



Kanpur

Kanpur (Hindustani: /kɑːnˈpʊər/ [ⓘ]), formerly anglicized as **Cawnpore**, is the largest city of the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. It was the primary financial and commercial centre of northern India. Founded in the year 1207 by Rajput ruler Raja Kanh Deo, Kanpur became one of the most important commercial and military stations of British Raj. Kanpur had been the major financial and industrial centre of northern India and also the ninth-largest urban economy in India.^{[9][10]} Today it is famous for its colonial architecture, gardens, sweets, dialect, and high-quality leather, plastic and textile products which are exported mainly to the West.^{[11][12]} Kanpur is also the financial capital of Uttar Pradesh (formerly North-Western Provinces).

The city is home to historical monuments such as the Jajmau Ghat which dates back to the 17th century AD. Kanpur is also home to several historical sites such as the Kanpur Museum, Bhitargaon Temple, European Cemetery and Nanarao Park.

It is the 12th most populous city and the 11th most populous urban agglomeration in India (*Census of India, 2011*). Kanpur was an important British garrison town until 1947, when India gained independence. The urban district of Kanpur Nagar serves as the headquarters of the Kanpur Division, Kanpur Range and Kanpur Zone.

Some of the more popular places in Kanpur include J.K. Temple, Z Square Mall, Blue World Amusement Park, Atal Ghat, Green Park Stadium and Ganga Barrage.

It was the most populous urban city in the 2011 Indian census and the largest urban agglomeration in Uttar Pradesh while the population of city and its suburbs were around 5 million, making it the eighth-most populous metropolitan area in India.

History

In 1207, Raja Kanha-deo of the Kanhpuriya clan of Rajputs established the city of Kanhpur and made it his capital, which later came to be known as Kanpur.^{[13][14]}

The area was ruled by several rulers of Kannauj, such as Harsha Vardhan, Jai Chand and Mihir Bhoja. It was also ruled by Muslim rulers of the Sur dynasty. In May 1765, Shuja-ud-daula, the Nawab of Awadh, was defeated by the British near Jajmau. From 1773 to 1801, Kanpur was part of the Oudh Kingdom, followed by the treaty of 1801 between Nawab Saadat Ali Khan of Awadh and the British, who realized the strategic importance. Several European businessmen established themselves in Kanpur, during this time.

With the first woollen mill of India, commonly known as the Lal Imli (lit. 'Red Tamarind', for a brand produced by the mill) by the British India Corporation established here in 1876 by Alexander MacRobert. The eastern and northern façades of the mill are reminiscent of the Palace of

Kanpur

Metropolis



Juggilal Kamlapat Temple



Skyline Of City



Kanpur Central Railway Station



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Kanpur Memorial Church



Green Park Stadium



Ganga Aarti At Kanpur



Ganga Riverfront Kanpur

Nickname(s): Heart of Uttar Pradesh, Leather City of the World^[1] Manchester of the East^[2]

Westminster, due to their architecture, proximity to the Ganges river and with the north-east corner of the mill being topped by a clock tower similar to Big Ben in London. This similarity underscores the city's importance and prestige during the British times, which extends till date; making the Lal Imli — a great highlight of the city. The city is also widely regarded as the "Leather City of the World" and is predominantly nicknamed as the "Manchester of the East", for its chemical, textile and leather industries. Alexander MacRobert has an area named after him in the city, McRobertganj.

1857 Uprising



Kanpur from the river in 1858

In the 19th century, Cawnpore was an important British garrison with barracks for 7,000 soldiers. During the Indian Rebellion of 1857, 900 British men, women and children were besieged in the fortifications for 22 days by rebels under Nana Sahib. They surrendered on the agreement that they would get safe passage to the nearby Sati Chaura Ghat whereupon they would board

barges and be allowed to go by river to Allahabad.^[15]

Though controversy surrounds what exactly happened at the Sati Chaura Ghat, and who fired the first shot, it is known that, soon afterwards, the departing British were shot at by the sepoys and were either killed or captured. Some of the British officers later claimed that the sepoys had, on purpose, placed the boats as high in the mud as possible, to cause delay. They also claimed that Nana Sahib's camp had previously arranged for the sepoys to fire upon and to kill all of the English. Although the East India Company later accused Nana Sahib of betrayal and murder of innocent people, no evidence has ever been found to prove that Nana Sahib had planned or ordered the massacre. Some historians believe that the Sati Chaura Ghat massacre was the result of confusion and not of any plan implemented by Nana Sahib or of his associates. Lieutenant Mowbray Thomson, one of the four male survivors of the massacre, believed that the rank-and-file sepoys who spoke to him did not know of the killing to come.^[16]



Many were killed and the remaining 200 British women and children were brought back to shore and sent to a building called the Bibighar (*House of the Ladies*). After some time, the commanders of the rebels decided to kill their hostages. The rebel soldiers refused to carry out orders and butchers from the nearby town were brought in to kill the hostages three days before the British entered the city on 18 July. The dismembered bodies were thrown into a deep well nearby. The British, under General Neill, retook the city and committed a series of retaliations against the rebel sepoys and those civilians caught in the area, including women, children and old men. The Cawnpore massacre, as well as similar events elsewhere, were seen by the British as justification for unrestrained vengeance.^[17] "Remember Cawnpore" became a British war cry for the rest of the war.



The City of Kanpur in the District of Kanpur Nagar



Location of Kanpur in India
Coordinates: 26.449923°N 80.331874°E

Country	 India
State	 Uttar Pradesh
Division	Kanpur Division
District	Kanpur
Establishment	1207
Founded by	Raja Kanh Deo (A Rajput Ruler)
Government	
• Type	Municipal Corporation
• Body	Kanpur Municipal Corporation
• Mayor	Pramila Pandey (BJP)
• Municipal commissioner	Shivasharanappa G N, IAS
Elevation	126 m (413 ft)
Population (2024)^[3]	
• Metropolis	4,581,268 (estimated)
• Rank	12 th
• Density	9,800/km ² (25,000/sq mi)
• Metro	5,230,000 (estimated)
• Metro Rank	11 th
Demonym	Kanpurite
Language	
• Official	Hindustani (Hindi) ^[4]

Geography

Kanpur is located at 26.449923°N 80.331874°E﻿ / ﻿26.449923; 80.331874﻿ / 26.449923; 80.331874 in the central-western part of the state of Uttar Pradesh. The city lies at a distance of approx 475 km from national-capital New Delhi and approx 90 km from the state-capital Lucknow. It is a part of the historical region of Awadh.

Situated in the flat Indo-Gangetic Plains, Kanpur has an average elevation of 318 m above sea level.^[18] The Ganges flows by the city and several ghats are located on its banks, notably the Sati Chaura Ghat and Sarsaiya Ghat. The Brahmavart Ghat located at Bithoor (25 km northwards) is another ghat of religious importance.

Several parks and recreational areas are located in Kanpur. Nana Rao Park and Phool Bagh are among the prominent parks in city that exist from the time of British Raj. The Moti Jheel, a rectangular lake, was originally developed as a drinking water reservoir. The lake has now been developed as a recreational area with a landscaped garden and a children's park. Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary is also located near Kanpur.

Climate

Like most of lowland northern India, Kanpur has a monsoon-influenced humid subtropical climate (*Cwa*) bordering on a hot semi-arid climate (*BSh*) under the Köppen climate classification.

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Time zone	UTC+5:30 (IST)
Pincode(s)	2080xx /2092xx
Telephone code	+91-512
Vehicle registration	UP-78
GDP Nominal	\$9 billion ^[5]
Percapita	\$1,800 or ₹1.48 lakh ^[5]
GDP Nominal (Kanpur Nagar District)	₹75,200 cr(2022–23) ^[6]
Sex ratio	920 ♀/1000 ♂
Effective literacy rate (2022)	84.2%
International Cricket Stadium	Green Park International Stadium
Twin City/Sister City	Lucknow
Rapid Transit	 Kanpur Metro
Domestic Airport	Kanpur Airport
HDI	▲ 0.665 ^[7] (medium)
Website	Official website (http://kanpurnagar.nic.in)



Kanpur is situated on the right bank of the Ganges.

Climate data for Kanpur Airport (1991–2020, extremes 1901–present)													
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Record high °C (°F)	31.1 (88.0)	35.6 (96.1)	42.8 (109.0)	45.6 (114.1)	47.2 (117.0)	47.3 (117.1)	45.0 (113.0)	40.6 (105.1)	40.0 (104.0)	40.6 (105.1)	36.1 (97.0)	31.3 (88.3)	47.3 (117.1)
Mean daily maximum °C (°F)	22.3 (72.1)	25.8 (78.4)	30.7 (87.3)	37.0 (98.6)	40.3 (104.5)	39.2 (102.6)	34.7 (94.5)	32.9 (91.2)	32.8 (91.0)	32.9 (91.2)	28.3 (82.9)	24.1 (75.4)	31.5 (88.7)
Daily mean °C (°F)	15.2 (59.4)	18.3 (64.9)	22.8 (73.0)	28.5 (83.3)	32.8 (91.0)	33.3 (91.9)	30.8 (87.4)	29.4 (84.9)	28.5 (83.3)	25.4 (77.7)	20.6 (69.1)	16.6 (61.9)	25.15 (77.27)
Mean daily minimum °C (°F)	8.0 (46.4)	10.8 (51.4)	14.8 (58.6)	20.0 (68.0)	25.4 (77.7)	27.4 (81.3)	27.0 (80.6)	26.0 (78.8)	24.2 (75.6)	18.0 (64.4)	13.0 (55.4)	9.0 (48.2)	18.3 (64.9)
Record low °C (°F)	1.6 (34.9)	0.6 (33.1)	7.2 (45.0)	11.1 (52.0)	16.4 (61.5)	20.6 (69.1)	21.7 (71.1)	21.7 (71.1)	11.8 (53.2)	4.6 (40.3)	0.5 (32.9)	−0.9 (30.4)	−0.9 (30.4)
Average rainfall mm (inches)	22.7 (0.89)	14.0 (0.55)	8.9 (0.35)	5.9 (0.23)	10.3 (0.41)	78.9 (3.11)	281.8 (11.09)	206.1 (8.11)	143.3 (5.64)	33.4 (1.31)	6.0 (0.24)	4.7 (0.19)	815.9 (32.12)
Average rainy days	1.9	1.1	1.5	0.7	1.4	4.7	11.2	10.8	5.9	1.3	0.5	0.3	41.4
Average relative humidity (%) (at 17:30 IST)	56	53	43	30	31	45	66	76	70	55	61	60	54
Source: India Meteorological Department ^{[19][20]}													

Kanpur has been ranked 5th best “National Clean Air City” (under Category 1 >10L Population cities) in India.^[21]

Demographics

<div> <div>Religion in Kanpur (2011)^[22]</div> <div> <div>Religion</div> <div>Hinduism</div> <div>Islam</div> <div>Sikhism</div> <div>Christianity</div> <div>Other or not stated</div> </div> <div> <div>Percent</div> <div>78.03%</div> <div>19.85%</div> <div>1.01%</div> <div>0.46%</div> <div>0.47%</div> </div> </div>	<p>As per the provisional results of 2011 census, Kanpur Nagar district has a population of 4,581,000.^{[23][24]}</p> <p>The literacy rate was 79.65 per cent and sex ratio was 862.^{[23][24][25]}</p> <p>There are 35 Parsis in Kanpur with their <u>Fire temple</u> at <u>The Mall</u>.^[26]</p> <p>Hinduism is a majority in Kanpur with a sizeable minority of <u>Muslims</u>. Sikhs, Christians and Buddhists are below 2 percent.^[22]</p> <p>Although final data of census 2023 is yet to be declared, population of Kanpur Nagar District is projected as 63,67,963 in year 2023 (estimation as per aadhar ‘UIDAI’ data).</p> <p>As per 2011 Census, population of Kanpur City and its suburbs was 30,15,645 making it the largest urban agglomeration of Uttar Pradesh. Thereafter, urban area of Kanpur City has expanded to a large extent. However, limits of its urban area are still pending for approval by the Government. Tentatively population of Kanpur City and Kanpur metropolitan area in 2024 is projected as 39,26,000 and 51,00,000 respectively as per the data available so far.</p> <p><u>Awadhi</u> is the native dialect. <u>Hindi</u> and <u>Urdu</u> are the predominant languages in the city. <u>Punjabi</u> is spoken by 1.25%, while <u>Bengali</u> is spoken by over 11,000 people in the city.^[27]</p>	<div> <div>Historical population</div> <table> <tr> <th>Year</th><th>Pop.</th><th>±%</th></tr> <tr> <td>1901</td><td>202,797</td><td>—</td></tr> <tr> <td>1911</td><td>178,557</td><td>−12.0%</td></tr> <tr> <td>1921</td><td>216,436</td><td>+21.2%</td></tr> <tr> <td>1931</td><td>219,189</td><td>+1.3%</td></tr> <tr> <td>1941</td><td>452,495</td><td>+106.4%</td></tr> <tr> <td>1951</td><td>646,811</td><td>+42.9%</td></tr> <tr> <td>1961</td><td>892,468</td><td>+38.0%</td></tr> <tr> <td>1971</td><td>1,160,026</td><td>+30.0%</td></tr> <tr> <td>1981</td><td>1,489,301</td><td>+28.4%</td></tr> <tr> <td>1991</td><td>1,874,409</td><td>+25.9%</td></tr> <tr> <td>2001</td><td>2,551,337</td><td>+36.1%</td></tr> <tr> <td>2011</td><td>2,765,348</td><td>+8.4%</td></tr> <tr> <td>2021</td><td>3,104,000</td><td>+12.2%</td></tr> </table> </div>	Year	Pop.	±%	1901	202,797	—	1911	178,557	−12.0%	1921	216,436	+21.2%	1931	219,189	+1.3%	1941	452,495	+106.4%	1951	646,811	+42.9%	1961	892,468	+38.0%	1971	1,160,026	+30.0%	1981	1,489,301	+28.4%	1991	1,874,409	+25.9%	2001	2,551,337	+36.1%	2011	2,765,348	+8.4%	2021	3,104,000	+12.2%
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Government and politics

Officials

<u>Divisional Commissioner</u>	Amit Gupta
<u>District Magistrate</u>	Vishakh G. Iyer ^{[28][29][30]}
<u>Police Commissioner</u>	Dr. Ram Krishna Swarnkar ^[31]
<u>Inspector General, Kanpur Range</u>	Prashant Kumar ^[32]
<u>Vice Chairman, Kanpur Development Authority</u>	Vishakh G Iyer [Addl. Charge] ^{[33][34]}
<u>Mayor</u>	Pramila Pandey ^[35]
<u>Municipal Commissioner</u>	Shivasharanappa G N ^{[35][36][37]}
<u>District Judge</u>	Pradeep Kumar Singh ^[38]
<u>Chief Metropolitan Magistrate</u>	Sushil kumar Singh ^[38]

Urban infrastructure

The metropolitan region defined under JNNURM by Kanpur Nagar Nigam, includes the Kanpur Nagar Nigam area, 8 kilometres around KNN boundary and newly included 47 villages of Unnao district on the north-eastern side, it extends to Murtaza Nagar, in the west its limit is up to Akbarpur, Kanpur Dehat Nagar Panchayat limit, on the eastern side the limit has been expanded on the road leading to Fatehpur and in extended up to. The metropolitan region area includes the area of Shuklaganj Municipal Committee (Nagar Palika), Unnao Municipal Committee (Nagar Palika), Akbarpur Village Authority (Nagar Panchayat) and Bithoor Village Authority (Nagar Panchayat) area.^[39] In 1997–98, total metropolitan region area has increased to 89131.15 hectare out of which 4,743.9 hectare (5.31%) was non-defined (prohibited area) and rest 29,683 hectare and 54,704 hectare (61.39%) was urban and rural area respectively.



High Rise Building of Kanpur

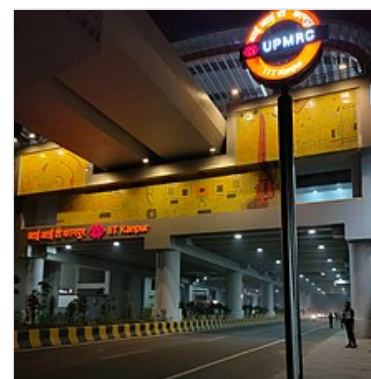


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Administration

General administration

Kanpur division which consists of six districts, and is headed by the divisional commissioner of Kanpur, who is an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of high seniority, the commissioner is the head of local government institutions (including municipal corporations) in the division, is in charge of infrastructure development in his division, and is also responsible for maintaining law and order in the division.^{[40][41][42][43]} The district magistrate of Kanpur reports to the divisional commissioner. The current commissioner is Shri Amit Gupta.^{[28][29][30]}



KanpurMetro Station

Kanpur district administration is headed by the district magistrate of Kanpur, who is an IAS officer. The DM is in charge of property records and revenue collection for the central government and oversees the elections held in the city. The DM is also responsible for maintaining law and order in the city.^{[40][44][45][46]} The DM is assisted by a chief development officer; four additional district magistrates for finance/revenue, city, land acquisition, and civil supply; one city magistrat; and seven additional city magistrates.^[47] The district has four tehsils viz. Sadar, Bilhaur, Ghatampur and Narwal, each headed by a sub-divisional magistrate.^[47] The current DM is Mr. Rakesh Kumar Singh.^{[28][29][30]}

Civic Administration

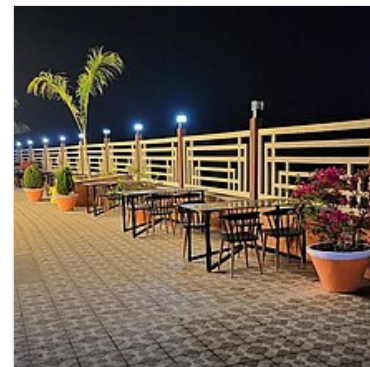
Kanpur municipality was established on 22 November 1861, and was upgraded to a municipal corporation in 1959.^[48] The local government of Kanpur is governed under the Municipal act for the state, Uttar Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1959.^[49]

The area under the municipal limits of Kanpur city, or Kanpur Municipal Corporation, is spread over an area of 403 square km.^{[23][50]} It oversees civic activities in the city. The head of the corporation is the mayor, but the executive and administration of the corporation are the responsibility of the municipal commissioner, who is an IAS officer.^[36] The executive wing is headed by municipal commissioner, Sudhir kumar ^{[35][37]} and has the following departments: Revenue, City Cleansing, Engineering,

Marg Prakash, Health, Accounts, Personnel/HRD, Swasthya Vibhag, Education, Mukya Nagar Lekha Vibhag, Pariyojna, Udyan Vibhag, Chikitsa Vibhag, Encroachment & Cattle Catching Department.^[51] There is also an executive committee present in the city.^{[52][53]}

The development of infrastructure in the city is overseen by Kanpur Development Authority (KDA), which comes under the Housing Department of Uttar Pradesh government. The divisional commissioner of Kanpur acts as the *ex-officio* Chairman of KDA, whereas a vice chairperson, a government-appointed IAS officer, looks after the daily matters of the authority.^[54] The current vice-chairman of Kanpur Development Authority is Shri Madan Singh Garbyal.^[55]

The municipality receives revenue from general tax, advertisement tax, income from municipal properties, grants from state government etc.^[56]



Law and order

The Kanpur District Court is headed by the district judge of Kanpur, who is assisted by numerous additional district judges, civil judges (senior division) and additional civil judges. Kanpur is a notified metropolitan area by UP Government under Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and therefore has a chief metropolitan magistrate, who is assisted by several metropolitan magistrates. The district judge is Shri Pradeep Kumar Singh,^[38] and the chief metropolitan magistrate was Shri Sushil Kumar Singh.^[38]

Police administration

Kanpur Nagar police administration is headed by a Commissioner of Police which is an IPS officer of the rank of Additional Director General of Uttar Pradesh Police. Present Police Commissioner of Kanpur Nagar is Shri Akhil kumar, who is assisted by an Addl. Commissioner, a Joint Commissioner and several Dy. Commissioners, Addl. Dy. Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners of police who are either IPS officers or Provincial Police Service (PPS) officers.^[57] Each of the several police circles is headed by an Assistant Commissioner of Police in the rank of deputy superintendent of police.^[57]

Politics

Local politics

The city is divided into 6 zones and 110 wards with a ward population range of 19,000 to 26,000 and 110 corporators directly elected from each ward.^{[48][58]} As mandated by the 74th constitutional amendment, there were 11 ward committees in Kanpur municipal corporation in 1991.^[59] Local elections were last held in 2022, when the mayor, Pramila Pandey from the BJP, was re-elected.^[60] The previous mayor had been Captain (retired) Jagatvir Singh Drona.^[35] As of 2006, Kanpur Municipal Council has an elected mayor-in-council system.^[61]

State politics

Kanpur Nagar district encompasses one Lok Sabha constituency and ten Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha constituencies. The city of Kanpur has one representative member of parliament in Lok Sabha for Kanpur, Satyadev Pachauri.

Civic Utilities

The first development plan of the city was created by the Kanpur Development Board in 1943. This was followed by the masterplan being designed by the Town and Country Planning Department from 1962 to 1991, which was adopted after the establishment of the Kanpur Development Authority in 1974.^{[62][56]} The most recent masterplan is the Draft Master Plan of 2021.^{[56][63]}

Electricity is supplied to the city by Kanpur Electricity Supply Company (KESCO), which is under the Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd (UPPCL).^{[64][65]} Fire services are under the state, Uttar Pradesh Fire Service.^[66]

Water supply, sewerage is done by the Jal Kal vibhag of KMC.^[67] Infrastructure development and maintenance is done by the state's body, UP Jal Nigam.^[68] The piped water supply of Kanpur City was started in 1892.^[69] After construction of Ganga Barrage on the river, a permanent and reliable source for the water supply got available to provide 1600 mld raw water.^[69] The

city also receives water from the catchment areas of rivers Ganga and Pandu.^[69] However, while the total water supply requirement is 600 mld only 385 mld of potable water is being supplied.^[69] The city loses water due to leaky pipes and contamination of natural water sources.^[69] There is a severe water crisis in Kanpur.^[70]

In 2015, Ganga Pollution Control Unit in Kanpur got about Rs 200 crores to make 4 STPs functional.^[71] The city then reported having 3 STPs for domestic waste.^[71] In 2017, there was only one sewage treatment plant for waste from tanneries, biggest source of industrial pollution to the Ganga, was to be replaced by a newer one costing 400 cr as the old one could only treat 9 MLD at the most. 823.1 MLD of untreated sewage and 212.42 MLD of industrial effluent flow into the river.^[72] In 2019, another STP costing worth Rs 816.25 was to be set up.^[73] As of 2020, While the government has stopped pollution from Kanpur's biggest drain, Sishamau, of Kanpur's 48 drains, eight still have no devices to stop effluents.^[74]

Solid waste management is handled by the KMC.^[75] As of 2015, Kanpur generates 1,500 tonnes of solid wastes from domestic and industrial sources, 64,000 tonnes of hazardous waste annually which includes metals and waste generated by tanneries, dye industries and chemical industries; while coal ash produced in Kanpur amounts to 71,000 tonnes per annum.^[76]

Transport

Air

Kanpur Airport is a domestic airport and has direct scheduled commercial non-stop flights to New Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Bangalore. The nearest international airport to the city is the Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport in Lucknow, which is around 77.1 kilometres (47.9 mi) away.



Kanpur Central Railway Station

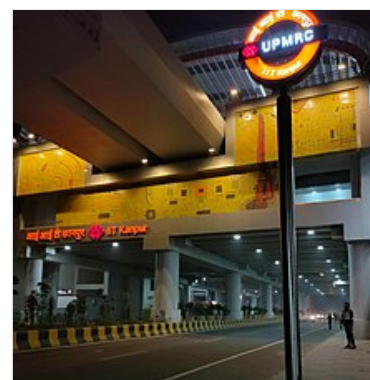
Rail

Indian Railways: Kanpur Central is a major railhead and is among the busiest railway stations in the country. Rail routes connect it to all major cities in the state and the country. It is an A-1 category railway station that comes under the Prayagraj railway division of North Central Railway zone of Indian Railways. Around 300 trains pass through it daily.^[77] The city of Kanpur has eleven railway stations in addition to the main Kanpur Central:

Station name	Station code	Railway zone	Total platforms
<u>Kanpur Central</u>	CNB	<u>North Central Railway</u>	10
<u>Kanpur Anwarganj</u>	CPA	<u>North Central Railway</u>	3
<u>Rawatpur</u>	RPO	<u>North Eastern Railway</u>	1
<u>Kalyanpur</u>	KAP	<u>North Eastern Railway</u>	1
<u>Mandhana Junction</u>	MDA	<u>North Eastern Railway</u>	2
<u>Brahmavart</u>	BRT	<u>North Eastern Railway</u>	1
<u>Govindpuri</u>	GOY	<u>North Central Railway</u>	3
<u>Panki Dham</u>	PKD	<u>North Central Railway</u>	3
<u>Chandari Junction</u>	CNBI	<u>North Central Railway</u>	2
<u>Chakeri</u>	CHK	<u>North Central Railway</u>	2
<u>Rooma</u>	Rooma	<u>North Central Railway</u>	2
<u>Kanpur Bridge Left Bank</u>	CPB	<u>Northern Railway</u>	3



Kanpur Airport



IIT Kanpur metro station

Metro: The Kanpur Metro is a mass rapid transit system in Kanpur. The metro is owned and operated by the Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation (UPMRC). It consists of two lines- Orange Line and Blue Line. The priority corridor of the Orange Line, which connects IIT Kanpur to Motijheel, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 28 December 2021.^[78]

Road

The city has the historically important Grand Trunk Road which serves as the lifeline of the city. There are several important national highways and expressways that pass through and adround Kanpur.

NH/NE No	Route	Total Length
<u>NH 19</u>	<u>Delhi</u> » <u>Mathura</u> » <u>Agra</u> » <u>Kanpur</u> » <u>Allahabad</u> » <u>Varanasi</u> » <u>Mohania</u> » <u>Aurangabad</u> » <u>Barhi</u> » <u>Palsit</u> » <u>Asansol</u> » <u>Kolkata</u>	1435
<u>NH 27</u>	<u>Porbandar</u> » <u>Udaipur</u> » <u>Kota</u> » <u>Shivpuri</u> » <u>Jhansi</u> » <u>Kanpur</u> » <u>Lucknow</u> » <u>Darbhanga</u> » <u>Alipurduar</u> » <u>Guwahati</u> » <u>Silchar</u>	3507
<u>NH 34</u>	<u>Gangotri Dham</u> » <u>Rishikesh</u> » <u>Haridwar</u> » <u>Bijnore</u> » <u>Ghaziabad</u> » <u>Aligarh</u> » <u>Kannauj</u> » <u>Kanpur</u> » <u>Hamirpur</u> » <u>Mahoba</u> » <u>Chhatarpur</u> » <u>Jabalpur</u> » <u>Lakhnadon</u>	1426
NH (Proposed)	<u>Kanpur</u> » <u>Raebareli</u> » <u>Sultanpur</u> » <u>Shahganj</u> » <u>Azamgarh</u> » <u>Gaura Barhaj</u> » <u>Siwan</u> » <u>Muzaffarpur</u>	581
<u>NE 6 Awadh Expressway (Under Construction)</u>	<u>Kanpur</u> » <u>Lucknow</u>	62.76
<u>NE 7 Kanpur-Noida Expressway (Proposed)</u>	<u>Kanpur</u> » <u>Kannauj</u> » <u>Mainpuri</u> » <u>Bulandshahr</u> » <u>Noida</u> Branch <u>Hapur</u>	380
<u>Ganga Expressway</u>	<u>Haridwar</u> » <u>Meerut</u> » <u>Shahjahanpur</u> » <u>Kanpur</u> » <u>Raebareli</u> » <u>Prayagraj</u> » <u>Varanasi</u> » <u>Ballia</u>	1024
<u>Outer Ring Road Kanpur</u>	<u>Kanpur Metropolitan Area</u>	93



Kanpur Airport

The UPSRTC inter state bus station (ISBT) of Kanpur is officially named as the "Shaheed Major Salman Khan bus station", and is locally known as the "Jhakarkati Bus Station". It provides buses to many important cities of India.^[79] Other important bus stations are the Chunniganj bus stand for Farrukhabad, Bareilly and Uttarakhand routes, and the Naubasta bus stand for Hamirpur route. Fazalganj is another hub for private carriers.

Ring road: In 2011, it was reported by The Indian Express that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) planned to develop a four-lane outer ring road along the periphery of Kanpur with an aim to prevent traffic congestion in the city caused by long-distance heavy vehicles. The new road, which would help heavy vehicles to bypass the city, would be developed on Built, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis under the phase-VII of National Highways Development Programme (NHDP).^[80]

Economy

Kanpur is an important economic and industrial center in India.

Kanpur is an important economic center in India with a GDP of ~\$9Bn.^[81] There was a time when Kanpur was very prosperous but over time it lagged behind other big cities due to continuous negligence from both the Central and State government, as they were diverting funds to other cities, which hampered its growth. According to GDP per capita, it ranks 9th in Uttar Pradesh. Noida and Meerut rank 1st and 2nd notably.^[82] While the state capital Lucknow ranks 7th in the state in GDP per capita.

Education and research

Higher education

The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT Kanpur) is a public technical and research university located in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India. It was established in 1959 as one of the first Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), with the assistance of a consortium of nine US research universities as part of the Kanpur Indo-American Programme (KIAP).^{[83][84]}

Other educational institutions in the city include three state universities. Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University is one of the largest universities in northern India catering to urban and rural students offering professional and academic courses in the disciplines of Arts, Science, Commerce, Law, Engineering, Biotechnology, Computer Applications, Management and Medicine.

Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology is an agricultural university named after the Indian revolutionary Chandrashekhar Azad which caters to the needs of the farming community of 29 districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Harcourt Butler Technical University (HBTU) offers Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral programs in engineering, as well as Masters programs in Business Administration, and Computer Applications. Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Technology for Handicapped, an institution to provide technical education to specially-abled students inaugurated by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 1997, is also situated in Kanpur.

National Sugar Institute (NSI) is involved in research, training and advisory services to the sugar and allied industry, and functions under the Department of Food and Public Distribution of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

There are also private universities in the city such as Rama University, which is part of the Rama Group.^[85] There are several private technical and management institutions in the city such as Pranveer Singh Institute of Technology, which is affiliated by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University.



A building at IIT Kanpur



Aerial view of Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University

Medical education

Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Memorial Medical College (GSVM Medical College) is a state-run medical college in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. It was founded in 1956 and named after Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi, a freedom fighter and journalist from Kanpur. Lala Lajpat Rai Hospital, which is also known as Hallet Hospital, is associated with GSVM, Kanpur.

Lala Lajpat Rai Hospital in Kanpur is commonly known as "Hallet" because of its origins. It was initially established during the British colonial period and named after a British civil surgeon, Dr. George Henry Hallet, who served in the United Provinces (now Uttar Pradesh) and contributed to the field of public health. Although the hospital was later renamed to honor Lala Lajpat Rai, a prominent Indian freedom fighter, the original name, "Hallet," continued to be widely used by locals.

The hospital, along with Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Memorial (GSVM) Medical College, is still known colloquially as "Hallet Hospital," a testament to its historical roots and Dr. Hallet's influence during the colonial era.

Notable people

- Lala Kamlapat Singhania, industrialist
- Padampat Singhania, industrialist
- Kuldeep Yadav, cricketer
- Harish-Chandra, mathematician
- Giriraj Kishore, novelist
- Irshad Mirza, industrialist
- Gaurav Khanna, actor
- Rajeev Shukla, political commentator and former journalist
- Kamal Nath, politician
- Tanmay Srivastava

See also

- Akbarpur Lok Sabha constituency
- List of cities in Uttar Pradesh

- [List of engineering colleges in Kanpur](#)
- [Renamed places in Kanpur](#)
- [List of twin towns and sister cities in India](#)
- [Second Battle of Cawnpore](#)
- [Largest Indian cities by GDP](#)

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