

District Profile - District Rupnagar

INTRODUCTION

Rupnagar was founded by Raja Rokeshar, who ruled during the 11th Century and named it after his son Roop Sen. The explorations indicate that the Harappans were the first to settle here towards the end of third millennium B.C.

The district comprises of 4 Tehsils namely Rupnagar, Shri Anandpur Sahib, Chamkaur Sahib and Nangal and has 624 villages and 6 towns namely Rupnagar, Shri Anandpur Sahib, Chamkaur Sahib, Morinda, Kiratpur Sahib and Nangal. All the towns except Chamkaur Sahib have railway link. The river Satluj passes by the towns of Nangal, Rupnagar and Shri Anandpur Sahib.

The recent excavations have proved that this town was the seat of well developed Indus Valley Civilization. The findings include bones, statues, coins etc., which prove that the city dates back to Harappa-Mohanjodaro civilization who crossed Satluj river and many of them settled here. Most of the things found during excavations belonged to Chandra Gupta, Kushan, Hoon and Munghal period. All these prove that inhabitants of the town, even 4000 years back, were well civilized and well cultured.

The history of Ropar district is in fact the war of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji against Mughal tyranny, exploiters and social evils. It is here in this district at Sirsa Nangal that the great Guru parted with the family and proceeded to Chamkaur Sahib, where two elder Sahibzadas laid down their lives fighting for truth. Guru Sahib moved ahead to Machhiwara to continue his mission.

Kiratpur Sahib, the historical place of the district, was established on banks of Satluj by 6th Guru Shri Guru Har Gobind Ji after buying land from Raja Tara Chand of Kehloor through Baba Gurditta Ji. It is at this place, where Shri Guru Nank Dev Ji met Peer Baba Budhan Shah in the jungle. Shri Guru Har Rai Ji and Shri Guru Har Krishan Ji were also born at this place and were blessed with Guru Gaddi at this place.

The Historical town of Shri Anandpur Sahib was set up by Sh. Guru Teg Bahadur Ji, the 9th Guru of Sikhs after buying land in Village Makhwal. According to the request of Kashmiri Pandits to save them from Mughal Tyranny and on the motivation of Sh. Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Sh. Guru Teg Bahadur Ji left for Delhi, where he made a Supreme Sacrifice for the Hindu religion. After that Guru Ji became known as 'Guru Teg Bahadur Hind di Chhader'.

The most important landmark in the history of Sikhs, as well as in the History of Rupnagar district was the creation of Khalsa Panth at Shri Anandpur Sahib in the year 1699. The celebration of 300th years birth of Khalsa Panth, where in lakhs of people from all over the world, arrived to pay obeisance at Gurudwara Takhat Shri Kesgarh Sahib was another important historical event in the history of the district. Beautiful city of Shri Anandpur Sahib has been developed as tourist centre and Virasat-E-Khalsa Complex has been dedicated to the humanity in 2011.

CITIES / TOWNS IN RUPNAGAR DISTRICT

RUPNAGAR

Rupnagar city attained the status of district headquarters of 1st Nov,1966. Now it has been made divisional headquarter, Situated on the bank of river Satluj, Sirhind canal passes through the heart of the city. It was formerly known as Ropar.



The town of Rupnagar occupies a prominent place in the ancient and medieval history and has an importance in modern history too. The city has many worth seeing sites in and around it,



such as Gurudwara Shri Sadabarat Sahib, Gurudwara Shri Bhatha Sahib, 'Site of Indus Valley Civilization, Head Works, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Bagh, Treaty Place of Maharaja Ranjit Singh and Lord William Bentick, where memorable meeting (Shahi Mulakat) took place on 26th October 1831 under a Peepal Tree.



SHRI ANANDPUR SAHIB

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It was here that great Guru mastered the use of arms in Qila Shri Anandpur Sahib.The most important complex of shrines at Shri Anandpur Sahib is Gurudwara Shri Kesgarh Sahib, the place where the "Khalsa" was born. It is regarded as one of the five sacred "Takhats" or seats of Sikh religion. In 1699, on the Baisakhi day (13th April), Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji created Khalsa Panth by baptizing five beloved Sikhs known as "Panj Piaras".Guru Ji himself took the

AMRIT from the Panj Pyaras, thus removing the distinction between himself and followers. On that day, Guru Gobind Rai became Guru Gobind Singh. The Panj pyaras were enjoined to embrace the five symbols of the new Sikh faith, Kes (Unshorn hair), Kangha (comb), Kara (steel bracelet),



Kachhaira (short dagger) and Kirpan (sword). The ceremony gave followers of Guru, a new identity which was to prepare the Sikhs for their struggle against the Mughals and influence the future of the country. The Holla Mohalla of Shri Anandpur Sahib is an outstanding festival of the Sikhs, which is celebrated with great pomp and show.

The town has a number of Gurudwaras like Gurudwara Shri Keshgarh Sahib, Gurudwara Shri Manji Sahib, Gurudwara Shri Sees Ganj, Gurudwara Shri Bhora Sahib, Gurudwara Shri Anandgarh Sahib and Gurudwara Mai Jito Ji associated with the ninth and tenth Gurus of the Sikhs.

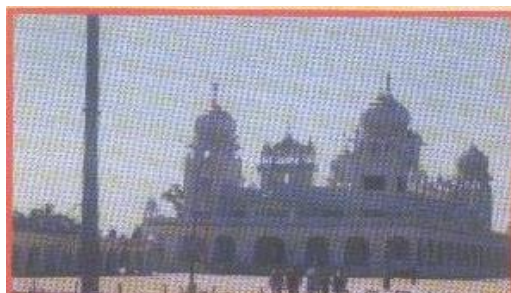
The famous Shri Dashmesh Academy, Shri Dashmesh Marshal Academy and Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Museum are also situated at Shri Anandpur Sahib. To preserve the glorious past of Sikh religion and rich traditions of Punjab life, Virasat-e-Khalsa complex has been built known as 8th Azad Park at Shri Anandpur Sahib, recently opened to public.



KIRATPUR SAHIB

Situated on the bank of river Sutlej, Kiratpur Sahib is at a distance of about 10 km from Shri Anandpur Sahib towards the south, on the Nangal-Rupnagar-Chandigarh road. It is sacred to the Sikhs and they immerse the ashes of their departed ones at this place.

It has a long association with most of the Sikh Gurus. There are several Gurudwaras at this place like Gurudwara Charan Kamal Sahib, Gurudwara Baba Gurditta Ji, Peer Baba Buddan Shah, Gurudwara Patal Puri Sahib and Gurudwara Shish Mahal Sahib



Gurudwara Parivar Vichhora Sahib is situated adjacent to the canal near village Nangal Sarsa, at a distance of about 14 km from Rupnagar. Shri Guru Gobind Singh ji along with his family and followers came to this place after leaving the fort of Shri Anandpur Sahib and they were attacked by a strong contingent of Mughals in the battle, most of the Guru's followers lost their lives. Guru ji was separated from his family and then proceeded towards Chamkaur Sahib along with two elder sons and followers, Mata Gujri ji and two younger sons were taken by Gangu, an old domestic servant of the family to his native village near Morinda.

Chamkaur Sahib

Situated on the banks of Sirhind Canal, Chamkaur Sahib is at a distance of about 15 km from Morinda and about 16 km from Rupnagar. Shri Guru Gobind Singh and his two elder sons along with followers had come to this place from Kotla Nihang. They came in the garden said to be of Raja Bidhi Chand, where now Gurudwara Damdama Sahib stands. There are several Gurudwaras at this place marking the visits and halts of Guru Gobind Singh.

Gurudwara Shri Katalgarh Sahib also known as Gurudwara Shri Shahidganj. Occupies a unique place among all the Gurudwaras located at Chamkaur Sahib. It is built at the site where Baba Ajit Singh ji and Baba Jhujhar Singh ji , elder sons of Guru ji sacrificed their lives in the battle fighting against the Mughal Army.



Morinda

Morinda is an old town which is believed to be named from Mor Jats. With the lapse of time, it came to be known as Moran and then Morinda. It is also known as Baganwala (the place of Gardens), because of numerous gardens of mango trees in the area. Even though the mango growers have largely disappeared, many people of this area continue to call it Baganwala.

In the middle of the town is an ancient gumbad believed to be of the time of Aurangzeb. This is built of small bricks and has gates on all sides. Gurudwara Kotwali Sahib is located in the heart of the city, where Sahibjadas and Mata Gujri ji, the mother of 10th guru ji were kept.



Gurdwara Shahid Ganj Sahib was built in the memory of Baba Fateh Singh ji and Baba Zorawar Singh Ji, the younger sons of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

Nangal

Nangal City is surrounded by pleasant environment, beautiful hills, river and canals and is an important center for tourists visiting the district.

The town gained importance with the starting of the construction of Bhakra Dam on Satluj river in November, 1955. It is flourishing township of tourist attraction due to the mighty multi purpose Bhakra Project.



Apart from Bhakra Dam, it includes the Nangal Dam, Nangal Hydel Channel, Ganguwal and Kotla Power Houses.

Towards the north stands the beautiful township called Naya Nangal which serves mainly Fertilizer Complex of National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), a public sector undertaking of Government of India.

Shri Guru Gobind Singh ji Said to have meditated at Gurdwara Bhabour Sahib situated at a distance of about five km from Nangal

Important Educational Institutes

- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) campus - since 2006.
- Government Post Graduate College - since 1950.
- IET Bhaddal.
- Dashmesh Academy
- Dashmesh Marshal Academy
- Navodhia Vidalia
- Adarsh School

Some important facts and figures of district Rupnagar are as given below:

1	Total Area	1408 Square KM (Rural =1358.49 and Urban =49.31)
2	Total Population	6,83,349
3	Male Population	3,57,265
4	Female Population	3,26,084
5	Gender Ratio (0-6) Yrs	913 866
6	Literacy Rate Male Female	83.3 88.9 77.2
7	Total Villages	624
8	No of Panchayats	594
9	Municipal Councils	5 - Rupnagar, Morinda, Anandpur Sahib, Nangal and Chamkaur Sahib (Nagar Panchayat)
10	Assembly Segment	3 (49-Anandpur Sahib , 50-Rupnagar and 51-Chamkaur Sahib (SC))
11	Market Committee	4 (Rupnagar, Morinda , Anandpur Sahib and Chamkaur Sahib)
12	Sub Divisions	4 (Rupnagar, Nangal, Anandpur Sahib and Chamkaur Sahib)
13	Tehsils	4 (Rupnagar, Nangal, Anandpur Sahib and Chamkaur Sahib)
14	Sub Tehsils	2 (Nurpur Bedi and Morinda)
15	Blocks	5 (Rupnagar, Morinda, Anandpur Sahib, Nurpur Bedi and Chamkaur Sahib)
16	Training Centres	1 Diet 2 Govt. in service Training Centre, Rupnagar
17	ITIs	4
18	Sr.Sec.School High School Middle School Primary School	41 51 76 583
19	Per Sq. Km Density	488
20	Civil Hospital PHC Mini PHC SHC Sub SHC Homeopethic Dispensary Ayurvedic Dispensary	2 4 10 30 83 9 39
21	Veternaly Hospital	91
22	Coperative Socities	1138
23	No of Banks	105
24	Police Station	9
25	Police Posts	11+1 (Temporary)

Important officials and their contact numbers.

District Level Officers

Sr. No	Name of Officer	Designation	<u>Contact No.</u>				
			<u>Telephone No.</u>		<u>Fax No.</u>		<u>Mobile No.</u>
			Office No.	Residence	Office No.	Residence	
1	Sh. Sarvjit Singh, IAS	Divisonal Commissioner, Rupnagar	0172-2215527	0172-2262980	0172-2215527	--	94170-15000
2	Sh. G.K. Singh, IAS	Deputy Commissioner-cum-Distt. District Election Officer, Rupnagar.	01881-221150	01881-221250	01881-221180	01881-221165	98140-67632
3	Sh. J.S Aulakh, PPS	Sr. Supdt. of Police, Rupnagar.	01881-220946	01881-220120	01881-228874	01881-220120	95929-12205 98761-00005
5	Sh.Sucha Singh Mast	Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rupnagar	01881-221152	01881-223164	01881-221180	--	98153-12339
6	Sh. Sukhwinder Pal Singh	Additional Deputy Commissioner (D), Rupnagar	01881-221153	01881-221253	01881-221153	---	98728-00007
7	Sh. Paramjit Singh,	District Revenue Officer-cum-Addl. Distt. Election Officer, Rupnagar.	01881-221154	--	01881-221165, 221180	--	98725-00084
8	Sh. Gagandeep Singh Virk	DDPO, Rupnagar	01881-221161	--	--	--	98150-77782
9	Sh.Shavinderjit SinghBains, PPS	S.P. Head Quarter	01881-220119	01881-221273	01881-228874	--	98721-89292
10	Sh. Harbir Singh Atwal,PPS	D.S.P Head Quarter	01881-220119	--	01881-228874	--	95010-01501
11	Sh. Lakhwinder Pal Singh,PPS	S.P. (Detective)	01881-220119	--	01881-228874	--	98147-47167

Assembly Constituency Level Officers

Assembly Constituency : 49-Anandpur Sahib

Sr. No.	Name of Officer	Designation	Contact No.				
			Telephone No.		Fax No		Mobile No.
			Office No.	Residence	Office No.	Residence	
1	Smt. Hargunjeet Kaur, PCS	Returning Officer-cum- Sub Divisional Magistrate, Anandpur Sahib.	01887-232036	01887-232339	01887-232036	--	98722-48642
2	Sh. Gurcharan Singh Brar	Assistant Returing Officer –cum- Tehsildar, Anandpur Sahib	01887-232015	--	01887-232036	--	98726-23810
3	Sh. Harpreet Singh Mander, PPS	D.S.P. Anandpur Sahib	01887-232068	--	--	--	98159-19411 94650-66604

Assembly Constituency Level Officers - 50-Rupnagar.

Sr No	Name of Officer	Designation	Contact No.				
			Telephone No.		Fax No		Mobile No.
			Office No.	Residence	Office No.	Residence	
1	Sh. Ram Vir, IAS	Returning Officer-cum- Sub Divisional Magistrate, Rupnagar.	01881-221155	01881-221255	01881-221155	--	78373-06644
2.	Sh. Jaswant Singh	Assistant Returing Officer –cum- Tehsildar, Rupnagar.	01881-221156	--	--	--	99143-24495
3	Sh. Harbir Singh Atwal, PPS	D.S.P. (R) Rupnagar	01881-220119	01881-221273	01881-228874	--	95010-01501

Assembly Constituency Level Officers - 51-Chamkaur Sahib (S.C.)

Sr. No	Name of Officer	Designation	Contact No.				
			Telephone No.		Fax No		Mobile No.
			Office No.	Residence	Office No.	Residence	
1	Sh. Upkaar Singh, PCS	Returning Officer-cum- Sub Divisional Magistrate, Chamkaur Sahib.	01881 - 261600	--	01881-260600	--	97800-02978
2.	Sh. Shushil Kumar	Assistant Returing Officer –cum- Tehsildar, Chamkaur Sahib	01881-260400	--	--	--	98554-05768
3	Sh. Wazir Singh, PPS	D.S.P. Chamkaur Sahib	01881-262123	--	--	--	99882-26780

Additional ARO Particulars

A.C. No & Name	Name & Designation	Telephone Number	Mobile Number	Headquarter
49 - Anandpur Sahib	Harphool Singh, Tehsildar Nangal	01887-221030	98140-69969	Nangal
50-Rupnagar	Roop Singh, BDPO Rupnagar	01881-220562	98555-01122	Rupnagar
51- Chamkaur Sahib (SC)	Preet Inder Singh Bains, BDPO Morinda.	0160-26320448	98148-58009	Morinda

Liaison Officers Particulars

Following Officers have been appointed as liaison officer with the Election Observers.

A.C. No & Name	Name	Designation	Mobile Number
49 - Anandpur Sahib	Sh. Iqbal Singh Sandhu	General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Rupnagar.	94170-00337
50-Rupnagar	Sh. Harinder Pal Singh Bedi	Xen, Water Management & rerearch Division, Rupnagar.	98143-53457
51- Chamkaur Sahib (SC)	Sh. Jasvir Singh	Xen, Water Supply & Sanitaion Division-2, Rupnagar.	99150-74918

Geography

Rupnagar district, included in the Rupnagar Division of Punjab falls between north latitude 30°-32' and 31°-24' and east longitude 76°-18' and 76°-55'. Rupnagar (formerly known as Ropar) town, is 42 Kms from Chandigarh, the State Capital. The district adjoins Nawanshahar, Mohali and Fatehgarh Sahib Districts of Punjab. The district comprises 4 Tehsils-Rupnagar, Anandpur Sahib, Chamkaur Sahib and Nangal and includes 624 villages and 5 towns namely Rupnagar, Chamkaur Sahib, Anandpur sahib, Morinda and Nangal. All the towns except Chamkaur sahib are connected by railway. The Satluj river passes close (2 to 5 km) to the towns of Nangal, Rupnagar and Anandpur Sahib.

Demography:

Constituency wise projected population-2012 as follows:

No. & Name of Assembly Constituency	Male	Female	Total
49-Anandpur Sahib	126569	115443	242012
50- Rupnagar	119773	109388	229161
51-Chamkaur Sahib (SC) (Partly)	114495	104513	219008
Total	360837	329344	690181
51-Chamkaur Sahib (SC) (25-PS in Distt. SAS NAGAR)	23196	21594	44790
G. Total	384033	350938	734971

Administrative Units (including Constituencies)

The district Rupnagar have 4 Tehsils, 2 Sub Tehsils, 5 Blocks, 4 Municipal Councils, 1 Nagar Panchayat, 16 Kanungo circles, 150 Patwar circles and 624 villages. The district has three Assembly Constituencies.

Tehsils

Sr. No.	Name of Tehsil
1.	Anandpur Sahib
2.	Rupnagar
3.	Chamkaur Sahib
4.	Nangal

Sub Tehsils

Sr. No.	Name of Sub Tehsils
1.	Morinda
2.	Nurpur Bedi

Blocks

Sr. No.	Name of Block
1.	Anandpur Sahib
2.	Rupnagar
3.	Chamkaur Sahib
4.	Morinda
5.	Nurpur Bedi

Municipalities & Nagar Panchayat

Sr. No.	Name of Block
1.	Anandpur Sahib
2.	Rupnagar
3.	Nangal
4.	Morinda
5.	Chamkaur Sahib (Nagar Panchayat)

Assembly Constituencies

Sr. No.	Name of Assembly Constituency
1.	49-Anandpur Sahib
2.	50-Rupnagar
3.	51-Chamkaur Sahib (SC)

Polling Stations

No and Name of Assembly Constituency	Total Parts	Total Location
49-Anandpur Sahib	181	127
50-Rupnagar	180	142
51-Chamkaur Sahib(SC)	192	162
Total	553	431