

DERA ISMAIL KHAN



Dera Ismail Khan (commonly called D.I. Khan) is an important city in the southern part of **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan**, located on the **west bank of the Indus River**. Founded in the 15th century by **Ismail Khan**, a Baloch chief, the city carries a long history of trade, culture, and resilience. It serves as a gateway between **Punjab, Balochistan, and KPK**, making it a hub of regional connectivity.

The city is known for its **rich cultural blend** of Pashtun, Saraiki, and Baloch traditions, reflected in its language, dress, and food. D.I. Khan is also famous for its **traditional handicrafts, colorful bazaars, and the renowned sweet “Sohan Halwa.”** Its fertile lands, nourished by the Indus River, make agriculture the backbone of the local economy, with crops like wheat, sugarcane, and cotton.

With its **historic roots, diverse culture, and strategic location**, Dera Ismail Khan holds a special place in the social and economic fabric of Pakistan.