Coordinates: 26°51'N 80°57'E

Lucknow

 $\textbf{Lucknow} \ (\underline{{'}^{l} L k k n a U} \ (\underline{$ and is also the administrative headquarters of the eponymous district and division. It is the eleventh most populous city and the twelfth most populous urban agglomeration of India. Lucknow has always been known as a multicultural city that flourished as a North Indian cultural and artistic hub, and the seat of power of Nawabs in the 18th and 19th centuries.^[9] It continues to be an important centre of governance, administration, education, commerce, aerospace, finance, pharmaceuticals, technology design, culture, tourism, music and poetry^[10]

The city stands at an elevation of approximately 123 metres (404 ft) above sea level. Lucknow district covers an area of 2.528 square kilometres (976 sq mi).[11][12] Bounded on the east by Barabanki, on the west by Unnao, on the south by $\underline{\text{Raebareli}}$ and in the north by $\underline{\text{Sitapur}}$, $\underline{\text{Lucknow}}$ sits on the northwestern shore of the Gomti River. Hindi is the main language of the city and Urdu is also widely spoken. Lucknow is an important centre of Shia Islam in India with the highest Shia Muslim population in India.

Historically, Lucknow was the capital of the Awadh region, controlled by the Delhi Sultanate and later the Mughal Empire. It was transferred to the Nawabs of Awadh. In 1856, the British East India Company abolished local rule and took complete control of the city along with the rest of Awadh and, in 1857, transferred it to the British Raj. [13] Along with the rest of India, Lucknow became independent from Britain on 15 August 1947. It has been listed as the 17th fastest growing city in India and 74th in the world. [14]

Lucknow, along with Agra and Varanasi, is in the Uttar Pradesh Heritage Arc, a chain of survey triangulations created by the Government of Uttar Pradeshto boost tourism in the state.

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Clockwise from top:Bada Imambara Charbagh Railway Station Rumi Darwaza, Hazratgani, La Martiniere School, Ambedkar Memorial Park

Nickname(s): The City of Nawabs, The Golden City of India, Constantinople of the East, Shiraz-e-Hind





Lucknow (India) Coordinates: 26°51′N 80°57′E

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State	Uttar Pradesh
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Etymology

"Lucknow" is the anglicised spelling of the local pronunciation "Lakhnau". According to one legend, the city is named after Lakshmana, a hero of the ancient Hindu epic Ramayana. The legend states that Lakshmana had a palace or an estate in the area, which was called Lakshmanapuri (Sanskrit: লঞ্জাতানুখী, lit. Lakshmana's city). However, the Dalit movement believes that Lakhan Pasi, a dalit ruler, was the settler of the city and is named after him. The settlement came to be known as Lakhanpur (or Lachhmanpur) by the 11th century, and later, Lucknow.[15][16] A similar theory states that the city was known as Lakshmanavati (Sanskrit: লঞ্জোবেনী, fortunate) after Lakshmana. The name changed to Lakhanavati, then Lakhnauti and finally Lakhnau.[17] Yet another theory states that the city's name is connected with Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of wealth. Over time, the name changed to Laksmanauti, Laksmaut, Lakhsnaut, Lakhsnau and, finally Lakhnau.[18]

History

• Body	Corporation Lucknow Municipal Corporation
• Mayor	Sanyukta Bhatia (BJP)
Commissioner Lucknow Division	Anil Garg, IAS
• Inspector	Ajay Narain
General, Lucknow	Singh, IPS
Range	
• District	Kaushal Raj
Magistrate and Collector	Sharma, IAS
• Senior	Kalanidhi
Superintendent of Police	Naithani, IPS
Area ^[1]	
 Metropolis 	349 km ²
	(135 sq mi)
Elevation	123 m (404 ft)
Population (2011)[2][3	3]
Metropolis	2,817,105
• Rank	11th
• Density	8,100/km ²
• Metro ^[4]	(21,000/sq mi) 2,902,920
Metro Rank	2,902,920 12th
Demonym(s)	Lakhnawi, Lucknowite
Time zone	UTC+5:30 (IST)
PIN	2260xx / 2270xx
Telephone code	+91-522
Vehicle registration	UP-32
Sex ratio	915 ♀/1000 ♂
Languages	Hindi, Urdu, English
Website	Official website



Panorama of Lucknow taken from Roshan-ud Daula Kothi Qaiserbagh in 1858

From 1350 onwards, Lucknow and parts of the Awadh region were ruled by the Delhi Sultanate, <u>Sharqi Sultanate</u>, <u>Mughal Empire</u>, <u>Nawabs of Awadh</u>, the British <u>East India</u> <u>Company</u> and the <u>British Raj</u>.

For about eighty-four years (from 1394 to 1478), Awadh was part of the Sharqi Sultanate of Jaunpur. Emperor Humayun made it a part of the Mughal Empire around 1555. Emperor Jahangir (1569–1627) granted an estate in Awadh to a favoured nobleman, Sheikh Abdul Rahim, who later built Machchi Bhawan on this estate. It later became the seat of power from where his descendants, the heikhzadas, controlled the region.

The Nawabs of Lucknow in reality, the Nawabs of Awadh, acquired the name after the reign of the third Nawab when Lucknow became their capital. The city became Nortl India's cultural capital, and its nawabs, best remembered for their refined and extravagant lifestyles, were patrons of the arts. Under their dominion, music and dance flourished, and construction of numerous monuments took place. Of the monuments standing today the Bara Imambara, the Chota Imambara, and the Rumi Darwaza are notable examples. One of the Nawab's enduring legacies is the region's syncretic Hindu–Muslim culture that has come to be known as Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb.

Until 1719, the <u>subah</u> of Awadh was a province of the Mughal Empire administered by a Governor appointed by the Emperor. Persian adventurer <u>Saadat Khan</u>, also known as Burhan-ul-Mulk, was appointed *Nizam* of Awadh in 1722 and established his court in Faizabad, near Lucknow [23]

Many independent kingdoms, such as Awadh, were established as the Mughal Empire disintegrated The third Nawab, Shuja-ud-Daula (r. 1753-1775), fell out with the British after aiding the fugitive Nawab of Bengal, Mir Qasim. Roundly defeated at the Battle of Buxar by the East India Company, he was forced to pay heavy penalties and surrender parts of his territory. [24] Awadh's capital, Lucknow rose to prominence when Asaf-ud-Daula, the fourth Nawab, shifted his court to the city from Faizabad in 1775.^[25] The British East India Company appointed a resident (ambassador) in 1773 and by early 19th century gained control of more territory and authority in the state. They were, however, disinclined to capture Awadh outright and come face to face with the Maratha Empire and the remnants of the Mughal Empire. In 1798, the fifth Nawab Wazir Ali Khan alienated both his people and the British and was forced to abdicate. The British then helped Saadat Ali Khan take the throne. [26] He became a puppet king, and in a treaty of 1801, yielded large part of Awadh to the East India Company while also agreeing to disband his own troops in favour of a hugely expensive, British-controlled army. This treaty effectively made the state of Awadh a vassal of the East India Company, although it continued to be part of the Mughal Empire in name until 1819. The treaty of 1801 proved a beneficial arrangement for the East India Company as they gained access to Awadh's vast treasuries, repeatedly digging into them for loans at reduced rates. In addition, the revenues from running Awadh's armed forces brought them useful returns while the territory acted as a buffer state. The Nawabs were ceremonial kings, busy with pomp and show. By the mid-nineteenth century, however, the British had grown impatient with the arrangement and demanded direct control over wadh.^[27]

In 1856 the East India Company first moved its troops to the border, then annexed the state for alleged maladministration. Awadh was placed under a chief commissioner – Sir Henry Lawrence. Wajid Ali Shah, the then Nawab, was imprisoned, then exiled by the East India Company to Calcutta. [28] In the subsequent Indian Rebellion of 1857, his 14-year-old son Birjis Qadra, whose mother was Begum Hazrat Mahal, was crowned ruler. Following the rebellion's defeat, Begum Hazrat Mahal and other rebelleaders sought asylum inNepal. [29]

Lucknow was one of the major centres of the <u>Indian Rebellion of 1857</u> and actively participated in <u>India's independence movement</u> emerging as a strategically important North Indian city. During the Rebellion (also known as the First War of Indian Independence and the Indian Mutiny), the majority of the East India Company's troops were recruited from both the people and nobility of Awadh. The rebels seized control of the state, and it took the British 18 months to reconquer the region. During that period, the garrison based at the <u>Residency</u> in Lucknow was besieged by rebel forces during the <u>Siege of Lucknow</u>. The siege was relieved first by forces under the command of Sir <u>Henry Havelock</u> and Sir <u>James Outram</u>, followed by a stronger force under Sir<u>Colin Campbell</u>. Today, the ruins of the Residency and the *Shaheed Smarak* offer an insight into Lucknow's role in the events of 185 ^{‡30}]

With the rebellion over, <u>Oudh</u> returned to British governance under a chief commissioner. In 1877 the offices of lieutenant-governor of the North-Western Provinces and chief commissioner of Oudh were combined; then in 1902, the title of chief commissioner was dropped with the formation of the <u>United</u> Provinces of Agra and Oudh although Oudh still retained some marks of its former independence.

The Khilafat Movementhad an active base of support in Lucknow creating united opposition to British rule. In 1901, after remaining the capital of Oudh since 1775, Lucknow, with a population of 264,049, was merged into the newly formed United Provinces of Agra and Oudh. In 1920 the provincial seat of government moved from Allahabad to Lucknow. Upon Indian independence in 1947, the United Provinces were reorganised into the state of Uttar Pradesh, and Lucknow remained its capital.

Lucknow witnessed some of the pivotal moments in the history of India. One is the first meeting of the stalwarts Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru & Mohd Ali Jinnah during the <u>Indian National Congress</u> session of 1916 (Lucknow pact was signed and moderates and extremists came together through the efforts of Annie Besant during this session only). The Congress President for that session, Ambica Charan Majumdar in his address said that "If the <u>Congress</u> was buried at Surat, it is reborn in Lucknow in the garden of Waiid Ali Shah".

The famous Kakori Incident involving Ram Prasad Bismil, Ashfaqullah Khan, Rajendra Nath Lahiri, Roshan Singh and others followed by the Kakori trial which captured the imagination of the country also took place in Lucknow^[34]

Culturally, Lucknow has also had a tradition of courtesans, [35] with popular culture distilling it in the avatar of the fictional Umrao Jaan.



Nawab Asaf-Ud-Dowlah (1775-1797)[19]



Nawab Saadat Khan II(b. bf. 1752 – d. c. 11 July 1814)



Lucknow towards Cawnpore circa 1860



Gates of the Palace at Lucknow byW. Daniell, 1801



Chota Imambara

Geography

The <u>Gomti River</u>, Lucknow's chief geographical feature, meanders through the city and divides it into the Trans-Gomti and Cis-Gomti regions. Situated in the middle of the <u>Indus-Gangetic Plain</u>, the city is surrounded by rural towns and villages: the orchard town of <u>Malihabad</u>, <u>Kakori</u>, <u>Mohanlalganj</u>, <u>Gosainganj</u>, Chinhat, and <u>Itaunja</u>. To the east lies <u>Barabanki</u>, to the west <u>Unnao</u>, to the south <u>Raebareli</u>, while to the north lie the <u>Sitapur</u> and <u>Hardoi</u>. Lucknow city is located in aseismic zone III. [36]

Climate

Lucknow has a <u>humid subtropical climate</u> with cool, dry winters from mid-November to February and dry, hot summers with thunderstorms from late March to June. The rainy season is from July to September when the city gets an average rainfall of 896.2 millimetres (35.28 in) from the south-west <u>monsoon</u> winds, and occasionally frontal rainfall will occur in January. In winter the maximum temperature is around 25 °C (77 °F) and the minimum is in the 3 °C (37 °F) to 7 °C (45 °F) range. [37] Fog is quite common from mid-December to late January. Occasionally, Lucknow experiences colder winter spells than places like Shimla and Mussoorie which are situated way high up in the Himalayas. In the extraordinary winter cold spell of 2012–13, Lucknow recorded temperatures below freezing point on 2 consecutive days and the minimum temperature hovered around freezing point for over a week. Summers are very hot with temperatures rising into the 40 °C (104 °F) to 45 °C (113 °F) range, the average highs being in the high of 30s (degree Celsius).



The ruins of the Residency at Lucknow shows the gunfire it took during the rebellion.



Bada Imambada is famous for its maze called 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' in Hindi. It is built of identical 2.5 feet wide passageways like the one shown in this photograph.



Map of parts of the Old City and the Civil Station, ca 1914



Downtown New Lucknow with Gomti River in the Middle



Map of Lucknow city

Climate data for Lucknow Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airpoit													
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Record high °C (°F)	30.4 (86.7)	34.2 (93.6)	40.9 (105.6)	45.0 (113)	46.2 (115.2)	47.7 (117.9)	44.2 (111.6)	40.4 (104.7)	40.1 (104.2)	37.7 (99.9)	38.0 (100.4)	29.9 (85.8)	47.7 (117.9)
Average high °C (°F)	22.5 (72.5)	25.8 (78.4)	32.0 (89.6)	38.0 (100.4)	40.0 (104)	38.4 (101.1)	33.9 (93)	33.2 (91.8)	33.1 (91.6)	32.8 (91)	29.2 (84.6)	24.6 (76.3)	32 (89.5)
Average low °C (°F)	7.5 (45.5)	9.8 (49.6)	14.5 (58.1)	20.5 (68.9)	24.6 (76.3)	26.7 (80.1)	26.0 (78.8)	25.6 (78.1)	24.1 (75.4)	19.1 (66.4)	12.8 (55)	8.4 (47.1)	18.3 (64.9)
Record low °C (°F)	-1.0 (30.2)	0.0 (32)	5.4 (41.7)	10.9 (51.6)	17.0 (62.6)	19.7 (67.5)	21.5 (70.7)	22.2 (72)	17.2 (63)	10.0 (50)	3.9 (39)	0.5 (32.9)	-1.0 (30.2)
Average rainfall mm (inches)	20.2 (0.795)	16.0 (0.63)	10.0 (0.394)	5.0 (0.197)	100.6 (3.961)	122.9 (4.839)	511.2 (20.126)	320.5 (12.618)	211.5 (8.327)	105.9 (4.169)	7.4 (0.291)	12.6 (0.496)	1,443.8 (56.843)
Average rainy days	1.5	1.5	1.0	0.6	6.0	12.0	21.1	18.2	15.7	5.0	0.5	0.8	83.9

Flora and fauna

Lucknow has a total of only 4.66 percent of forest cover, which is much less than the state average of around 7 percent. [40] Shisham, Dhak, Mahuamm, Babul, Neem, Peepal, Ashok, Khajur, Mango and Gular trees are all grown here![41]

Different varieties of mangoes, especially Dasheri, are grown in the Malihabad adjacent to the city and a block of the Lucknow district for export. [42] The main crops are wheat, paddy, sugarcane, mustard, potatoes, and vegetables such as cauliflower, cabbage, tomato, and brinjals. Similarly, sunflowers, roses, and marigolds are cultivated over a fairly extensive area. Many medicinal and herbal plants are also grown here while common Indian monkeys are found in patches in and around city forests such as Musa Bagh [43]

The Lucknow Zoo, one of the oldest in the country, was established in 1921. It houses a rich collection of animals from Asia and other continents. The zoo also has enjoyable toy train rides for the visitors. The city also has a botanical garden, which is a zone of wide plant diversity. [44] It also houses the Uttar Pradesh State Museum. It has sculptural masterpieces dating back to the 3rd century AD, including intricately carved Mathura sculptures ranging from dancing girls to scenes from the life of Buddha.[45]



is known for its dasheri Baby elephant at Lucknow Zoo mangoes, which are exported to many countries



Economy

The major industries in the Lucknow urban agglomeration include aeronautics, automotives, machine tools, distillery chemicals, furniture a@dikan embroidery. [46]

Lucknow is among the top cities of India by GDP.^[47] Lucknow is also a centre for research and development as home to the R&D centres of the National Milk Grid of the National Dairy Development Board, the Central Institute of Medical and Aromatic Plants, the National Handloom Development Corporation and U.P. Export Corporation.[48]

Ranked sixth in a list of the ten fastest growing job-creating cities in India according to a study conducted by Assocham Placement Pattern, [49] Lucknow's economy was formerly based on the tertiary sector and the majority of the workforce were employed as government servants. Large-scale industrial establishments are few compared to other north Indian state capitals like New Delhi. The economy is growing with contributions from the fields of IT, manufacturing and processing and medical/biotechnology Business-promoting institutions such as the CII and EDII have set up their service centres in the city [50]

Lucknow is a growing IT hub with software and IT companies resident in the city. <u>Tata Consultancy Services</u> is one of the major companies with its campus in <u>Gomti Nagar</u>, which also is the second-largest such establishment in Uttar Pradesh. <u>HCL Technologies</u> also started its training program with 150 candidates in April 2016 at HCL Lucknow campus. ^[51] There are many local <u>open source</u> technology companies. ^[52] The city is also home to a number of important national and state level headquarters for companies including Sony Corporation and Reliance Retail. A sprawling 100 acres (40 ha) IT city costing 15 billion Rupees is planned by the state government at the Chak Ganjaria farms site on the road to <u>Sultanpur</u> and they have already approved <u>special economic zone</u> status for the project, which is expected to create thousands of job opportunities in the state. ^{[53][54][55]}

The city has potential in the handicrafts sector and accounts for 60 percent of total exports from the state. [56] Major export items are marble products, handicrafts, art pieces, gems, jewellery, textiles, electronics, software products, computers, hardware products, apparel, brass products, silk, leather goods, glass items and chemicals. Lucknow has promoted public-private partnerships in sectors such as electricity supplyroads, expressways, and educational ventures. [57]



Tata Consultancy ServicesCampus at TCS Awadh Park in Mbhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar

To promote the textile industry in the citythe Indian governmenthas allocated Rs. 200 crore (2000 million rupees) to set up a textile usiness cluster in the city. [58]

Administration and politics

Administration

General administration

<u>Lucknow division</u> which consists of six districts, and is headed by the <u>Divisional Commissioner</u> of Lucknow, who is an <u>IAS officer</u> of high seniority, the <u>Commissioner</u> 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. The <u>District Magistrate</u> of Lucknow reports to the <u>Divisional Commissioner</u>. The current Commissioner is Prabhu Narayan Singh[64][65]

Lucknow district administration is headed by the <u>District Magistrate</u> of Lucknow, who is an <u>IAS officer</u>. The DM is in charge of property records and revenue collection for the central government and oversees the <u>elections</u> held in the city. The district has five <u>tehsils</u>, viz. Sadar, Mohanlalganj, Bakshi ka Talab, Malihabad and Sarojini Nagar, each headed by a <u>Sub-Divisional Magistrate</u> The current <u>DM</u> is Animesh kumar Pandey The <u>DM</u> is also responsible for maintaining law and order in the city, hence the SSP of Lucknow also reports to the <u>DM</u> of Lucknow [59][67][68][69][70] The District Magistrate is assisted by a Chief Development Officer (CDO), eight Additional District Magistrates (ADM) (Finance/Revenue, East, West Trans-Gomti, Executive, Land Acquisition-I, Land Acquisition-II, Civil Supply), one City Magistrate (CM) and seven Additional City Magistrates (ACM)

Police administration

Lucknow district comes under the Lucknow Police Zone and Lucknow Police Range, Lucknow Zone is headed by an Additional Director General ranked IPS officer, and the Lucknow Range is headed Inspector General ranked IPS officer. The current ADG, Lucknow Zone is Abhay Kumar Prasad, [71] and IG, Lucknow Range is Ajay Narain Singh. [72]

The district police is headed by a Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), who is an IPS officer, and is assisted by ten Superintendents of Police (SP)/Additional Superintendents of Police (Addl. SP) (East, West, North, Trans-Gomti, Rural Area, Crime, Traffic, Security, Protocol and Modern Control Room), who are either IPS officers or PPS officers. Each of the several police circles is headed by a Circle Officer (CO) in the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police. The current SSP is Deepak Kumar.

The district police keeps the citizens under watch through high-technology control rooms and all important streets and intersections are under surveillance with the help of CCTVs and drone cameras. [74] Mob controlling is carried out with the help of pepper spraying drones. [75] There are more than 10,000 CCTV cameras deployed by the Lucknow Police Department across the city roads and trijunctions, making Lucknow the first city in the country to do so. [76] The Lucknow Modern Police Control Room (abbreviated as MCR) is India's biggest [Dial 100' service centre with 300 communication officers to receive distress calls from all over the state and 200 dispatch officers to rush for police help. [77] It is billed as the India's most hi-tech police control room. [78] Lucknow is also the center for 1090 Women Power line, a call center based service directed at dealing with eve-teasing. An Integrated 'Dial 100' Control Room building is also under construction which when completed will be the world's biggest modern Police Emergency Response System (PERS). [79]

The Lucknow Fire Brigade department is headed by the Chief Fire Officer, who is subordinate to the District Magistrate and is assisted by a Deputy Chief Fire Officers and Divisional Officers.

Infrastructure and civic administration

The development of infrastructure in the city is overseen by Lucknow Development Authority (LDA), which comes under the Housing Department of <u>Uttar Pradesh</u> government. The <u>Divisional Commissioner</u> Lucknow acts as the *ex-officio* Chairman of LDA, whereas a Vice Chairman, a government-appointed <u>IAS officer</u>, looks after the daily matters of the authority The current Vice-Chairman of Lucknow Development Authority is Prabhu Narayan Sing[80][81]

The Lucknow Municipal Corporations 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 a Uttar Pradesh government-appointed Provincial Civil Service (PCS) officer of high seniority. The post Mayor of Lucknow is currently vacant and the Municipal Commissioner is Udairaj Sing[82][83]

Central government offices

Since 1 May 1963, Lucknow has been the headquarters of the Central Command of the Indian Army, before which it was the headquarters of Eastern Command [84]

Lucknow also houses a branch office of National Investigation Agency which is responsible for combating terrorist activities in India. [85] It oversees five states of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh for Naxal and terrorist activities.

The Commission of Railway Safety of India, under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, has its head office in the Northeast Railway Compound in Lucknow [87]

Politics

As the seat of the government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow is the site of the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha, a bench of the Allahabad High Courtand numerous government departments and agencies.^[88]

The city spans an area stretching from the Mohanlalganj (Lok Sabha constituency) in the south to Bakshi Ka Talab in the north and Kakori in the east. Lucknow Urban Agglomeration (LUA) includes <u>Lucknow Municipal Corporation</u>^[89] and Lucknow Cantonment with executive power vested in the <u>municipal commissioner</u> of Lucknow, who is PCS officer. The corporation comprises elected members (corporators elected from the wards directly by the people) with the city mayor as its head. An assistant municipal commissioner oversees each ward for administrative purposes. The city elects members to the Lok Sabha as well as the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha (State Assembly). As of 2008, there were 110 wards in the city.



Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha

Morphologically, three clear demarcations exist; the <u>Central business district</u>, which is a fully built up area, comprises <u>Hazratganj</u>, <u>Aminabad</u> and Chowk A middle zone surrounds the inner zone with cement houses while the outer zone consists of slums.^[90] Lucknow has two Lok Sabha Constituencies Lucknow and Mohanlalganj and nine Vidhan Sabha constituencies.^[91]

The current Member of Parliament from Lucknow is Rajnath Singh.

Transport

Roads

Two major Indian National Highways have their intersection at Lucknow's <u>Hazratganj</u> intersection: <u>NH-24</u> to Delhi, <u>NH-30</u> to <u>Allahabad</u> via <u>Raebareli, NH-27</u> to <u>Porbandar</u> via <u>Jhansi</u> and <u>Silchar via Gorakhpur. [92]</u> Multiple modes of public transport are available such as metro rail, taxis, city buses, cycle rickshaws, auto rickshaws and compressed natural gas (<u>CNG</u>) low floor buses with and without air conditioning. CNG was introduced as an auto fuel to keep air pollution under control. Radio Taxis are operated by several major companies like Ola and Uber



The roads of Lucknow (Gomti Nagar in picture)

City buses

Lucknow city's bus service is operated by <u>Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation</u> (UPSRTC), a public sector passenger road transport corporation headquartered in Mahatma Gandhi road. It has 300 CNG buses operating in the city. There are around 35 routes in the city. [93] Terminals for city buses are located in Gudamba, Viraj Khand, Alambagh,

Scooter India, Institute of Engineering and Echnology, Babu Banarasi Das University Safedabad, Pasi qila, Charbagh, Andhe Ki Chowki, and the Budheshwar Intersection. There are four bus depots in Gomti Nagar Charbagh, Amausi, and Dubagga. [94]

Inter-state buses

The major Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Inter-state Bus Terminal (ISBT) in Alambagh provides the main inter and intrastate bus lines in Lucknow. Located on National Highway 25, it provides adequate services to ongoing and incoming customers. There is a smaller bus station at Qaiserbagh. The bus terminal formally operated at Charbagh, in front of the main railway station, has now been re-established as a city bus depot. This decision was taken by the state government and UPSRTC to decongest traffic in the railway station area. Kanpur Lucknow Roadways Service is a key service for daily commuters who travel back and forth to the city for business and educational purposes. Air conditioned "Royal Cruiser" buses manufactured by Wov are operated by UPSRTC for inter state bus services. Main cities served by the UPSRC intrastate bus service are Allahabad, Varanasi, Jaipur, Jhansi, Agra, Delhi, Gorakhpur. The cities outside Uttar Pradesh that are covered by inter-state bus services are Jaipur, New Delhi, Kota, Singrauli, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Dausa, Ajmer, Dehradun, and Haridwar. [95]

Railways

Lucknow is served by several railway stations in different parts of the city. The main long-distance railway station is <u>Lucknow Railway Station</u> located at Charbagh. It has an imposing structure built in 1923 and acts as the divisional headquarters of th<u>Northern Railway</u> division. Its neighbouring and second major long-distance railway station is <u>Lucknow Junction railway station</u> operated by the <u>North Eastern Railway</u>. The city is an important junction with links to all major cities of the state and country such as New Delhi, <u>Mumbai</u>, <u>Hyderabad</u>, <u>Kolkata</u>, <u>Chandigarh</u>, <u>Amritsar</u>, <u>Jammu</u>, <u>Chennai</u>, <u>Bangalore</u>, <u>Ahmedabad</u>, <u>Pune</u>, <u>Indore</u>, <u>Bhopal</u>, <u>Jhansi</u>, <u>Jabalpur</u>, <u>Jaipur</u>, <u>Raipur</u> and <u>Siwan</u>. The city has a total of fourteen railway stations in different parts of the city.

Except for Mohibullapur all stations are connected to<u>broad gauge</u> and metre gauge railways. All stations lie within the city limits and are well interconnected by bus services and other public road transport. Suburban stations include Bakshi Ka Talab and Kakori. The <u>Lucknow–Kanpur Suburban Railway</u> was started in 1867 to cater for the needs of commuters travelling between Lucknow and Kanpur. Trains running on this service also stop at numerous stations at different locations in the city forming a suburban rail network.

Air transport

Direct air connections are available in Lucknow to New Delhi, Patna, Kolkata, Mumbai, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Chennai, Guwahati, Jaipur, Raipur and other major cities via Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport. The airport has been ranked the second best in the world in small airport category. [98] The airport is suitable for all-weather operations and provides parking facilities for up to 50 aircraft. At present, Air India, Air India Express, Jet AirGoAir, IndiGo, Saudi Airlines, Flydubai, Oman Air and Air Vistara operate domestic and international flights to and from Lucknow. Covering 1,187 acres (480 ha), with Terminal 1 for international flights and Terminal 2 for domestic flights, the airport can handle Boeing 767 to Boeing 747-400 aircraft allowing significant passenger and cargo traffic. [99][100] International destinations include Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Muscat, Riyadh, Singapore, Bangkok, Dammam and Jeddah. [101]

The Planned expansion of the airport will allow <u>Airbus A380</u> jumbo jets to land at the airport; the <u>Airport Authority of India</u>is also planning to expand the international terminal to increase passenger traic capacity. There is also a plan for runway expansion. It is the 10th-busiest airport in India, busiest in <u>Uttar Pradesh</u>, and second-busiest in North India.



<u>Lucknow Metro</u> is a <u>rapid transit system</u> which started its operations from 6 September 2017. Lucknow Metro system is the fastest built metro system in the world^[102] and most economical high-speed rapid transit system project in India^[103] The commencement of civil works started on 27 September 201^[104]

In February, Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav gave the approval to set up a metro rail system for the state capital. It is divided into two corridors with the North-South corridor connecting Munshipulia to CCS International Airport and the East-West corridor connecting Charbagh Railway Station to Vasant Kunj. This will be the most expensive public transport system in the state but will provide a rapid means of mass transport to decongest traffic on city roads. Construction of the first phase will be complete by March 2017. The completion of metro rail project is the primary object of Uttar Pradesh government currently headed by the chief minister Yogi Adityanath [105]

On 5 September 2017, Home Minister Rajnath Singh and CM Yogi Adityanath showed green flag to the Lucknow Metro. [106]



Lucknow is among the most bicycle-friendly cities in Uttar Pradesh. Bike-friendly tracks have been established near the Chief Minister's residence in the city. The four-and-a-half-kilometretrack encompasses La-Martiniere College Road next to Golf Club on Kalidas Marg, where the Chief Minister resides, and Vikramaditya Marg, which houses the office of the ruling party. The dedicated four-metre-wide lane for cyclists is separate from the footpath and the main road. With Amsterdam as the inspiration, new cycle tracks are to be constructed in the city to make it more cycle-friendly, with facilities like bike rental also in the works. [107][108] In the year 2015, Lucknow also hosted a national level cycling event called 'The Lucknow Cyclothon' in which professional and amateur cyclists took part. [109] An under-construction cycle track network by the Government Of Uttar Pradesh is set to make Lucknow the city with India's biggest cycle network. [110]



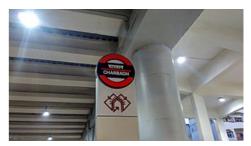
Lucknow Railway Station



Terminal-2, CCS International Airport



Terminal-2, CCS International Airport



Charbagh Metro Station

Demographics

Religion in Lucknow (2011) ^{[112][113]}					
Religion		Percent			
Hinduism		71.71%			
Islam		26.36%			
Sikhism		0.76%			
Christianity		0.58%			
Others		0.59%			

The population of Lucknow Urban Agglomeration (LUA) rose above one million in 1981, while the 2001 census estimated it had risen to 2.24 million. This included about 60,000 people in the Lucknow Cantonment and 2.18 million in Lucknow city and represented an increase of 34.53% over the 1991 figure [114]

Population growth				
Census	Pop.	%±		
1871	284,800	_		
1881	261,300	-8.3%		
1891	273,000	4.5%		
1901	264,000	-3.3%		
1911	259,800	-1.6%		

According to the provisional report of $\underline{2011}$ Census of India, Lucknow city had a population of 2,815,601, of which 1,470,133 were men and 1,345,468 women. This was an increase of 25.36% compared to the 2001 figures.

Between 1991 and 2001, the population registered growth of 32.03%, significantly lower than the 37.14% which was registered between 1981 and $1991^{[117]}$ The initial provisional data suggests a population density of 1,815 per km² in 2011, compared to 1,443 in $2001^{[117]}$ As the total area covered by the Lucknow district is only about 2,528 square kilometres (976 sq mi), the population density was much than the 690 persons per km² recorded at the state level. The <u>Scheduled Caste</u> population of the state represented 21.3% of the total population, a figure higher than the state average of 21.15% [118][119]

The sex ratio in Lucknow city stood at 915 females per 1000 males in 201, compared to the 2001 census figure of 888. The average national sex ratio in India is 940 according to the Census 2011 Directorate. In the city has a total literacy level in 2011 of 84.72% compared to 67.68% for Uttar Pradesh as a whole. In 2001 these same figures stood at 75.98% and 56.27%. In Lucknow city, the total literate population totalled 2,147,564 people of which 1,161,250 were male and 986,314 were female. Despite the fact that the overall work participation rate in the district (32.24%) is higher than the

1921	240,600	-7.4%
1931	274,700	14.2%
1941	387,177	40.9%
1951	496,900	28.3%
1961	595,400	19.8%
1971	814,000	36.7%
1981	1,007,604	23.8%
1991	1,669,204	65.7%
2001	2,245,509	34.5%
2011	2,902,601	29.3%
source:[111]		

state average (23.7%), the rate among females in Lucknow is very low at only 5.6% and shows a decline from the 1991 figure of 5.5%. [122]

Architecture

Lucknow's buildings show different styles of architecture with the many iconic buildings built during the British and Mughal era. More than half of these buildings lie in the old part of the city. The Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department organises a "Heritage Walk" for tourists covering the popular monuments. Among the extant architecture, there are religious buildings such as Imambaras, mosques, and other Islamic shrines as well as secular structures such as enclosed gardens, baradaris, and palace complexes.

Bara Imambara in Hussainabad is a colossal edifice built in 1784 by the then Nawab of Lucknow, Asaf-ud-Daula It was originally built to provide assistance to people affected by the deadly famine, which struck the whole of Uttar Pradesh in the same year. It is the largest hall in Asia without any external support from wood, iron or stone beams. The monument required approximately 22,000 labourers during construction.

The 60 feet (18 m) tall Rumi Darwaza, built by Nawab Asaf-ud-daula (r. 1775–1797) in 1784, served as the entrance to the city of Lucknow. It is also known as the Turkish Gateway, as it was erroneously thought to be identical to the gateway at Constantinople The edifice provides the west entrance to the Great Imambara and is embellished with lavish decorations. [128]

Styles of architectures from various cultures can be seen in the historical places of Lucknow. The <u>University of Lucknow</u> shows a huge inspiration from the European style while <u>Indo-Saracenic Revival architecture</u> is prominently present in the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha building and Charbagh Railway station. <u>Dilkusha Kothi</u> is the remains of a palace constructed by the British resident Major <u>Gore Ouseley</u> around 1800 and showcases an example of <u>English Baroque</u> architecture. It served as a hunting lodge for the <u>Nawab of Awadhs</u> and as a summer resort.

The <u>Chattar Manzil</u>, which served as the palace for the rulers of Awadh and their wives is topped by an umbrella-like dome and so named on account of *Chattar* being the Hindi word for "umbrella". Opposite Chattar Manzil stands the 'Lal Baradari' built by Nawab <u>Saadat Ali Khan I</u> between 1789 and 1814. It functioned as a throne room at coronations for the royal courts. The building is now used as a museum and contains delicately executed portraits of men who played major roles in the administration of the kingdom of Oudh.

Another example of mixed architectural styles is <u>La Martiniere College</u>, which shows a fusion of Indian and European ideas. It was built by Major-General <u>Claude Martin</u> who was born in <u>Lyon</u> and died in Lucknow on 13 September 1800. Originally named "Constantia", the ceilings of the building are domed with no wooden beams used for construction. [130] Glimpses of <u>Gothic architecture</u> can also be seen in the college building.

Lucknow's <u>Asafi Imambara</u> exhibits vaulted halls as its architectural speciality. The Bara Imambara, Chhota Imambara and Rumi Darwaza stand in testament to the city's Nawabi mixture of Mughlai and Turkish style of architecture while La Martiniere college bears witness to the Indo-European style. Even the new buildings are fashioned using characteristic domes and pillars, and at night these illuminated monuments become the city's main attraction [3:2]

Around <u>Hazratganj</u>, the city's central shopping area, there is a fusion of old and modern architecture. It has a multi-level parking lot in place of an old and dilapidated police station making way for extending the corridors into well-aligned pebbled pathways, adorned with piazzas, green areas and wrought-iron Tall, beautifully crafted cast-iron lamp-posts, reminiscent of the <u>Victorian era</u>, flank both sides of the street. [133]



Skyline of Lucknow as seen from Gomti Nagar



Ghanta Ghar, the tallest clock tower in India



Multi-storey apartments

Culture

In common with other metropolitan cities across India, Lucknow is multicultural and home to people who use different dialects and languages. [134][135] Many of the cultural traits and customs peculiar to Lucknow have become living legends today. The city's contemporary culture is the result of the amalgamation of the Hindu and Muslim rulers who ruled the place simultaneously. The credit for this goes to the secular and syncretic traditions of the Nawabs of Awadh, who took a keen interest in every

walk of life and encouraged these traditions to attain a rare degree of sophistication. Modern day Lucknowites are known for their polite and polished way of speaking which is noticed by visitors. The residents of Lucknow call themselves *Lucknowites* or *Lakhnavi*.^[136] It also represents the melting pot of globalization where the legacy of Nawab's culture continues to be reflected in the traditional vocabulary of the Hindi language of the city along with better avenues for modernization present here.

Traditional Outfit

Lucknow is famous for its shararas. It is a traditional women's outfit that originated from the Nawabs of Awadh. [137] It is a pair of loose trousers with pleats below the knee worn with a kurta (shirt) and a dupatta (veil). It is embroidered with zari and zardozi along with gota (decorative lace on knee area). This dress is made from over 24 metres of fabric, mostly silk, brocade and kamkhwab.

Brijesh Pathak, Minister of Law & Justice and Additional Energy Resources in Uttar Pradesh, inaugurating the bada mangal festivities at UPNEDA ofice in Vibhuti Khand (May 2017)

Language and poetry

Although Uttar Pradesh's primary official language is <u>Hindi</u>, the most commonly spoken language is colloquial <u>Hindustani. [138]</u> Indian English is also well understood and is widely used for business and administrative purposes, as a result of <u>India's British heritage</u> and <u>Commonwealth tradition</u> as well as globalisation. The Urdu language is also a part of Lucknowi culture and heritage. It is mostly used by wealthier families, the remaining members of the royal family as well as in <u>Urdu poetry</u> and on public signs. The government has taken many innovative steps to promote Urdu. [139] <u>Awadhi</u>, a dialect of the Hindi <u>dialect continuum</u> has played an important role in Lucknow's history and is still used in the city's rural areas and by the urban population on the streets. [140]

Historically, Lucknow was considered one of the great centres of Muslim culture. [141][142] Two poets, Mir Babar Ali Anis and Mirza Dabeer, became legendary exponents of a unique genre of Muslim elegiacal poetry called $\underline{\textit{marsiya}}$ centred on Imam Husain's supreme sacrifice in the Battle of Karbala, which is commemorated during the annual observance of Muharram. [143]



Free food being distributed on a Bada Mangal (May 2017). Bada Mangal is a ritual specific only to Lucknow.

The revolutionary Ram Prasad Bismil, who was hanged by the British at Gorakhpur jail, was largely influenced by the culture of Lucknow and remembered its name in his poetry. [144] Surrounding towns such as Kakori, Daryabad, Fatehpur, Barabanki, Rudauli, and Malihabad produced many eminent Urdu poets and litterateurs including Mohsin Kakorvi, Majaz, Khumar Barabankvi and Josh Malihabadi [145]

Cuisine

The Awadh region has its own distinct "Nawabi"-style cuisine. Since ages, the *Bawarchis* (Chefs) and *Rakabdars* (royal chefs)have developed great finesse in cooking and presentation of food, under royal patronage. This gave rise to the art of cooking over a slow fire (or *Dum* style cooking), which has become synonymous with "Awadhi" cuisine. These*Bawarchis* added elaborately prepared dishes like *kababs*, *kormas*, *kaliya*, *nahari-kulchas*, *zarda*, *sheermal*, *roomali rotis* and *warqi parathas* to the traditional "Awadhi" *dastarkhwaan* (feast of dishes). [146] The best-known dishes of this area consist of biryanis, kebabs and breads. Kebabs are served in a variety of styles; *kakori*, *galawati*, *shami*, *boti*, *patili-ke*, *ghutwa* and *seekh* are among the available varieties. [146] Tunde ke kabab restaurants are popular for a type of soft kebab developed by a one-armed chef (hence the name Tunday) for a Nawab who had lost his teeth. [147] The reputation of Lucknow's kebabs is not limited to the local population and the dish attracts people not only from other cities but also from other countril.



Tunday's Gelawati Kababs, Lucknow's speciality

Lucknow is also famous for its delicious chaats, street food, kulfi, paan and sweets. Nahari, a dish prepared using mutton, is very popular among non-vegetarians. Sheermal is a type of sweet bread (paratha) prepared in Lucknow. Makkhan-malai is another sweet delicacy of Lucknow made and sold only during winters. Some restaurants in the city are around 100 years old; there are also many high-end restaurants, bakeries, lounges and pubs which cater to the here city are around 100 years old; there are also many high-end restaurants, bakeries, lounges and pubs which cater to the here city are around 100 years old; there are also many high-end restaurants, bakeries, lounges and pubs which cater to the here city are considered to the here city are city and city are city and city are city and city are city and city are city are city and city are city and city are city are city are city and city are city are city and city are city are city are city are city are city and city are city and city are city are city are city are city are city and city are city and city are city a

Festivals

Common Indian Festivals such as Christmas, Diwali, Durga Puja, Eid, Holi, Raksha Bandhan, Vijayadashami are celebrated with great pomp and show in the city. [149] Some of the other festivals or processions are as follows:

Lucknow Mahotsav

Lucknow Festival is organised every year to showcase Uttar Pradesh art and culture and to promote tourism. [150] With 1975–76 designated South Asian Tourism Year, Lucknow took the opportunity to promote the city's art, culture and tourism to national and international tourists. The first Lucknow Festival was staged as a part of this promotion and ever since, with some exceptions, Lucknow Mahotsava has taken place annual [151]

Lucknow Literature Festival

This is an annual literature festival held in the month of November every year since 2013. Lucknow LitFest is India's second largest literature festival featuring some of the greatest writers & thinkers from across the glob^[152]

Muharram

Lucknow is known as a seat of <u>Shia Islam</u> and the epitome of Shia culture in India. Muslims observe Muharram, the first month of the Islamic calendar and on Ashura (the 10th day of the month) mourn the memory of <u>Imam Husain</u>, grandson

of the Islamic prophet, Muhammad. [153] Muharram processions in Lucknow have a special significance and began during the reign of the Awadh Nawabs.

Processions such as *Shahi Zarih*, *Jaloos-e-Mehndi*, *Alam-e-Ashura* and *Chup Tazia* had special significance for the Shia community and were affected with great religious zeal and fervour until in 1977 the government of Uttar Pradesh banned public Azadari processions. For the following twenty years, processions and gatherings took place in private or community spaces including Talkatora karbala, <u>Bara Imambara</u> (Imambara Asifi), <u>Chota Imambara</u> (Imambara Husainabad), Dargah Hazrat Abbas, Shah Najaf and <u>Imambara Ghufran Ma'ab</u>. The ban was partially lifted in 1997 and Shias were successful in taking out the first Azadari procession in January 1998 on the 21st of <u>Ramadan</u>, the Muslim fasting month. The Shias are authorised to stage nine processions out of the nine hundred that are listed in the register of the Shias.^[154]

Chup Tazia

The procession originated in Lucknow before spreading to other parts of South Asia. Dating back to the era of the Nawabs, it was started by Nawab Ahmed Ali Khan Sahukat Yar Jung a descendant of Bahu Begum. It has become one of the most important Azadari processions in Lucknow and one of the nine permitted by the government. This last mourning procession takes place on the morning of the 8th of Rabi' al-awwal, the third Muslim month and includes alam (flags), Zari and a ta'zieh (an imitation of an imitation of the mausoleums in Karbala). It originates at the Imambara Nazim Saheb in Victoria Street then moves in complete silence through Patanala until it terminates at the Karbala Kazmain, where the colossal blacka'zieh is buried. [155]

■ <u>Bada Mangal</u> festival is celebrated in the month of May as a birthday of ancient Hanuman temple known as Purana Mandin this festival fairs are conducted by the local public in the whole cityBhandaras are organized by local people almost in all streets across the city which serves free food to all the passerbys irrespective of religion. Many of the Muslim Community also set up these bhandaras. It is celebrated in the name of Hindu God Lord Hanuman and reflects the Ganga Jamuni Thzeeb. [155]

Dance, drama and music

The classical Indian dance form *Kathak* took shape in Lucknow ^[156] Wajid Ali Shah, the last Nawab of Awadh, was a great patron and a passionate champion of *Kathak*. <u>Lachhu Maharaj</u>, Acchchan Maharaj, <u>Shambhu Maharaj</u>, and <u>Birju Maharaj</u> have kept this tradition alive ^[157] [158]

Lucknow is also the home city of the eminent <code>ghazal</code> singer <code>Begum Akhtar</code>. A pioneer of the style, "Ae Mohabbat Tere anjaam pe rona aaya" is one of her best known musical renditions.

Bhatkande Music Institute University at Lucknow is named after the musician <code>Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande</code> Bhartendu Academy of Dramatic Arts (BNA), also known as Bhartendu Natya Academy, is a theatre training institute situated at Gomti Nagar. It is a deemed university and an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Culture, Government of Uttar Pradesh. It was set up in 1975 by the Sangeet Natak Akademy (Government of Uttar Pradesh), and became an independent drama school in 1977.

Apart from government institutes, there are many private theatre groups including IPTA, Theatre Arts Workshop (TAW), Darpan, Manchkriti and the largest youth theatre group, Josh. This is a group for young people to experience theatre activities, workshops and training.

Lucknow is also the birthplace of musicians including Naushad, Talat Mahmood, Anup Jalota, and Baba Sehgal as well as British pop celebrity SirCliff Richard. [163]



A dancer posing during akathak dance sequence. The dance has its origins in Northern India and especially Lucknow

Lucknow Chikan

Lucknow is known for embroidery works including hikankari, zari, zardozi, kamdani, and gota making (gold lace weaving). [164]

Chikankari is a popular embroidery work well known all over India. This 400-year-old art in its present form was developed in Lucknow and it remains the only location where the skill is practised today. Chikankari constitutes 'shadow work' and is a very delicate and artistic hand embroidery done using white thread on fine white cotton cloth such as fine muslin or chiffon. Yellowish muga silk is sometimes used in addition to the white thread. The work is done on caps, kurtas, saris, scarfs, and other vestments. The chikan industry, almost unknown under the Nawabs, has not only survived but is flourishing. About 2,500 entrepreneurs are engaged in manufacturing chikan for sale in local, national and international markets with Lucknow the lagest exporter of chikan embroidered garments.

As a sign of recognition, in December 2008, the Indian Geographical Indication Registry (GIR) accorded Geographical Indication (GI) status for *chikankari*, recognising Lucknow as the exclusive hub for its manufacture. [167]

Quality of life

Lucknow was ranked "India's second happiest city" in a survey conducted by <u>IMRB International</u> and <u>LG Corporation</u>, after only <u>Chandigarh</u>. It fared better than other metropolitan cities in India including <u>New Delhi</u>, <u>Bangalore</u> and <u>Chennai</u>. Lucknow was found to be better than other cities in areas such as food, transit and overall citizen satisfaction. [168][169]

Education

Lucknow is home to a number of prominent educational and research organisations including Indian Institute of Management Lucknow (IIM-L), Indian Institute of Information Technology, Lucknow (IIIT-L), Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET Lko), Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University (RMNLU), Institute of Hotel Management, Lucknow (IHM), Sanjay

Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGI), Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences and King George's Medical University (KGMU). The National P. G. College (NPGC), affiliated to the University of Lucknow, is ranked as the second best college imparting formal education in the country by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council [171]

Educational institutions in the city include seven universities including the University of Lucknow, a Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University a technical university (Uttar Pradesh Technical University), a law university (RMLNLU), an islamic university (DUNU) and a large number of polytechnics, engineering institutes and industrial training institutes. [172] Other research organisations in the state include the Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Central Food Technological Research Institute and the Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute.

Some of Uttar Pradesh's major schools are located in Lucknow including <u>Delhi Public School</u> having its branches in Eldeco, Indiranagar <u>City Montessori School</u>, <u>Colvin Taluqdars' College</u>, Centennial Higher Secondary School, <u>St. Francis' College</u>, <u>Loreto Convent Lucknow</u>, St. Mary's Convent Inter College, Kendriya Vidyalaya, <u>Lucknow Public School</u>, Stella Maris Inter College, <u>Seth M.R. Jaipuria School</u> Cathedral School, Mary Gardiner's Convent School, Modern School, Amity International School, St. Agnes, Army Public School, Mount Carmel College, Study Hall, Christ Church College, Rani Laxmi Bai School and Central Academy

<u>City Montessori School</u>, with over 20 branches spread throughout the city, is the only school in the world to have been awarded a UNESCO Prize for Peace Education. CMS also holds a Guinness World Record for being the largest school in the world with over 40,000 pupils. The school consistently ranks among the top schools of India.



Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow



La Martiniere College

<u>La Martiniere Lucknow</u>, founded in 1845, is the only school in the world to have been awarded a <u>battle honour</u>. [178] It is one of the oldest and most reputed schools in India, often ranked among the top ten schools in the country. [179][180] Lucknow also has a sports college named <u>Guru Gobind</u> Singh Sports College



Central Drug Research Institute



Amity University Lucknow Campus, also known as Mango Orchard Campus

Media

Lucknow has had an influence on the Hindi film industry as the birthplace of poet, dialogue writer and script writer K. P. Saxena, Suresh Chandra Shukla born 10 February 1954^[181] along with veteran Bollywood and Bengali film actor Pahari Sanyal, who came from the city's well known Sanyal family. [182][183] Several movies have used Lucknow as their backdrop including Shashi Kapoor's Junoon, Muzaffar Ali's Umrao Jaan and Gaman, Satyajit Ray's Shatranj ke khiladi. Ismail Merchant's Shakespeare Wallah, PAA and Shailendra Pandey's JD. [184][185][186] In the movie Gadar: Ek Prem Katha Lucknow was used to depict Pakistan, [187] with locations including Lal Pul, the Taj Hotel and the Rumi Darwaza used in Tanu Weds Manu. [188] Some parts of Ladies vs Ricky Bahl, Bullett Raja, [189] Ishaqzaade [190] Ya Rab and Dabangg 2 were shot in Lucknow or at other sites nearby. [191] A major section of the Bollywood movie, Daawat-e-Ishq starring Aditya Roy Kapur and Parineeti Chopra was shot in the city. [192] as was Baawre, an Indian TV drama, airing on the Life OK channel. The government has announced to develop two film cities in Lucknow. [193] Here are some newspaper companies working and give online news services to the news readers includin mar Ujala, [194] Dainik Jagran, Hindustan Times, The Times of India and Dainik Bhaskar.

<u>The Pioneer</u> newspaper, headquartered in Lucknow and started in 1865, is the second oldest English language newspaper in India still in production. The Country's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehrufounded *The National Herald* in the city prior to World War II with Manikonda Chalapathi Rauas its editor. 1969

One of the earliest <u>All India Radio</u> stations has been operational in Lucknow since 1938^{197}

FM radio transmission started in Lucknow in 2000. The city has the following FM radio station [198]

- Radio City 91.1 MHz
- Red FM 93.5 MHz
- Radio Mirchi 98.3 MHz
- AIR FM Rainbow 100.7 MHz
- Fever 104 FM 104.0 MHz
- Gyan Vani 105.6 MHz (Educational)
- AIR FM Vividh Bharti 101.6 MHz
- CMS FM 90.4 MHz (Educational)
- Mirchi Love 107.2 FM
- BBDU FM 90.8 MHz (Babu Banarsi Das University broadcast station)

"My Lucknow My Pride" is a mobile app launched by the district administration of Lucknow circa December 2015 in efforts to preserve "the cultural heritage of Lucknow" and to encourage tourism[199][200][201][202]

Sports

Today cricket, association football, badminton, golf and ockey are among the most popular sports in the city

The main sports hub is the K. D. Singh Babu Stadium, which also has a swimming pool and indoor games complex. The other stadiums are Dhyan Chand Astroturf Stadium, Mohammed Shahid Synthetic Hockey Stadium, Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta Stadium at Northern India Engineering College, [203] Babu Banarsi Das UP Badminton Academy, Charbagh, Mahanagar, Chowk and the Sports College near theIntegral University.

In September 2017, Ekana International Cricket Stadium was opened to public as it hosted 2017-18 Duleep Trophy. On 06th November 2018 Ekana International Cricket Stadium will host its first T20 international match between Indian national cricket team and West Indies cricket team It is the second largest stadium in India by capacity after Kolkata's Eden Gardens. [204][205] For decades Lucknow hosted the Sheesh Mahal Cricket Tournament.



K. D. Singh Babu Stadium, Lucknow

Lucknow is the Headquarter for the <u>Badminton Association of India</u>. Located in Gomti Nagar, It was formed in 1934 and has been holding national-level tournaments in India since 1936. Syed Modi Grand Prix is an international Badminton competition held here. Junior level Badminton players receive their training in Lucknow after which they are sent to Bangalore^{[206][207]}

The Lucknow Race Course in Lucknow Cantonment is spread over 70.22 acres (28.42 ha); the course's 3.2 kilometres (2.0 mi) long race track is the longest in Indael

The Lucknow Golf Club is on the sprawling greens of La Martinière College

The city has produced several national and world-class sporting personalities. Lucknow sports hostel has produced international-level cricketers Mohammad Kaif, Piyush Chawla, Suresh Raina, Gyanendra Pandey, Praveen Kumar and R. P. Singh. Other notable sports personalities include hockey Olympians K. D. Singh, Jaman Lal Sharma, Mohammed Shahidand Ghaus Mohammad the tennis player who became the first Indian to reach the quarter finals a Wimbledon. [209]

City-based clubs

Club	Sport	Team	Homeground	Founded
Awadhe Warriors	Badminton	Premier Badminton League	Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium	2015
Uttar Pradesh Wizards	Field hockey	Hockey India League	Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, Lucknow	2012
UP Yoddha	Kabaddi	Pro Kabaddi League	Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium Lucknow	2017

Parks and recreation

The city has parks and recreation areas managed by the Lucknow Development Authority. These^[210] include <u>Kukrail</u> Reserve Forest, Qaisar Bagh, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Park, the <u>Ambedkar Memorial</u> and Janeshwar Mishra park, the largest park in Asia. It boasts of lush greenery, a man-made lake, India's longest cycling and jogging track and a variety of flora. The Plan is also to set up a giant Ferris wheel inside the park on the lines of London Eye, which would provide a panoramic view of the city. [211] Kukrail Picnic Spot (Crocodile Breeding sanctuary) Located at Area near to Lucknow Indiranagar Area. This is the Asia's Largest Crocodile breeding center. This along with small zoological Zoo and ample open space makes it unique for picnic and dating purposes.



Man made lake in Janeshwar Mishra Park

Sister cities

Lucknow has sister city relationship with Brisbane, Australia [212]

Country	City	State / region
Australia	Brisbane	Queensland

Notable individuals

Historical places

- Bara Imambara
- Chhota Imambara
- Imambara Ghufran Ma'ab
- Aminabad
- Colvin Taluqdars' College
- La Martiniere Lucknow
- Isabella Thoburn College
- Qaisar Bagh

- Rumi Darwaza
- Shah Najaf Imambara
- Dargah of Hazrat Abbas
- Dilkusha Kothi
- Karbala of Dayanat-ud-Daulah
- Tomb of Mir Babar Ali Anis
- Imambara Sibtainabad (Magbara of Amjad Ali Shah)
- Rauza Kazmain
- Residency
- All Saints Garrison Church, Lucknow
- Alambagh
- Begum Hazrat MahalPark

See also

- Lucknow portal
- Amir-ud-daula Public Library
- List of shopping malls in Lucknow
- List of tallest buildings in Lucknow
- List of cities in India by population
- List of million-plus urban agglomerations in India
- List of twin towns and sister cities in India
- Bharwara Sewage Treatment Plant

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