

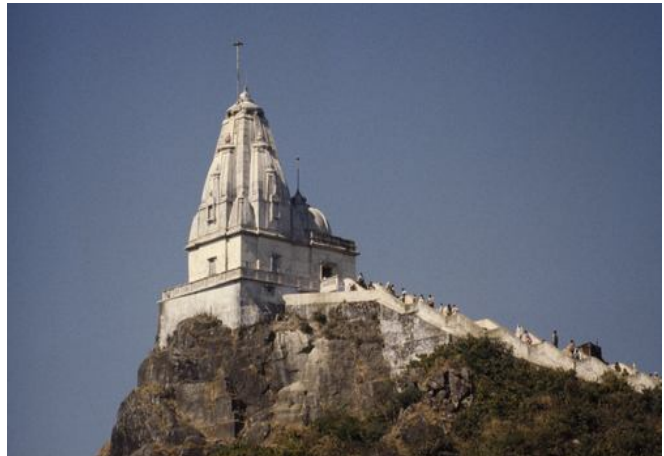
## **Tourist Places in and around Dhanbad**

Dhanbad the coal capital of India lies at the western part of Eastern Indian Shield, the Dhanbad district is ornamented by several tourist spots, namely Parasnath Hill, Parasnath Temple, Topchanchi, famous Jharia coalfields, to mention a few. Other important places are Bodh Gaya, Maithon Dam, and this town is only at 260 km distance by rail route from Kolkata.

### **Bodh Gaya**



Lying at 220 km distance from Dhanbad. Bodh Gaya is the place where Gautam Buddha attained unsurpassed, supreme Enlightenment. It is a place which should be visited or seen by a person of devotion and which would cause awareness and apprehension of the nature of impermanence. About 250 years after the Enlightenment, the Buddhist Emperor, Ashoka visited the site of pilgrimage and established the Mahabodhi temple.



### **Parasnath Temple**

The Parasnath Temple is considered to be one of the most important and sanctified holy places of the Jains. According to Jain tradition, no less than 23 out of 24 Tirthankaras (including Parsvanatha) are believed to have attained salvation here.



### **Baidyanath Temple**

Baidyanath Jyotirlinga temple, also known as Baba dham and Baidyanath dham is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas, the most sacred abodes of Shiva. It is located in Deoghar at a distance of 134 km from Dhanbad. It is a temple complex consisting of the main temple of Baba Baidyanath, where the Jyotirlinga is installed, and 21 other temples.

### **Maithon Dam**

Maithon is 52 km from Dhanbad. This is the biggest reservoir in the Damodar Valley. This dam, designed for flood control, has been built on Barakar river. It has a unique underground power station, which is first of its kind in S.E. Asia. Just a little away from the dam lies an ancient temple at Kalyaneshwari.





### **Bhatinda Fall**

Bhatinda Falls is one of the famous picnic spots in Dhanbad. Situated amidst greenery and rocky landscape Bhatinda Falls welcomes lots of tourists during winters. It is located at a distance of 14 km from Dhanbad station at Moonidih.

### **Chinnamasta Temple**



Chinnamasta Temple dedicated to goddess Chinnamasta is a Hindu pilgrimage centre & located in Rajrappa, in Ramgarh district of Jharkhand. The main attraction of the Chhinnamasta (also known as Chinnamastika) temple is the headless deity of Goddess Chinnamasta which stands on the body of Kamdeo and Rati in the lotus bed. The Chhinnamasta temple is popular for its Tantrik style of architectural design.



### **Topchanchi Lake**

Topchanchi lake lies at 37 km from Dhanbad. It was excavated along the slope of the Pareshnath hills in 1915 to supply water to Jharia. Situated in a calm, quiet and beautiful environment Topchanchi still is a veritable paradise to nature lovers. A wild life sanctuary has been built in the hilly forests around the lake.

### **Jharia Coalfields**

Jharia, a suburb of Dhanbad city, is one of the most important coalfields in India, and the only source of coking and metallurgical coal in the country.