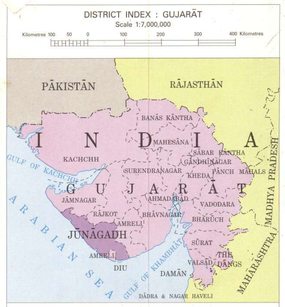

The territorial waters of India extend into the sea to a distance of twelve nautical miles measured from the appropriate base line.

KEY STATISTICS OF JŪNĀGADH DISTRICT
(Census 1991)

Area : 10,607 sq. km. Population : 23,94,859 Literacy : 50.85%

Density of population : 226 per sq. km. Main language spoken : Gujarātī

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The JŪNĀGADH district is one of the districts of Saurāshtra region of Gujarāt state, situated in south-west of region and on the coast of Arabian sea. It was carved out of the several states and estates such as Jūnāgadh, Porbandar, Mānāvadar, Māngrol, Sardārgadh, Bilkha and Sultānābād in 1949. It was known as Sorath also. Cultures of Mohanjodāro, Harappa and Lothal also covered this area and the present excavations of these old civilization have revealed replicas of rhinoceros and elephants who might be found in the Gir forest alongwith the lions. Coins of Minander and Appolodotus from JŪNĀGADH and coins of Kshatrapa period from Uparkot and Vansoj speak of its ancient character.

The rock edicts of Ashoka on the Mount Girnār and the inscriptions of Rudradaman and Skandagupta belonging to Maurya, Kshatrapa and Gupta periods respectively throw light on the Socio-economic condition of the times. Girinagar (Jūnāgadh) was the capital of Western India for about 700 years up to 500 A.D. In old writing Jūnāgadh appears as Jirnadurg and Jirnagadh and lastly as Jūnāgadh. The Chudasama tribe of Rajputs made JŪNĀGADH their capital and founded the walled city Uparkot, the present city forming an extension of that walled city.

JŪNĀGADH is one of the most picturesque town in Gujarāt, situated under the Girnār and Datar hills and has got a very rich historical, religious and political heritage. Somnāth temple is one of the twelve famous jyotir-linga of India and is a place of pilgrimage for devoted Hindus. Gir forest is the home of Asian lions and is also the repository of about 300 medical herbs of different kind.

The district has the highest rainfall in Saurāshtra and the coastal belt from Prachi to Māngrol. Sil is known as "Lili Nagher" because of the luxuriant growth of vegetation, mango, coconut and plantain groves. The rainfall in the district in recent years is good leading to high ground water recharges. Average annual rainfall is 629 mm. The district is industrially advanced and has a textile mill, vegetable oil mill, cement factory, chemical factory and fisheries.

Irrigation facilities are limited, Agricultural sector continues to be dependent on monsoon. The major source of irrigation is well. The district offers good scope for development of plantation and horticulture crops like Kesar Mango, Chikoo which are the important horticultural crops.

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Names: Headquarter: district — JŪNĀGADH
Names: Headquarter: subdivision / tahsil / tāluk — MĀLIYA
Names: forest; village — GIR R F / Shil
Names: tahsil, other important places — U N A / Parab Vāvdi
Boundaries: international; state
Boundaries: district; tahsil or tāluk; forest
Settlements: urban; rural. Huts: permanent; temp
Fort: conventional; surveyed.
Roads: national highway; state highway — NH 88 / SH 31
Roads: other; unmetalled
Cart-track. Pack-track. Foot-path
Bridges: road; railway. Ford or Ferry — RS
Railways: broad gauge; metre gauge single with station
Main power line. Embankment. Cutting
River: perennial; dry. canal
Tube-well. Wells: lined; unlined. Spring
Tanks: perennial; dry with embankment
Arable land. Forest. Streams
Waste land: uncultivable. Open Scrub
Hospital. Dispensary. Veterinary Hospital — Vet
Post Office. Post & Telegraph Office. Police Station — PS
Dāk Bungalow. Grave. Tomb — DB
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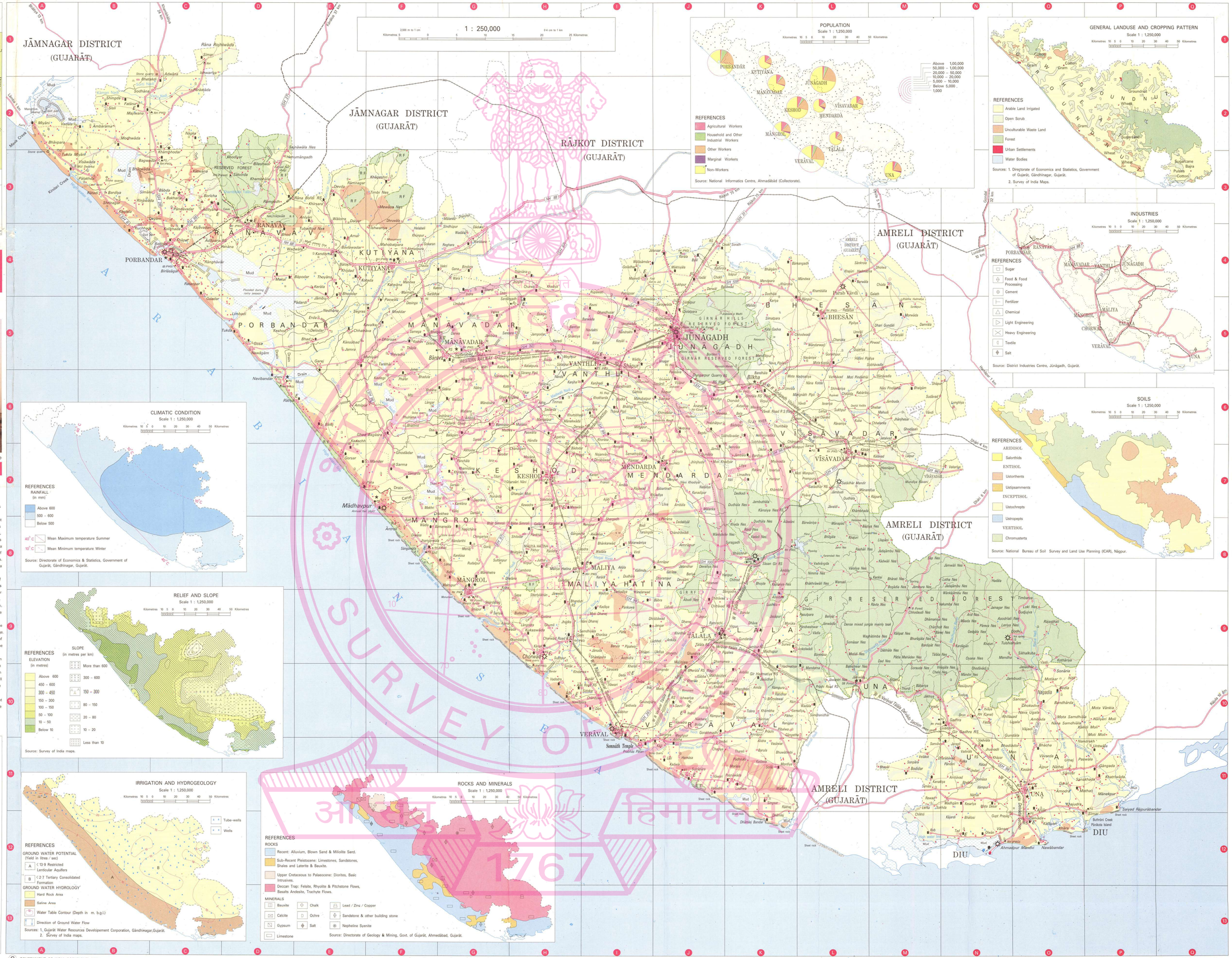

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