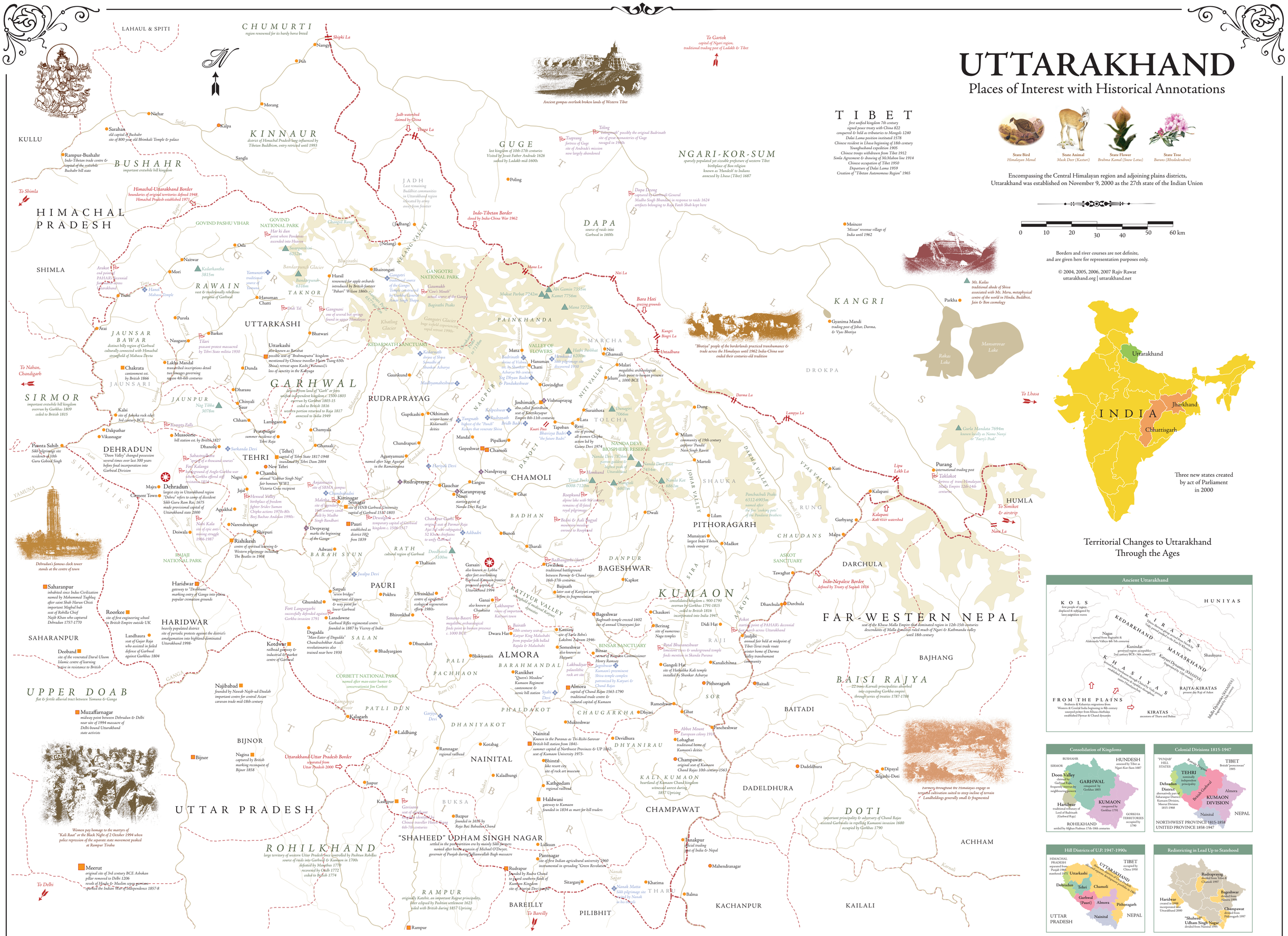
UTTARAKHAND

Places of Interest with Historical Annotations



Ancient gompas overlook broken lands of Western Tibet

State Bird	State Animal	State Flower	State Tree
Himalayan Monal	*Musk Deer (Kasturi)*	*Brahma Kamal (Snow Lotus)*	*Burans (Rhododendron)*

Encompassing the Central Himalayan region and adjoining plains districts, Uttarakhand was established on November 9, 2000 as the 27th state of the Indian Union

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Borders and river courses are not definite, and are given here for representation purposes only.

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Three new states created by act of Parliament in 2000

Territorial Changes to Uttarakhand Through the Ages

CHRONOLOGICAL TIMELINE

Since time immemorial, Uttarakhand has been known as the *Devbhumi* - "abode of gods" and has played a central role in the legends of the entire subcontinent.

960 BCE | 480 BCE | 0 CE | 720 | 960 | 1200 | 1440 | 1488 | 1536 | 1584 | 1632 | 1680 | 1728 | 1776 | 1824 | 1848 | 1872 | 1896 | 1920 | 1944 | 1952 | 1960 | 1968 | 1976 | 1984 | 1992 | 2000 | 2008

PURANAS | KATIYUR | GARHWAL | KUMAON | GORKHANI | BRITISH RAJ | TEHRI RIYASAT | INDIA | UTTAR PRADESH | STATEHOOD

- 20-10th centuries BCE: Earliest settlement of Central Himalayas(?)
- Archaeological evidence such as rock art at Lakhudiyar, Nauriyal, & Dungri and burials in Malari, Sauna & Baseri show that Uttarakhand hosted some age cultures as early as the palaeolithic before the arrival of Kol, Khasiya, & Kirata migrants mentioned in the *Puranas*.
- 6th century BCE: Kiratas present in hills
- c. 200 Kuninidas, Yaudheyas, & Arjunayanas form confederation
- c. 5th century: Nagas fill vacuum
- 105-250 Kushan Empire prevails over North India
- c. 200 BCE: Kuninidas sovereign over the hills
- 304-232 BCE: Ashokan Mauryas Empire extends to Terai
- c. 4th century: Confederation defeated by Gupta Empire
- c. 700: Rise of pan-Himalayan Karttikeyapur dynasty
- 7th century: Pauravs dynasty
- c. 820: Shankar Acharya attacks Buddhism, reestablishes Shaivism, dies at Kedarnath
- 1191: Ashokchalla, Malla king of Western Nepal shatters Katyuri power, marches as far as Gopeshwar & Barahat
- c. 11th century: Karttikeyapur disintegrates, Katyuri princes reestablish authority from Bajrath
- 888: Parmars establish seat at Chandpurgarhi, heralding migration from plains
- 1174: Garur Gyan Chand begins expansion beyond Kali Kumaon
- 1281: Thohar Chand, first confirmed Chand Raja, ascends to throne
- 1493: Parmar Raja Ajay Pal ascends throne completes unification of Garhwal
- 1517: Ajay Pal moves capital to Srinagar from Dewalgarh
- 1560: Kalyan Chand moves capital to Almora from Champawat
- 1597-1621: Lakshmi Chand unsuccessfully invades Garhwal seven times
- 1638: Rajmata Karnavati route invading Mughal force, earns title of survivors
- 1670: Baz Bahadur Chand occupies Tibet trade routes, briefly seizes Taklakot
- 1720: Decline of Chand power, heralds decades of internecine struggles & battles in the plains
- 1761: Kumaon forces aid Moghals against Marathas at Battle of Panipat
- 1768: Rising Gorkha Empire occupies Kathmandu
- 1791: Gorkhas overrun Kumaon, checked by Garhwalis at Langurgarhi
- 1814-6: Anglo-Gorkha War ends in Treaty of Sugauli Eastern Garhwal & Kumaon ceded to British, independent Garhwal reestablished from Tehri
- 1840: Wilson awarded first timber grant from Tehri
- 1866: Explorer "Pundit" Nain Singh Rawat reaches Lhasa
- 1887: Garhwal Rifles raised & stationed in Lansdowne Military recruitment heralds money order economy
- 1916: Kumaon Parishad formed to fight for home rule
- 1930: Tilari Kand, peasants massacred by Tehri Raja's forces
- 1939: Tehri Praja Mandal formed
- 1942: Garhwali POWs join INA
- 1948: Nagender Saklani & Bhola Bhandari martyred by Tehri State forces Tehri Raja abdicates
- 1949: Tehri State merged with Uttar Pradesh
- 1948: Badri Datt Pande calls for separate hill state
- 1944: Sridev Suman martyred in Tehri Jail
- 1930: Peshawar Incident Chander Singh Garhwali stands down when ordered to fire on peaceful demonstrations
- 1921: Swaraj activists force end to Coolie & Utsar Begar system
- 1914: Garhwal Rifles sent to France at advent of WWI, win great renown
- 1878: Forest Act sets pattern of colonial domination of Uttarakhand's forests
- 1857: Revolt against British Rule in Kali Kumaon, Haldwani briefly liberated
- 1836: Slavery banned
- 1824: turbulent Rawain pargana returned to Tehri
- 1815-35: GW. Trail becomes first commissioner of Kumaon Division, provides paternalistic rule
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- 1803-4: Gorkhas conquer Garhwal, Raja dies in battle
- 1792: Fateh Shah rules Saharanpur, extends Garhwali influence into Tibet
- 1790: Jaitak Shah dethrones usurper from Chand throne installs new Pradyumna as new Raja
- 1785: Pradyumna Shah 18th-4 Gorkhas conquer briefly unites Garhwal & Kumaon
- 1779: Lalit Shah dethrones usurper from Chand throne installs new Pradyumna as new Raja
- 1757: Rohillas establish authority in Dun Valley continues to prosper
- 1744: Rohillas overrun Almora, defeat combined Kumaon & Garhwal forces
- 1728: Jagat Chand deposed & banished by Chands
- 1671: Last Katyur chief
- 1660: Prithvi Shah hands Suleiman Shikoh to Aurangzeb to prevent invasion
- 1628: Mahi Par Shah sends Madho Singh Bandhari to punish traders from Tibet
- 1591: Battle of Gwaldam Katyuris & Garhwalis rebuff Kumaon invasion
- 1565-1597: Rudra Chand conquers remaining lands west of Kali
- 1545: Rudra Chand annexes Sira
- 1517: Ajay Pal moves capital to Srinagar from Dewalgarh
- 1488-1503: Kirati Chand occupies Khagmara kot (Almora), subjugates Katyuris, & expands Kumaoni borders
- 1398: Protests in Haridwar & Udham Singh Nagar over inclusion in new state nearly derail statehood bill
- 2000: Formation of "Uttaranchal" Dehradun made provisional capital
- 2007: state name restored to Uttarakhand
- 2004: Old Tehri submerged under dam reservoir
- 2003: New industrial policy brings manufacturing to Terai
- 1994: Kaushik Committee delineates contours of new state with capital at Gairsain
- 1996: PM Deve Gowda calls for Uttarakhand from Red Fort
- 1989: Uttarakhand Satyaiya Sangarsh Uttarakhand Andolan Samiti convened
- 1987: Large rallies bring Uttarakhand demand to the floor
- 1986-7: Epic anti-mining battle at Sinoyarsu Kala
- 1984: Avkash Forest saved by Chipko action
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- 1976: Uttarakhand Sangarsh Vahini formed
- 1974: Firm Askot to Arakot Yatra across Uttarakhand
- 1972: Mass rallies against timber auctions
- 1973: Formation of Kumaon & Garhwal Universities
- 1974: Gaura Devi leads women to save Reni Forest
- 1979: Uttarakhand Kranti Dal formed to fight for separate hill state
- 1961: Uttarakhand Sarvodaya Mandal formed at Kausani
- 1962: India-China War closes frontier with Tibet
- 1968: Uttarakhand Hill Development Council formed by UP State
- 1955: State Reorganisation Commission decides against smaller states KM Pushkar dissents
- 1952: PC Joshi of the CPI calls for Garhwal & Kumaon autonomy

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