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Chitrakoot Dham (Karwi)

Chitrakoot Dham (Karwi) is district headquarters and a <u>municipal board</u> in Chitrakoot districtin the state of Uttar Pradesh, India.

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History

In past, Karwi city was a tehsil in <u>Banda</u> district. On 6 May 1997 Government of Uttar Pradesh carved out a new district <u>Chitrakoot</u> (Initially named as Chhatrapati Shahuji Mahraj- Nagar) from Banda district. Since then the city is serving as district headquarters.

Geography

The city's coordinates are 25° North and 81° East. It is bounded in the north by Kaushambi, in the south by Satna(M.P.) & Rewa (M.P.), in the east by Allahabad (Prayag), in the west by Banda. Chitrakoot Dham (Karwi) is situated on the bank of River Mandakini. This region have mountains and terrains.

Chitrakoot Dham Karwi citv Chitrakoot Coordinates: 25.2°N 80.9°E Country India **State** Uttar Pradesh **District** Chitrakoot Government Chairman Narendra Gupta **Elevation** 137 m (449 ft) Population (2011) Total 66,426 Languages Official Hindi Time zone UTC+5:30 (IST) PIN 210205 Telephone code 05198 Vehicle registration **UP-96**

Demographics

As of 2011 India <u>census</u> Chitrakoot Dham (Karwi) had a population of 66426. Males constitute 54% of the population and females 46%. Chitrakoot Dham (Karwi) has an average literacy rate of 67%, higher than the national average of 59.5%; with male literacy of 75% and female literacy of 58%. 16% of the population is under 6 years of ag^[4].

Education

Higher Education

- Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Handicapped UniversitySitapur
- Goshwami Tulshidas Government College
- Sanskrit College, Taronha

Chhatrapati Sahuji Maharaj Girls Degree College

Schools

- Balika Inter College, Mau-210209 Chitrakoot
- Bethal P. J. H. School
- Bramhacharya Shiksha Niketan
- Chitrakoot Inter College
- Chitrakoot Public School
- Chitrakoot Dham English Model School
- Daffodils Pre-School
- Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Public School
- Dr. Bhabha Convent Junior High School
- Gopal Das Nirmala Devi Convent Primary & Ju. High School (G.D.N.D. Convent)
- Gopal Das Nirmala Devi Shiksha Niketan Inter College
- Govt Girls Inter College
- Gyan Bharti
- Girja Devi MJHS
- GuruKripa Public School
- Indian Children Public School
- Janseva Inter College
- Kalyan Bharti inter college
- Kendriya Vidyalaya
- KIDZEE
- Kingson English Medium High School
- Modern Public School
- Rajput siksha mandir
- Sadguru Public School, Jankikund
- Saraswati Balika Vidya Mandir
- Saint Xavires, Sitapur
- Sanskaram Play school
- Saraswati Shishu Mandir
- Saraswati Gyan Mandir
- Saraswati Bal Vidya Mandir
- Baijnath Bhardwaj Saraswati Vdya Mandir Inter college Karwi CHITRAKOOT [B.B.S.W.I.C.KARWI CHITRAKOOT]
- Shanti Public School
- Shivpuri pablic school
- St. Thomas Sr. Sec. School
- Seth Poddar Inter College
- Sushma Swaroop International School
- Surendrapal Gramodaya Vidyalaya, Chitrakot
- Triveni Public Primary & Ju. High School (TP.S.)
- Yardland International School chitrakoot

Transportation

Road: Chitrakoot Dham (Karwi) falls on National Highway 76 (NH 76) stretched from Pindwara to Allahabad via Udaipur, Chittaurgarh, Kota, Shivpuri, Jhansi and Banda. City is also linked with roadways to all adjoining districts of Banda, Allahabad, Satna, Rewa and Kaushambi. National highways are in good condition.

Railways: Chitakoot Dham (Karwi) is a railway station (IRCTC code: CKTD) on Manikpur - Jhansi/Kanpur main line, served by the North-Central division of Indian Railways. Karwi is connected by trains to Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bhopal, Raipur, Jabalpur, Kanpur, Khajuraho, Lucknow Durg and Varanasi.

Air: Allahabad is the nearest operational airport to the city which is 120 km away. Chitrakoot Dham (Karwi) also have an airstrip at Dewangana. Airport under construction at dewangan [2]

Tourist spots

Ramghat: This is a main ghat in Chitrakoot. Do boating here. you should pay around 100–150 rs for a one-hour personal shikara (Big Boat) booking. Many of them have pet rabbits on the boats and playing with them would be really fun for the kids. Tulsidas status is there on the ghat. Bharat Milap temple is also there on this ghat. you can cover this in around 2 hours. Daily arati happens at 6PM in the evening and you should find some time to secure a place to attend the arati. This is a central place in Chitrakoot and related distance to other main attraction are listed below

Kamadgiri Parikrama: This is around 5 km parikrama. This can be completed in approx 2 hours. Beware of notorious monkeys on the parikrama, they snatch any polythin from your hand or spectacles. You can put on shoes on the parikrama marg. This place is 1.5 km far from Ramghat.

Hanuman Dhara: This is a hill where there are 3 main spots. Trimukhi Hanuman mandir, Panchmukhi hanuman mandir (Main) and Seeta Rasoi at the top. There is a continuous stream of water that falls on hanuman idol and the source of water is not known. Buy grams of "Chana" and feed langurs here. Langurs are very calm and will hold your hand and eat every chana one by one. This was real fun for the kids. People return after seeing panchmukhi hanuman mandir and do not go to Sita Rasoi. Sita Rasoi is not in good condition and is just an old room where Sitaji cooked food during ram vanvas. frustrating to visit sita rasoi, since there are around 20–25 small temples and every pandit will ask your name and do tilak for your best wishes. There are two ways so take one way to go up and come back using other This place is around 3 km away from Ramghat.

Gupt Godavari Caves: There are around 3 caves. Water streams flow through these caves, you could see few crabs in the water but don't worry they do not and never harmed pilgrims. In one cave water flows over stones and it is not convenient to walk over such short stones, so be prepared as per your physical fitness/weight. This place is around 20 km from Ramghat.

Sphatic Shila: This is a stone where Lord Ram used to rest. This stone gives a velvet kind of feeling. This place is around 4 km from Ramghat.

Janki Kund: there is a hospital there now and this place is not open to visitors.

Sati Anusuiya Ashram: This is an ashram on the bank of river. This place is around 7 km away from Ramghat, on the way to gupt godavari caves (3 km of route).

See also

2009 Chitrakoot shootout

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