

Haryana

"It is a matter of pride for Haryana as some meetings of the G20 are proposed to be held in Gurugram."

"Haryana has emerged as an economic and sporting powerhouse, a hub of manufacturing activity and a cynosure of all investing eyes -- both domestic and foreign." The theme of India's G20 presidency -- "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (One Earth, One Family, One Future)" -- outlined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi aims to induce inclusive collaboration among developed and emerging nations and recognise the significance of collective and united action"

Shri Manohar Lal Khattar
(Chief Minister, Haryana)

Haryana: An Overview

Between the 27°39' to 30°35' N latitude and between 74°28' and 77°36' E longitude lies the landlocked northern state of India, Haryana. It is situated over the fertile Punjab Plain, a subsection of the Indo-Gangetic Plain. The smart city of Chandigarh within the Chandigarh union territory serves as the capital of the states of Haryana and Punjab.

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Haryana is agriculturally prosperous as well as at par with the most developed IT hubs in the country. The state's largest cities include Gurugram, Faridabad, Rohtak, Panipat, Hisar, Sonapat, and Karnal. Besides, Haryana's cultural landscape resonates with its agricultural economy's seasonal touch and the traditional richness of ancient Indian folklore.

Things to Explore

The state offers various outlets of culture, diversity, and tourist destinations as well. Take a look as follows to know what one can expect to find in the state of Haryana:

Culture

Haryana encompasses various ethnic groups and castes in an all-inclusive society. People from Hindu, Muslim, Sikh communities live together and engage in communal festivities such as celebrating the colourful festival of Holi, and dancing on the Dhol beats of Bhangra dance form.

Besides, the art forms of Phulkari and Shisha embroidery are popular among tourists. Then, there is Haryanvi folk music and dance that has three types: *Rasalila*, *Ragini* and *Saang*.

History

Right from the Vedic period to medieval times, Haryana has experienced historic moments. The villages of *Rakhigarhi* and *Bhirrana* are home to ancient sites of the Indus Valley Civilization. The city of Kurukshetra is an ancient site of the greatest epic in India, Mahabharata. Some places to visit here are Sheikh Chilli's Tomb, Shri Krishna Museum, Farruk Nagar Fort, Panipat, Brahma Sarovar, Sultan Bird Sanctuary etc.

Technology

Though Haryana comprises of 70% of agrarian society, over the years it has made significant strides in the manufacturing, research & technology, services and industrial sectors. Many big conglomerates have their HQs based in the state like DLF, Larson & Turbo, Ranbaxy, Microsoft, Lenskart, etc.

As Haryana comes under National Capital Region (NCR), Delhi Metro connects to the cities of Gurugram, Faridabad, and Bahadurgarh. Tourists can easily board trains, buses, and metros to explore the growing technological sites across the state.

Uttarakhand

"G20 meetings scheduled to take place in the last week of May and June in Uttarakhand will give the state a new identity on the global stage. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to get recognition for local products of Uttarakhand at the national and international level."

"Representatives of G-20 countries will participate in the Ganga Aarti in Rishikesh and through it will also get to know the religious and cultural importance of Ganga."

Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami
(Chief Minister, Uttarakhand)

Uttarakhand: An Overview

In the north-western part of the country, lies the 'Land of Gods' or better known as the state Uttarakhand. It is known to be a place of incredible religious piety as it houses various pilgrimage centres like Badrinath, Kedarnath, Rishikesh, Haridwar, etc. It is also seen as a top winter tourism destination for travellers for its scenic hill stations like Lansdowne, Mussoorie, Dharamshala, etc. for its ethereal snowy landscapes.

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Uttarakhand ever since its inception in 2000, has established itself amongst the Indian states that thrive on tourism, culture and diversity. From local crafts of wood carving and Pahari painting to

diverse ethnicities of Garhwali, Kumaoni, and Hindi the region has a lot to offer to travellers and explorers.

Almost three-fifths of the state population engages in agricultural activities like terrace farming, animal husbandry, and dairy farming while a significant chunk of the economic earnings comes from tourism and cultural recreation.

Things to Explore

One of the fastest-growing states of India, Uttarakhand has shown tremendous growth in the latter half of the 21st century. Thanks to its lush green valleys, waterfalls, snow-capped peaks, wildlife sanctuaries and parks, and pilgrimage sites, the state attracts a lot of national and international visitors. Some of the things one can explore in this Himalayan territory are

Music and Dance

When it comes to music and dance, every state has its unique touch of humanistic impressions and tradition attached to it. In Uttarakhand, *Barada Nati*, *Hurka Baul*, *Jhumaila*, *Chauphula*, and *Langvir Nritya* are some bespoke forms of dance that leave the viewers lost in a myriad of emotions. The music here carries allusions to great epics like Ramayana or Mahabharata that highlight the events from the myths of gods and heroes from the classic age. Here, popular folk songs include *Mangal*, *Basanti*, *Khuder* and *Chhopati*.

Hill Stations and National Parks

Being a Himalayan state, Uttarakhand's geography majorly consists of a remarkable range of hills and mountains like the Nanda Devi (25,646 feet) which is the second-highest peak in India. Due to this reason, tourists love to travel here for trekking, climbing, skiing, rock climbing, and paragliding sports in places like Rishikesh, Auli, Lansdowne, Ranikhet, and Kausani. Apart from this, there are 12 National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in the state such as the Valley of Flowers, Gangotri, and Rajaji National Parks along with the famous Jim Corbett National Park in Nainital.

Pilgrimage Centres

Some of the ancient and holiest shrines and centres are found in the mountains of Uttarakhand and it attracts more than 2 million pilgrims each year. The Yamotri temple, the shrine of Gangotri, the temples of Haridwar, Badrinath, Kedarnath, a Sikh shrine site, Hemkund Sahib are great vistas of experiencing serenity, peace and hope for tourists.