

Izatnagar Division

The gateway for Tourists

Izatnagar Division is a gateway for the tourists of far flung areas of the country to renowned pilgrimage places as well as sites of tourist interest full of natural flora and fauna. The Division caters to the travelling needs of foreign tourists



as well, who visit Uttarakhand state which is famous for its spiritual locations throughout the year.

The Division is surrounded by Kumaun region of the Himalayas in the north, Nepal in the North-West and Gangetic plains in the south. The area served by the Division is extremely fertile being nourished by river Ganga, Yamuna, Ram Ganga, Koshi and Deuha. This



Division serves 14 districts of Uttar Pradesh viz. Bareilly, Badaun, Etah, Kanshiram Nagar, Mahamaya Nagar (Hathras), Mathura, Farrukhabad, Kannauj, Kanpur, Shahjhanpur, Lakhimpur, Pilibhit, Rampur and Moradabad and 06 districts of Uttarakhand viz. Nainital, Udham Singh Nagar, Bagheshwar, Pithoragarh, Champavat and Almora.

Gangetic plains of the Division are highly developed and densely populated. Areas attached to

Udham Singh Nagar (Rudrapur), Kashipur and Ram Nagar are famous in the country for Green revolution and rich forest reserves.

The Division provides 'Gateway' to world renowned pilgrimage centres like Rudrapur, Joshimath and Badrinath. Apart from this, it provides an alternate route to Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri via



Rudrapur. Out of four holy dhams (pilgrimage centres of Hindus) and centre of Hindu cultural reverence, Badrinath dham is also situated in the orbit of Izatnagar Division.

Since ancient times, Izatnagar Division is privileged to have important pilgrim centres and is also blessed by numerous Sufi saints, who selected this area as their workplace. In the North of the Division, we have



holy darbar of Goddess Purnagiri; in the South, we have birth place of Lord Krishna i.e. Mathura; in the East, we have Brahmavart, the place where Maharishi Valmiki wrote Ramayana; and in the West, we have incarnation place of Lord Barah Sri Sojan ji.

The Division is proud of the birth places of Sufi saint Khankhaha Niyajia, Pt. Radhey Shyam Ramayani (writer of famous Radheyshyam Ramayana), former President of India Dr. Zakir Hussain and former Vice President Dr. Gopal Swaroop Pathak. Work and birth places of other prominent persons situated in the Division include Hajrat Nizamuddin and his beloved follower Sufi thinker Amir Khusro, Mahadevi Verma, Sumitra Nandan Pant, Govind Ballabh Pant, Shailesh Matyani, Kaka Hathrasi etc.

Renowned Rohila Sardar's traditions prevailing in entire Rohilkhand also have rich historical background to the Division's account. Samadhi of Lord Parshvanath, Honourable Tirthankar of Jain cult Ahikshetra is situated at Oula near Ram Nagar. Nanak Matha, blessed by founder of Sikh's Guru Nanak Deo, is also situated in the Division.

Nainital

Nainital, known for adjoining seven lakes and boating, is an important tourist place of Northern India. Mr. Boren, who was a European



businessman and famous hunter of Rosa, discovered Nainital in the year 1841, when he was on hunt in adjoining forests. According to Puranic story, Nainital was named in the name of Goddess 'Naina'. Himalaya ranges specially Trishul (7134 m) and Nanda Devi (8077 m) can be viewed from the tops of Nainital. Thousands of tourists pour here during the months of April to June and October to January. Kathgodam railway station is the

nearest rail head, from where a distance of 35 Kms. is to be covered by road vehicle.

Ranikhet

Situated at a distance of 60 Kms. from Nainital and 83 Kms. from Kathgodam,



Ranikhet is one of the most beautiful hill stations. In true sense, Ranikhet means 'Queen's Field' or 'Rani Ka Khet'. As per legend, a queen came here and built a camp. Later, she settled here permanently. Hence, this place was named as Ranikhet. Apple farm is situated at Chaubatia, which is famous in Uttarakhand for apple farming.

Almora

Situated at a distance of 91 kms. from Kathgodam and 67 kms. from Nainital, Almora was established by ruler of Kumaun, a king from "Chandra



Dynasty" named Valo Kalyanchand, in the year 1563. Almora was ruled by Gorkha Kings from 1790 to 1815 and later it got associated with British Empire. This resort is renowned as 'Unspoiled Child of Nature' and stretches three miles in the shape of wooden horse.

Jageshwar

Situated near Almora, Jageshwar is an ancient centre of 'Shaivismat' belief and pilgrimage. It is supposed to be the 8th Jyotirlinga out of twelve in the country. This temple remained under the

custody of Chand Rajvansh of 8th century. Apart from Mritunjaya



Jyotirlinga of Jageshwar, Dhaneshwar and Vradha Jageshwar are also worth visiting.

Kausani

Situated in the North West, Kausani is 47 Kms. away from Almora. Kosi and Gomti rivers flow on both the sides of Kausani. From here, one can witness snow covered Himalayan tops stretching about 350 kms. 'Katyuri' valley and flowing Gomti river can also



be viewed from here. Neem Kakori Baba ashram and Konark Sun Temple's long view can be also seen from Katramal Sun Temple. Hot water resources are also available here. Anashakti ashram dedicated to poet Pandit Sumitra Nandan Pant and Mahatma Gandhi is also worth viewing. Mahatma Gandhi named Kausani as 'Switzerland of India' after getting overwhelmed by the natural beauty.

Badrinath

Badrinath is known for temple of Lord Vishnu. Holy ashram of 'Nar and Narayana', as depicted in Puranas, is also located here. According to Hindu religious books, it is believed that unless Badrinath is visited, pilgrimage journey remains incomplete. This place is most important amongst the four dhams and is situated at river Alaknanda, which is a tributary of Holy Ganga.

Kedarnath

Shri Kedarnath temple is situated at the height of 3581 metre and is one amongst the twelve Jyotirlingas.

Jim Corbett National Park

This wild-life reserve is 31 Km from Ram Nagar Railway station. Spread over an area of 530 Sq. Km in Kumaun hills, this park is dedicated in the name of famous hunter, wild life lover and writer of "Maneater of Kumaon" Mr. Jim



Corbett. It is a matter of pride for Railways that he was a Railwayman and worked in Mokama Ghat ferry.

Jim Corbett Park is a world-famous natural reserve of different kind of wild animals. It attracts tourists from all corners of the globe. This park also attracts scientists from inland and foreign countries for research on wild life and medicines. Prominent among the wild-life seen here are elephant, tiger, lion, leopard, wild dogs, black bear, panther, wild cat, deer, jaguar, spotted deer, snakes, hog deer etc. During winter and spring season, ample opportunity is available for fishing in Ram Ganga river.

Mathura

Mathura, the birthplace of Lord Krishna is also an important centre of Hindu and Buddh culture. Ancient Lord Krishna



'Dwarkadheesh' temple stands here. The temple at Lord Krishna's birth place attracts visitors throughout the year.