## **Education**

The literacy rate of District Patiala is 69.96% and it is ranked ninth in the State. At present there are 919 Primary schools, 137 middle schools and 152 high schools in the district. Barring one ITI for girls in Rajpura block and two degree colleges one each in Patran and Rajpura blocks, all major educational institutes are situated in Urban areas / towns. Further the block wise attendance in rural area schools ranges between 84 to 92 % for boys and between 82 to 93 % for girl students (Figure 14). The schools of Ghanour block records minimum attendance where as Patiala has the maximum attendance percentage for boys and girls. Over all, the primary schools lack in basic infrastructures needs such as furniture, telephone and female bathroom etc where the situation is better in high schools.

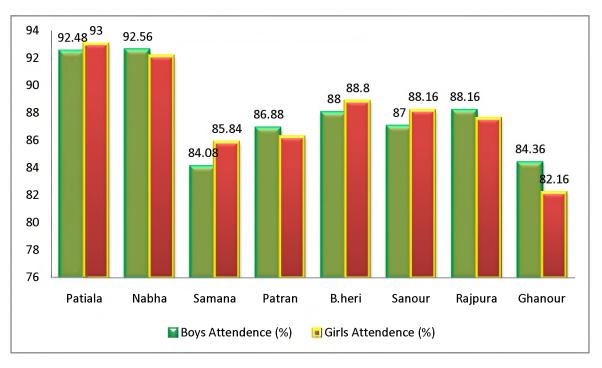


Figure 14: Block wise percent attendance of Boys and Girl Students of Patiala District