

ADMINISTRATIVE SET-UP

DISTRICT CHURU

Location:

The Churu district lies in the north east of the state, between North latitude 27° 24' and 29° 00' and 73° 40' to 75° 41' East longitude. It covers geographical area of about 16,830 sq.km. It is bounded by Hanumangarh district in north, Sikar, Jhunjhunun & Hissar (Haryana) districts in the east, Nagaur district in the south and Bikaner district in the west.

Administrative Setup:

Administratively Churu is a part of Bikaner division. The district is further divided into 7 tehsils namely : (1) Churu, (2) Sardarshahar, (3) Rajgarh, (4) Taranagar, (5) Ratangarh, (6) Dungargarh and (7) Sujangarh. Above mention tehsils also constitutes seven panchayat samities of the district.

Climate:

The climate of the district is absolutely dry with scanty rainfall. It is very hot during summer, and very cold during winter. The maximum and minimum temperature is 48.2°C and freezing point respectively. Normal annual rainfall of the district is 326 mm.

Geology and Mineral:

The geology of the district is obscured by the wind blown sand. The Delhi Super Group is represented by Ajabgarh group covering phyllite, slate and quartzite, and are exposed near Dungras, Gopalpura, Challu and Biramasar. The later Malani igneous suite is mainly represented by an effusive phase comprising of rhyolite and volcanic tuffs exposed in Randhisar and south of Lodsar. Important minerals found are gypsum, limestone, salt-petre etc.

Physiography and Soil:

District Churu is a part of the Thar desert and is characterised by 6 to 30 metre high longitudinal dune trending north east to south west. The ground level in the district is about 400 metre high above mean sea level. There is no perennial river or stream

in the district. River Kantli which rises in the hills near Khandela in Sikar district gets lost in the sand on the borders of the district. The spread of sand is extensive sometimes encroaching cultivated tracts and metalled road. Geographically the district can be divided into three division namely :-

1. **Desert Area** : Consists of Sardarshahar and Dungargarh tehsil and major parts of Churu and Ratangarh tehsils.
2. **Plains and Matiyor** : Rajgarh and Taranagar tehsils and little part of Churu tehsil.
3. **Taal Area** : Sujangarh tehsil and some area of Ratangarh tehsil.

Soils of Churu district are pale brown, single grained, deep and well drained. Texture is sandy to sandy loam, surface horizon is non calcareous with slightly calcareous B horizon. The soils have comparatively darker colour.

Forest:

There is no forest as such. There are sand grass reserves. However total area under forest is 5637 hectares which is only 0.33 per cent of the total area of the district.

Population:

The total population of the district is 1543211 among which 1097172 is rural population and 446039 is urban population. Tehsilwise population as follows :-

1. Taranagar	=	145580
2. Rajgarh	=	265067
3. Sardarshahar	=	242913
4. Churu	=	215490
5. Dungargarh	=	170061
6. Ratangarh	=	200064
7. Sujangarh	=	304036

