

DISTRICT BUDGAM - A PROFILE

Budgam is one of the youngest districts of the State, carved out as it was from the erstwhile District Srinagar in 1979. Situated at an average height of 5,281 ft above sea-level and at 75 degree E longitude and 34 degree N latitude, the district was known as *Deedmarbag* in ancient times.

The topography of the district is mixed with both mountainous and plain areas. The climate is of the temperate type with the upper-reaches receiving heavy snowfall in winter. The average annual rainfall of the district is 585 mm.

While the southern and south-western parts are mostly hilly, the eastern and northern parts of the district are plain. The average height of the mountains is 1,610 m and the total area under forest cover is 477 sq. km. The soil is loose and mostly denuded *karewas* dot the landscape.

Comprising Three Sub-Divisions - Beerwah, Chadoora and Khansahib; Nine Tehsils - Budgam, Beerwah, B.K.Pora, Chadoora, Charisharief, Khag, Khansahib, Magam and Narbal; the district has been divided into seventeen blocks namely Beerwah, Budgam, B.K.Pora, Chadoora, ChrariSharief, Khag, Khansahib, Nagam, Narbal, Pakherpoa, Parnewa, Rathsun, Soibugh, Sukhnag, Surasyar, S.K.Pora and Waterhail which serve as prime units of economic development. Budgam has been further sliced into 283 panchayats comprising 510 revenue villages.

AREA AND LOCATION

Asset	Figure
Altitude from sea level	1610 Mtrs.
Total Geographical Area	1371 Sq. Kms.
Gross Irrigated Area	37551 hecets
Total Area Sown	55734 hecets
Forest Area	477 Sq. Kms.
Population	7.35 lacs (2011 census)

ADMINISTRATIVE SETUP

Sub. Divisions	03
Tehsils	09
Nayabats	25
CD Blocks	17
Municipalities	06
Patwar Halqas	110
Revenue villages	510
Panchayats	283

TOPOGRAPHY AND SOILS

The general topography of the area is both mountainous and plain. While the southern and south-western parts are mostly hilly, the eastern and northern parts are relatively plain. The average height of the mountains is 1,610 meters. The soil is loose and mostly denuded *karewas* dot the landscape.

CLIMATE

The climate of district Budgam is of temperate type. The annual average rainfall is 585 mm.

POPULATION

The total population of the district is 7.35 Lacs as per the 2011 Census.

LITERACY RATE

57.98% (2011 Census)

RURAL URBAN RATIO

With a predominately rural outlook, 86 % of the population in the district lives in its villages and are primarily involved in agricultural operations.

DENSITY OF POPULATION

The density of population in the district is 537 persons per sq. Km. as per 2011 Census.

SEX-RATIO

According to 2011 Census, population of the District is 7.35 lacs with gender ratio of 833/1000.

CROPPING PATTERN

The weather conditions in the Valley as well as in the district being temperate, multiple cropping has not been successful. Paddy and maize are the main crops while as pulses and vegetables are also grown in different pockets of the district. However, the district is trying a few experiments with unconventional farming, results of which have been encouraging so far.

PROMINENT SAINTS AND THEIR RESTING PLACES

Saint	Place
Sheikh Noor-ud-din Noorani (RA)	Charisharief