

## Introduction

Hoshiarpur has an ancient history dating back to the period of the Mahabharata as the place of refuge for the Pandavas. At that time, it was full of temples and was visited by students of astrology for being the land of the Brighu Samhita. In a series of historical events, it changed hands from the Dewan of Sultan Mohammed Bin Tughlaq to the British. Hoshiarpur was annexed by the British in 1846.

With the passage of time, the region emerged as a centre of phulkari, woodcraft and ivory works. The historical gurdwaras dotting the region continued to draw visitors. A paradise for fruit lovers, Hoshiarpur is famous for its juicy mangoes, litchi, guavas and peaches. The district has a strong urban character while retaining rural charm. Hoshiarpur continues to thrive and has successfully kept alive its matchless heritage.

## Bajwara

Named after the great singer Baiju Bawra, the small settlement unfolds its treasure of legends and colourful fairs to its visitors. It attracts huge crowds for the Basant Panchami fair held near the temple of Guru Ravidas Sarwag Sahib and Sain Sahib. A premier textile producer in the past, the region attracts tourists to its grand fort which once served as a prison and later came under the control of Maharaja Ranjit Singh.

## Dera of Baba Charan Shah

If the Baisakhi celebrations fascinate you, there cannot be a better place to see it all than Dera Baba Charan Shah. The 17<sup>th</sup> century ashram used to be the home of the Udasin who served the poor and needy. Today, it offers a dwelling to the saints who come here for the festival.

## Archaeological Museum

Visit the Archaeological Museum located inside the campus of Vishvesvaranand Vishva Bandhu Institute of Sanskrit and Indological Studies and marvel at the precious findings; know the historical past and present of Hoshiarpur. Established in the year 1971, the



repository exhibits a rich collection of artefacts, sculptures, fossils, tools, etc. from the Stone Age onwards and paintings that describe famous historical episodes. The Museum contains rich collection from Dholbaha, Harappa and relics and painting & photographs of archaeological monuments from all over India.

## Mata vaishno Devi Temple

The strikingly beautiful temple in Garhshankar can be easily identified by the huge statue of goddess Vaishno Devi which sits on the Trikuta Mountain. It is enlivened by huge celebrations that take place during Navaratri, when devotees visit here for Mata ka Jagrata.

## Kamahi Devi Temple

Maa Kamakshi Devi temple is located in the lap

of Shivalik hills of Dasuya Forest region of Punjab. There is an old temple of Lord Shiva in the premises of the Kamakshi Devi Temple. It is believed that temple have been built by Pandavas where Yudhishtira had performed Tapasya before going to Virat Nagar. There is a "Pavitra Sarovar" on the left side of the temple. Kamakshi Devi temple also known as Kamahi Devi these day.

## Gurdwara Sri Garna Sahib

Located in Bodal village, the Gurdwara is dedicated to Shri Hargobind Sahib ji. According to a legend, the Guru is said to have planted a dried branch of garna tree here which grew up as a tree and hence the name Garna Sahib.



Ancient Temple Dholbaha

## Dholbaha

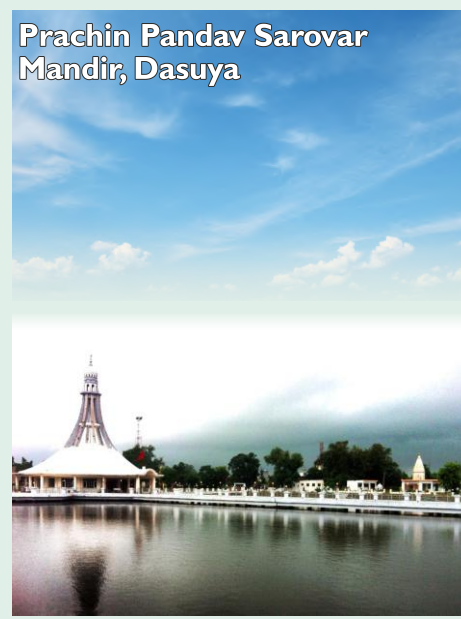
Dating back to prehistoric times, the archaeological findings at Dholbaha tell us about the dynasties of Gurjara - Pratihara and Parmars. Attracting historians and scholars, the place claims to be one of the earliest settlements in the world.

## Pandav Sarovar Mandir

Pandav Sarovar Mandir is a Hindu Temple Situated near Hazipur Chowk, Dasuya. It is believed that Pandava spent some time during "Agyatvas" in this place. The Sarovar is believed to be dug by Powerful Pandav, "Bhim".

## Takhni Rehmanpur Wildlife Sanctuary

Stretched over a land of about 382 hectares, the wildlife sanctuary was carved out of Village



Prachin Pandav Sarovar Mandir, Dasuya



Wildlife Sanctuary

Takhni and Rehmanpur, hence the name. Set up in 1999, the dense deciduous forests are home to a large number of flora and fauna. While on a safari here, one can come face to face with deer, jackals, jungle cats, leopards, pangolins, mongoose and many more creatures of the wild.

## Dera Santgarh

About 13 km from the city, the holy place is associated with Saint Jwala Singh whose death anniversary is observed with a two-day fair. Locals as well as people from the neighbouring cities come here to be a part of the huge langar (free community feast) organised on this day. The dera has 40 rooms for a comfortable stay.

## Khuralgarh Sahib

Khuralgarh Sahib, is one of the most prominent historical place of Shri Guru Ravi Dass ji situated at village Kharali, Garhshankar. It is also called Charan Choh Ganga Sri Guru Ravi Dass Ji.



Khuralgarh Sahib



Sri Garna Sahib

## Art & Craft

### Wood Carving and Inlay Works

The wood carving and inlay industry was thriving before partition. However with the immigration of certain skilled labourers in the district, the industry is not only surviving and are exporting products to other countries. Due to bar on ivory, the inlay work is being done by white plastic, which is equally shining and durable.

### The Punjabi Jutti

Leather shoes with a royal touch are a perfect match with salwar kameez and dupatta. Locally known as jutti, the shoes in typical royal style have silver and golden embroidery. Comfortable to wear and carry, they have a timeless appeal.



Punjabi Jutti

## Things to do in Hoshiarpur

### Meditate

Take a break from the daily chores of urban life and connect with the mystic cosmos. The Vipassana Centre run by Goenka Foundation offers long term courses in Buddhist meditation with hostel facilities.

### Sample Punjabi Cuisine

Punjabi cuisine is famous. If you can say goodbye to your calorie consciousness, the heavenly parathas (Indian bread), lassi (yogurt drink), dal makhni, chicken tikka masala, rice with rajma and innumerable such scrumptious delicacies will redefine the word 'delicious' for you.

### Ride on a Tractor or Bullock Cart

Say goodbye to honking cars and take a ride on tractors and bullock carts easily seen in the farms. Ask the driver to give you a lift and he will treat you like a special guest!

### Participate in Village Games

Turn your mobile phones off for some time and learn the art of kite-flying from young village lads. If wrestling fascinates you, accompany the locals to a match that might be going on nearby. Try the thrilling Indian game, gulli-danda and test your aiming skills. Leave aside the complications of modernity and get a feel of the simplicity of rural life!

### Jump on the Hay and take a Bath in a Tube well water body

Bundles of hay produced in the farms lie in the fields; jumping on them is quite a unique experience. Shed your inhibitions and relive your childhood here. Hay all over!! Take a refreshing bath in the tube well right next to the farm. Splash water on each other; take a cooling dip or jump into the water; there are no age restrictions here!

### Attend a Punjabi Wedding

Punjabi weddings are considered to be very colourful and vibrant. Dances, music and food at weddings here make for an unforgettable experience for one and all. Be a guest or if you are planning to get married the Punjabi way, go ahead, don't give it a second thought.

### Stay in a Farm House and Learn the Finer Points of Agriculture

Being a major centre of farming activities, the city has many organic farms which provide facilities to stay and enjoy the surroundings. If you plan a vacation here, take some valuable tips on farming, poultry and horse breeding from them. On your way back, buy some fresh gur (jaggery); it's an instant dessert.

### Relish Juicy Mangoes

Mangoes are the reason why Hoshiarpur must be visited during summers. Eat it in various ways - off the tree, cut into pieces, mixed with ice-cream, pickled with spices or liquefied as a spicy drink.

### Find Solace in the Verses of the Holy Guru Granth Sahib

Sikhism, the fifth largest religion in the world, has a magnificent musical and literary tradition. Visit the gurdwara and get enlightened by the teachings of the ten Gurus. Take your shoes off and don't forget to cover your head and come back, tranquil and at peace.

### Try the Fresh Buttermilk

Fresh lassi (buttermilk) prepared in the traditional way is synonymous with Punjab. The state is home to dairy farms and offers many options to up your milk and curd intake.

### Learn the Science of Astrology

Brighu Samhita is a compilation of the astrological details of every human on earth. Written by the great astrologer Maharishi Brighu in Treta Yuga, the manuscripts contain facts about past, present and future of everybody. Hoshiarpur has been the centre of this ancient science for ages. During older times, a large number of students came here to study its various aspects. Today, the family of Pt. Janardan Dev Sharma is visited by many people who wish to get their astro readings.

### Walk in the Mustard Fields

Hoshiarpur is known for its sprawling mustard farms; a walk in these fields is a unique

experience for the busy city dweller. Talk to the birds chirping around, caress the crops or just stand in silence and breathe in the fresh air.



Mustard Fields



Relish Juicy Mangoes

## Hotel

- Ambar Residency**  
Thanda Chowk Opposite KDM Hospital  
Cont: 8288006795, 7888695708
- Garden Court**  
Indira Colony, Chandigarh Road  
Cont: 8427011170
- Hotel Maharaja Palace**  
Sutehri Road, Manavta Nagar, Hoshiarpur  
Cont: 01882- 221174, 9872018447
- Hotel Presidency**  
Bus Stand Road, Near Model Colony  
Cont: 01882-254354, 500530
- Hotel Palace**  
Opp. Main bus stand, Hoshiarpur  
Cont: 01882-255584, 9814340712
- Hotel Shiraz Regency**  
Khanpuri Gate Near Bus stand, Hoshiarpur  
Cont: 01882-500190, 229080

## Farm Stay



## FOOD CRAFT INSTITUTE

The Food Craft Institute runs various courses related to catering and hospitality. Every year, in association with Punjab Heritage and Tourism Promotion Board, they organize a culinary competition in Hoshiarpur. Participants from various parts of Punjab come here in large numbers and enrol to improve their cooking skills. There are three categories of students: General, Professional and Culinary. Check for updates from [www.punjabtourism.gov.in](http://www.punjabtourism.gov.in) or [www.fcihoshiarpur.org](http://www.fcihoshiarpur.org)

## Other places of interest (Protected Monuments)

- Jhandewal Temple, Dholbaha
- Excavated Temple, Dholbaha
- Ancient Temple, Dholbaha
- Mansa Devi Temple, Dholbaha
- Octagonal Well, Dholbaha
- Mandir Hari Devi, Bhawanipur
- Mandir Thakur dwara, Ram Tatwal

## Emergency Numbers

- Police Control Room : 100, +91-1882-247506
- Police Helpline : +91-1882-246481, 82
- Fire Brigade : 101, +91-1882-222222
- Ambulance : 108, +91-1882-250700
- Civil Hospital : +91-1882-250700
- Women help line : 1091
- Child help line : 1098

## Location

Hoshiarpur district is located in the north-east of the State. It falls in the Jalandhar Revenue Division and is situated in doaba region of the State. The district is sub mountainous. It lies between north latitude 30°-9' and 32°-05' and east longitude 75°-32' and 76°-12'. It shares common boundaries with Kangra and Una districts of Himachal Pradesh in the north east,

Jalandhar and Kapurthala district in the south-west and Gurdaspur in the north west

## How to Reach: By Air

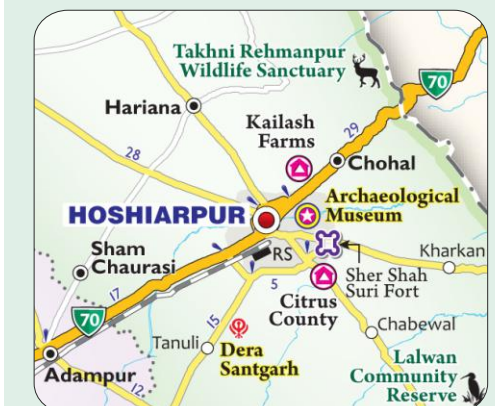
The air connectivity to Hoshiarpur district is through international airport, Amritsar and Chandigarh at a distance of about 122 km and 140 km respectively. The nearest domestic airport is adampur at a distance about 27 km.

## By Rail

Hoshiarpur is well connected to other major cities of the country via regular trains.

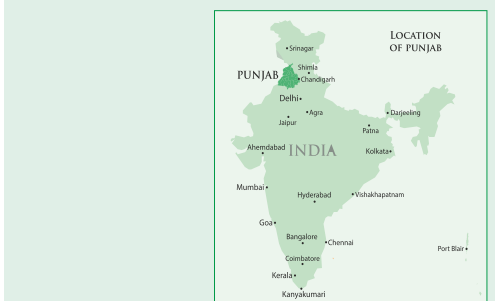
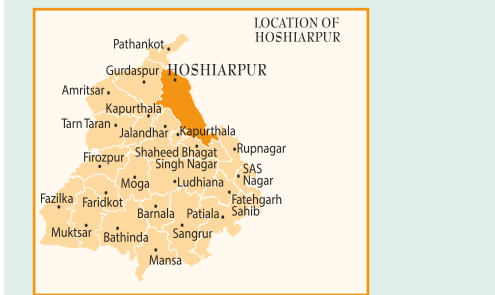
## By Road

Hoshiarpur is connected by National highway and other roads to other cities in Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Rajasthan and U.P.



## Quick Facts:

Area	: 3386 sq km
Temperature	: Summer - upto 45°C Winter - 0°C to 20°C
Annual Rainfall	: 1125 mm
Best Season	: February to April September to November
STD Code	: +91-1882
Language	: Punjabi, Hindi, English

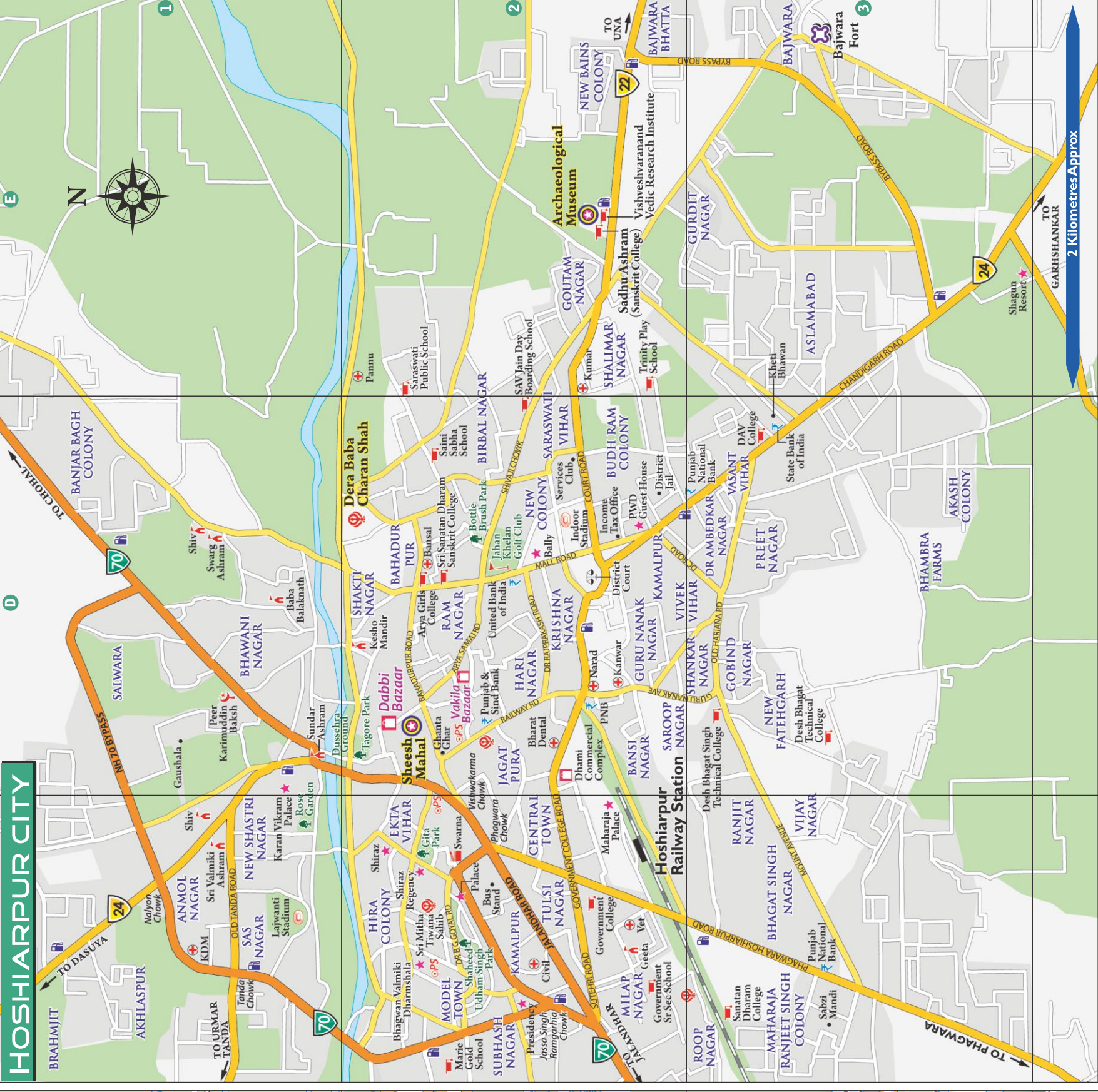


Mandir Thakur dawara, Ram tatwal

# HOSHIARPUR

## HOSHIARPUR CITY

## TOURIST MAP



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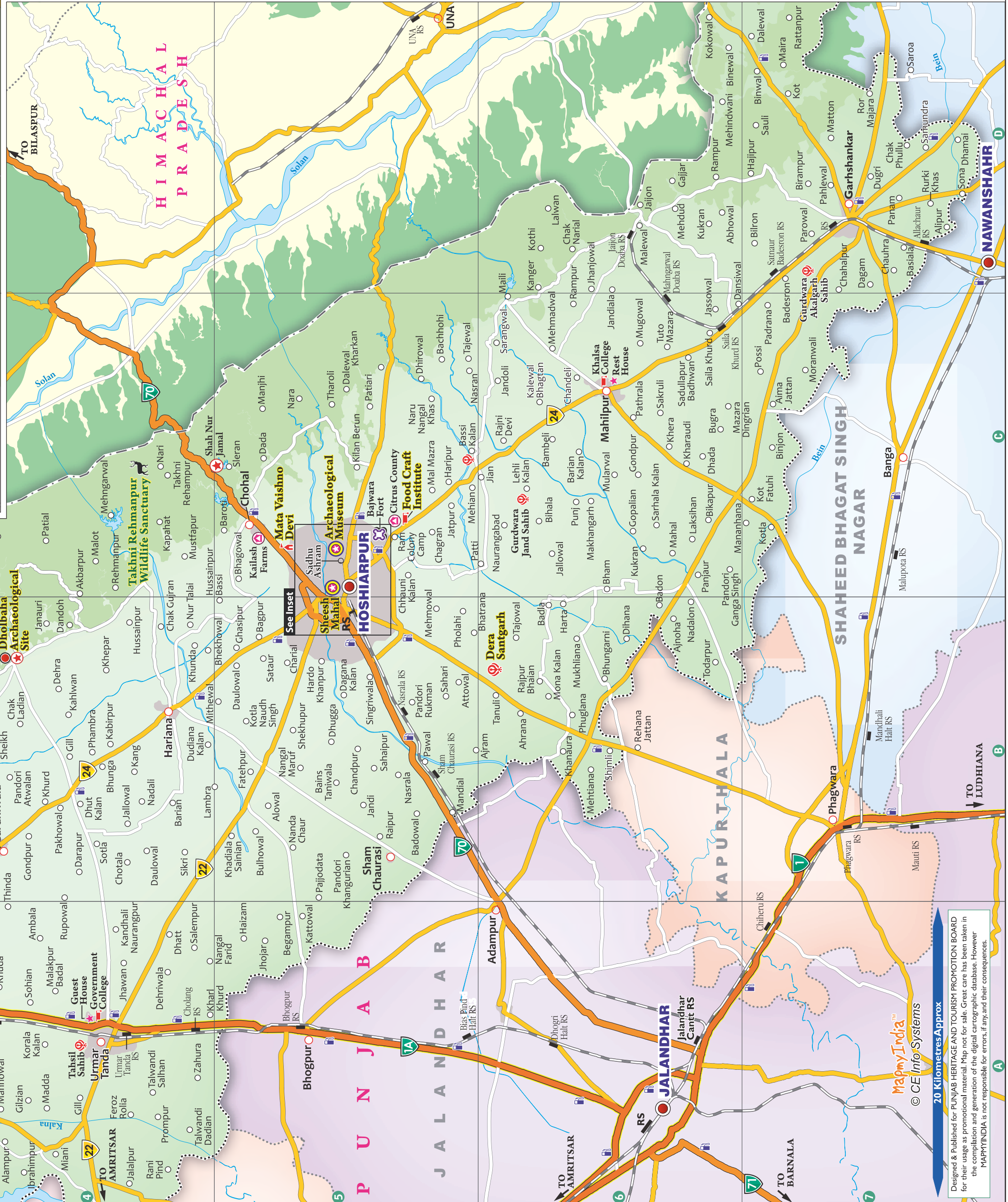
**TRANSPORTATION**  
 National Highway-1 (Grand Trunk Road)  
 National Highway  
 State Highway  
 Other Road  
 Railway Track with Station

**BOUNDARY**  
 State Boundary  
 District Boundary

**NOMENCLATURE**  
**PUNJAB** State Name  
**GURDASPUR** District Name  
 MODEL TOWN Locality  
 Dasuya Town  
 Raipur Village  
 Dasuya Village

**LANDUSE**  
 River  
 Stream  
 Green  
 Built-up

**SYMBOLS**  
 Police Station  
 Temple  
 Fort  
 Hospital  
 Historical Place  
 Church  
 Hotel/Resort  
 Cinema  
 Museum  
 Farm Stay  
 Golf Club  
 Park/Garden  
 Wildlife Sanctuary  
 College/School  
 Library  
 Stadium  
 Petrol Pump  
 Shopping  
 Important Town  
 District Headquarter  
 Town  
 Village



### REFERENCE INDEX

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Dabbi Bazaar..... D3	Alachaur..... A4
Food Craft Institute..... C5	Bhogpura Sarwal..... A4
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