

Introduction

1.1 General Profile of the District

Nainital District is located in the Kumaon Division of Uttarakhand. The District is spread over hilly as well as plains areas. Nainital District has earned the epithet of Lake District of India due to the presence of many big and small lakes in the vicinity. It is surrounded by Almora District in north, Udham Singh Nagar District in south, Champawat District in east and District Pauri Garhwal in the west. The most prominent of the lakes is Naini Lake ringed by hills. Nainital has a varied topography. Some of the important places in the District are Nainital, Haldwani, Kaladhungi, Ramgarh, Bhowali, Ramnagar, Mukteshwar, Bhimtal, Sattal and Naukuchiatal.

The District spans an area of 3,853 sq km, which is 7.20 *per cent* of the total area of the State (53,483 sq km) and has its headquarter at Nainital. The District comprises of eight tehsils. To cater to rural development, the District has been divided into eight Community Development Blocks¹ covering 460 Gram Panchayats (GPs), three Nagar Palika Parishad (NPP)², three Nagar Panchayats (NP)³ and Nagar Nigam (NN) Haldwani. Out of 1.41 lakh families⁴ of the District, 31 *per cent* (0.43 lakh families) live below the poverty line (BPL). The status of Human Resources Development Infrastructure and significant developmental schemes in the district are given in *Appendix-1.1*. The profile of the District is described in **Table 1.1** below:

Table 1.1: Demographic profile

Features of Profile	District	State
Total population (in lakh)	9.55	101.16
Male population (in lakh)	4.94	51.54
Female Population (in lakh)	4.61	49.62
Sex Ratio	933	963
Total literacy rate	84.85	79.63
Male literacy rate	91.09	88.33
Female literacy rate	78.21	70.70
Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) per 1000 lives	31	43
Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) per 1,00,000 live births	183	188
Total Fertility Rate (children per woman)	2.1	2.3

Source: Census 2011, Annual Health Survey, 2010-11

¹ Bhimtal, Ramgarh, Dhari, Okhalkanda, Betalghat, Haldwani, Ramnagar & Kotabagh.

² Nagar Palika Parishad- Nainital, Ramnagar & Bhowali.

³ Nagar Panchayat- Bhimtal, Kaladhungi & Lalkuwan.

⁴ As per census 2001.

1.2 Organisational set-up

The District Magistrate is the head of the district administration. He is assisted by the Chief Development Officer (CDO) in formulation of district plan and the Project Director, District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) in implementation of different developmental programmes in the district. In addition to above, he supervises and monitors different sectoral programmes implemented by the district level heads of the line departments, the structure of which is given below. However, the District Planning Committee (DPC) is the apex plan approving and monitoring body in the district.

Chart 1.1: Organizational set-up

