

Kali Mandi pass



Water-colour painting of the Kali Mandi pass in Uttar Pradesh by James Manson (1791-1862), c.1826. Inscribed on the reverse is: 'View of the Himmalaya from the Kaleemundee Ghaut in Juwahir a pass about 9100 feet above the level of the sea'. Uttar Pradesh in northern India is bordered by Bihar to the east, Madhya Pradesh to the south, Rajasthan, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana to the west and Uttaranchal and Nepal in the north. The region has a rich variety of scenery encompassing open stretches of meadow, dense forests, snow-capped mountains and perennial rivers most notably the Yamuna and the Ganga, the two holy rivers of Indian mythology. This region has traditionally been a popular retreat from people escaping the heat of the Indian plains.