

Bikaner is a city in the northwest of the state of Rajasthan in northern India. It is located 330 kilometers (205 miles) northwest of the state capital, Jaipur. Bikaner city is the administrative headquarters of Bikaner District and Bikaner Division. It was formerly the capital of the princely state of Bikaner. The city was founded by Rao Bika in 1486 and thereafter, it has developed into the fifth largest city in Rajasthan. The Gang Canal, completed in 1928, and the Indira Gandhi Canal, completed in 1987 have facilitated its development.

Bikaner has a hot climate with very little rainfall and extreme temperature. The climate in Bikaner is characterised by significant variations in temperature. In the summer season it is very hot when the temperature lies in the range of 28-48.5 °C while in the winter, it is fairly cold with the temperature in the range of 2-23.2 °C. Here the annual rainfall is in the range of 260-440 millimeters.

Located in the hallowed *Maru Bhumi* of Bikaner not less than *Chhoti Kashi* with temples all around and people with an impeccable sense of religiosity, the land blessed by Goddess Karani, Guru Jambheshwar and the founder of the famous *Sankhya Darshan* Shri Kapil Muni, the land known for its religiosity with famous temples such as Salasar Balaji and Gogameri, the land known for the love of Dhola-Maru, the land of the people whose distinctiveness, and ancient literature impressed the great Italian scholar Tassitorty, the land where was written *Krishan Rukmani ri Veli*, recognized as the fifth Veda and the Nineteenth Purana in the literary world; the land from where spread the message of peace and non-violence of Acharya Tulsi, the land which has given a taste of *Rasgoolas* and *Namkeens* not only to the people of this country but also to all the countries of the world, the University has lightened the lamp of education in the Bikaner Division consisting of the districts of Bikaner, Ganganagar, Hanumangarh and Churu.