

Roorkee (longitude: 77° 53' 52" and latitude: 29° 52' 00", an average elevation above sea level: 268 m) is situated 30 km south of Shivalik Himalayan range and is in district Haridwar of state of Uttaranchal, India.

Roorkee is situated at about 180 km north of New Delhi, the capital of India. The town is famous for the Upper Ganga Canal built by the British in 1854. The canal flows close to the IIT Campus and many of the hydraulic structures on this canal are unique and bear testimony to the high level of Civil Engineering prevailing at that time, in this part of the world. The town of Roorkee is also known as Gateway to the Himalayan Ranges of North India and to the various pilgrimage centres like Haridwar, Rishikesh etc.

Roorkee is well connected by road and rail from Delhi. There is frequent and regular bus service to Roorkee from Inter State Bus Terminus (ISBT) of Delhi. Rail connection to Roorkee is on Howrah-Amritsar and Delhi-Dehradun Railway lines.

The weather in Roorkee in the month of December is pleasantly cool, the temperature ranging from 10°C to 15°C.

### **Institutions in Roorkee**

#### **Indian Institute of Technology**

7th IIT of the country

Formerly known as the University of Roorkee, established in 1847

#### **Bengal Engineering Group & Centre**

Army Cantonment

### **Central Building Research Institute**

A constituent establishment of CSIR, New Delhi

### **National Institute of Hydrology**

Ministry of Water Resources

### **College of Engineering Roorkee**

A private engineering college

### Historical Structures

#### **Solani Aquaduct**

Constructed by British in 1850

#### **Ganges Canal**

Constructed by British in 1847

## War Memorial

Situated in Army Cantonment Area

### Geographical Location

Longitude 77 °

Latitude 29 °

Average elevation above sea level

Shivalik Himalayan Ranges 30 km

Haridwar 30 km

Rishikesh 30 km

Dehradun 75 km

Mussoorie 105 km

New Delhi 180 km

## Reaching Roorkee is Easy

From New Delhi by train

Shatabdi Express (Daily) 7.00 a.m.

Jan Shatabdi Express (Daily) 10 p.m.

Okha Express 12.30 p.m.

Indore - Dehradun Express 12.30 p.m.

Ujjain - Dehradun 12.30 p.m.

Bombay Dehradun (Daily) 7.00 a.m.

From New Delhi by road

Buses from ISBT, New Delhi every 10 minutes

Hired taxi from Ajmeri Gate round the clock

From Lucknow by train

Various trains

Nearest Airport(s)

New Delhi (200 k.m.)

Dehradun (75 k.m.)