

## HALDIA

**Haldia Dock Complex** was commissioned as a Bulk Handling Dock System of KoPT in 1977 on the confluence of two rivers Hooghly and Haldi. It is an impounded dock system operated by a single Lock Entrance of 330 metres length and 39 metres in width. In the year 2003-2004, Haldia Dock Complex has handled 32.5 million metric ton of sea-borne Cargo out of which 14.05 moved by Rail. In the year 2004-05 (April to October) Haldia Dock Complex has handled 20.4 million metric ton out of which the rail share is 8.23 million metric ton.



Haldia Port now holds 4<sup>th</sup> position as far as volume of traffic handled is concerned, amongst major Ports of India.

**Connectivity :** Direct EMU service from Howrah (H 601) and Suburban EMU service and Mail Express (7045, 8030) upto Mecheda and then by road to Haldia via Tamluk.

## TAMLUK

### **Ancient Tamralipta & Goddess Bargabhima Temple :**

The principal object of interest in the Tamluk town is the temple of Bargabhima, which represents 'Tara', one form of Sakti ..... situated on the banks of the Rupnarayan river. Some say that it was built by Biswakarma, the engineer of the gods. The temple is on a raised platform accessible by a flight of stairs consisting of 22 steps. The skill and ingenuity displayed in the construction of the temple still attracts admiration.



The idol is formed from a single block of stone with the hands and feet attached to it. The goddess is represented standing on the body of Siva, and has four hands. The temple is divided into four apartments; inner Sanctuary, Hall of Audience, Hall of Sacrifice, and Dancing Hall. There is a small raised covered passage where Pandits meet to discuss religious subjects. The whole area is covered with a dome-shaped roof. Stones of enormous size were used... and raise the spectator's wonder as to how they were lifted at a time when the aid of machinery was unknown. On the top of the temple, although dedicated to the wife of Siva, is the sacred disc of Vishnu, surmounted by the form of a peacock. Outside the temple, but within its enclosure, is a Kelikadamba tree, supposed to have the virtue of redeeming women from barrenness.

**Rakhit bati :** In the beginning of 19<sup>th</sup> century it was famous as a secrete center of the then revolutionary party 'Anusilan Samiti' & 'Gupta samiti'. Famous freedom fighter Late Shri Khudiram Bose resided here who was later on hanged by British Government at the age of 16. This is about 10 Km from Tamluk station. Famous historian Late Shri Tailakyanath Rakhit rebuilt this building.



**Matangani Sahid Smarak :** During the 'Ahimsa' movement of 1942, while a crowd trying to capture Tamluk administrative building, British police open fire in which Smt Matangini Hazara became 'Sahid'. Later on Mahatma Gandhi appreciated her bravery and titled her as 'Birangana'. This monument is a homage to her by Ex- prime-minister, Smt Indira Ghandhi. This is about 7Km from Tamluk station.

**Connectivity :** Direct EMU service from Howrah (H 601) and Suburban EMU service and Mail Express (7045, 8030) upto Mecheda and then by road to Tamluk. The time taken form Howrah to Tamluk is 3 hrs.

New Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Kolkata	Secunderabad	Bangalore	Guwahati	Pune
(Upto Kharagpur)	(Upto Kharagpur)	(Upto Kharagpur)	2021	(Upto Kharagpur)	(Upto Kharagpur)	(Upto Kharagpur)	(Upto Kharagpur)
2816	2859	2842	2821	2704	8004	5626	2129
2422	2101	6004	8311	5637	5625	5638	
2444	2809						

**Facilities at Tamluk :** First class waiting room, PRS, Tea stall, Eateries and Hotels in the heart of the town. (1 km from station).

## J A K P U R



**Rose Nursery at Jakpur :** Situated at 7 Km. from Jakpur station owned by Mr. R. Maity, the oldest nursery covering an area of 200m X 120m land. There are 57 varieties of Roses. Beside this another 18 varieties of flowers are also cultured there. There also another 9 nos. flower nursery at Jakpur.

**Connectivity :** Mail/ Express trains from Howrah to Kharagpur and then by road. Also EMU locals which takes 10" and about 20" by road from Kharagpur.

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2444	2809		8311				

**Facilities available :** Tea stall

## JHARGRAM

**Deer Park at Jhargram :** Situated at about 10 Km. from Jhargram station maintained by Department of Forest, West Bengal. There are 3 varieties of deer found there. Beside deer there are several varieties of birds and animals like Bear, crocodile, Fox, Peacock, Ducks and snake are found there. Area of Zoo is about 2 acres. There is also a small children park inside this forest surround zoo.



**Connectivity :** Ispat Express (8311) and HWH-Kurla Express (8030 Up). It takes approx. 3 hrs from Howrah.

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2816	2859	2842	2021	2704	8004	5623	2129
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2444	2809		2821				
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**Facilities available :** Retiring room, 1<sup>st</sup> class waiting room, tea stall., PRS, Pay & Use toilet, book stall. Hotels and Guest houses available within 1 Km.

## GHATSILA



**Burudihi dam :** This dam is over river 'Subarnarakha' and is situated about 17Km. from Ghatsila station. A beautiful picnic spot surrounded with hills & forests. There is also a beautiful tracking spot named as 'Dharagiri' at about 5Km. from Burudihi dam.

**Bibhuti Smarak Bhaban :** Residence of Bengali novelist Late. Bibhutibhusan Bandopadhyaya. His novel 'Aranyak' & 'Chander pahar' are best on natural out look of Ghatsila & 'Fuldungry, hilltop. The great film maker Late Shri Satyajit Ray was inspired by his novel 'Pather Panchali' and made a film which won a large number of international awards. This building is now converted into museum & cultural academy. This is about 7Km. from Ghatsila station.





**Picnic spot at confluence :** It is Situated behind 'Raj badi' near confluence of river 'Rupnarayan' & 'Subarnarakha' about 4Km. from Ghatsila station. This is full of natural beauty and attracts many tourists and local people for picnic.

**Connectivity :** Ispat Express (8311) and HWH-Kurla Express (8030) Up). It takes approx. 4 hrs from Howrah.

New Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Kolkata	Secunderabad	Bangalore	Guwahati	Pune
2816	2859	2842	2021	2704	8004	5623	2129
8476	2101	6004	2821	5637	5625	5627	
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**Facilities available :** Retiring room, 1<sup>st</sup> class waiting room, tea stall., PRS, Pay & Use toilet, book stall. Hotels and Guest houses available within 1 Km.

## BALASORE



**Simlipal Reserve Forest :** Covering a vast area of 2750 sq.km out of which 303 sq.km form the core area, this biosphere reserve is a sanctuary and one of the Tiger Projects and National Parks of India. With wide range of rainfalls and moist green forests, it is suitable to different species of flora and fauna. About 1076 species of plants, 87 varieties of orchids, 42 species of mammals, 29 types of reptiles and 231 species of birds are the inhabitants of this forest.

Several rivers originate from the hills and meander through the forest. Pithabata is an entry point which is situated 22 Km from Baripada in Orissa.



**Connectivity :** Direct Mail/Express trains services from Howrah (2821, 2703, 7045, 2073). It takes approx. 4 hrs from Howrah to Balasore by train. Bus service from Kharagpur takes approx 3 hrs. Direct trains from New Delhi (Rajdhani).

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2444	2809		8311 2073				

**Facilities available :** Refreshment room, fast food stall, AC/ Non-AC retiring room, dormitory. OTDC Hotels, Yatrinivas at Chandipur, numerous private lodges and eateries in close vicinity of station.