

List of Important Mountain Passes in India

The passes in India are found in diverse states and have certain heights, which helps to differentiate between the highest and lowest mountain passes. Mountain passes are often called Hill Pass when discovered at lower altitudes.

Some important passes in India are Mana Pass, Zoji La, Banihal Pass, Niti Pass, Nathu La, Shipki La, Bara-Lacha, Rohtang Pass, and Jalap La.

Important Passes in India

Below are the mountain passes in India, their location, height, and the zones between them.

Passes in India	State	Height (ft)	Between/ Separating
Gyong La	Jammu and Kashmir (Siachen Glacier)	18,655	
Nama Pass	Uttarakhand	18,399	
Sia La	Jammu and Kashmir (Siachen Glacier)	18,337	
Marsimik La	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)	18,314	
Lanak Pass	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)	17,933	Ladakh & Tibet
Bilafond La	Jammu and Kashmir (Siachen Glacier)	17,881	

Sasser la	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)	17,753	Nubra & Siachen Glacier
Changla Pass	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)	17,585	Leh & Changthang
Tanglang La	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)	17,583	
Khardung La	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)	17,582	Leh & Nubra
Auden's Col	Uttarakhand	17,552	
Debsa Pass	Himachal Pradesh	17,520	
Lipulekh Pass	Uttarakhand	17,500	
Lamkhaga Pass	Himachal Pradesh	17,336	
Traill's Pass	Uttarakhand	17,100	
Kongka Pass	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)	16,965	Ladakh & Aksai Chin
Lungalacha La	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)	16,600	
Bara-lacha-la	Himachal Pradesh	16,400	
Mayali Pass	Uttarakhand	16,371	
Goecha La	Sikkim	16,207	
Kunzum Pass	Himachal Pradesh (Lahaul and Spiti)	14,931	Lahaul & Spiti
Chanshal Pass	Himachal Pradesh	14,830	

Indrahar Pass	Himachal Pradesh	14,473	
Jelep La	Sikkim	14,300	
Nathu La	Sikkim	14,140	Sikkim & Tibet
Sela Pass	Arunachal Pradesh	14,000	
Fotu La	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)	13,451	
Rohtang Pass	Himachal Pradesh	13,051	Manali & Lahaul
Zojila Pass	Jammu and Kashmir (Kashmir, Ladakh)	12,400	Kashmir & Ladakh
Namika La	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)	12,139	
Dongkhala	Sikkim	12,000	
Banihal Pass	Jammu and Kashmir (Jammu, Kashmir)	9,291	Jammu & Kashmir
Diphu Pass	Arunachal Pradesh	4,587	
Thamarassery Pass	Wayanad Kerala	1,700	Malabar & Mysore
Palakkad Gap	Kerala	750	Kerala & Tamil Nadu
Shenkottai pass	Kollam Kerala	690	Travancore & Tamil Nadu
Asirgarh	Madhya Pradesh		
Bomdila	Arunachal Pradesh		
Dehra	Jammu and Kashmir		

Compass	(Ladakh)		
Dhumdhar Kandi Pass	Uttarakhand		
Haldighati Pass	Rajasthan		
Karakoram Pass	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)		Ladakh & Xinjiang
Pensi La	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)		
Rezang La	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)		
Shipki La	Himachal Pradesh		
Shingo La	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)		
Spangur Gap	Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh)		
Sin La	Uttarakhand		

Mountain Passes in Leh & Ladakh

The important passes in Leh & Ladakh are listed below. These include:

- Aghil Pass
- Khardung La
- Thang La / Taglang La
- Bara-La/ Bara- Lacha La
- Lanak La
- Imis La
- Chang-La

Passes in India (Leh & Ladakh)	Features
Chang-La	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High mountain pass in the Greater Himalayas. - Connects Ladakh with Tibet.
Aghil Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Located in the Karakoram. - Links Xinjiang of China to Ladakh. - It is not opened in the season of winter.
Bara-La/ Bara- Lacha La	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Situated on the National Highway in Jammu and Kashmir. - Joins Manali and Leh.
Lanak La	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Found in the Aksai Chin (Ladakh). - Joins Lhasa and Ladakh. - The Chinese management constructed a roadway to merge Tibet and Xinjiang.
Imis La	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tough geographical topography and vertical inclines. - In winter season, this pass in India stay closed. - Links Tibet and Ladakh.
Khardung La	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - Connects Leh and Siachen glaciers. - Highest motorable pass in India. - Pass in india that remains closed during winters.
Thang La / Taglang La	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Located in Ladakh. - Second-highest motorable mountain pass in India.

Mountain Passes in Uttarakhand

The important passes in Uttarakhand are listed below. These include

- Rohtang Pass: Kullu-Lahul-Spiti
- Lipu Lekh: Uttarakhand-Tibet
- Mangsha Dhura Pass: Uttarakhand-Tibet
- Traill's Pass
- Niti Pass
- Debsa Pass: Spiti Valley and Parvati Valley
- Mana Pass: Uttarakhand-Tibet
- Muling La: Uttarakhand-Tibet

Passes in India (Uttarakhand)	Features
Mana Pass: Uttarakhand-Tibet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is discovered in the Greater Himalayas and connects Uttarakhand and Tibet. - Throughout winters, the pass experiences snowfall for six months.
Muling La: Uttarakhand-Tibet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discovered at 5669 m in the Great Himalayas to north of Gangotri. - This seasonal pass connecting Tibet and Uttarakhand remains covered with snow throughout winter.
Rohtang Pass: Kullu-Lahul-Spiti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Found in the state of Himachal Pradesh. - Possess an ideal road conveyance. - This pass in India connects Lahul, Spiti, and Kullu.

Lipu Lekh: Uttarakhand-Tibet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discovered in Uttarakhand. - Combines Tibet with Uttarakhand. - This mountain pass in India is a vital border headquarters for dealing with China.
Mangsha Dhura Pass: Uttarakhand-Tibet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The pass in India that links Tibet-Uttarakhand experiences landslides. - The sightseer for Manasarovar cross this pass. - It's situated in the Kuthi Valley.
Traill's Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Located in Uttarakhand. - Situated at the end of the Pindari glacier, connecting the Pindari valley to Milam valley. - The pass in India is very steep and rugged.
Niti Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connects Tibet to Uttarakhand. - The pass in India is covered with snow throughout winters.
Debsa Pass: Spiti Valley and Parvati Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connects Parvati Valley and Spiti Valley. - Elevated pass in between Spiti (Himachal Pradesh) and Kullu. - Bypass passage of Pin-Parvati Pass.

Mountain Passes in the Northeastern States

The important passes in the Northeastern States are listed below. These include

- Nathu La
- Dihang pass
- Pangsau Pass
- Kumjawng Pass
- Diphu pass
- Jelep La
- Yonggyap Pass
- Chaukan Pass
- Bomdi-La

Passes in India (North-eastern states)	Features
Yonggyap Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Joins Tibet region and Arunachal Pradesh.- Present at 3962 meters height on the border of Indo-China.
Chaukan Pass	<p>This pass in India links Myanmar and Arunachal Pradesh.</p>
Bomdi-La	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Bomdi-La pass links the capital of Tibet, Lhasa with Arunachal Pradesh.- Situated in Bhutan.
Kumjawng Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kumjawng Pass also lies on the Indo-Myanmar border at an altitude of 2929.- Joins Myanmar and Arunachal Pradesh.

Diphu pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seen close to the site of the argued tripoint boundaries of Myanmar, China, and India. - Present on the McMahon Line.
Jelep La	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This pass passes through the Chumbi valley. - Connects Sikkim with Lhasa, the capital of Tibet.
Nathu La	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This Pass in India is situated in the Himalayan Range in Sikkim, India, at 4,310 m. - Passes through Nathu La (An important ancient Silk Route). - The trading border between India and China.
Dihang pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Found in the Northeastern states (Arunachal Pradesh). - This pass in India links Myanmar and Arunachal Pradesh. - It provides passage at more than 4000 meters in height.
Pangsau Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Situated in Arunachal Pradesh. - The pass in India joins Myanmar with Arunachal Pradesh. - Found at 1,136 m, the pass is seen on the ridge of the Patkai Hills, India-Burma border.

Mountain Passes in Kashmir

The important passes in Kashmir are listed below. These include

- Burzail pass: Srinagar- Kishan Ganga Valley
- Zoji La: Srinagar- Kargil & Leh
- Pir-Panjal Pass
- Pensi La
- Banihal Pass (Jawahar Tunnel): Banihal with Qazigund

Passes in India (Kashmir)	Features
Pensi La	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Pensi La connects the Kashmir valley with Kargil. - Situated in the Greater Himalayas.
Banihal Pass (Jawahar Tunnel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seen in Jammu and Kashmir. - Connects Qazigund and Banihal. - Discovered in the range of Pir-Panjal.
Burzail pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This pass in India connects the Deosai Plains (Ladakh) and Astore Valley (Kashmir).
Zoji La	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Links Kargil and Leh with Srinagar. - The road is cleared and maintained by the Beacon Force of Border Road Organization.
Pir-Panjal Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conventional pass from Srinagar to Jammu. - The pass in India got shut after the division. - Provides a short and quick route to Kashmir valley.

Mountain Passes in Deccan Plateau

The important passes in the Deccan Plateau are listed below. These include

- Malshej Ghat Pass
- Asirgarh Pass (Madhya Pradesh)
- Thal Ghat
- Shencottah Gap: Madurai-Kottayam
- Pal Ghat
- Chorla Ghat Pass
- Amba Ghat Pass
- Kumbharli Ghat Pass
- Tamhini Ghat
- Naneghat Pass
- Amboli Ghat Pass
- Jabalpur Gap
- Khandwa Gap
- Burhanpur Gap
- Bhor Ghat
- Haldighati Pass
- Goram Ghat

Passes in India (Central & Southern India)	Features
Thal Ghat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A slope or mountain incline in the Western Ghats (Maharashtra). - Situated on the active route of Nashik-Mumbai.
Shencottah Gap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Located in the Western Ghats. - Joins Madurai city in Tamil Nadu with the

	Kottayam district in Kerala.
Pal Ghat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discovered between Kerala and Tamil Nadu in the Western Ghats. - The mountain pass is discovered from Nilgiri Hills (north) to Anaimalai Hills (south).
Malshej Ghat Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Famous for birds such as quails, rails, crakes, flamingos, and cuckoos. - Location is the Sahyadri Range of Western Ghats (Lofty rugged hills of the Western Ghats) in Maharashtra, India.
Asirgarh Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Found in the Satpura Range (Madhya Pradesh) at roughly 260 m. - Connects Tapti Valleys and Narmada.
Chorla Ghat Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This region is prevalent for the less known species of wolf snake. - Location is the Sahyadri mountain range of Western Ghats in Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Goa.
Amboli Ghat Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This pass in India is for wildlife, the Hiranyakeshi temple, dense hilly forests, and several waterfalls. - Connects Sawantwadi of Maharashtra to Belgaum of Karnataka.
Jabalpur Gap	Jabalpur is a level 2 city (Madhya Pradesh).
Khandwa Gap	Khandwa is a Nagar Nigam city in the Nimar area (Madhya Pradesh).

Burhanpur Gap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Present in Madhya Pradesh. - Satpura range and Tapti river behave as realistic boundaries for the district of Burhanpur. - Gap between the Satpura range and Tapti river is known as the Burhanpur gap.
Bhor Ghat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bhor Ghat is a mountain passage between Palasdari and Khandala. - Located at an elevation of four hundred and forty-one meters above sea level.
Haldighati Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This Pass in India is located in the Aravali Range in the state of Rajasthan. - Location witnessed the 'Battle of Haldighati' under Emperor Akbar between the Mughals and Mewar king Maharana Pratap in 1576.
Goram Ghat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goram Ghat is seen in the Aravali Range (Rajasthan). - Connects Mewar and Marwar in Rajasthan. - The terrain is densely forested with Dhok forest and is rich in biodiversity.
Amba Ghat Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scenic mountain-scapes and a pleasant weather. - Location is Sahyadri Mountains of Western Ghats in Maharashtra.
Kumbharli Ghat Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Links Ratnagiri in the Konkan site (Maharashtra) and the Satara District in the Desh area. - This pass in India is located in Western Ghats.

Tamhini Ghat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- This region is popular for the spread of green Ghats, foggy streets, and running waterfalls.- Connects the Tamhini (Pune) and talukas of Mulshi.
Naneghat Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Part of an ancient trading route.- Location is Sahyadri Range (Western Ghats) in Maharashtra, India.- Connects Pune district to Junnar City.

