

DISTRICT INDEX: GUJARAT

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The territorial waters of India extend into the sea to a distance of twelve nautical miles measured from the appropriate base line.

KEY STATISTICS OF BHARUCH DISTRICT
(Census 1991)

Area: 9028 sq. km; Population: 18,46,145; Literacy: 44.46 %
Density of population: 171 per sq. km; Main language spoken: Gujarati

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The basic objective of this Map series is to provide users and planners with topographic and thematic information related to a district.

BHARUCH district was mentioned in historical records nearly 2000 years ago. In the 17th century English & Dutch factories were established here. The Bharuch fort overlooks the wide Narmada River from its hill top location and at its base is Jami Masjid. On the river bank, out side the city to the east, is the temple of Bhruvru Rushi, from which it took its name-Bhruvru Kuchcha, later shortened to Bharuch.

Bharuch is fourth major cotton growing district in the state. Bharuch is, however, better known for one of the greatest oil fields in India near Ankleshwar. Overlooking the sacred river Narmada, is beautiful Suklatirth, a holiday resort and scene of a great kark full moon fair. Nearby is the island of Kabirvad with its giant banyan tree, which covers a hectare of area. Rajpipla in the eastern Bharuch is the state's most important timber trading centre. The headquarter town of Bharuch is possibly the oldest town in Gujarat and is a port. The other ports of the district are Alibet and Dahje.

The Narmada, Karan, Dhadar and Kim rivers are the major rivers of the district. The nearest airport is Vadodra which is 72 km from Bharuch. The Bharuch railway station of the western railway is well connected by roads to all major cities of the state.

The weather is moderate with a mean maximum temperature of 43°C in summer and mean minimum temperature of 10°C in winter with an average annual rainfall of 796 mm. Rice, Wheat, Jowar, Bajra, Pulses, Groundnut and cotton are the main crops.

Bharuch, situated on the bank of Narmada has seen no less than thirteen floods in the past 40 years including the recent flood of August 1994. The years of 1968, 1970, 1990, 1994 witnessed the worst floods.

Apart from the ravages of floods, earth tremors have also been felt in the district. The year 1970 was a year of natural calamities and the people of Bharuch district were singularly unfortunate as there was the double tragedy of earth quake in March followed by flood in September.

Bharuch district has many industries, viz. Chemical, Plastic, Glass, Textiles, Pharmaceuticals, Agriculture located in G.I.D.C. Estate. Many giant industrial organisations like I.P.C.L., G.A.C.L. and N.T.C. are also located in the district.

Sloth Bear Sanctuary, with an added attraction of varieties of birds other than Panthers, Chinkaras, Nilgai and wild bear is a place of tourist interest. Kabinvad and Suklatirth are the other main places of tourist interest of the district.

REFERENCES

Boundaries: state, district
Name, headquarter: taluk, forest

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Name, headquarter: subdivision / taluk or taluk
Name: other important places

Name: forest, village

Settlements: urban, rural, huts

Fort: conventional, surveyed

Road: 1st important, 2nd importance

Roads: others, unmetalled

Cart-track, Pack-track

Bridges: road, railway, Ford or Ferry

Railways: broad gauge; other gauge with station

Railway: under construction

Main power line, Embankment, Cutting

River: perennial; dry, Canal

Tube-well, Wells: lined, unlined, Spring

Lakes / Tanks: perennial; dry with embankment

Tanks, conventional: perennial; dry

Arable land irrigated, Forest

Desert sand, Open scrub

Hospital, Dispensary, Veterinary Hospital

Post Office, Post & Telegraph Office, Police station

Rest-house, DAK bungalow, Inspection bungalow

Places of tourist / historical importance, Bank

Temple, Chhatra, Church, Mosque, Tomb

Educational institutions: from H. S. school level onwards

