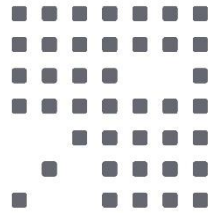




IMPROVING MIGRATION MANAGEMENT IN BANGLADESH

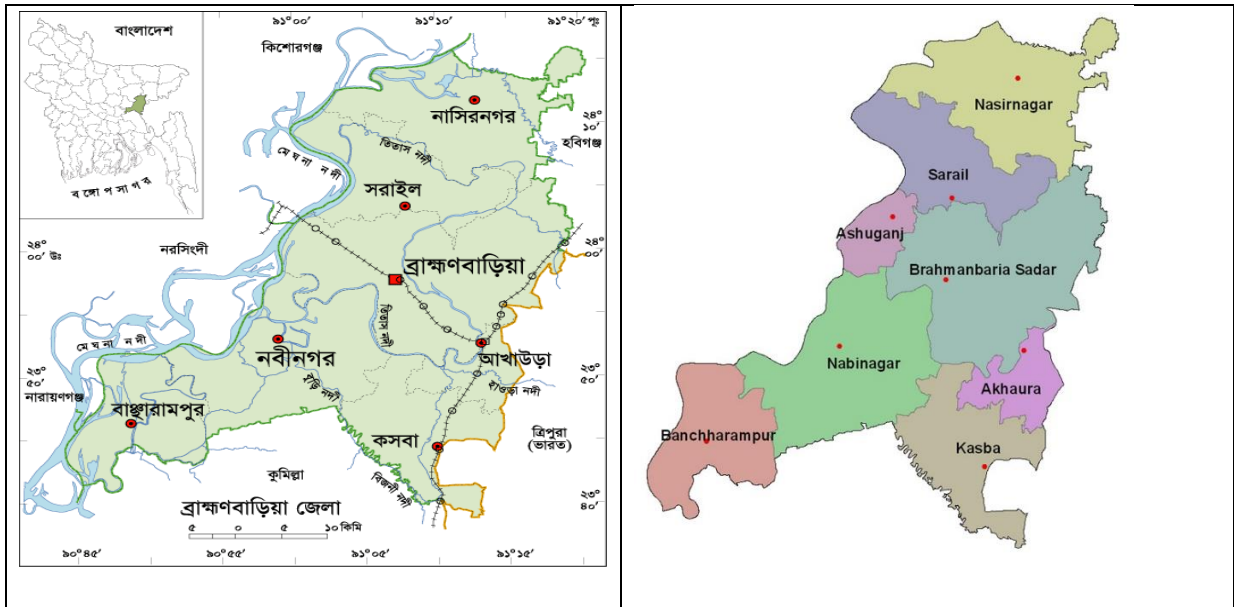
অভিবাসী তথ্য কেন্দ্র



MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE

Profiles of districts

1. Name of the District: Brahmanbaria



Background

Brahmanbaria District is located in Chattogram division. Total area is almost 1927.11 sq. km, and located in between 23°39' and 24°16' north latitudes and in between 90°44' and 91°51' east longitudes. It is bounded by Kishoreganj and Habiganj districts on the north, Cumilla district on the south, Habiganj district and Tripura state of India on the east, Meghna river, Kishoreganj, Narsingdi and Narayanganj districts on the west.

Population

Total: 23,98,254. Male: 12,05,552, and Female: 11,92,702.

Religion

Muslim: 21,95,583, Hindu: 2,01,843, Buddhist: 0187, Christian: 90, and others 551.

Main Rivers

Meghna, Titas, Pagla, Buri, Auliajuri, Kalachhari, Thasti, Chinaihani, Dolvanga, Putiya, Bolvodro, Bolak, Baliyajuri, Baluya, Bijna, Bemaliya, Moddho Gonga, Ropa, Longghun, Lahur, Sonai, Hawra, Horul etc.

Funded by the European Union

Implemented by



2. Profile of the District

- **Governance or Political Structure**

Brahmanbaria District, people also called it B'Baria in short was included in Cumilla district (formerly Tripura district of British India since 1947) was established in 1984 as a separate district. The district has 9 upazilas (sub-district), 5 municipalities, 100 union parishads (union council), and 1329 villages.

- The Upazilas are: Brahmanbaria Sadar, Nasirnagar, Sarail, Ashuganj, Nabinagar, Kasba, Bancharampur, Akhaura, and Bijoy Nagar.
- The Municipalities (Pourosava) are: Brahmanbaria, Akhaura, Nabinagar, Kasba, and Bancharampur.
- There are six National Parliament (Jatiyo Shangshad) constituencies in Brahmanbaria district. These constituencies and the current Members of the Parliament are:
 - National seat no 243, Brahmanbaria-1 (MP: Bodruddoza Md. Farhad Hossain)
 - National seat no 244, Brahmanbaria-2 (MP: Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan)
 - National seat no 245, Brahmanbaria-3 (MP: R.A.M. Obaidul Muktedir Chowdhury)
 - National seat no 246, Brahmanbaria-4 (MP: Anisul Huq)
 - National seat no 247, Brahmanbaria-5 (MP: Mohammad Ebadul Karim Bulbul)
 - National seat no 248, Brahmanbaria-6 (MP: AB Tajul Islam)
- Brahmanbaria Zilla Parishad (District Council) is a local government body at the district level.
- Upazila Chairman are elected by the people for a span of five years.
- Five (5) Municipality: The Mayor is the executive head of the Municipal Councils are elected for a span of five years.
- Union Parishad: Each Union is made up of nine Wards. Usually one village is designated as a Ward.
- The District/Deputy Commissioner (DC) is the executive head of the district.
- Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) is a non-elected administrator in Upazila.

- **Economy**

Brahmanbaria is one of the fastest growing districts in the country. The major industries of Brahmanbaria District have been: agriculture, fishing, power, and natural gas. This city has the largest railway junction in the country which is Akhaura. The economy of Brahmanbaria is predominantly agricultural. Out of total 465.720 holdings of the district 55.28% holdings are farms that produce varieties of crops namely local and HYV rice, wheat, vegetables, jute, spices, cash crops, pulses, oilseeds and others. Various fruits like banana, mango, jackfruit, coconut etc. are grown. Fish of different varieties are caught from rivers, tributary channels and even from paddy fields during rainy season. The Titas Gas field is situated in the district. This natural gas plays very important role in the economy of Bangladesh. It has national importance in its widespread diversified use particularly in generating electricity, producing fertilizer and household fuel consumption.

- **People's Demographics**

Literacy rate and educational institutions Average literacy 39.46%; Male 42.26%, female 36.69%. Educational institutions: law college 1, homeopathic college 1, college 39, nursing institute 1,

primary training institute 1, secondary school 219, primary school 1130, vocational school 4, deaf and dumb education school 1, women's cottage industries education institute 1, kindergarten 63, madrasa 364.

Brahmanbaria district has a rich tradition of nurturing of art, education and culture. It is often called the cultural capital of Bangladesh. Ustad Allaiddin Khan, the great musical talent of the sub-continent and the father of 'Maihar Gharana' of classical Indian music was born in this district in 1862. The people of Brahmanbaria are mostly Muslim. There are other religion people who also live in Brahmanbaria peacefully. After Cumilla, Brahmanbaria is the second height district from where people go abroad as migrant worker.

- **Migration-related profile**

After Cumilla, the district Brahmanbaria is the second height district from where people go abroad as migrant worker. In 2019, the number of overseas migrants is 41235. Among these migrants, 37135 are male and 4099 are female. Cumilla DEMO helped 745 families from Brahmanbaria, whose relatives died in abroad. 1014 persons got financial aid from Cumilla DEMO.

- **Special feature of the district**

Brahmanbaria district has a rich tradition of nurturing of art, education and culture. It is often called the cultural capital of Bangladesh. Ustad Allaiddin Khan, the great musical talent of the sub-continent and the father of 'Maihar Gharana' of classical Indian music was born in this district in 1862. The people of Brahmanbaria are mostly Muslim. There are other religion people who also live in Brahmanbaria peacefully. After Cumilla, Brahmanbaria is the second height district from where people go abroad as migrant worker. We can visit Soor Samrat Alaiddin Kha Musical University and convince them to involve with us with our awareness activities. These musical institutions have a great impact on local area, we can utilize their influence.

3. Potential MRC Activities in the District

The following are potential activities:

- As there is no DEMO in Brahmanbaria and DEMO, Cumilla is providing service here for two days, the MRC Bangladesh may ask the Ministry to establish a DEMO here as it's the second top listed migrant prone district.
- The MRC Bangladesh have a meeting with all the Members of the Parliament, Upazila Chairman, Union Council Chairman accordingly to find out a way to make the service easy for the migrants.
- The MRC Bangladesh may choose the migrant prone locality and set a session on a regular basis with the help of Local Govt. and academic institutions.
- The MRC Bangladesh may conduct sessions for TTCs within coverage of Brahmanbaria both training for male and female migrants.
- The MRC Bangladesh may brief regularly the TTC students, regarding updated news and information.

- The MRC Bangladesh may arrange meetings with TTC teachers to share thoughts, values and expertise.
- The MRC may conduct of information sessions in academic institutions: colleges, secondary schools/Madrassa Information fairs conducted every month in Brahmanbaria, and may also arrange seminar and workshop at least two colleges in Brahmanbaria. There are some reknown educational institutes in Brahmanbaria such as:
 - University of Brahmanbaria, Bypass Road, Datiara
 - Soor Samrat Alauddin Kha Musical University, Nabinagar
 - Kazi Muhammand Shafikul Islam College, Bijay Nagar
 - Brahmanbaria Government College
 - Ashuganj Firoj Mia College
- Meetings or FGDs with training, immigration and education consultancies, travel agencies, tourist companies.
- Reach out to local influential persons and arrange small campaign in local area with their help to aware about migration.
- Courtyard meetings with prospective female migrants (as priority), community leaders and community-based organisations.
- Installation of at least one poster board/banners/board with awareness messages in every targeted Union Parishad Office.
- Provide support by mobile phone (Hotline number), Facebook and others.
- Conduct capacity building training to government and relevant stakeholder and private sector.
- Case and compliance management and referral services.

4. Directory of Relevant Local Officials

- Office of the District/Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Brahmanbaria
- Office of the District Education of Brahmanbaria
- Office of the District Primary Education of Brahmanbaria
- Office of the Upazila Nirbahi Officers' (UNOs) of Brahmanbaria

Member of the National Parliament				
Serial No.	National Parliament Seat No.	Area	Name of the Member of the Parliament	Contact
1.	243 (Brahmanbaria-1)	Nasirnagar Upazila, Brahmanbaria	Bodruddoza Md. Farhad Hossain	brahmanbaria.1@parliament.gov.bd +88 01730622092
2.	244 (Brahmanbaria-2)	Ashuganj and Sarail Upazila, Brahmanbaria	Abdul Sattar Bhuiyan	brahmanbaria.2@parliament.gov.bd +88 01711167254
3.	245 (Brahmanbaria-3)	Bijoy Nagar and Sadar Upazila, Brahmanbaria	R.A.M. Obaidul Muktedir Chowdhury	brahmanbaria.3@parliament.gov.bd +88 01711835515

4.	246 (Brahmanbaria-4)	Akhaura and Kasba Upazila, Brahmanbaria	Anisul Huq	brahmanbaria.4@parliament.gov.bd +88 01711592213
5.	247 (Brahmanbaria-5)	Nabinagar Upazila, Brahmanbaria	Mohammad Ebadul Karim Bulbul	brahmanbaria.5@parliament.gov.bd +88 01713240344
6.	248 (Brahmanbaria-6)	Bancharampur Upazila, Brahmanbaria	AB Tajul Islam	brahmanbaria.6@parliament.gov.bd +88 01713037107
Brahmanbaria Zilla Parishad (District Council)				
1.	Brahmanbaria Zilla Parishad (District Council)	Brahmanbaria District	Shafikul Alam	chairman@zpbrahmanbaria.org.bd +88 01715133405
Chairman of the Upazila Parishad (Sub District Council)				
1.	Brahmanbaria Sadar Upazila Parishad	Brahmanbaria Sadar Upazila	Firojur Rahman	firozurrahman630@gmail.com +88 01713001062
2.	Nasirnagar Upazila Parishad	Nasirnagar Upazila	Rafi Uddin Ahmmed	+88 01937349398
3.	Sarail Upazila Parishad	Sarail Upazila	Rafiq Uddin Thakur	+88 01711828518
4.	Ashuganj Upazila Parishad	Ashuganj Upazila	Md. Hanif Munsif	+88 01711820436
5.	Nabinagar Upazila Parishad	Nabinagar Upazila	Mohammad Moniruzzaman	uzcnabinagar@gmail.com +88 01711370342
6.	Kasba Upazila Parishad	Kasba Upazila	Rashedul Kawsar Bhuyan Jibon	upazilachairmankasba@gmail.com +88 01714619902
7.	Bancharampur Upazila Parishad	Bancharampur Upazila	Md. Sirajul Islam	bancharampurupazila363@gmail.com +88 01731091023
8.	Akhaura Upazila Parishad	Akhaura Upazila	Md. Abul Kashem Bhiuyan	+88 01732685938
9.	Bijoyagar Upazila Parishad	Bijoyagar Upazila	Nasima Mukai Ali	uzpchairman.bijoyagar@gmail.com +88 01720221332
Mayor of the Pourosova (Municipality)				
1..	Brahmanbaria Sadar Pourosova (Municipality)	Brahmanbaria Sadar Pourosova (Municipality)	Nayar Kabir	+88 01756598069
2.	Akhaura Pourosova (Municipality)	Akhaura Pourosova (Municipality)	Md. Takjil Khalifa	+88 0171 1345445
3.	Nabinagar Pourosova (Municipality)	Nabinagar Pourosova (Municipality)	A.N.M. Najim Uddin	+88 01718207065
4.	Kasba Pourosova (Municipality)	Kasba Pourosova (Municipality)	Md. Elias	+88 01819542886

5.	Bancharampur Pourosova (Municipality)	Bancharampur Pourosova (Municipality)	Khalilur Rahman Tipu	
----	---------------------------------------	---------------------------------------	----------------------	--

5. Directory of other stakeholders who can be potential MRC partners

a. Academia

- i. College: 40

b. Training institutions (including private TTCs)

- i. TTC Brahmanbaria, Chinair, Brahmanbaria
ii. TMSS Vocational Training Center, Brahmanbaria

List of NGOs Working in Brahmanbaria

Sonirvor Brahmanbaria Dilruba Sadek View, Puniaut, Sadar, Brahmanbaria S.M. Shahen Executive Director Mobile No: 01712-887325	Nirapod Islami Gram Uunnayan Sangstha Shahbajpur, Sarail, Brahmanbaria Nure Alam Siddique Executive Director Mobile No: 01712-248957	Advice for Human Development Station road, Sadar, Brahmanbaria Mobile No: 01917-516524
BRAC Sabujbag, Middle Medda, Brahmanbaria Habibur Rahman District BRAC Representative Mobile No: 01730-351042	BRIZ Kuti Bazar, Kasba, Brahmanbaria Delowar Hossain Executive Director Mobile No: 01716-217177	Shakti foundation Paikpara, sadar, Brahmanbaria Md. Akram Hossain Executive Director Mobile: 01817-048818
TIB Court Road, Brahmanbaria Kazi Iftekhar-UI-Hasan Assistant Manager Mobile No.01714-09284	VORSHA 119, prantabsh, baganbari, Brahmanbaria Alamgir Talukdar Executive Director Mobile No.01711-978989	World Concern Bangladesh Vadhugar, sadar, Brahmanbaria Thomas tuhin Das Program manager Mobeles: 01712-041370
ASA West Medda (Law College), Brahmanbaria Chandan Dev , Manager Mobile No. 01730-065059	Change khondookar bhaban, aur kaur Brahmanbaria Md. Abul bashar Coordinator Phone: 0851-63091 Mobile No.01718-360779	Buro Bangladesh Birasar, sadar, Brahmanbaria Zakir Hossain Executive Director Mobile No. 01733-220224

Panjeri Somaj Unnayan Songstha Wapda Road, Ashuganj,Brahmanbaria Md. Ishaq Mia Executive Director Mobile No. 01819951932	Manab kollyan sanstha salimabad, bancharampur, Brahmanbaria Abdul awal Executive Director Mobile No. 01711-894033	Shopnotori Kawtali, sadar,Brahmanbaria Md. Taher Uddin Bhuiyan Executive Director Mobile No: 01733-220233
Shikha Somaj Kolyan Songstha Kunda, Nasirnagar ,Brahmanbaria Rajia Sultana Executive Director Mobile No. 01729-879449	somaj pragati sangstha noagaon, kalikaccha, Brahmanbaria Shafiul Alam Executive Director Mobile No. 01712-514002	Sohai south mourail, sadar,Brahmanbaria Abu mutalib kazi Executive Director Mobile No. 01767-855184
Proshika Manobik Unnayan Kendra Belgium House,Govt. College Road, NabinagarBrahmanbaria Md. Harunor Rashid Zonal Manager Mobile No. 01725-612035	Pubali samaj unnayan sangstha gajaria Brahmanbaria Md. Zakir hossain President Mobile No. 01710-669940	Association to social service & development Paikpara, sadar,Brahmanbaria Md. Parvez Executive Director Mobile No. 01711-372818
Langoldhor Somaj Kolyan Songstha Nurpur, Nasirnagar,Brahmanbaria Azharul Haque Executive Director Mobile No. 01711-894001	HOPE aliabad, nabinagar, Brahmanbaria A K M Asaduzzaman Executive Director Mobile No. 01711-341975	Lal Hossain chowdhuri memorial foundation Ta road, sadar,Brahmanbaria Muhaqmmmed ali Branch manager Mobile No. 01912-303967
Srijon Manob Kolyan Songstha 501, Moddhya Para, Sadar, Brahmanbaria Manik Ratan Sharma Executive Director Mobile No. 01717-461672	Urbar Bangladesh 98/1, north mourail,Brahmanbaria Chandan kumar datta Executive Director Mobile No. 01711-289339	Jono kollyan foundation Hospital road, sarail,Brahmanbaria Shiv Charan Biswas Executive Director Moblle No. 01930-803233
Swadeshi Medda, Sadar,Brahmanbaria Sayed Azizur Rahman Executive Director Mobile No. 01718-063631	ASU (advancement of sober unity) dattapara, nasirnagar, Brahmanbaria Sabbir Ahmed Executive Director Mobile No: 0171-326167, 01683-195070	Padakaep manabik unnayan kendra Peer bari, sadar,Brahmanbaria Md. Nur-e-alam siddique Area manager Mobile No. 01713-488893
Titash Aliabad, Nabinagar, Brahmanbaria Emdadul Bari Executive Director Mobile No. 01711-052072	RAPE paghachang,Brahmanbaria md. ashikur rahman vhuiyan Executive Director Mobile No. 01718-354786	Uddipan 1547/2, puniaut, sadar, Brahmanbaria Md. Zoynal abedin Zonal manager Mobile No. 01759-871980

Palli Bikash Kendra Atiapara, Shibpur, Brahmanbaria Humayun Kabir Executive Director Mobile No. 01712-191783	Nobojagoroni hasinabag, nayanpur, nabinagar, Brahmanbaria Tuhura Begum Executive Director Mobile No. 01727-230670	Need nabinagar Nabinagar, Brahmanbaria Barek abdullah Executive director Mobile No. 01973-021841
Association To Rural Development (ARD) 280, Munsefpara, Brahmanbaria Yasmin Kabir Executive Director Mobile No. 01726-319944	HELP 122, banikpara, west medda, Brahmanbaria Shopon Kumar Banik Executive Director Mobile No. 01715-871987	CCDA Kuti bazar, kathar pool, kasba, Brahmanbaria Arun kumar sen Manager Mobile No. 01714-161690, 01711-739274
Esha Somaj Kolyan Songstha Volakut, Nasirnagar, Brahmanbaria S.C. Taposhi Roy Executive Director Mobile No. 01815-201749, 01827-240596	TMSS medda, sadar, Brahmanbaria Mobile No. 01716-236879	Ovizan Sadar, brahmanbaria Md. sarwar Hossain Manager Mobile No. 01715-290000
	Dustho Nari Kollyan Somiti Sadar, Brahmanbaria Sahana Akter Executive Director Mobile No. 01715-221872	