

## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

### About Himachal

#### The Land of Himachal

Popularly known as the Devbhumi – "Land of the Gods", Himachal Pradesh is a beautiful hill state in India, nestles in north-west region of western Himalayas. The state is landlocked with the Tibetan plateau to the east, Jammu and Kashmir to the north, and the Punjab to the west. However, the state stands apart from its neighbours in terms of its sheer topographic diversity and breathtaking pristine natural beauty. From vast tracts of high-altitude Trans-Himalayan desert to dense green deodar forests, from apple orchards to cultivated terraces, from snow capped high Himalayan mountain ranges to snow fed lakes and gushing rivers.

For Detail visit <http://himachal.nic.in/>

### Venue

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### Tourist Spots

#### Shimla

- **By Air:** The airport is at Jubbarhatti, 23 km from Shimla city and is connected to Delhi.
- **By Rail:** Shimla is connected by a broad gauge line up to Kalka (90 km). The journey between Kalka and Shimla takes about six hours and is one of the finest ways of enjoying the landscape. The quaint rail car, which runs on this stretch, takes about five hours.
- **By Road:** Shimla is connected by road to all major cities in north India. Taxi cabs for Shimla are available at Delhi, Chandigarh, Ambala and Kalka. Several state-run transport corporations including the Himachal Tourism Development Corporations ply Volvo ac and deluxe buses from Delhi and Chandigarh.

#### Dharamshala, Kangra and Palampur

- **By Air:** The airport at Gaggal is 14 km from Dharamshala, 10 km from Kangra and 23 km from its twin town Mcleodganj. Palampur is 40 km away.
  - **By Rail:** Pathankot is the closest broad gauge railhead and is 85 km from Dharamshala
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and 124 km from Palampur. It connects Pathankot to Jogindernagar. The station feeding Dharamshala is Kangra Mandir (20 km) and the one for Palampur is Maranda.

- **By Road:** Dharamshala is accessible from National Highway No. 20 and is well linked to the region. It is 12 km from Gaggal town. Palampur is 38 km from Dharamshala and even independently is well linked. Dharamshala is 17 km from Kangra.

An interesting variation of the standard can be made by taking the train from Delhi up to Jalandhar or Una and then traveling by road. En route you can visit the shrines of Chintpurni, Jawalamukhi and Bajreshwari Devi (Kangra). The shrine of Naina Devi is also easily accessible if you opt for the Nangal railway station. The road distance from Jalandhar to Dharamshala is 165 km along this route.

### **Kullu and Manali**

- **By Air:** The airport at Bhuntar is the common base that feeds these towns. This is 10 km from Kullu and 50 km from Manali. Public transport buses and taxis are available.
- **By Road:** Kullu and Manali are connected by an extensive network of road with the northern region. Air-conditioned and non air-conditioned deluxe coaches are run by HRTC, HPTDC and by private sector operators. National Highway No. 21 runs through the valley and connects Chandigarh and Delhi. Kullu is 535 km from Delhi.

### **Dalhousie and Chamba**

- **By Air:** The closest airport is at Gaggal (Kangra) near Dharamshala which is 125 km (Approx) from Dalhousie and 170 km (Approx) from Chamba via Banikhet route.
- **By Rail:** The nearest railhead is at Pathankot 85 km from Dalhousie and 120 km from Chamba .
- **By Road:** Both Dalhousie and Chamba are well connected by road.

### **Nahan, Paonta and Renuka (Sirmaur)**

- **By Air:** The closest airport is at Chandigarh.
- **By Rail:** The nearest railhead is at Ambala and Kalka .
- **By Road:** From Ambala, Chandigarh & Kalka and Dehradun regular bus service connect the towns. Paonta Sahib is 45 km and Renuka is 38 km from Nahan.

For Detail visit <http://hptdc.nic.in/>

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**Some Contact Numbers of Taxi Drivers for Sight seeing**

<b>Name of the Owner</b>	<b>Contact Number</b>
Deepak, Wagnaghat	09817067767
Sandeep, Wagnaghat	08894350203
Rajesh, Wagnaghat	09857346503
Dev, Shimla	08628801445
Taxi, Shoghi	09861051332
Devender, Wagnaghat	09805239881
Joginder, Wagnaghat	09816335683
Mukesh, Wagnaghat	09218799990

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