

JHARKAND STATE

Muslims in Ranchi, India

Reach out & come alongside

4.7 MILLION

Est. Muslim Population
Jharkand State

200,000

Est. Muslim Population
Ranchi

4%

Christians able to
be mobilized

2

Movement Workers
Among Muslims

MAP OF INDIA



ABOUT THE CITY OF RANCHI

Ranchi is the capital of the north Indian state of Jharkand, where almost 5 million Muslims live. Jharkand literally means **The Land of Forests**— a name that clearly describes the state's physical makeup of **green, trees, mountains, and moderate weather**. Called *The Land of Waterfalls*, it also earned the title of **mini hill station** because of the high elevation and corresponding temperate climate. Developed by North Indian standards—the city most notably boasts electricity available nearly all hours of the day. Some Western products are available at Ranchi's finest grocery store, Spencers, which is part of a British chain. Broadband and satellite internet providers are available, and a domestic airport connects Ranchi on quick flight with other major Indian cities such as Kolkata and Delhi.

RANCHI DISTRICT



Like other cities of its size, Ranchi is well connected with major cities of India via rail routes and one of the most profitable station in South Eastern Railways. Ranchi's airport, Birsa Munda Airport, has **direct flights** from Patna, Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Pune, Chennai, Jammu, Goa and Kolkata as well as international flights.



MUSLIMS IN RANCHI DISTRICT, INDIA

Overview & OPPORTUNITIES

Exploring going?

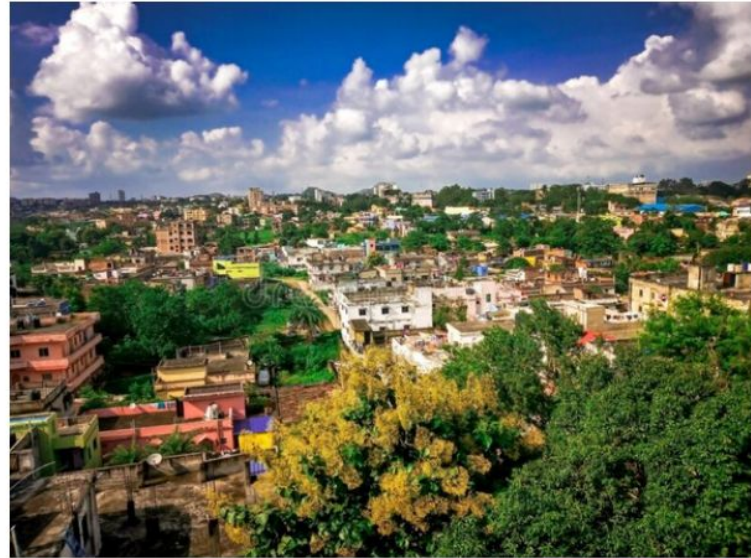
SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

While there are a handful of foreign workers living and serving in Ranchi, NONE of them are focusing on the city's 200,000 Muslim population. *This is no exaggeration.* There are literally **ZERO foreign cross cultural disciple-making workers** in Ranchi focusing on Muslims—and zero in the entire state of Jharkand, a state with roughly 5 million Muslims in it. There are, thankfully, **two local Indian apostles** (*who are open to partnering*) focusing on the Muslims of Ranchi—but **that is only two workers for 200,000 people.**

In the city proper, a good numbers of Muslims can be found in a variety of neighborhoods such as Axed Basti, HindPiri, Karala Chowk, Bansi Chowk, Habib street and Resaidar Nagar. Each of these neighborhoods have a number of mosques, madrassas and even Muslim Sufi shrines.

Ranchi is currently 32% Muslim, a striking number considering the fact that it was 10% Muslim as of the year 2000, so it is growing.

The city of Ranchi could also be a base to mobilize the area's 4% (mostly tribal) Christians with a wide view of reaching the entire 5 million Muslims in the state.



ENTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- Long-term cross-cultural workers could study language on a student-visa for a year or two in Delhi, Siligiri, Lucknow or Kolkota, while taking vision and survey trips into the city to gain a welcome and explore a long-term visa option.
- Students could come on student visas to get degrees in Hindi or degrees of their choice in prestigious institutes like BIT Mesra, IIM, NIFFT, NUSRL, CIP, RIMS .
- Business visas for foreign entrepreneurs opening service-based businesses such as language schools or nature-based tourism adventures might work here.
- Since Ranchi also boasts plenty of international level stadiums for different kind of sports, a business or training company tied to athletics could be welcome here.

Is God speaking to your heart about the Muslim people in India? The beautiful hill station of Ranchi offers a unique opportunity to influence an entire state with five million Muslims for the Kingdom of God.