

District Profile

Khowai District, established in 2012, is one of the eight administrative districts of Tripura, India. Carved out from the erstwhile West Tripura district, Khowai serves as its administrative headquarters. The district is named after the Khowai River, which flows through it, playing a pivotal role in its geography and culture.

Geographical Overview

Covering an area of 1,377.28 square kilometers, Khowai District is bordered by:

- **East:** Kamalpur subdivision of Dhalai district
- **West:** Sadar sub division of West Tripura
- **South:** Amarpur subdivision of Gomati district
- **North:** International border with Bangladesh

The district's terrain is characterized by undulating hills, valleys, and plains, with the Khowai River traversing north to south, enriching its fertile lands. The region experiences a tropical monsoon climate, with an average annual precipitation of 1750 mm, supporting diverse flora and fauna.

Administrative Structure

Khowai District is organized into two subdivisions:

1. Khowai Subdivision, 2. Teliamura Subdivision

These are further divided into six blocks: Khowai, Padmabil, Tulashikhar, Kalyanpur, Teliamura, Mungiakumi

The district comprises 55 Gram Panchayats and 69 Village Committees under the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC). Additionally, there are two municipalities: Khowai and Teliamura.

Demographics

As per the 2011 census, Khowai District has a population of 327,564, with a sex ratio of 957 females per 1,000 males. The literacy rate stands at 87.78%, reflecting the district's emphasis on education. The demographic composition includes: **Scheduled Castes (SC):** 19.25%; **Scheduled Tribes (ST):** 42.60%

Linguistically, the population is diverse: **Bengali:** 51.44%; **Kokborok:** 39.55%; **Odia:** 2.27%; **Hindi:** 1.13%; **Mundari:** 1.07%

The predominant religions are Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam.

Economy and Infrastructure

Agriculture is the backbone of Khowai's economy, with major crops including rice, maize, pulses, and various fruits. The district also emphasizes horticulture, animal husbandry, and fisheries. Industrial activities are emerging, focusing on agro-based industries and handicrafts. Transportation infrastructure includes the Lumding-Sabroom railway line, with Teliamura railway station being a significant hub, connecting Khowai to Agartala and Assam. Road networks are well-developed, facilitating trade and mobility.

Tourism and Culture

Khowai District boasts several attractions:

- **Baramura Eco Park:** A haven for nature enthusiasts.
- **Chakmaghat Park, Teliamura:** Offers scenic views and recreational activities.
- **Banabithi Eco Park, Padmabil:** Known for its lush greenery and serene environment.
- **JangalMahal, Khowai:** A historical site reflecting the region's rich heritage.

Cultural events, such as the State Level Dhamail Festival, showcase the district's vibrant traditions and community spirit.

Notable Achievements

Khowai District has been recognized for its administrative excellence and developmental initiatives, receiving accolades like the BhoomiSamman Award and the NCPCR Award in 2024.

Public Utilities

The district ensures essential services for its residents: **Banks:** 10; **Electric Offices:** 8; **Colleges:** 2; **Hospitals:** 9; **Municipalities:** 2; **Postal Offices:** 5

These facilities contribute to the district's socio-economic development and quality of life.

In summary, Khowai District harmoniously blends its rich cultural heritage with progressive development, making it a significant region in Tripura's landscape.

Major farming systems/enterprises (based on the analysis made by the KVK)

Sl. No.	Farming system/ enterprises
1	Agro - based farming system - Paddy (Mono cropped)
2	Agro - horti based farming system – Paddy- TPS/Chilli/Cucurbitaceous vegetables
3	Agri – horti – pisci –livestock
4	Horti-agri-livestock
5	Agriculture
6	Livestock
7	Horti-pisci-agri
8	Livestock-agri-horti

9	Agri-horti-silvi-pastoral-livestock
10	Plantation (Rubber)
11	Plantation-pisci-livestock
12	Horticulture

Description of Agro-climatic Zone & major agro-ecological situations (based on soil and topography)

Sl. No	Agro-climatic Zone	Characteristics
1	Humid Dissected Mount & Valleys	Lateritic soil and texturally sandy loam-loamy sand. It is characterized by high hills and steep slopes of the hillocks.
2	Sub Humid Denuded Hills	Alluvial soil and texturally clay in small pockets. It is characterized by river valleys and low lying (Marshy) areas suitable for lowland rice cultivation.

Soil types

Sl. No	Soil type	Characteristics	Area in ha
1	Upland soil	Podzolic, lateritic and are mostly sandy clay loam in nature. Soils are granular, loose, friable and non sticky with good drainage.	NA
2	Lowland soil	Found in deep and narrow synclinal valley, Soils are mostly clay loam, sub angular blocky, hard, firm and sticky with moderately poor drainage.	NA

Area production and productivity of field crops in Khowai district, Tripura 2023-24

Sl. No.	Name of crop	Area (ha)	Production (MT)	Yield (Kg/ ha)
Cereals				
1	Aush paddy	1900	3964	2086
2	Aman paddy	15500	45212	2917
3	Jhum paddy	1250	1562	1250
4	Boro paddy	5860	20371	3476
	Total	24510	71109	2901
5	Wheat	20	42.58	2129
6	Maize (R)	471	1121.17	2380
7	Sorghum (R)	133	106.21	799
8	Maize hybrid (K)	108	228.14	2112
9	Maize local/ composite	315	449.94	1428
11	Sorghum (R)	133	106.21	799
12	Foxtail millet	148	128.50	868
	Total	1328	2182.75	10515
Pulses				
12	Moong (R)	256	179.29	700
13	Black gram (R)	248	183	738

14	Lentil (R)	261	173.85	666
15	Pea (R)	534	507	950
16	Gram (R)	16	9.88	618
17	Kesari (R)	4	2.58	645
18	Rajmash (R)	102	81.83	802
19	Arhar (K)	253	224.20	886
20	Moong (K)	225	139.76	621
21	Black gram (K)	128	88.18	689
22	Cow pea/ Assam Valley (K)	355	263.24	742
23	Rajmash(K)	4	3.77	943
	Total	2386	1856.58	900
Oilseeds				
25	Rapeseed/ mustard (R)	1465	1170.31	799
26	Groundnut (R)	176	265.56	1509
27	Soybean (R)	28	20.91	747
28	Flex/ Linseed (R)	85	68.22	803
29	Sesamum	680	381.54	561
30	Groundnut (K)	142	208.76	1470
31	Vegetable type soybean	2	1.50	150
	Total	2578	2116.8	6039
Commercial crops				
32	Jute	43	416.13	9.68
33	Mesta	47	429.00	9.13
34	Cotton	47	66.10	1.41
35	Sugarcane	43	2335.40	54312
	Total	180	3246.63	54332.22

Area production and productivity of horticultural crops in Khowai district, Tripura 2023-24.

Sl. No.	Name of crop	2023-24		
		Area (ha)	Production (Mt)	Yield (Mt/ ha)
Summer vegetables				
1	Bhindi	332	3163	9.53
2	Brinjal	245	5103	20.83
3	Spine guard	124	2192	17.68
4	Pointed guard	73	838	11.48
5	Ridge guard	175	3112	17.78
6	Bitter guard	110	1089	9.90
7	Bottle guard	88	1982	22.52
8	Sweet guard	90	1818	20.20
9	Ash guard	79	1263	15.99
10	Snake guard	12	140	11.67
11	<i>Colocasia</i>	133	2096	15.76
12	Elephant Foot Yam	16	320	20.00
13	Jal kachu	56	1033	18.45
14	Cucumber	119	1513	12.71
15	Amaranthus	202	3355	16.61
17	Radish	52	756	14.54
18	Cow pea	168	2778	16.54

19	Summer cabbage	38	464	12.21
20	Summer cauliflower	38	341	8.97
21	Summer tomato	9	185	20.56
22	Chilli (green)	71	646	9.10
23	Leafy vegetables	33	378	11.45
24	Water melon	278	7429	26.72
25	Others	356	14413	40.49
	Total	2897	56407	19.47
Winter vegetables				
1	Cabbage	366	9946	27.17
2	Cauliflower	357	9396	26.32
3	Brinjal	288	6986	24.26
4	Radish	304	6141	20.20
5	Tomato	238	7415	31.16
6	Garden pea	117	1863	15.92
7	Cucumber	157	1377	8.77
8	Knol- khol	43	426	9.91
9	French bean	91	503	5.53
10	Carrot	59	667	11.31
11	Capsicum	23	163	7.09
12	Brocoli	14	93	6.64
13	Chilli	252	1713	6.80
14	Bottle guard	184	3293	17.90
15	Beet	29	63	2.17
16	Others	603	23589	39.12
	Total	3125	73634	23.56
C	Potato	668	12325	18.45
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Fruits				
1	Mango	726	3192	4.40
2	Pine apple	591	8224	13.92
3	Orange	128	536	4.19
4	Jack fruit	218	5877	26.96
5	Banana	1040	10815	10.40
6	Litchi	58	163	2.81
7	Lime/ lemon	448	1687	3.77
8	Papaya	317	2332	7.36
9	Sapota	10	61	6.10
10	Mosomi	82	175	2.13
11	Guava	59	260	4.41
12	Dragon fruits	14	65	4.64
13	Apple Ber	17	20	1.18
14	Others	199	1483	7.45
	Total	3907	34890	8.93
Nuts				
1	Coconut	352	939	2.67
2	Areca nut	417	1243	2.98

3	Cashew nut	13.	6	0.46
	Total	782	2188	2.80
	Spices			
1	Ginger	114	821	7.20
2	Turmeric	81	193	2.38
3	Chilli	215	441	2.05
4	Black pepper	49	65	1.33
5	Onion	18	110	6.11
6	Coriander	13	15	1.15
7	Tamarind	17	76	4.47
8	Betel- vine	31	425	13.71
	Total	538	2146	3.99
	Flowers			
1	Gerbera	3	1	0.33
2	Gladiolus	2	1	0.50
3	Jasmine	0	0	0.00
4	Lillium	0	0	0.00
5	Marigold	14	7	0.50
6	Orchids	1	0	0.00
7	Rose	2	3	1.50
8	Tuberose	2	4	1.75
9	Others	5	5	1
	Total	29	21	0.71

Livestock and poultry population as per 20th Livestock Census- 2019.

Sl. No.	Livestock/ poultry	Population (Nos) 2019-20
1	Cattle (Cross bread)	13071
2	Cattle (ND)	53989
	Total cattle's	67060
3	Buffalo	87
4	Goat	36822
5	Sheep	202
6	Pig (Improved)	14231
7	Pig (Desi)	7250
	Total pigs	21481
8	Fowl (Desi)	287816
9	Fowl (Improved)	32029
	Total fowls	319845
10	Duck (Desi)	57390
11	Duck (Improved)	4595
	Total ducks	61985
12	Total poultry including other birds	384523

Species wise livestock and poultry production and productivity during the year 2019-20.

Sl. No.	Livestock/ poultry	Production Milk (Ltr.)	Production Meat (Kg)	Production Eggs (Nos.)
1	Cattle (Cross	5442169.38	-	-

	bread)			
2	Cattle (ND)	12276349.89	-	-
3	Buffalo	26276.03	-	-
4	Goat	2367558.88	-	-
5	Goat/ Sheep	-	220763.67	-
6	Pig	-	1672130.84	-
7	Poultry	-	25854.53	-
8	Broiler	-	3541358.56	-
9	Fowl (Desi)	-	-	14869431
10	Fowl (Improved)	-	-	13439282
11	Duck (Desi)	-	-	4518196
12	Duck (Improved)	-	-	2365958
	Total	20112354.18	5460107.60	35192867

Area production and productivity of fishery sector in Khowai district, Tripura 2019-20.

Sl. No.	Compiled report for production of (Culture & Capture) during 2018- 19 and conducted in 2019-20.	
1	Total numbers of farmers	21573
2	Total culture fisheries water bodies area (ha)	2956.24
3	Total utilized culture fisheries area for fish and prawn production area (ha)	2878.73
4	Total fish and prawn production from all culture fisheries (MT)	8565.98
5	Productivity of culture fisheries resources (Kg/ ha/ year)	2976
6	Total capture fisheries area (ha)	700.72
7	Total fish and prawn production from capture fisheries area (MT)	59.025
8	Productivity of capture fisheries resources (Kg/ ha/ year)	84.23
9	Total water area utilized for fish seed production (ha)	27.03
10	Total fish seed production (lakhs)	300.35
11	Total water area from all sources (Culture and Capture) ha	3620
12	Total fish production from all sources (Culture and Capture) (MT)	8597.764
13	Total prawn production from all sources (Culture and Capture) (MT)	0.841
14	Total fish and prawn production from all sources (Culture and Capture) (MT)	8625.005