RAILWAY STATIONS OF KALKA SHIMLA SECTION & ITS ATTRACTIONS

KALKA (0.00Km, Height 656 m above MSL):- Gateway to Himachal Pradesh, mainly established for transshipment & transit purposes. Derived its name from famous Kali Mata temple located at the Shimla end of the town. The NG toy train starts its uphill journey from the Kalka. A diesel shed as well as narrow gauge workshop located at Kalka is catering to the operation and maintenance needs of engines and coaches of Kalka-Shimla Rail section.

TAKSAL (5.69Km/Height- 806m above MSL):- As the train meanders into Himachal Pradesh, this is the first station after Kalka on NG KSR section, which is situated in Parwanoo, the industrial town of Himachal Pradesh. The local says that a coin mint was at this place in British era & the name has been derived from that, but no evidence is available in this regards.

GUMMAN (10.41Km/Height- 940m above MSL):- An isolated station, situated in Kasauli hills. Dangerous wild animals sometimes stray on to the station. The
famous Timber Trail Resort is visible (13.00Km) from this location of rail track. The Resort has a cable car ropeway service, across the valley, connecting two peaks.

**KOTI** (16.234 KM / Height from MSL 1098m) : The station is often visited by wild animals. The second longest tunnel (No. 10) with a length of 693.72m is situated near this station. A Natural water spring also flows nearby the station.

**SONWARA** (26Km/Height- 1334m above MSL):- The peaceful station with slate gabled roof looks very beautiful. The famous, residential, Sanawar School is located nearby. The longest arch gallery bridge (No.226) of Kalka-Shimla section with an overall length of 97.40m and height of 19.31m is situated near this station.
DHARAMPUR (32.14Km/Height- 1469m above MSL):- The famous hill station Kasauli is about 13Km from this station. The Engineer's Bungalow (33Km) the official residence of Engineer Incharge of this section till late sixties, later on converted into Northern Railway Safety Institute, is also situated near this station towards Shimla end.

KUMARHATI DAGSHAI (39Km/Height- 1579m above MSL):- This isolated station was a transit point for serving the famous Dagshai Military cantonment & still serving the same purpose. A historical Church, Old British Cemetery & jail is famous in Dagshai. Still British people visit this place to pay reverence to their near & dears buried here.

BAROG (42.14Km/Height- 1531 m above MSL):- The station has been named after Engineer Barog, who was the incharge of construction site of first unsuccessful tunnel.

The Engineer Col. S. Barog, responsible for the construction of Barog tunnel, was fined Rs. 1/- by British authorities, when he failed to connect both the ends
of this tunnel while burrowing. He committed suicide with his dog being frustrated over his failure, as both ends of the tunnel did not meet. His grave still exists near the face of unsuccessful tunnel, about 1 Km. upside of existing tunnel. This is one of the most beautiful stations of this section. The longest tunnel (No.33) with a length of 1143.61m is situated just near the station towards Kalka end. After the uphill journey the train runs down the hill from Barog.

BAROG TUNNEL NO. 33

Unbelievably fascinating - The longest tunnel of Kalka- Shimla Rail section

Unarguably Authentic Story

The Engineer Col. S. Barog, responsible for the construction of Barog tunnel, was fined Rs. 1/- by British authorities, when he failed to connect both the ends of this tunnel while burrowing. He committed suicide as he could not digest his failure. The name of this beautiful station has been derived from Engineer Col. S. Barog.

SOLAN (46.10Km/Height- 1429m above MSL) :- The Distt. Head Quarter and also known as Mushroom city. The National Institute of Research on Mushroom Farming & Solan Agriculture University is situated here. The famous Solan Brewery & Distillery is also located near the old Solan Brewery Station since closed.
SALOGRA (52.70Km. /Height- 1509m above MSL):- This isolated station is famous for Scout Camp and Railway Rest house having beautiful & picturesque view. Salogra is famous for production of subtropical fruits. An ideally situated holiday home with perfect view of valley is also located here.

KANDAGHAT (58.24Km./Height above MSL 1433 m) :-The famous hill station & old palace of Maharaja Patiala, The CHAIL Palace, converted into a hotel, is just 29 Km. from here. This place is famous for fruit, vegetables & flower farming. The beautiful Arch Bridge No. 493 with a length of 32m is situated here. The final climb of this Rail journey begins from this station, going through lush green forest of Oak & Deodar.
KANOH (69.42Km., Height above MSL 1647 m):- This railway station, an engineer’s marvel of its time, is completely unapproachable by road and is situated in a valley. The highest Arch Gallery bridge (No.541) with a height of 23m and length 54.8m with curved lay out is situated here.

KATHLEEGHAT (72.23 Km, Height 1701 m above MSL):- This is the beautiful station adjacent to the National Highway leading to Shimla. Passengers sometimes alight at this place and take the road transport to enjoy Rail & Road journey to reach Shimla.
**SHOGHI** (77.81 Km, Height 1832 m above MSL) :- This is an isolated peaceful station of this section. The famous Tara Devi temple & Kali temple are approachable by road from this station.

**TARADEVI** (84.64 Km/ Height 1936 m above MSL):- The famous pilgrim place. The name has been derived from famous Mata Tara Devi. The temples of Tara Devi & Sankat Mochan are situated in the vicinity of this station. The third longest tunnel (No.91) of this section is situated just on the Shimla end of this station.

**JUTOGH** (89.41 Km/ Height 1958 m above MSL) :- One of the suburb station of Shimla, which served as the transit point for Jutogh Military Cantonment.
**SUMMERHILL** (92.93Km./ Height 2042 above MSL):- One of the suburb station of Shimla. The famous Himachal Pradesh University is situated near the station.

**SHIMLA** (95.57Km./ Height 2076 m above MSL):- The State Capital and famous hill station. It also served as summer capital & retreat of earstwhile colonial Govt. during pre independence era. The famous Mall road, Ridge, Jakhu temple, Indian institute of Advance Study, Kannady House are located in the periphery of 4 Km. of Railway station. Baba Bhalkhu Rail Museum is located at the last end of Kalka Shimla Heritage line.