

## ABOUT ALLAHABAD UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The Central Library of the University is one of the oldest and largest libraries in the Indian subcontinent. The central library developed out of the libraries of Muir Central College, and the libraries set up by the university itself during 1904-1922. Its three story building has almost all facilities and sections required for a modern library. The library has a collection of nearly seven lacs volumes and subscribes to 422 current periodicals. The library has also sizable collection of back volumes of journals, manuscripts, coins and non-print materials. The library also provides on-line access of journals through UGC-Infonet Digital Library Consortium, a INFLIBNET/UGC initiative. The library strives to serve its cliental to the best of its ability.

## ABOUT ALLAHABAD

Allahabad is one of the largest and holiest cities of India. It is situated on the confluence of holy river Ganga, Yamuna and mythival Sarswati. It encompasses a large area and is an inland peninsula surrounded by the rivers Ganga and Yamuna from three sides with only one side connected to the mainland. Because of this reason and immense traffic, Allahabad is also famous for its large number of grand and magnificent bridges. Besides, Allahabad is famous for its "Kumbh Mela" held after every twelve years on the banks of the "Sangam" which is the confluence of the holy river Ganga, Yamuna and mythival Sarswati. The Kumbh Mela believed to be the largest religious gathering in the world.

Allahabad is also famous for having been associated with Prime Ministers of India in some form or another. Sh. Jawahar Lal Nehru, Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Sh. Rajiv Gandhi, Sh. Gulzari Lal Nanda, Sh. Vishwanath Pratap Singh and Sh. Chandrashekhar were all either born in Allahabad, alumni of Allahabad University or elected from a constituency in Allahabad. As such Allahabad has produced 7 out of 14 Prime Ministers of India.

Along with a large number of areas within Allahabad City, there are several satellite cities on the other side of the rivers Ganga and Yamuna, and are considered as satellite cities of Allahabad. There are also a large number of Townships and Villages near Allahabad City within Allahabad District. The best time to visit Allahabad is from the month of November to February.

## CLIMATE

This city is known to witness a very warm climate in the months of summers and winters are equally chilly. Its close proximity to the Himalayan region and the fact that this region lies in the great plains of India also makes it prone to cold winds during the months of winter that stretches from the month of October to March, where temperature could fall within 5-15 degree Celsius.

## How to Reach?

### AIR

Allahabad is served by the Bamrauli Air Force Base (IXD) and is linked to Delhi and Kolkata (Calcutta) by Air Sahara and to Khajuraho and Agra by other airlines. Other airports in the vicinity are Varanasi (147 km) and Lucknow (210 km).

### ROAD

National Highway 2 (New Delhi to Kolkatta) runs through the center of the city. Allahabad is located in between Delhi and Kolkata. Another highway that links Allahabad is National Highway 27 that is 93 km long and starts at Allahabad and ends at Mangawan in Madhya Pradesh connecting to National Highway 7 (Varanasi to Kanyakumari). There are other highways that link Allahabad to all parts of the country. Allahabad also has three bus stations catering to different routes - at Zero Road, Leader Road and Civil Lines.

Tourist taxis, auto-rickshaws and tempos are available for local transport. There is also a local bus service that connects various parts of the city. However, the most convenient method of local transport is the cycle rickshaw.

### TRAIN

Served by Indian Railway, Allahabad is the headquarters of the North Central Railways Zone, and is well connected by trains with all major cities, namely, Kolkata (Calcutta), Delhi, Mumbai (Bombay), Chennai (Madras), Hyderabad, Lucknow and Jaipur. Allahabad has four railway stations - Prayag Station, City Station (Rambagh), Daraganj Station and Allahabad Junction (the main station).

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