# District Profile Bageshwar, Uttarakhand Azim Premji Foundation

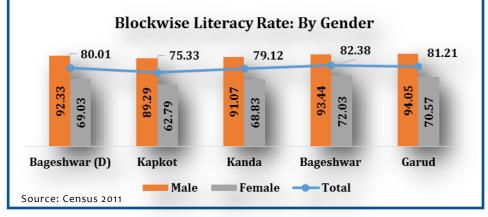
Bageshwar district lies in Kumaun region of Uttarakhand state. It appeared as new district out of Almora district on September 15, 1997. Pithoragarh lies to its north-east, Almora to its south, and Chamoli to its west. The total geographical area of Bageshwar district is 2302 sq. km i.e. 889 sq. miles. According to Census 2011, the district consists of four tehsils namely Bageshwar, Kanda, Gurad and Kapkot. There is one town, 947 villages, 874 inhabited 73 uninhabited villages.

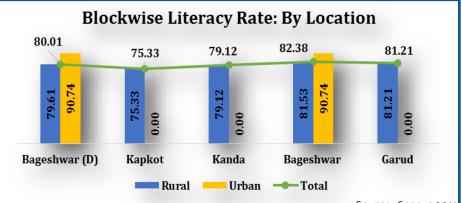
### **DEMOGRAPHY**

As per Census 2011, the total population of Bageshwar is 259,898. Out of which 124,326 were males and 135,572 were females. This gives a sex ratio of 1090 females per 1000 males. The percentage of urban population in the district is 3.49 percent, which is much lower than the state average of 30.23 percent. The decadal growth rate of population in Uttarakhand is 18.81 percent, while Bageshwar reports a 5.15 percent decadal increase in the population. The decadal growth rate of urban population in Uttarakhand is 39.93 percent, while Bageshwar reports a 16.35 percent. The district population density is 116 in 2011. The Scheduled Caste population in the district is 27.73 percent while Scheduled Tribe comprises 0.76 percent of the population.

### **LITERACY**

The overall literacy rate of Bageshwar district is 80.01 percent while the male & female literacy rates are 92.33 percent and 69.03 percent respectively. At the block level, a considerable variation is noticeable in male-female literacy rate. Kapkot has the lowest literacy male and female rates at 89.29 percent and 62.79 percent respectively. Garud block has the highest male literacy rate 94.05 percent and Bageshwar has the highest female literacy rate at 72.03 percent.





Source: Census 2011

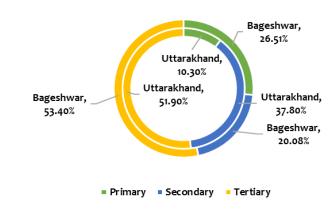
As urban population is present only in the Bageshwar block, the urban literacy rate could be accounted only in this block with 90.74 percent. Rural Bageshwar has a literacy rate of 79.61 percent. Kapkot block has both the lowest rural and total literacy rate with 75.33 percent and 75.33 percent respectively. Bageshwar block has the highest rural as well the total literacy rates with 81.53 percent and 82.38 percent respectively.

### **SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE**

The three sectors of the economy – primary, secondary and tertiary – reflect the direction of growth of any region. In Bageshwar the tertiary (services) sector contributed the maximum share of 53.4 percent to Gross District Domestic Product (GDDP) which is slightly higher than that of Uttarakhand's share of 51.9 percent to Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) in 2013-14. The district's primary (agricultural) sector contributes about 1/4<sup>th</sup> to GDDP (26.51 percent) while the secondary sector's contribution is 20.08 percent. The GDDP of Bageshwar in primary sector is more than double compared to that in Uttarakhand.

On considering Net District Domestic Product (NDDP), Bageshwar has 25.91 percent of share in the primary sector, 19.45 percent secondary sector share, while 54.64 percent of the income comes from the tertiary sector. Uttarakhand, as a state, gets 10.31 percent of its output (NSDP) from the primary sector, one third from the secondary sector (33.43 percent); but is certainly led by the tertiary sector (56.26 percent). The district's share in NDDP to the primary sector is more than that of the state and secondary sector and tertiary lag behind that of the state.

### Sector wise GDDP for 2013-14 comparison between Uttarakhand and Bageshwar



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Govt. of Uttarakhand

The per capita income or average income measures the average income earned per person in a given area in a specified year. Bageshwar's per capita income (Rs. 68,730) is less than that of the state (Rs. 1,12,428). Low per capita income is usually an indicator of poverty in a region. According to the Planning Commission, Government of India, the proportion of population living below poverty line is highest in both in rural (72.12 percent) and urban (64.38 percent) Bageshwar. Rural Bageshwar comprises 89.92 percent of the poor population, while urban Bageshwar covers 10.08 percent of its total population.

As per Census 2011, the percentage of main workers in the total workforce in Bageshwar is 47.57 percent which is higher than the State total workers (38.39 percent).

Among the four categories, Cultivators form about 68.85 percent of all workers which form the highest percent, while agricultural labourers form 7.27 percent. The catchall category 'Other Workers' form 21.46 percent of the entire working population of the district which is much lower than that of the cultivators . It includes forms of employment in secondary and tertiary sector . The workers in household industry forms 2.42 percent.



Cultivators– 68.85 percent



Agricultural Labourer – 7.27 percent



Household Workers 2.42 percent



Source: Census 2011

In terms of work participation rate (WPR) in the district, the male WPR is 47.22 percent whereas for female it is 47.89 percent.

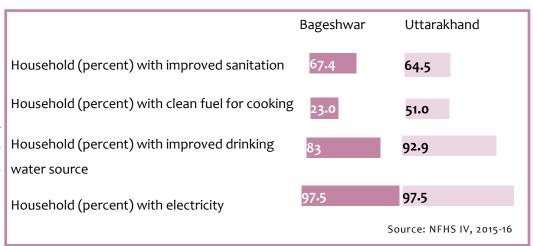
In Kanda, percentage of male and female WPR are highest (50.19 percent and 56.21 percent respectively) while Garud reported lowest male and female WPR (43.92 percent and 46.75 percent respectively).

Work Participation Rate			
	Male	Female	
Bageshwar (D)	47.22%	47.89%	
Kapkot	47.91%	49.00%	
Kanda	50.19%	56.21%	
Bageshwar	48.18%	45.72%	
Garud	43.92%	46.75%	

Source: Census 2011

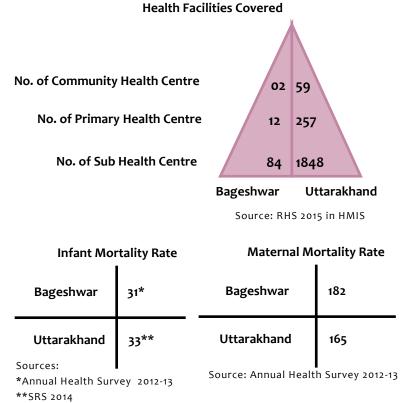
### **BASIC AMENITIES & HEALTH**

The overall percentage of households having access to improved drinking water source is 83 percent which is lower than the state average (92.9 percent) as per NFHS IV, 2015-16. The same survey reports that 67.4 percent household have improved sanitation facilities which is higher than state average of 64.5 percent. Apart from drinking water and sanitation facility, only 23 percent of household use clean fuel for cooking compared to state average of 51 percent. However, in the district, 97.5 percent of household having electricity which is equal to the state average (97.5 percent).



In terms of health facilities, besides a district hospital, there is a network of sub- health centres (SHCS/Sub-HCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) across the district. CHCs have the highest spread, followed by PHCs and then sub- health centres. Hence, CHCs and PHCs cater to a higher proportion of population than sub- health centres. The Sub-Centre is the most peripheral and first contact point between the primary health care system and

the community.



### **NUTRITIONAL STATUS**

Nutritional Status (Children under 5 Years)

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	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban
Stunted*	25.1	25.2	NA	33.5	34.0	32.5
Wasted*	26.3	26.4	NA	19.5	19.9	18.6
Underweight*	27.2	27.3	NA	26.6	27.1	25.6

Source: NFHS IV, 2015-16

In Bageshwar, the proportion of stunted children is lower in rural (25.2 percent) areas than in Uttarakhand having 34.0 percent of stunted children.

Among the three broad categories, the average proportion of wasted children appears to be the lowest both in State & District; 26.3 percent in Bageshwar and 19.5 percent in Uttarakhand.

In Uttarakhand, about 26.6 percent of its under 5 year population is underweight, while in Bageshwar it is about 27.2 percent.

### **EDUCATIONAL STATUS** — **DISTRICT**

(Government Schools include schools administered under Central Government, Local Bodies, Tribal and Social Welfare Department and Department of Education)

Bageshwar has 815 Govt. schools, of which 815 are till elementary grade. The district has 108 contractual teachers.

Out of 815 Govt. elementary schools in Bageshwar have 512 Anganwadi Centres. Of all 815 Govt. schools; only 512 have Anganwadis. In other words, only 62.82 percent of all Govt. schools have Anganwadis.

In Bageshwar, average numbers of teachers at higher secondary grade is 4.27 while it is approximately 3.1 at the elementary level.

Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) at the elementary level is 10 in Bageshwar, while it is 11 across schools with elementary to higher secondary grades.

Government Schools – Eleme	entary to Hr.	Secondary Grade Gov	vernment Schools- E	Elementary Grade Only
	512	Number of school having AWC*	512	
	815	Number of school	815	
Girls enrolment is 1.22times higher than	39620	Total enrolment (excluding AWC)	25558	Girls enrolment is 1.22times higher that boys enrolment
boys enrolment	17883	Boys enrolment	11478	boys emonneme
	21737	Girls enrolment	14080	
	2567	Total teachers	2567	
	108	Contractual teachers	108	Male teachers recruitment is 2.13time
Male teacher recruitment is 2.13times	1749	Male teachers	1749	more than female teachers
more than female teachers	818	Female teachers	818	
	4.27	Average number of teachers per school	ol 3.1	
	11	Pupil teacher ratio	10	
	-	* Anganwadi Centres	Source: DISE, 2015-16	

## **School Facilities**

As far as provision of infrastructure facilities are concerned, all the schools in the district have buildings. Out of the total, 776 government schools have Library facilities. Out of the total, 774 government schools have toilets for girls.

# **Average Annual Dropout Rate**

Drop-out rate in Govt. schools in Bageshwar is 0.7 percent at the Primary level. However, it is seen to increase as one moves to higher grades. It is 3.31 percent at the Upper Primary level, a 9.85 percent at Secondary level and 3.72 percent at Higher Secondary level.

Boys tend to drop out slightly more than girls, and dropout rate increases as pupils move up the grade ladder. At the **Secondary level**, dropout rate among boys is 11.57 percent, while the same among girls is as high as 8.36 percent. Drop-out rate for boys is seen to be highest at the secondary level.

Higher Secondary	5.63%	
Secondary	11.57%	}
Upper Primary	4.43%	
Primary	0.79%	

Average Dropout Rate is seen to steadily increase for both boys and girls across higher grades. Only at the higher secondary level dropout rate recedes, for both boys and girls.

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2.08%		Higher Secondary
8.3	6%	Secondary
2.38	3%	Upper Primary
0.6	3%	Primary

Source: DISE, 2015-16

### **EDUCATIONAL STATUS — BLOCK**

# Anganwadi Centres (AWCs)

Among the 3 blocks of Bageshwar, 64.4 percent of all Govt. schools in Kapkot have Anganwadi centers. Bageshwar has 63 percent of its Govt. schools with AWCs and 60.3 percent of schools in Garur have Anganwadi centers. Total, 62.8 percent of school have AWC in the district.

No. of schools	Total number of Percentag	
having AWCs	schools	Schools with AWCs
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All School	S	
204	324	63.0
120	199	60.3
188	292	64.4
512	815	62.8
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Source: DISE, 2015-16

### **EDUCATIONAL STATUS — BLOCK**

Blocks	No. of Schools
Bageshwar	324
Garur	199
Kapkot	292
All Blocks	815
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	Enrolment	
Boys	Girls	Total
6752(45.29%)	8157(54.71%)	14909
5813(46.37%)	6723(53.63%)	12536
5318(43.68%)	6857(56.32%)	12175
17883(45.14%)	21737(54.86%)	30620

Pupil Teacher Ratio				
Primary	Primary with Upper	Total		
Only	Primary			
11	0	11		
15	0	14		
12	11	11		
12	23	11		

Source: DISE, 2015-16

Bageshwar has 815 Govt. schools. Bageshwar block has 324 Govt. schools, the highest among all blocks, while Garur has only 199 Govt. schools. Enrolment rate among girls remain constantly higher than that of the boys across all blocks in Bageshwar. In Bageshwar, Govt. schools account for 45.14 percent of boys enrolment and 54.86 percent of girls enrolment. In all the districts girls enrolment is higher than the boys enrolment. Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) at both primary and upper primary level remains below the RTE mandate of 30 and 35 respectively.

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Blocks		Teacher	s
	Male	Female	Total
Bageshwar	683	371	1054
Garur	437	218	655
Kapkot	629	229	858
All Blocks	1749	818	2567

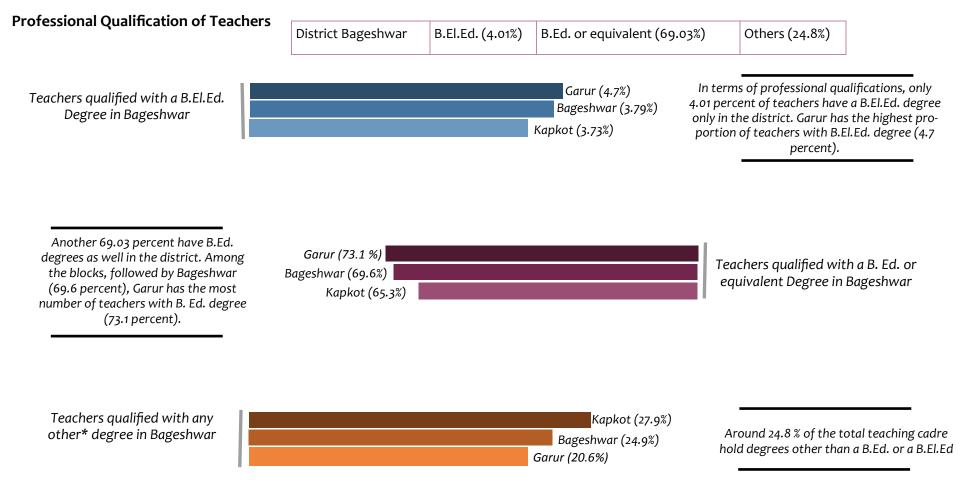
Contractual Teachers			
Male	Female	Total	
19	18	37	
16	7	23	
26	22	48	
61	47	108	

Average no. of teachers per school		
Primary Only	Primary with Upper	Total
	Primary	
2.03	0.00	4.36
1.81	0.00	4.59
2.01	0.00	3.96
1.97	0.00	4.27

Source: DISE, 2015-16

The proportion between male and female teachers is seen to vary heavily among the districts at Bageshwar. The male-female imbalance in workforce is seen to be the highest in Kapkot, and lowest in Garur. Interestingly, the district of Bageshwar has only 108 para teachers out of a total teaching cadre of 2567. Measuring the average number of teachers each school has, it is seen that at the primary level, Garur has only 1.81 average teachers per school, the lowest among all blocks. A typical school with both primary and upper primary sections tend to have 4.3 teachers on an average.

In Bageshwar district, a total of 2567 teachers are employed in Govt. schools, out of which 1749 are male and 818 are female. Garur (655) employs the lowest number of teachers among all blocks, of which 218 are female teachers. Bageshwar block has a total of 1054 teachers, of which 683 are males and 371 are females.



Source: DISE, 2015-16

A moderate proportion of the population in blocks across Bageshwar district has teachers with no professional degree (1.8 percent). Kapkot has the highest proportion of untrained teachers (3.1 percent).

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<sup>\*</sup> other category includes teachers with professional degree equivalent to D. El.Ed, M. Ed or equivalent, Others, Diploma in Teacher Training and Diploma or Degree in Special Education.