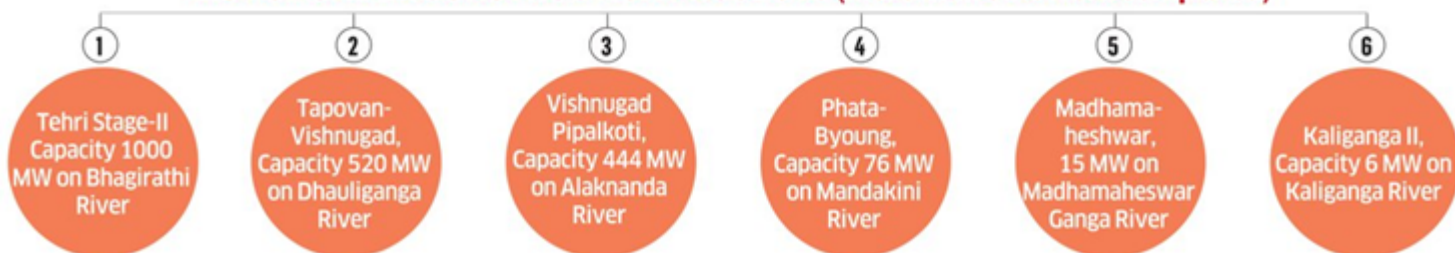
Rudraprayag to Gauri Kund  
**77 km**

Tanakpur to Pithoragarh  
**161 km**



**825 km**  
roads  
Cost  
**₹12,072 cr**  
**450 km**  
roads completed

## LIST OF UNDER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (more than 50% work completed)



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