

ONE MONTH ANALYSIS OF CHAR DHAM YATRA 2026
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The Char Dham Yatra of 2026 completed one month on May 18, 2026. We are presenting this data based comparison of the ongoing first month with the first month of the last year's Chardham Yatra of 2025.

Portal Opening Date 2025		Portal Opening Date 2026	
Kedarnath	May 2, 2025	Kedarnath	April 22, 2026
Badrinath	May 4, 2025	Badrinath	April 23, 2026
Gangotri	April 30, 2025	Gangotri	April 19, 2026
Yamunotri	April 30, 2025	Yamunotri	April 19, 2026

First Month Pilgrim Arrival Numbers 2025			First Month Pilgrim Arrival Numbers 2026		
Kedarnath	6,49,161	38%	Kedarnath	6,65,140	40.5%
Badrinath	4,57,409	27%	Badrinath	4,28,973	26%
Gangotri	2,93,228	17%	Gangotri	2,70,658	16.5%
Yamunotri	3,07,213	18%	Yamunotri	2,78,411	17%
Total	17,07,011	100%	Total	16,43,182	100%

Data Based Conclusions:

- 16,43,182 pilgrims visited Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri & Yamunotri in the first month of the ongoing Char Dhan Yatra of 2026 from 19 April to 18 May 2026.
- In comparison, 17,07,011 pilgrims had visited Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri & Yamunotri in the first month of the Char Dhan Yatra of 2025 from 30 April to 29 May 2025.

3. 63,829 fewer pilgrims have visited Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri & Yamunotri in the first month of the ongoing Char Dhan Yatra of 2026 compared to the first month of the Char Dham Yatra of 2025.
4. 3.7% fewer pilgrims have visited in the first month of 2026 compared to 2025.
5. Close to 55,000 pilgrims are visiting Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri & Yamunotri on a daily basis. If this trend were to hold for the next 40 odd days till the end of June 2026 and there were to be no major interruptions due to the energy crisis, extreme monsoons or any disasters; it can be estimated that the total footfall is likely to be in the 35 to 40 lakhs range by the end of June 2026.
7. In 2025; 37,21,169 pilgrims had visited Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri, Yamunotri & Hemkund Sahib by 30 June, 2025.
8. There is a 2.5% increased surge in 2026 in Kedarnath compared to 2025. Of the total pilgrims in the first month of 2026, 40.5% have visited Kedarnath compared to 38% in 2025.
9. As per State Emergency Operation Centre report of 10.00 AM dated 18 May 2026; 55 pilgrims have died during the ongoing Char Dham Yatra. The highest, 30 deaths have taken place in Kedarnath followed by 10, 8 and 7 in Badrinath, Yamunotri and Gangotri respectively.
10. 147,453 vehicles have arrived in the various dhams during the first month of the Char Dhan Yatra of 2026.

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