

CLASS IV SUBJECT : SOCIAL SCIENCE
CHAPTER 2 THE NORTHERN MOUNTAIN RANGES

***SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTER**

The Himalayan mountain ranges are in the north and north-eastern part of India. These form the northern boundary of India. These mountain ranges are very high in the north but in the eastern side, they are not very high. In the east, they are called 'Purvanchal' or North – eastern Hills. There are many high peaks in the Himalayan mountain ranges that remain covered with snow throughout the year that is why the Himalaya is also called the 'Abode of Snow'.

Mount Everest is the highest mountain peak and K-2 is the second highest peak in the world. Kanchenjunga, Nanga Parbat, Annapurna, Nanda Devi are the other high peaks of India. All these high peaks are in the extreme north of the three ranges - Himadri, Himachal and Shiwalik. 'Himadri' is the northern most range of the Himalaya. It is also called the Great Himalayas. To the south of the Great Himalayas is the Middle Himalayan range which is also called 'Himachal'. The southern – most range of the Himalayan range is known as 'Shiwalik'.

- * Slow-moving river of ice are called glaciers.
- * Many rivers like Ganga, Indus, Yamuna etc...originate from the Himalayan glaciers.
- * Many popular hill stations like Srinagar, Shimla, Nainital etc... lies in the Middle Himalayan range.
- * Shiwalik range supports wide varieties of wildlife like tigers, leopards, many types of birds etc....

In the north – eastern part, the hills are low and have thick forests on their slopes. Wild animals of wide varieties are found in these forests. There are many places worth seeing in the hills like Khasi Hills, Naga Hills, Mizo Hills etc... which are the main hills of this part.

The Himalayan mountain ranges are very useful for us and our country. They are an asset to our country. We need to use their various resources in a wise way. Some of the advantages of the Himalayas are:

1. They protect India from the chilling cold winds coming from the north.
2. Natural passes and gaps help us to have trade with other countries.
3. They stop the monsoon winds and make them to rain heavily.

*** EXERCISES**

A. Answer the following questions:

Ans 1. The Himalayas are located in the north and north eastern part of India.

Ans 2. The north – eastern mountains or hills are called Purvanchal.

Ans 3. The word ‘Himalayas’ means ‘Abode of Snow’.

Ans 4. Mount Everest is the highest mountain peak in the world. It is situated in Nepal.

Ans 5. The three different ranges in the Himalayan mountain ranges are Himadri, Himachal and Shiwalik.

Ans 6. The Himalayas are the source of many rivers that flow through the plains of India as they originate from the Himalayan glacier.

Ans 7. Srinagar, Shimla, Dalhousie, Mussoorie, Nainital, Darjeeling etc.. are some famous hill stations of India.

Ans 8. The Himalayas influence the climate of our country in the following ways:

i) By stopping the monsoon winds and make them to rain heavily.

ii) By protecting India from the chilling cold winds coming from the north.

Ans 9. The four advantages of the Himalayas for our country are:

i) They provide natural protection from any enemy.

ii) They are the sources of many rivers that flow through the fertile northern plains.

iii) The forests provide us valuable timber and medicinal plants.

iv) The Himalayan forests are the home to a wide variety of wildlife.

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. northern 2. three 3. Abode of Snow 4. Everest 5. Himadri

6. Himachal 7. Shiwalik 8. Purvanchal

C. Write True Or False :

1. False 2. False 3. True 4. True 5. True 6. False

D. Choose the correct option :

1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (d) 4. (d) 5. (d)

E. Match the column:

1. (d) 2. (e) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (c)

NOTE:

- * Read the summary of the chapter thoroughly.
- * Write only Q/Ans in a practical copy.
- * If practical copy is not at home then write in rough copy or in loose pages.
- * Exercises to be done in book.
- * If students are not having the book then do exercises afterwards.
- * Pdf of lesson -2 pages along with exercises are also enclosed.
- * Stay Home....Stay Safe.