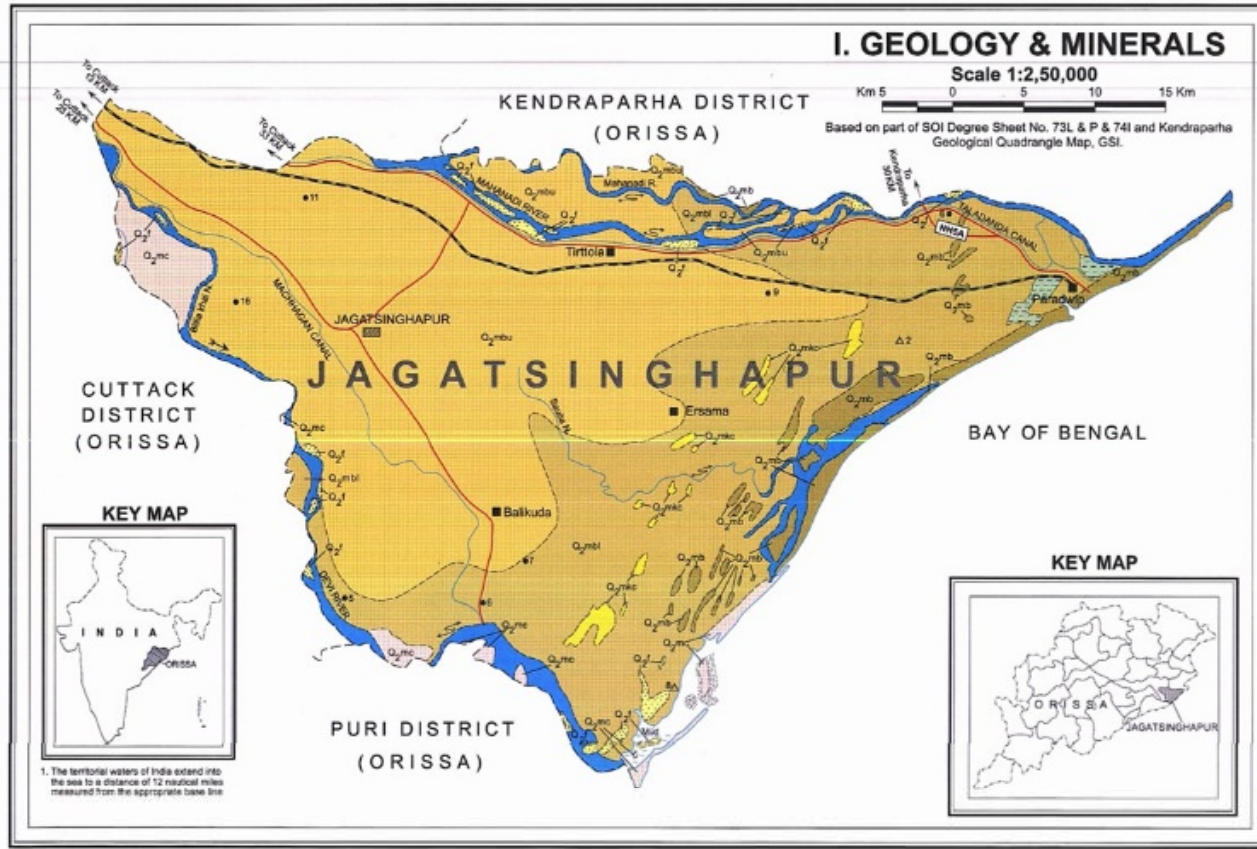


# DISTRICT RESOURCE MAP

# JAGATSinghapur, ORISSA

# LEGEND



Symbol	Description	Age Group
Q <sub>2</sub> mc, Q <sub>2</sub> f	Sand & silts (flat surface with occasional dunes/Point & lateral bars & meander scrolls)	Present day coastal/flood plain deposit
Q <sub>2</sub> mb	Very fine sand, silt and clay (Older dunes)	Younger beach deposit
Q <sub>2</sub> mbu	Sandy silt and silty clay	Upper delta deposit
Q <sub>2</sub> mbl	Clay with fine sand and silt	Lower delta deposit
Q <sub>2</sub> mkc	Compact sand and silt	Older beach deposit

Symbol	Description	Age Group
Blue line	River / Canal	Late Holocene
Green wavy line	Swamp	
Black dashed line	Lithological Boundary	Middle to Late Holocene
Black dashed line	District Boundary	
Black dashed line	Railway line	Late Pleistocene to Early Holocene
Red line	Road	
Black square	Locality	Late Pleistocene to Early Holocene
Black square	District Headquarters	
Black triangle	Triangulation	Late Pleistocene to Early Holocene
Black circle	Spot height	

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Jagatsinghapur district was formed out of the Jagatsinghapur subdivision of Cuttack district in the year 1993. This small district is situated in the East and Southeastern Coastal Plain Zone as per Agro-Climatic classification of Orissa covering an area of 1914.6 sq.km. It is situated between 19°58' and 20°23'N and longitudes 86°02' and 86°47'E and bordered by Kendraparha district to the north, Puri district to the south, Cuttack district to the northwest and Bay of Bengal to the east. District headquarters Jagatsinghapur is located about 85 kms and 65 kms from Bhubaneswar and Paradwip respectively and connected to these two cities by allweather motorable roads. A small branch of southeastern railway line from Cuttack to Paradwip Port within the district. The highway constructed for carrying metals from Daitary to Paradwip runs through northern part of the district. The temperature of the area varies from 13°C in winter to 40°C in peak summer. Average annual rainfall of the area is 150 cm. Its total population is 10,58,894 (2001 census).

Geomorphologically the district comprises of three geomorphic units i) Low lying flood plains represented as present day flood plain, ii) delta plains and iii) coastal plains. Both present day flood plains and coastal plains are of same age and younger than matured delta strand lines as well as beach ridges and dunes are observed within coastal plains. The beach ridges are often covered by casuarina forest. The deltaic plain is inundated by high tides and therefore having full of marshy lands. Paradwip a major urban settlement is established in coastal part of the district, whereas the rest remain barren.

The district is surrounded by the Mahanadi & Paika River system in the north and Devi river system in the South-west. Alaka, Bili, Hansua, Kuanria and Lunjhara rivers (some not shown in the map) flow through the district. All of them following the slope have fallen into the Bay of Bengal. Due to the flat terrain and proximity of sea, drainage pattern in this area is meandering.

Geologically the district is covered by soft Quaternary sediment overlying Baripada beds of tertiary age. A total of five Quaternary deposits identified within the district, namely (i) Older beach deposit (ii) Lower delta deposit (iii) Upper delta deposit (iv) Younger beach deposit and (v) Present day coastal and flood plain deposit. Older beach deposit consisting of compact sand and silt of Late Pleistocene to early Holocene age occurs as patches (mainly as small ridges) within Lower Delta deposit. Lower and Upper Delta deposit consist of clay with fine sand and silt and all of them are of Middle to Late Holocene age. Major difference between them is that Lower Delta is a fluvial deposit whereas Upper Delta is typically fluvial deposit. Areas near the Bay of Bengal sea shore are mainly occupied by younger beach deposit consisting of very fine sand and silt. This is a marine-aeolian deposit and occurs as small ridges. Present day coastal deposit occurs within narrow zone of medium grained sand with heavy minerals. Present day fluvial deposit consisting of sand and silt occurs at the banks of the rivers. Beach deposit and Present day coastal and fluvial deposits are of Late Holocene age.

The area does not have any viable mineral deposit. However the beach contains heavy minerals like monazite, rutile, ilmenite, zircon, etc. patches of these heavy minerals are seen around small lagoons situated south of Paradwip. The beach and dune sand are extensively used for construction work. The silty clay in the upper deltaic plain is used for making bricks.

Geohydrologically saline water occurs above the fresh water table in the coastal part of the district whereas in land saline water occurs in the interior. The district is covered by recent alluvium, clay, silt, sand, gravel and pebble etc hence has fairly thick, extensive unconfined aquifers with yield prospects more than 40 Lps (liter per square). Deep tube wells are dug to tap the deeper fresh water aquifer for drinking purpose.

Geotechnically the district is composed of unconsolidated sand of deltaic plain that have high permeability, low bearing capacity and foundation character. However number of earth embankments are observed on both the sides of major and minor rivers like Mahanadi and Paika.