

IMPORTANT TOURIST SPOT IN ADRA DIVISION

KASHIPUR : At Kashipur, 10 Km away from Adra, the 2000 years old Panchakot Dynasty attracts the tourists to see the old Palace of the King & temples also.

GAR PANCHAKOT: The Panchkot Dynasty continued their administration for 800 years near the feet of the Panchakot Hill which is near about 20km away from Adra. The old dynasty symbols are still seen there.

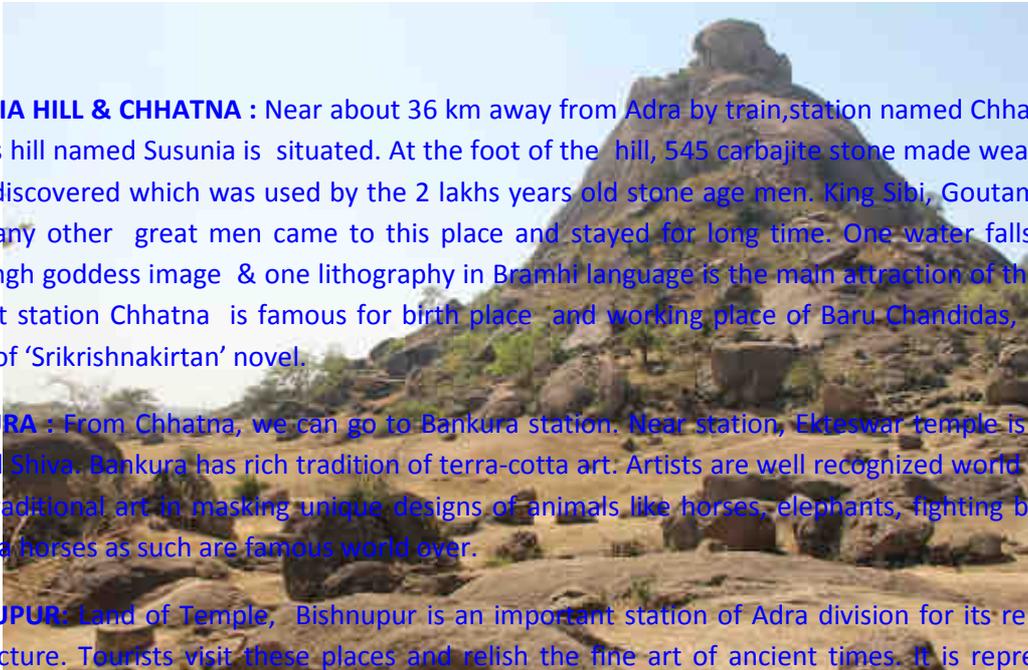
JOYCHANDIPAHAR: Around 3 km away from Adra, an old station named 'Joychandi Pahar' bears corer years old dormant volcano hill Joychandi Pahar. By the attraction of it's natural beauty, many tourists, picnic parties & rock climbers come every year. Satyajit Roy, famous film director, came here for shooting his famous film "Hirak Rajar Deshe". A beautiful Chandi temple on the top of the Joychandi hill and a semaphore (old telegraphic symbol) pillar draw the tourist.

SUSUNIA HILL & CHHATNA : Near about 36 km away from Adra by train, station named Chhatna one famous hill named Susunia is situated. At the foot of the hill, 545 carbajite stone made weapon has been discovered which was used by the 2 lakhs years old stone age men. King Sibi, Goutam Budha and many other great men came to this place and stayed for long time. One water falls Dhara, Narshingh goddess image & one lithography in Bramhi language is the main attraction of this place. Nearest station Chhatna is famous for birth place and working place of Baru Chandidas, a great writer of 'Srikrishnakirtan' novel.

BANKURA : From Chhatna, we can go to Bankura station. Near station, Ekteswar temple is famous for lord Shiva. Bankura has rich tradition of terra-cotta art. Artists are well recognized world over for their traditional art in making unique designs of animals like horses, elephants, fighting bulls etc. Bankura horses as such are famous world over.

BISHNUPUR: Land of Temple, Bishnupur is an important station of Adra division for its renowned architecture. Tourists visit these places and relish the fine art of ancient times. It is representing nearly all varieties of structural forms of medieval Bengali temple architecture and have beautiful carvings on their walls offering a glitters of the terra-cotta art of Bengal. Of these structures, particular mention may be made of the pyramidal Rasamancha, a structure unique in its kind. Of the temples, the Syama-Raya built in the massive 'Pancha-ratna' style is regarded as the most outstanding. Among all the areas near the fort, stand several other temples such as the Jor-Bangla, Radha-Syama, Lalji, Krishna-Balarama, Nikunjabihari and Kesara-raya. Kalachand, Radha-Madhava, Radha-Govinda and Jor-Mandir are ensconced on the south and south-west banks of the big tank called Lal-bandh. There are several other places of interest linked with the memory of noted musicians like Jadu Bhatta (Music Guru of Robindra Nath Tagore) and Sanskrit scholars. Bishnupur is also famous for silk weaving and is one of the important handloom silk weaving centres developed by 'Khadi Udyog'. 'Baluchari Sarees' are famous world over in which weavers are projecting themes of the Mahabharata and the Ramayana on 'pallu' as well as borders.

JAIRAMBATI & KAMARPUKUR: Divine Mother Saradadevi was born in village Jairambati of Bankura District in 1853. The sacred place is 5 kilometers west of Kamarpukur where Lord Ramakrishna was



born in 1836. The natural beauty of Jairambati is splendid. The place is dotted with green pastures, trees, bushes and rural landscapes.

BHOJUDHI: Besides this, lots of Jain temples are found here and there in and around the division. Near Bhojudhi station, Bhairav Dham in the beach of two rivers, is a famous place for devotees.

MURADHI DAM & RAMCHANDRAPUR: About 20 Kms away from Adra, Muradhi station is situated. Near station, Muradhi Dam is situated. A historic place 'Ramchandrapur' is situated which is connected with a great man named Swami Asimananda Saraswati. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose came here and gave inspiration to the freedom fighter, Annada Prasad (old name of Swamiji) to establish an Eye Hospital in this remote interior village. Netaji Eye Hospital was started its working in 1959 and now it is one of the biggest and cheapest Eye hospitals in the Eastern Zone.

Panchet, Pachet or Panchkot : It is a hill situated half way between Raghunathpur and the junction of the Barakar and Damodar Rivers. It is 5 KM long and spreads from North to South in a long rounded ridge with a height of about 234 meters above sea level. At the foot of the hill towards the southern end the fort of Panchet, once the residence of the Rajas of Panchkot but now deserted and in ruins. The fort had five gates. The last two gates have the name of Hamir and Samvat year 1657 engraved on them. The name Panchet or Panchkot is variously explained to connote that the Raja reigned over five Rajas, or over five crores of people, but the word probably means five peaks or forts.

PANCHET DAM: About 20 kilometres from Madhukunda on Adra-Asansol section is a beautiful dam of Damodar Valley Corporation called Panchet Dam. It is an important tourist spot. Another 25 kilometres from this dam is the Maithan dam which is 184 ft. long. It is famous for its underground power house where flow of river Barakkar, a subsidiary of river Damodar, is controlled. This has been developed as a beautiful tourist spot by the Department of Tourism with boating facilities etc.

Balarampur: It is situated on the banks of Cossey River. It is close to Barabhum station. Its distance from Purulia is 32 kilometers. It has ruins of ancient Jain Temples as also of ancient sculptures. Mr. Beglar considered the principal ruin to be a temple of the Baidyanath type dating to Raja Mansingh's Regime. There is only a large rekha deul which stands midway between early and late styles. The tower is entirely smooth, with the rekha projections standing out boldly. There are no exterior niches and miniature shikhara decorations of the late variety.

Ayodhya Hills: It is nearest from Barabhum Railway Station and is located about 40 kilometer via Sirkabad from Purulia Station. It has got beautiful natural surroundings with Gargaburu hills (2200 feet) and Mathaburu hills (2126 feet). The hill track winds for about 12 kilometers from Baghmundi to the top of the hill. There are two picturesque falls by the side of the hill track. It has recently been in news for construction of Purulia Pump Storage Plant for generating electricity.

Mukutmanipur: 55 kilometers from Bankura Railway Station. Construction of Bankura-Chhatna-Mukutmanipur railway line (47 KMs) has been sanctioned. It is famous for confluence of Cossey and Kumari rivers. It is full of natural surroundings and has the distinction of being the largest dam of Bankura District. The vast natural forest of Jhilmili is very close to the dam. The place is replete with attractive picnic spots. The place has been aptly described as nestling on the wooded dam-sites of the two rivers Kangsabati and Kumari and overlooking a large lake, an ideal gateway for the romantic and the adventurers

Swarnajayanti park Adra: A water reservoir (construction period 1902) on the fringe of a huge plantation attracts many migratory birds. The plantation has acquired the dimension of a forest. It is one of the largest afforestation on South Eastern Railways. The green ambience and sylvan surrounding envelopes now an amusement park, called the Swarnajayanti Udyan, which was

developed on the occasion of 50th anniversary of our Independence. It boasts of a Musical Fountain, as joy ride by toy train and Pedal Boats. The environment has been carefully preserved while setting up these attractive features.

