

## UTTAR PRADESH

**Uttar Pradesh** (literally "Northern Province"), abbreviated as **UP**, is a state located in Northern India.

It was created on 1 April 1937 as the **United Provinces**, and was renamed *Uttar Pradesh* in 1950. Lucknow is the capital city of Uttar Pradesh. Ghaziabad, Kanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Aligarh, and Varanasi are known for their industrial importance in the state. On 9 November 2000, a new state, Uttarakhand, was carved out from the Himalayan hill region of Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh was home to powerful empires of ancient and medieval India. The two major rivers of the state, the Ganges and Yamuna, join at Allahabad and then flow as the Ganges further east. The state has several historical, natural, and religious tourist destinations, such as the Agra, Varanasi, Piprahwa, Kaushambi, Kanpur, Ballia, Shravasti, Kushinagar, Lucknow, Jhansi, Allahabad, Budaun, Meerut and Mathura, Jaunpur.