

Kanpur

Kanpur (/ˈkɑːnpʊər/ [ⓘ] pronunciation ; formerly **Cawnpore**) is the 11th most populous urban agglomeration in India, largest urban agglomeration in Uttar Pradesh, 12th most populous city in India, and the second largest city in the state of Uttar Pradesh after Lucknow, and the most populous metropolis in Uttar Pradesh. The city is the administrative headquarters of Kanpur Nagar district and Kanpur division.

The name of the city is believed be a variation of *Kānh-pur*, meaning "town of Kānh or Krishna"^[5] Other theories are that the name is derived from *Karnapur* (meaning "town of Kama", one of the heroes of the *Mahabharata*), or that it came from the nearby town of Makanpur, earlier known as Khairabad, where the Sufi saint of the Madariya Sufi order, Badiuddin Zinda Shah Madaṛ settled.^[6]

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History

In 1207, Raja Kanh Deo of the Kanhpuria clan established the village of Kanhpur, which later came to be known as Kanpur.^[7]^[8]

In 2018, Kanpur was considered by the World Health Organization as the city with the world's worst air pollution.^[9]

1857 uprising

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 Peshwa. They surrendered on the agreement that they would get safe passage to the nearby Satti Chaura Ghat whereupon they would board bages and be allowed to go by river to Allahabad.^[10]

Though controversy surrounds what exactly happened at the Satti Chaura Ghat, and who fired the first shot, it is known that, soon afterwards, the departing British were shot at by the rebel sepoys and were either killed or captured. Some of the British officers later claimed that the rebels 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 rebels to fire upon and kill all 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 pre-planned or ordered the massacre. Some historians believe that the Satti Chaura Ghat massacre was the result of confusion, and not of any plan implemented by Nana Sahib and 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.^[11]

Many were killed and the remaining 200 British women and children were brought back to shore and sent to a building called the Bibighar (the ladies' home). 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

Kanpur Cawnpore	
<div><div><div></div></div></div> <div><div><div><div><div><div>Clockwise from top right:Green Park Stadium; Civil Lines district; Kanpur Police headquarters; Landmark Hotel; Kanpur Memorial Church;JK Temple</div></div></div></div></div></div>	
Nickname(s): "Leather City of the world" ^[1] "Manchester of the India" ^[2]	
<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div><div>Kanpur</div></div></div></div><div></div></div></div></div>	
Coordinates: 26.449923°N 80.331874°E	
Country	 India
State	Uttar Pradesh
Division	Kanpur
District	Kanpur Nagar
Government <div></div>	
 • Mayor	Pramila Pandey (BJP)
 • Divisional Commissioner	Pradeep Kumar Mohanty, IAS
 • District Magistrate and Collector	Vijay Vishwas Pant, IAS
 • Inspector General, Kanpur Range	Alok Singh, IPS
 • DIG/Senior Superintendent of Police	Sonia Singh, IPS
Area <div></div>	
 • Metropolis	403.70 km ² (155.87 sq mi)
Elevation <div></div>	126 m (413 ft)
Population ^[3]	
 • Metropolis	2,767,348

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.^[12] "Remember Cawnpore" became a war cry for British for the rest of the rebellion war

Geography

Metropolitan area

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.^[13] 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

Climate

Climate data for Kanpur													
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Record high °C (°F)	31.1 (88)	35.6 (96.1)	42.8 (109)	45.6 (114.1)	47.2 (117)	47.3 (117.1)	45.0 (113)	40.6 (105.1)	40.0 (104)	40.6 (105.1)	36.1 (97)	31.3 (88.3)	47.3 (117.1)
Average high °C (°F)	23.1 (73.6)	25.9 (78.6)	32.3 (90.1)	38.3 (100.9)	40.7 (105.3)	39.0 (102.2)	33.8 (92.8)	32.9 (91.2)	33.2 (91.8)	33.0 (91.4)	29.4 (84.9)	24.8 (76.6)	32.2 (90)
Average low °C (°F)	7.9 (46.2)	10.3 (50.5)	15.3 (59.5)	21.4 (70.5)	25.4 (77.7)	27.4 (81.3)	26.3 (79.3)	25.9 (78.6)	24.6 (76.3)	19.6 (67.3)	13.0 (55.4)	8.6 (47.5)	18.7 (65.7)
Record low °C (°F)	1.6 (34.9)	0.6 (33.1)	7.2 (45)	11.1 (52)	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 precipitation mm (inches)	18.7 (0.736)	15.7 (0.618)	8.3 (0.327)	7.4 (0.291)	19.8 (0.78)	99.0 (3.898)	300.8 (11.843)	233.1 (9.177)	188.7 (7.429)	53.8 (2.118)	5.1 (0.201)	9.1 (0.358)	959.6 (37.78)
Average rainy days	1.9	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.2	4.6	13.7	10.7	6.8	2.1	0.4	0.7	45.5
Source: India Meteorological Department (record high and low up to 2010) ^{[14][15]}													

Demographics

As per the provisional results of 2011 census, Kanpur city has a population of 2,767,031.^[17] The literacy rate was 84.14 per cent and sex ratio was 842.^[17] The Kanpur urban agglomeration had a population of 2,920,067 with a literacy rate of 83.98% and a sex ratio of 842.^[18]

There are 35 Parsis in Kanpur with their Fire Temple at The Mall.^[19]

Kanpur is majority Hindu with sizeable minorities of Buddhist, Sikh and Muslims.

Administration and Politics

Administration

General administration

Kanpur division which consists of seven 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.^{[32][33][34][35]} The district magistrate of Kanpur reports to the divisional commissioner. The current commissioner is Pradeep Kumar Mohanty^{[20][21][22]}

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.^{[32][36][37][38]} 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.^[39] The district has threetehsils viz. Sadar, Bilhaur and Ghatampur each headed by a sub-divisional magistrate^[39] The current DM is Vjay Vishwas Pant.^{[20][21][22]}

<div> <div> <div>• Rank</div> <div>• Density</div> <div>• Metro^[4]</div> </div> </div>	<div>12th</div> <div>6,900/km² (18,000/sq mi)</div> <div>2,920,496(11th)</div>
Demonym(s)	Kanpurite, Kanpuriya
Time zone	UTC+5:30 (IST)
PIN	208 0xx <div> <div>• 209 2xx</div> <div>• 209 3xx</div> <div>• 209 4xx</div> </div>
Telephone code	0512
Vehicle registration	UP-78 (Kanpur Urban) UP-77 (Kanpur Rural)
Coastline	0 kilometres (0 mi)
Sex ratio	0.855 ♂/♀
Literacy	84.37%
Climate	Cfa (Köppen)
Website	Official District Website

Religion in Kanpur ^[16]		
Religion		Percent
Hinduism	<div><div></div></div>	78.03%
Islam	<div><div></div></div>	19.85%
Sikhism	<div><div></div></div>	1.01%
Christianity	<div><div></div></div>	0.46%
Buddhism	<div><div></div></div>	0.06%
Others	<div><div></div></div>	0.41%

Officials		Police administration
<u>Divisional Commissioner</u>	Pradeep Kumar Mohanty ^{[20][21][22]}	
<u>District Magistrate</u>	Vijay Vishwas Pant ^{[20][21][22]}	
<u>Additional Director General Kanpur Zone</u>	Avanish Chandra ^[23]	
<u>Inspector General Kanpur Range</u>	Alok Singh ^[24]	
<u>DIG/Senior Superintendent of Police</u>	Sonia Singh ^[25]	
<u>Vice Chairman, Kanpur Development Authority</u>	Kinjal Singh ^{[26][27]}	
<u>Mayor</u>	Pramila Pandey ^[28]	
<u>Municipal Commissioner</u>	Avinash Singh ^{[28][29][30]}	
<u>District Judge</u>	Shashi Kant Shukla ^[31]	
<u>Chief Metropolitan Magistrate</u>	Shabistan Aquil ^[31]	

Kanpur district comes under the Kanpur Police Zone and Kanpur Police Range, Kanpur Zone is headed by an additional director general-ranked Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, and the Kanpur Range is headedinspector general-ranked IPS officer. The current ADG, Kanpur Zone is Avanish Chandra,^[23] and IG, Kanpur Range is Alok Singh.^[24]

The district police is headed by adeputy inspector general/senior superintendent of police(DIG/SSP), who is anIPS officer, and is assisted by seven superintendents of police or additional superintendents of police for east, west, south, rural area, crime, traffic and modern control, who are either IPS officers or Provincial Police Service(PPS) officers.^[25] Each of the several police circles is headed by a circle officer (CO) in the rank of deputy superintendent of police.^[25] The current DIG/SSP is Sonia Singh.^[25]

Civic Administration

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.^[40] The current vice-chairman of Kanpur Development Authority is K. Nayendra Pandian.^{[26][27]}

The Kanpur 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 officer of high seniority. The current mayor of Kanpur is Captain (retired) Jagat Vir Singh Drona,^[28] whereas the municipal commissioner is Avinash Singh.^{[28][29][30]}

Judiciary

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 current district judge is Shashi Kant Shukla,^[31] and the current chief metropolitan magistrate is Shabistan Aquil.^[31]

Politics

Kanpur Nagar district encompasses one Lok Sabha constituency and ten Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha constituencies. The current member of parliament in Lok Sabha for Kanpur is Murli Manohar Joshi

Economy and infrastructure

Transport

Airways

Currently Kanpur has three airports, which is the fifth highest in India, behind only Hyderabad, Bangalore, New Delhi and Pune. Kanpur Airport has scheduled commercial flights to Delhi, Mumbai & Kolkata . The nearest International Airport is the Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport at Lucknow, which is around 77.1 km from Kanpur

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 coming under the Allahabad railway division of North Central Railway zone of Indian Railways. Around 300 trains pass through the station daily.^[41] Other railway stations serving the city and its metropolitan region includ Kanpur Anwarganj, Govindpuri, Panki ,Kalyanpur and Chakeri.

Roadways

The city has had chronic problems with maintaining local roads.^[42] There are several important National Highways that pass through Kanpur



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NH No	Route	Total Length
NH 2	Delhi » Mathura » Agra » Kanpur » Allahabad » Varanasi » Mohania » Barhi » Palsit » Dankuni (near Kolkata)	2542
NH 25	Lucknow » Kanpur » Jhansi	352
NH 86	Kanpur » Hamirpur » Mahoba » Chhatarpur » Sagar » Bhopal » Indore	674
NH 91	Ghaziabad » Aligarh » Etah » Kannauj » Kanpur	405
NH 157 (Proposed)	Kanpur » Raebareli » Sultanpur » Shahganj » Azamgarh » Gaura Barhaj » Siwan » Muzaffarpur	581

The UPSRTC Inter State Bus Station (ISBT) of Kanpur officially named as the "Shaheed Major Salman Khan Bus Station". It is locally known as the "Jhakarkati Bus Station". It provides buses to important cities of India.^[43]Other UPSRTC controlled Important Bus stations are Chunniganj Bus Stand for Farrukhabad,Bareilly and Uttranchal routes ,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) is all set to develop a four-lane outer ring road along the periphery of Kanpur with an aim to prevent traffic congestion in the industrial city caused by long-distance heavy vehicles. The new road, which will help the heavy vehicles to bypass the city, will be developed on Built, Operate and Tansfer (BOT) basis under the phase-VII of National Highways Development Programme (NHDP)^[44]

Education and research


Higher Education

Educational institutions in the city include three state universities. Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University is one of the largest universities in Asia catering to urban and rural students offering professional and academic courses in 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(HBTI) offers Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral programs in engineering, as well as Masters programs in Business Administration, and Computer Applications. A public engineering institution Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur is in the city. It was one of the first Indian Institutes of Technology established in 1959, created with the assistance of a consortium of nine US research universities as part of the Kanpur Indo-American Programme (KIAP).^[45]^[46] There is also a private university in the city: Rama University part of the Rama Group.^[47] There are several private Technical and Management institutions.

Medical Education

Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Memorial Medical College (GSVMMC or 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 (LLR Hospital), which is also known as Hallet Hospital, is associated with GSVM, Kanpur

See also

-  Kanpur portal
- Kanpur Dehat (Lok Sabha constituency)
- Ethnic communities in Kanpur
- Kanpur Nagar (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

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