



Kala Pahar is the highest peak of Greater Sylhet. It is also the highest point of the northern part of Bangladesh. Located near Robir bazar of Kulaura upazila in Moulvibazar district, it is only 3–4 hours trekking distance from Azgarabad Tea Estate. This peak is also accessible from Rajki tea estate near Fultola bazar of Juri upazila. The hill range of Kala Pahar is locally known as Longla Range. 'Kala Pahar' is the local name of the highest peak. According to Bangladesh Geographic society this hill is also known as 'Hararganj pahar'. In Bengali language 'hill' word means 'Pahar'. Situated in the north-eastern part of the country 60% of the range is in Bangladesh and the rest is in the Northern Tripura state of India. In Tripura, part of this hill is known as Raghunandan pahar. The famous ancient religious archaeological site of India 'Unakoti' lies at the foot of this hill. Kala Pahar is about 1,100 feet high from the sea level. In

November 2015, few members of a local adventure group of Bangladesh BD Explorer explored this peak and measured the highest point as 1,098 feet^[2] (from sea level) with Garmin handheld gps. The view from the peak is awesome. During Autumn season, if the sky is clear one can observe the blue water of Hakaluki haor (Largest haor of Bangladesh) from the high point of Kala Pahar. There are few Khasi establishments adjacent to this hill. Like Nunchora punji, Panaichora punji, Putichora punji and Baigonchora punji.

This place is slowly but surely becoming very popular to the nature lovers to visit as adventure day trip.



Of this temple, only the *mandovara* portion indicating the ground plan is traceable. Originally, the temple is believed to consist of a square *garbhagriha*, an *antarala*, a *mandapa* with *kakshasanas* and

possibly a porch also. The temple faces east and is *pancharatha* on plan. The *panchasakha* door-frame is elaborately decorated. All around the temple are scattered loose sculptures, including *avatars* of Vishnu, Navagraha panel, wrestling scene, *mithuna* figures, etc. A tank also lies near the temple, which is datable to the medieval period.

Kala Pahar is the highest point or peak of greater Sylhet. It is even the highest point in the northern part of Bangladesh. Kala Pahar is also called 'Langla Pahar' in the local language. 'Kala Pahar' is the local name for the highest peak.

According to the Bangladesh Geographic Society, this hill is also known as 'Hararganj Hill'. Located in the northeastern part of the country, 80% of this mountain falls in Bangladesh and the rest is located in North Tripura, India. The rest of this hill in Tripura is known as Raghunandan hill.

Unkoti, a famous ancient archeological religious site in India, is located at the foot of this hill. When the sky is clear in autumn, the blue water of Hakaluki Haor (the largest haor in Bangladesh) can be seen from the highest point of Kala Pahar. Adjacent to this hill are some Khasia establishments, such as Nunchara Punji, Panaichhara Punji, Putichara Punji and Baiganchara Punji. In Khasia language 'village' is called 'capital'.



According to locals, once there were a lot of elephants that do not exist now and wild elephants no longer come to the area as there is a barbed wire fence on the Indian border. However, there are pet elephants roaming here. After 3 to 3 and a half hours of walking, you will reach the transparent peak of Kala Pahar to get various exciting experiences. You can return this way from the top of the hill. However, to get the full experience and if you like trekking, you can go out through Muraichhara Ecopark on the opposite side of Kala Pahar and through Fultala of Juri Upazila. In this case, you have to tell the guide beforehand. Because not all guides know the road. Since a part of the Kala Hills borders India and adjacent to it, going the wrong way can be a big danger. You can't go one step beyond the words of the guide and you can't leave the team.

It is located just 4 km from Kala Pahar Azgarabad Tea Garden. It can even be seen from Rajki Tea Garden in Jury Upazila of Moulvibazar. You

can also climb the top of Kala Pahar from Rajki Tea State located near Fultala Bazar in Juri Upazila.

The height of Kala Pahar from the sea level is 1,100 feet. In November 2015, a team of local explorers, BD Explorer, discovered the peak and measured the maximum point at 1,098 feet (above sea level) with Garmin-powered GPS.

How to go:

Kala Pahar is located near Robi Bazar in Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar district. Direct trains and buses to Kulaura are available from Dhaka. First you have to get down from Kulaura and go to Azgarabad tea garden by car via Rabirbazar. You can go by local or reserve car. After that you will reach the top of Kala hill by climbing the hill with a local guide from Begunchhara capital minister.