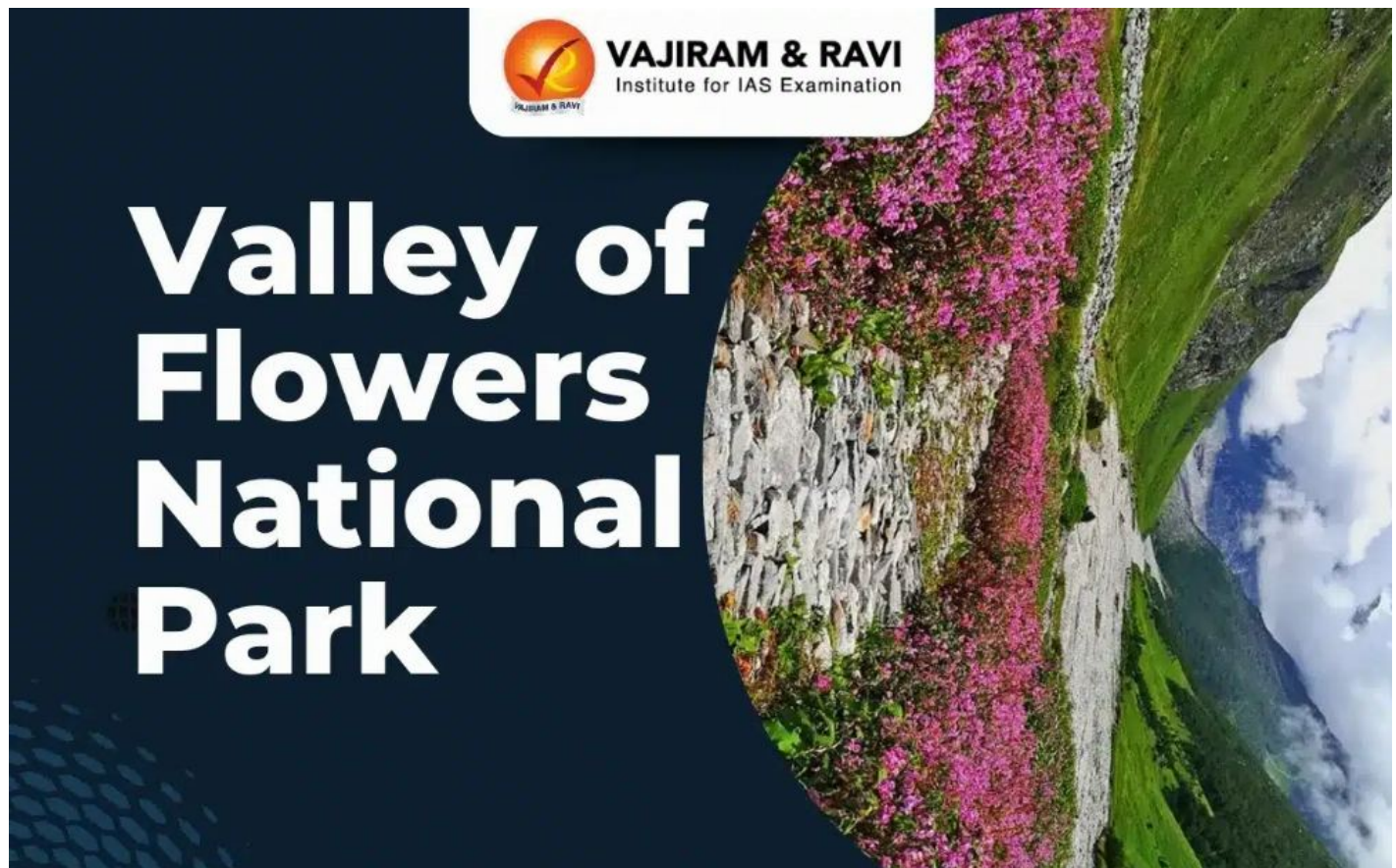


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Recently, the Valley of Flowers national park located in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand has been opened to tourists.

About Valley of Flowers National Park

- **Location:** It is located in the Chamoli district of **Uttarakhand**.
- **Discovery:** The valley is believed to have been **discovered in 1931**, when three British mountaineers – led by Frank S. Smythe.
- It is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and forms one of the two core zones (the other being the Nanda Devi National Park) of the **Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve**.
- The gentle landscape of the Valley of Flowers National Park complements the rugged mountain wilderness of Nanda Devi National Park.
- Together they encompass a unique transition zone between the **Zaskar and Great Himalayan ranges**.
- It is famous for its **alpine meadows** and rich biodiversity.

- It remains covered with a thick blanket of snow during the winter season.
- **Flora:**
 - Exotic flowers (over 600 species) like orchids, poppies, primulas, marigolds, daisies, and anemones are an eye-catching spectacle.
 - The valley also abounds in **medicinal plants and herbs.**
 - **Sub-alpine forests birch and rhododendron** cover parts of the park's area.
- **Fauna:** It is home to such rare and amazing wildlife species like the **gray langur**, the flying squirrel, the Himalayan weasel, black bear, the red fox, the lime butterfly, and the snow leopard.

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