

## Introduction

### 1 General Profile of the District

Ludhiana is located on the latitude 30.55° North and longitude 75.54° East, in the State of Punjab in northern India situated on the Grand Trunk Road and South bank of Satluj River. It is the “most populated and rapidly growing industrial city, centre of textile woollen garments, machine tools, dyes, cycle parts, mopeds, sewing machines, motor parts, light engineering products etc.” and accounts for 90 *per cent* of the country’s woollen hosiery industry.

The District spans over an area of 3767 sq km, comprising 7.48 *per cent* of the total area of the State (50,362 sq km). The District accounts for about 12.59 *per cent* (34.88 lakh) of the population of the State (2.77 crore) comprising 53.50 *per cent* (male and 46.50 *per cent* female population, with 40.86 *per cent* (14.25 lakh) of its population residing in the rural areas. The sex ratio of the District is 869 against 893 in the State. The literacy rate in the District is 82.50 *per cent* (male : 86.30 *per cent* and female : 78.20 *per cent*), higher than the State level (76.70 *per cent*) and National level (74.00 *per cent*). The District comprises seven tehsils<sup>1</sup> and six sub-tehsils<sup>2</sup> to cater to rural development and divided into 12 Development Blocks<sup>3</sup> covering 908 GPs. There are six<sup>4</sup> Municipal Councils and one Municipal Corporation in the District. The statistics regarding Human Resources Development Infrastructure and other information for District are given in **Appendix 1.1 and 1.2**.

#### 1.2. Organizational set up

##### 1.2.1 Administrative structure

The District Planning Committee (DPC) is the apex body at the District level for approving schemes for the development of the District. The Deputy Commissioner (DC), in charge of the District is the sanctioning authority for all developmental programmes. He is also the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) and ensures co-ordination between DRDA, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), field offices and all other departments of the State Government. In other cases (State and Central Plan schemes implemented by various departments), he is the District Programme Coordinator. The DC is assisted by Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) (ADC), who is the Chief Planning Officer, for preparation and prioritization of schemes and their monitoring and review.

The administrative set up of the District is given in **Chart I**:

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<sup>1</sup> (i) Jagraon, (ii) Khanna, (iii) Ludhiana (E), (iv) Ludhiana (W), (v) Payal, (vi) Raikot and (vii) Samrala.

<sup>2</sup> (i) Delhon, (ii) Kum Kalan, (iii) Machhiwara, (iv) Malaud, (v) Mullanpur (vi) Dakha and (vii) Sidhwan Bet.

<sup>3</sup> (i) Dehlon, (ii) Doraha, (iii) Jagraon, (iv) Khanna, (v) Ludhiana-1, (vi) Ludhiana-2, (vii) Machhiwara, (viii) Pakhowal, (ix) Raikot (x) Samrala, (xi) Sidhwan Bet and (xii) Sudhar.

<sup>4</sup> (i) Doraha, (ii) Jagraon, (iii) Payal, (iv) Raikot, (v) Samrala and (vi) Khanna.

**Chart-I**

