

# Inner Line Permit

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**In News:** The Uttarakhand government sought withdrawal of “inner-line permit” (ILP) system in Niti Valley of Chamoli district and Nelang Valley of Uttarkashi district.

## **Why does the Inner Line permit In Uttarakhand three districts ?**

- In Uttarakhand, tourists have to obtain ILP for locations near China border, at least in the three districts of Uttarkashi, Pithoragarh and Chamoli.
- Uttarakhand shares a 350-km border with China and a 275-km boundary with Nepal.
- Chamoli and Uttarkashi share boundaries with China.
- Pithoragarh is strategically more sensitive as it shares boundaries with both China and Nepal.

## **Uttarakhand selected zone for Inner Line Permit**

### **Nelong Valley, Uttarkashi**

- It is approximately 100 km from Uttarkashi headquarters.
- In Nelong valley, there are two villages-Nelong and Jadong – both of which have been abandoned since the 1962 war when the villagers migrated to Dunda and Uttarkashi tehsils .
- The China border is about 60-km from the Jadong village.

### **Niti village, Chamoli**

- Located at an altitude of around 3600 metres, Niti village in Joshimath in Chamoli district is the last populated village before China border.
- Niti village is around 40-km from Raini village where flash floods in Rishi Ganga river .
- Niti village for adventure of international border that

is hardly 40-km from this village.

### **Milam village, Munsiri, Pithoragarh**

- Risk of getting trapped and going missing in snowfalls in that area.
- In winters this area receives heavy snowfall.

### **Vyas valley, Dharchula, Pithoragarh**

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### **What is the Inner Line Permit system?**

- ILP is a document that allows an Indian citizen to visit or stay in a state that is protected under the ILP system.
- IPL in force today in three Northeastern states – Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram
- How ILP concept comes to India
- Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation Act, 1873, the British framed regulations restricting the entry and regulating the stay of outsiders in designated areas.
- To protect the Crown's own commercial interests by preventing "British subjects" (Indians) from trading within these regions.
- After Independence, In 1950, the Indian government replaced "British subjects" with "Citizen of India".
- To address local concerns about protecting the interests of the indigenous people from outsiders belonging to other Indian states.
- An ILP is issued by the state government concerned.
- It states the dates of travel and also specifies the particular areas in the state which the ILP holder can

travel to.