



white big cat. This is the place where Rewa's former ruler Maharaja Martand Singh Ji had first spotted the White Tiger. A White Tiger breeding center in the proximity has been named after the Maharaj.

#### How to Reach

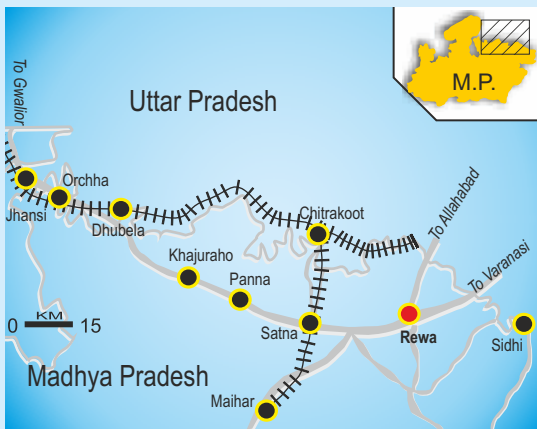
**By Air** - Nearest airports are Khajuraho, Jabalpur, Bhopal and Banaras.

**By Rail** - Rewa, situated on Delhi, Mumbai, Howrah route has its own railway station. Other nearest railway station is Satna (51 km). Rewa is connected directly by daily rail service from Delhi, Bhopal, Jabalpur

**By Road** - Distances from main cities-Allahabad 127 km, Banaras 240 km, Khajuraho 225 km, Jabalpur 227 km.

**Best Season** - October to March.

**What to Do** - Tourists may taste the local cuisine like *Indrahaar*, *Khurchan*, *Chaata* etc. Local craft include toys and artifacts carved on betel nut (*Supari*).



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# Rewa

An Amalgam of Natural  
and Archeological Beauty



Nestled in the north western side of Madhya Pradesh, Rewa is a place synonymous with natural beauty and archaeological treasure trove such as cave paintings, Buddhist stupas and Kalchuri period riches of sculpture. Under Bhaghela rulers, Rewa reached at a zenith in the field of music and literature. It was due to the love for environment and wildlife of the erstwhile Maharaja Martand Singh Ju Dev, that the rare white tiger was brought to the notice of the world. Furthermore, Rewa contributed immensely in the freedom struggle between 1857-1942. Many a waterfalls around Rewa, lend a surreal appeal, making it a must watch destination amongst the leisure travellers.

#### What to see



Purva waterfall

**Waterfalls** - A number of mesmerizing waterfalls are seen around Rewa, viz, 30 km from Rewa district head quarters is **Keoti waterfalls**, 31 km away on Semariya road is **Purva waterfall**, **Chachai** and **Bahuti waterfall** in Sirmour (71 kms from Rewa) development block. **Bahuti waterfall** with a height of 142 m is the highest fall of the region. Tamas River along with its tributaries Beehar and Mahanadi forms the **Purva waterfall**.

**Rewa Fort** - Salim Shah (Jalal Khan) son of Shershah (Afgan) initiated the construction of a fort on the north bank of junction of river Biher and Bichhiya in 1539 A.D after the death of his father Shershah in Kalinjar fort in 1544 A.D. However, he left Rewa and went to Delhi and never came back to Rewa again. Raja Vikramaditya of Baghel dynasty came to Ranbahadur Ganj from Bandhargarh in 1617 A.D. on a hunting expedition and noticed the half built fort and got it completed. He is credited with the construction of the fortification wall, bastions, doors and palaces. A colony was revalidated in side the fort which is called upper *hatti*.



Govindgarh Palace

**Govindgarh Palace, Govindgarh** - Lying 19 kms from Rewa in the Hazoor tahsil, Govindgarh Palace is a magnificent building on the bank of a picturesque lake. Maharaja Vishavnath Singh of Rewa built the Rama Govind temple, This palace was subsequently expanded by Maharaja Raghuraj Singh and Maharaja Gulab Singh. The sub-sections of this beautiful palace are known as Raghav mahal, Badal mahal and Ulta mahal. The noteworthy monuments are the Anandgarh and Dariya mahal (constructed by Gulam Singh) and the Darbar Hall and the adjoining marble temple (built by Raghuraj Singh). Govindgarh is also famous as the place where the first White Tiger was seen.

#### Bhairav, Khamdeeh -

This place is 25 km on the right of the Rewa-Gurh Road. This four-armed Bhairav is monolithic in structure and one of the unique depictions of lord Bhairav. This idol is 31 feet tall and 3.07 metres wide. In the upper left hand of Bhairav is a *trishul* and in the lower left hand a *rudraksh mala*. In the upper right hand he



Bhairav Baba

holds a snake with three tongues and in the lower right hand he holds a *kalash*. A *rudraksh mala* adorns his neck and a snake twines along with. This idol is unique due to its size and has been declared as a protected monument by State Archaeology.

**Baghela Museum** - The museum exhibits the prosperous history of the royal house of Rewa. It consist of a weapon gallery, stone gallery and a collection of rare pictures and written material. A gallery dedicated to the life of Rewa's white tiger 'Mohan' exhibits the history of whiter tigers of the region.

**Rani Ka Talab** - A Shiva temple exists in the centre of Rani Talab. The lake is surrounded by *Chhatris*. Another Shiva temple is situated towards the bank of the lake which is lined with six *chhatris*. These provide a fascinating view. At some distance from the lake there is a huge temple, which is called Rani Ka Mandir, dedicated to lord Ram and Sita. According to the priest the temple was built by Raja Vishwanath Singh and Rani Subhadra Kumari. Several *kalachuri* period images have been pasted on the boundary wall, which include those of Balram, *dikpala* and other deities.



Vyankat Bhawan

**Vyankat Bhawan** - This magnificent palace houses a tunnel 25ft below its foundation which opens in the Fort. The central hall is known for its exquisite splendour of golden colour carvings. The State Museum run in the premises has a display of many 1000 years old statues belonging to Kulchuri period. This is a protected monument under State Archaeology.



Deur Kothar

**Deur Kothar** - Situated on Rewa-Allahabad highway near Katra, remains of Buddhist Stupas belonging to Mauryan age (3rd to 2nd Cent. BC) have been found. It is situated on the ancient trade route between Bharhut and Sarnath stupas. The excavation also yielded an Ashokan inscription. The monument is protected by ASI.

**White Tiger Safari, Mukundpur Zoo** - One of its kind in the world, the White Tiger Safari in Mukundpur, Govindgarh is an exciting opportunity to behold the rare, beautiful

