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whole world. Hindi is the official and most widely spoken language in its 75 districts. Uttar Pradesh is the second largest Indian state by economy, with a GDP of File:Indian Rupee symbol. svg708,000 crore. Agriculture and service industries are the largest parts of the state's economy. The service sector comprises travel and tourism, hotel industry, real estate, insurance and financial consultancies.

Uttar Pradesh was home to powerful empires of ancient and medieval India, including the Magadha, Nanda, Mauryan, Sunga, Kushan, Gupta, Gurjara, Rashtrakuta, Pala and Mughal empires. The two major rivers of the state, the Ganga and Yamuna, join at Prayag and then flow as the Ganga further east. The state has several historical, natural, and religious tourist destinations, such as the Taj Mahal, Varanasi, Piprahwa, Kaushambi, Ballia, Shravasti, Kushinagar, Lucknow, Chitrakoot, Jhansi, Allahabad, Meerut and Mathura.

most compassionate god of Hindu mythology, and is thus revered all across the country. His birthplace in Mathura is a major draw for his followers and devotees, an entire cult surrounding the God and his city. Visitors must see the Krishna Janmabhoomi, the prison cell where the Lord's parents, Vasudev and Devaki were held captive and where Devaki gave birth to Krishna. The main shrine of the city, the Dwarkadheesh Temple, is a major attraction for the devout, particularly during festivals like Holi and Janmashtami. Invaded by Islamic rulers, the city depicts an intriguing confluence of Hindu-Muslim religions in the surrounding buildings and architecture. Must try the special "Mathura ke Pede" for those who have a sweet-tooth. In addition to religious sites, Mathura has a lot to explore such as Mathura Government Museum and Museum at Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple Complex, both has a good collection of ancient treasures. Walk your way through a dazzling display of ornaments, terracotta sculptures and bronze objects and you'll be surprised at the depth of the collection here. For a city that packs so much into so little, you'll see how there's a delicacy at every stall, each delicacy itself having its own special place where you can enjoy it. There is no particular restaurant culture in Mathura, so you'll find several small and large dhabas and stalls around the city to choose your feast from.

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1 Mathura

Lord Krishna, associated also with the Mahabharata epic, is considered to be the

2 Jhansi



Jhansi means 'blurred shadows'. This name has been derived from the shadows of the lofty forts built by the Rajputs in the city. Jhansi is part of Bundelkhand, the cultural region of Madhya Pradesh-Uttar Pradesh which was ruled by the Bundela Rajputs since the 16th century. It is an alluring place located in Uttar Pradesh that houses the majestic Jhansi Fort built by Raja Bir Singh in the year 1613 and the Rani Mahal built in 12 CE. These places are still intact and preserve the glory of age old history and now have been either turned into museums or maintained as important monuments.

The city is most famously associated with Rani Lakshmibai, the brave freedom fighter of the Revolt of 1857. Situated along the banks of the River Pahluji, Jhansi is often called the "Gateway to Bundelkhand". Originally, the city was walled, but over the years, grew around its fortifications. The stone fort is the crowning glory of the city.

The name Jhansi is actually a corrupted version of the original name Jhainsi. According to local legend, the Raja of Orchha was sitting with the Raja of Jaitpur when he asked the latter if he could see the new fort on Bangara Hill. To this, the Raja of Jaitpur said that he could see it jhainsi (just a shadowy outline). The Jhansi Fort was one of the most strategically built forts of Central India, commanding views of the city. There is a museum here dedicated to the history of Bundelkhand. Here you can find sculptures and artefacts which offer an insight into the city's past. Some of the must-visit places in Jhansi are Laxmi Bai Park, Jhansi Fort, Narayan Bagh and Shrine of St. Jude Church.

3 Bareilly



The land of temples, mosques and natural beauty -- this is Bareilly for you. Situated on the banks of River Ramganga, it holds an important place in Hindu religion. Historically known by many different names, including Nath Nagari (Lord Shiva's abode), Ala Hazrat (named after an Islamic

mausoleum), Zari Nagri and Sanjashya (from where Gautam Buddha descended to Earth). According to Hindu mythology, during the times of the Mahabharata, the region of Bareilly was known as Panchala -- the birthplace of Draupadi. It is also believed that Gautam Buddha once visited the fortress city of Ahichhatra in Bareilly. Ahichhatra is also important from the point of view of archaeology. The first signs of the Aryan advent in the Ganges-Yamuna Valley were discovered here only.

The history of Bareilly is an interesting, albeit long one. After the city was founded by Rajputs, it was taken over by Afghan settlers, giving rise to the Afghan Rohilla tribe. It was nearly after a century that the British East India Company came to the country and after a siege, the city was handed over to Shuja-ud-Daula.

The entire city is decked up with beautiful temples (such as Dhopeswarnath Temple, Alaknath Temple), holy Majars and a great shopping arcade. Famous for its Zari Zarkari work, Surma and exquisite Bamboo furniture, Bareilly is truly a shopper's delight. The city is a hub of cane (bans)

production and that is the reason many confuse the name Bans-Bareilly with the bans market. In reality, the name Bans-Bareilly is derived from two princes -- Bansaldev and Baraldev, the sons of Jagat Singh Katehriya who founded the city in 1537. The foundation of the modern city of Bareilly was laid in 1657 by Mukrand Rai -- the governor of Bareilly appointed by the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb. Culturally, the city of Bareilly is a melting pot of music, food, art and dance. Bareilly's contribution to the world of Indian cinema is immense. The city has been immortalised in many Hindi film songs, including the famous "Surma Bareilly Vala". The city's street food is lip-smacking, especially the delectable seekh kebabs. A visit to the city would be incomplete without visiting the beautiful cantonment area.

4 Vishwanath Temple





Vishwanath Gali, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh 221001, India

The beating heart of Varanasi, Vishwanath Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva and is the holiest of the 12 revered jyotirlingas in the country. One of the most famous Hindu temples, even its glimpse is said to be auspicious.

It is difficult to ascertain the antiquity of the temple as it was repeatedly destroyed by the pre-Mughal Muslim invaders and later by Aurangzeb. However, the devotion in the hearts of the people of the city for Lord Shiva has outlived every such attempt. Every time the temple was destroyed, a new temple came up in its place. The temple that stands today was rebuilt by Queen Ahilyabai Holkar of Indore in 1777. In 1839, 42 years later, Maharaja Ranjit Singh, gifted 820 kg of gold to Vishwanath Temple. This gold was used to plate the shikhara and ceiling and thus the temple is also referred to as the 'Golden Temple'. Apart from a Shivalinga, there are a number of small temples for deities including Dhandapani, Kaalbhairav, Avimukteshwara, Vinayaka, Sanishwara, Vishnu, Virupaksha and Virupaksh Gauri in the complex. Also, there is a small well in the temple called the Jyotirlinga was hidden in this well to protect it at the time of invasion and the main priest jumped in the well with the Shivalinga in order to protect it.

Every day, five major aartis are held at Vishwanath Temple and it is abuzz with worshipers through the day. During the religious occasion of Mahashivratri, Kashi Naresh (King of Kashi) is the chief officiating priest. No other person or priest is allowed to enter the sanctum sanctorum and it is only after he performs his religious functions that others are allowed to enter. Even though non-hindus are not allowed to enter the shrine, they can stroll through the Vishwanath Gali (lane) and get a glimpse of the interiors.

Aligarh is one of the major education centers in India with the world famous Aligarh Muslim University in the city itself. The place has more to offer in terms of tourism with other interesting attractions like The Aligarh Fort, an 18th century mosque, the Dor Fort and the The Methodist Church among others. You can also visit the nearby villages like Mangarhi, Sidarmain to get a feel of the local life. It also has a historical significance as this is the place where the famous battle of Ally Ghur was fought between the French and the British. Aligarh is also famous for its locks manufacturing units and hence referred to as "City of Locks".

5 Aligarh



Aligarh is one of the major education



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4 Esphehan, The Oberoi Amarvilas



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While you soak in the royal magnificence of the Taj Mahal and other Mughal architecture, there's an equally royal treat waiting for you at E

sphehan, The Oberoi Amarvilas. Their fine dining restaurant serves some of the finest traditional Indian dishes in an ambience that

will at once make you feel like royalty themselves.

Enjoy an elegant, quiet meal with the perfect Oberoi brand of hospitality to pamper you thoroughly. With serene views of the Taj in the distance, this meal will perhaps be one of your most unforgettable experience of Agra. The exclusive restaurant is open for dinner, and only for two sitting at 7 and 9:30pm, adding to the aura of an absolutely niche dining experience.

5 Shree Rathnam Restaurant



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The forte of Shree Rathnam Restaurant is South Indian Food but they also serve delicious vegetarian north indian and chinese food prepared by professional

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