

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

District Jammu derives its name from the city of Jammu which was founded by Raja Jamboo Lochan in the 14th century BC. The District with an area of 3097 sq km is bounded in the north and north east by the Tehsils of Reasi in Udhampur District, in the east and south east partly by Tehsil Ramnagar of Udhampur District and partly by Tehsil Billawar of Kathua District, in the south and south west by Kathua District and Sialkote District of Rawalpindi (Pakistan) and in the north west by Tehsil Nowshara of District Rajouri and parts of the District Bhimber now under the occupation of Pakistan. The District falls in the Himalayas. As per Census 2011, Jammu District is most populous District of the State with provisional population of 15,26,406 (12.16 *per cent* of the population of the State) with 53.15 *per cent* of them residing in rural areas. The literacy rate in the District is 83.89 *per cent* which is higher than the State average of 68.74 *per cent* and National average of 74.04 *per cent*. The District comprises four Tehsils and eight blocks covering 297 *panchayats* with 771 inhabited and 88 uninhabited villages (Census 2001).



View of Jammu City

1.1 Administrative set up

The District Development Board (DDB) is an apex body at the District level for approval/finalization of Annual Plans for development of the District. The DDB of Jammu is headed by the Chief Minister. District Development Commissioner (DDC), Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chief Planning Officer; MLAs of all constituencies of the District and Sectoral/Departmental Heads are the members of the DDB. The respective Sectoral Heads co-ordinate and implement various socio-economic and development programmes. The Deputy Commissioner is assisted by the

Additional District Development Commissioner and Chief Planning Officer in preparation of plans.

The administrative set up of the District Development Board is shown in Chart-I:

