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Capital: Chandigarh

Area: 114 sq km

Population: 900,914

Chandigarh is India's youngest city. It is the capital of the States of Punjab and Haryana, but does not belong to either state. Instead, Chandigarh is a Union Territory under the direct administration of the Government of India. Chandigarh is known for its planning and architecture, quality of life, high educational level, pollution-free environment, low crime rate, and aware and active citizens.

Every year dozens of national and international gatherings are held in Chandigarh and these conferences bring a large number of visitors. For most tourists, the city is a 'gate-way'.

They stay in Chandigarh long enough to have a look at its famous buildings and gardens and then depart for destinations in the high Himalayas or the sacred cities of Punjab and Haryana. Chandigarh is a welcoming city to all



and most people leave with an impression of friendly and helpful people.

Planned from scratch, beginning in the late 1940s, the city has a modern infrastructure. It consists of more than 50 rectangular sectors, which are designed to be self-contained in civil amenities. Modern facilities are in marked contrast – not only with the surrounding villages, but also with the rest of India.

Fifty-two percent of the total cultivated area of Chandigarh is under irrigation. The major crops are wheat, maize and paddy. Forests cover 27 percent of the area. Woolen tops and

yarn, hosiery, needles, electric meters, antibiotics and medicines, bicycle rims, bakery, chains and free wheels, cardboard and steel furniture are the major industries of Chandigarh.

The Chandigarh Administration is developing an IT Park at Kishangarh on the outskirts of the city. It spans almost 100 acres of land and will provide adequate captive infrastructure including power and telecommunications. The administration will be engaging leading private companies or conglomerates to execute and manage the project for which an autonomous Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) is being established. The IT Park will provide a range of options varying from developed land plots for independent campuses to plug and play facilities with real time connectivity, which will be established in collaboration with prominent domestic and international developers. All necessary commercial, residential and recreational facilities will be available in and around the Park.

The objective of this project is to promote the growth of Information Technology in the Union Territory and provide employment for skilled and professional manpower, thereby enhancing the economic growth of the city and the region. The project will also offer immense long-term benefits such as higher education, technical education and professional services by enhancing the demand for skilled workers.

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