

## **CHACHRAN SHARIF** **(BIRTHPLACE OF HAZRAT KHAWAJA GHULAM FARID)**



**Chachran Sharif** is a historic town located on the **right bank of the Indus River**, opposite **Kot Mithan**, in **District Rahim Yar Khan, Punjab, Pakistan**.

- It lies near the border of **Sindh and Punjab**, making it a cultural crossroads.
- The town is connected to Kot Mithan through the **Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Bridge (Nishtar Ghat Bridge)** over the Indus.

### **Religious & Spiritual Importance**

- Chachran Sharif is world-famous for being the **birthplace of Hazrat Khawaja Ghulam Farid (1845–1901)**, the great Sufi poet of the **Saraiki language**.
- The town holds a central position in **Sufi traditions**, attracting thousands of devotees every year.
- His **ancestral haveli (residence)** is still present and visited by admirers.

### **Cultural & Historical Significance**

- The town has historically been a hub of **Saraiki culture, poetry, and mysticism**.
- Hazrat Khawaja Ghulam Farid's poetry (compiled in *Diwan-e-Farid*) was written here, giving Chachran Sharif a unique cultural identity.
- Traditional **Saraiki music, sufi gatherings, and mehfils** are deeply tied to the city's identity.

### **Economy & Lifestyle**

- Agriculture is the backbone of the local economy.
- Crops such as wheat, cotton, sugarcane, and dates are cultivated.

- The nearby Indus River provides irrigation through canals.
- Life in Chachran Sharif remains a mix of rural traditions and growing urbanization.

## Connectivity

- Chachran Sharif is accessible via the **Kot Mithan–Rahim Yar Khan road** and the **Nishtar Ghat Bridge**, which links it with other parts of Punjab and Sindh.
- The nearest major city is **Rahim Yar Khan**.