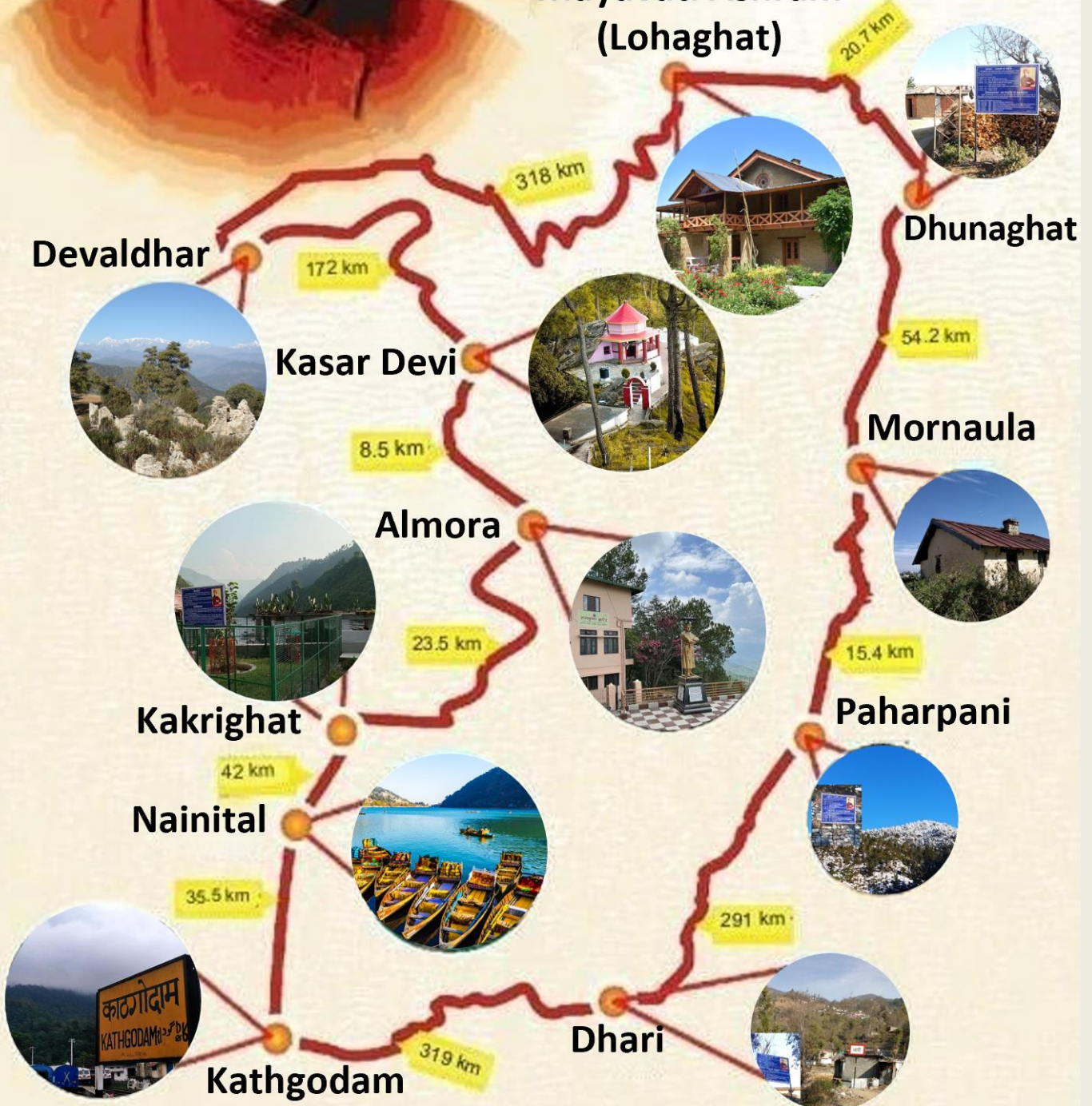




SWAMI VIVEKANANDA SPIRITUAL CIRCUIT STUDY CENTRE

Mayavati Ashram
(Lohaghat)

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Inaugurated by Swami Dhruveshananda, Adhyaksha, Ramakrishna Kutir, Almora
AND Prof. Satpal Singh Bisht, Vice-Chancellor, Soban Singh Jeena Univeristy, Almora
in presence of Swami Shuddhidananda, Adhyaksha, Advaita Ashrama, Mayavati on **30 September 2023**

Holy Footprints of Swami Vivekananda in Kumaun, Uttarakhand

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- **Kathgodam:** On his way to Almora & Mayavati, Swami Vivekananda passed through Kathgodam Rly. station four times in 1890, 1897, 1898 & 1900
- **Nainital:** Swamiji came to Nainital in 1890 with his brother-disciple Swami Akhandananda and in 1898 with his western disciples
- **Kakrighat:** On 29th Aug 1890, Swamiji realized the oneness of the microcosm with the macrocosm while meditating under a Peepal tree at Kakrighat. He said- "I have seen the whole universe within an atom".
- **Vivekananda Shila:** Walking his way to Almora, Swamiji fainted at rock near the Karbala cemetery out of hunger & exhaustion. A piece of cucumber offered by a Muslim Fakir saved his life.
- **Lala Badri Shah's House:** First in 1890, as a wandering monk and second time, after returning from the west in 1897, Swamiji stayed at Badri Shah's house as his guest.
- **Kasar Devi:** Swamiji performed deep meditation & severe austerities in a solitary cave at Kasar Devi for 2-3 days, realizing the call to serve the suffering humanity.
- **Dewaldhar:** Swamiji stayed altogether for 46 days in the Dewaldhar Estate in 1897.
- **Binsar Dak Bungalow:** He also stayed for 2-3 days at Binsar Dak Bungalow in 1897.
- **Government Inter College (GIC), Almora:** Swamiji delivered for the first time a speech in Hindi on 27th July 1897 at GIC, Almora. He delivered another lecture in English here on 31st July 1897 & one on 28th July at the **English Club** to the English residents of Almora.
- **Thompson House:** Swami Vivekananda, along with a few of his western & Indian disciples stayed here in 1898.
- **Oakley House (Nivedita Cottage/ Deodar Inn):** While staying here, Margaret Noble (Sister Nivedita) was blessed by Swami Vivekananda under a Deodar tree in 1898.
- **Syahi Devi:** Swamiji stayed here from 25th to 28th May 1898. He meditated in a cave in the silence of the forest for about ten hours every day during this period.
- **Dhari Dak Bungalow:** Swami Vivekananda, along with his disciples stayed here for one night in December 1900 while travelling from Kathgodam to Mayavati.
- **Paharpani:** He had to spend the night of 31st Dec. 1900 at a tea stall in Paharpani.
- **Mornaulla:** Swamiji spent the first night of the 20th century- 1st Jan. 1901 in Mornaulla Dak Bungalow, enjoying the snow-covered hills & the scenic beauty of the place.
- **Dhunaghat:** He spent the night of 2nd Jan. 1901 at Dhunaghat.
- **Advaita Ashrama, Mayavati:** Swami Vivekananda visited Mayavati Advaita Ashrama for a fortnight from 3rd to 18th Jan. 1901, which also coincided with his 38th birthday.
- While returning from Mayavati, Swamiji stopped at **Champawat, Deuri, Tanakpur, Khatima** and boarded the train to Kolkata on 22nd January 1901 at Pilibhit Station.