

# **General Description of the District:**

## **2.1 Introduction:**

District Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar was carved out of Hoshiarpur (Tehsil Balachaur) and Jalandhar (Tehsil Nawanshahr) districts of Punjab on November 7, 1995 on the auspicious occasion of birthday of Sh. Guru Nanak Dev Ji as the sixteenth district of Punjab State. This district was previously named as Nawanshahr. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab S. Parkash Singh Badal renamed the district as 'Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar' on 29.09.2008. Shahid-e-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh's native village lies in this district. The district headquarter town Nawanshahr is said to have been built during the reign of Alaudin Khilji (1295-1316) by his Afgan Military Chief Nausher Khan. Previously it was called "Nausar" but with the passage of time, the town came to be known "Nawanshahr".

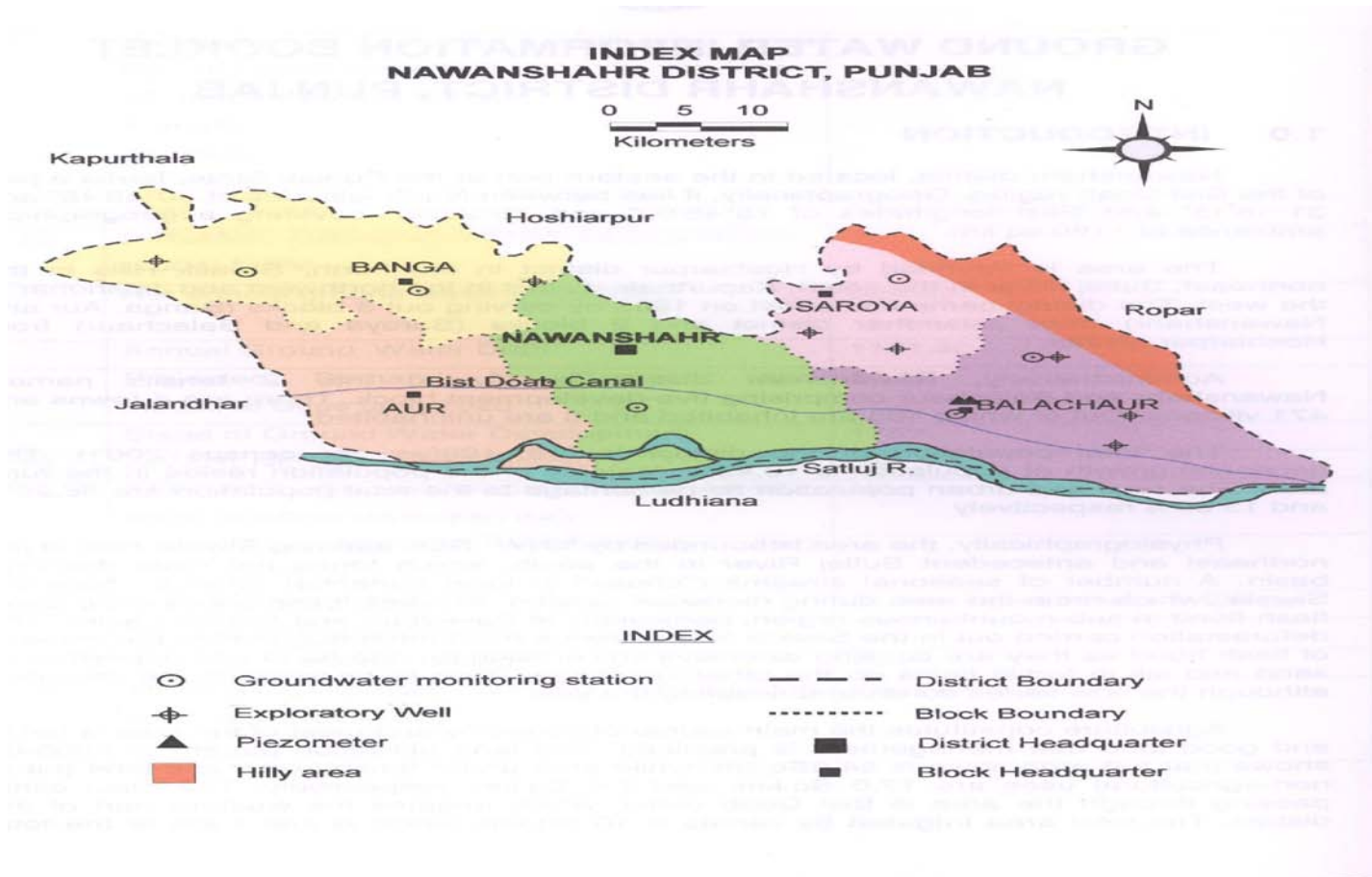
## **2.2 District at a Glance:**

### **2.2.1 Location and Geography:**

Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar district lies in the north-eastern region of Punjab and is situated between 31.8° N and 76.7°E of Punjab on the right bank of mighty river Sutlej. The Distance of the State capital Chandigarh (Known as the most beautiful and planned city of India) from the district is 92 Kilometers. Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar District is surrounded by four districts. The west border of the district touches Jalandhar, east border touches with Rupnagar district, the northern border of the district meets with district Hoshiarpur and in south it touches with Ludhiana (known as the Manchester of India) and Kapurthala districts. The district is geographically divided into three regions viz., Bet, Kandi and Dhahan. There are 472 villages in the district. The district has 2 Tehsils namely Balachaur and Nawanshahr,



**Fig: 2.1 Map of Punjab State**



**Fig 2.2: District Map of Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar**

1 sub-tehsil, 5 blocks (Nawanshahr, Banga, Aur, Balachaur and Saroya) and 3 legislative assembly seats (Nawanshahr, Banga & Balachaur). There is one KVK situated at village Langroya at about 35 Kilometers from Nawanshahr city. The Punjab Agricultural University has also set up a Regional Research Station at Ballawal Saunkhri about 15 Kilometers from Balachaur city.

**Table 2.1: General information of the District.**

| Block        | Villages   |              | No. of Revenue Villages | No. of Gram Panchayats. |
|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|              | Inhabited  | Un-inhabited |                         |                         |
| Nawanshahr   | 101        | 3            | 104                     | 98                      |
| Banga        | 98         | 2            | 100                     | 94                      |
| Aur          | 81         | 2            | 83                      | 75                      |
| Balachaur    | 126        | -            | 126                     | 120                     |
| Saroya       | 59         | -            | 59                      | 71                      |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>465</b> | <b>7</b>     | <b>472</b>              | <b>458</b>              |

All the towns and the villages are well connected by roads. Nawanshahr has also rail track connecting it with Jalandhar, Rahon and Jaijon. The main crops of the district are Wheat, Paddy, Sugarcane, Maize, Mentha, Sunflower and pulses.

The cropping patterns being followed in the district are:

Rice–Wheat

Rice–Sugarcane

Maze-Peas–Sunflower

Rice-Wheat

Basmati – Wheat