

## Rohtak at a Glance

**Rohtak** is a city and the administrative headquarters of the [Rohtak district](#) in the Indian state of Haryana. It lies 70 kilometres (43 mi) north west of [New Delhi](#), just 40–45 km from Delhi Border and 250 kilometres (160 mi) south of the state capital [Chandigarh](#) on [NH 9](#) (old NH 10). Rohtak forms a part of the [National Capital Region](#) (NCR), so it can obtain cheap loans for infrastructure development from the NCR Planning Board.<sup>[3]</sup>

Rohtak is the sixth most populous city in Haryana as per the 2011 census with population of 417355 and has literacy rate of 84.08%.

It is believed that the city's name is of [Indo-Aryan](#) origin and is recorded in the [Vedas](#). It was founded by the [Vedic](#) people, and was named Rohtashgarh. Many aryan migrate in this city. The [Jats](#) & [Rajputs](#) of Rohtak under the leadership of [Khokhar](#), attacked [Mahmud Gaznavi](#) and also accompanied Khokhar Jats in 1206 AD against Mohmad Gouri. Subsequently, the evolution of the name is traced as "Rohitaka-kula > Rohitaka > Rohtak" and [Michael Witzel](#) notes that this accords with the place existing around 500 BC. The same source also suggests that the name may have derived from the tree [Rohitaka](#) as well, a tree well known in the area for its superb timber.

The ruins of the ancient town at Khokhrakot suggest that perhaps the town is as old as Indus valley Civilization as the [Minar](#) finds at Khokhrakot are typical of Indus Valley sites. It is also identified with Rohitika, a place mentioned in the [Mahabharata](#). It was quite possibly the capital of Bahudhanyaka, the kingdom of [Yaudheyas](#). In the Vinaya of the Mulasarvasti-vadins, Jivaka is represented as taking journey from Taxila in the north west of Bhadrakara, Udumbasa, Rohitaka and Nathura in the Ganga Doab. The ancient highway carried the trade of the Ganga valley to Taxila passing through Rohitika to Sakala. The existence of the town during the rule of [Kushan](#) is testified by the recovery of Khushana Pillar Capital decorated with carving of winged lions and riders. An example of a lion capital of the 1st or 2nd century AD, it resembles the lion capital in the British museum at London, well known for its inscriptions. The riders on it are similar to the riders on elephant at Karle cave and figures at Sanchi Gateway. It is a significant example of the sculptural art of Haryana towards the beginning of the Christian era. Clay moulds of coins discovered at Khokhrakot have thrown important light on the process of casting coins in ancient India. The coin moulds of the later Yaudheyas of the 3rd or 4th century AD have been discovered in large number here of the same and subsequent dates are several clay sealings. A Gupta terracotta plaque and a head of later date have also been discovered. The town

continued to flourish till the 10th century AD as coins of [Samanta Deva](#), the Hindu King of [Kabul](#) have been found here.<sup>[5]</sup>

### Rohtak Municipal Corporation




M.D. University, Rohtak

Nickname(s): Heart Of Haryana



Rohtak

Location in Haryana, India

Coordinates: 	28.8909°N 76.5796°E
Country	India
State	Haryana
District	Rohtak
Government Body	Municipal Corporation of Rohtak
• Member of Parliament	Deepender Hooda(INC)
• Member of Legislative Assembly	Manish Grover (BJP)
• Mayor	Renu Dabla
Area •	Total139.26 km <sup>2</sup>
Area rank	5
Elevation	220 m (720 ft)
Population (2011) <sup>[1]</sup> •	Total 417355
• Rank	119
• Density	3,300/km <sup>2</sup>
Languages • Official	Hindi, Punjabi, English
Time zoneIST	(UTC+5:30)
PIN	124 001 – 124 017
Telephone code	91 1262 XXX XXX
Vehicle registration	HR 12 (Private), HR 46 (Commercial)
Major Highways	NH10, NH71, NH71A,NH709 & SH18
Nearest City	Jhajjar, Sonipat, New Delhi
Railways Stations in City	Rohtak Jn, Bohar Jn
Vidhan Sabhaconstituency	Rohtak

CityPlanning agency	Municipal Corporation of Rohtak
Civic agency	Municipal Corporation of Rohtak
Climatic regions of India	(Köppen)
Avg. summer temperature	48 °C (118 °F)
Avg. winter temperature	0 °C (32 °F)
Website	<a href="http://mcrohtak.gov.in">mcrohtak.gov.in</a>

## Art and culture

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A very old and antique heritage has been preserved in Rohtak. *Baba Mast Nath Math, Gokaran, kiloi* temple, and several more such fine looking buildings erected in traditional Indian and [Mughal](#) styles such as spacious havelis with ornate facade, finely carved wooden door sets and sand stone pillars, mosques that were once lavishly decorated in stucco work, *dharamshalas* with fine looking statues of [Radha and Krishna](#) and temple spires and are few of them. The survey was extended to study a few large village estates such as *Balambha, Farmana Khas, Lakhan Majra, jassia, Bhaini Surjan and Meham* by Society for Peoples' Advancement, Technology and Heritage (SOPATH). The present Monastery was founded by *Baba Mast Nath* in 1731.



- **Medieval Times**

A centuries-old fort was situated at Rohtak, in present Quila Mohlla. That fort was built by shekhs of Yaman under Kazi Sultan Muhammad Surkh during Ghorī Dynasty kings. The then emperor Delhi Mahmud Tughlaq posted two brothers named Malik Idrees and Mubariz Khan at that fort in 1400. The fort of Rohtak was besieged by Sayad Khizer Khan in 1410 which could only succeed after a long seize of six months.<sup>[6]</sup>

- **British period (1800-1947)**

Rohtak is among the oldest organised districts of Haryana; the British officers used to reside here since 1810. Those British constructed a Church at Rohtak, which was completed in 1867. It was named as *All Centre Church*. Its central hall was built by Maj. Feindala in the memory of his daughter Athel Nora, while the contribution for woodwork was given by JF Bruster and RF Kalenal. There are some tombstones, having dated inscriptions in the graveyard near mini secretariat building of Rohtak. Previously it was said to be surrounded by a garden, but now only a narrow strip of land is left for this cemetery. It has some 180-year-old historic tombstones, including one identified to be that of DC Moore. This centuries old cemetery is currently in a deserted condition and a thick thorny vegetation growth has covered the tombs stones there.

## **Geography**

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### **Climate**

Average annual rainfall in Rohtak city is 458.5mm (18.0 inch). Rohtak's climate shows extreme variation in temperature. It does not usually fall below freezing point in the winter months from November to January. In summer from April to July, the day temperature generally remains between 30 °C and 40 °C occasionally going up to 48 °C on a few days Lowest: 2 °C (36 °F) Highest: 45 °C (113 °F)

The climate is almost same as that of [Delhi](#) due to Rohtak being just 70 km far.

### **Rainfall**

Annual rainfall of the district is about 58 cm. The rainfall is unevenly distributed and decreases from south east to south west. The rainy season is from July to September. About 80% of the total rainfall is received during this period. Some rainfall is received from western disturbances during the winter season. Due the low rainfall and its short duration, agricultural activities are mostly dependent upon canal irrigation and tubewells.

### **Hydrology**

The development of the area largely depends over the quality as well as quantity of ground water. As far as Rohtak District is concerned ground water occurs in semi-confined to unconfined aquifers. The unconfined aquifers are tapped by dugwells. While the semi-confined aquifers are tapped by shallow tubewells which are 22,000 in number.

## **Economy**

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### **Industrial areas and townships**

As of 2012, Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) has developed an Industrial Model Township (IMT). MNCs like Maruti Suzuki, Asian Paints, Suzuki Motorcycle, HITech Plast, Coca-Cola Plant, Nippon Carbide, Super Gas, Lotte India Corporation Limited, Shivam Autotech Ltd., Vita Milk Plant, [Amul Dairy](#), and Aisin Automotive launched work on projects.

### **Maruti research and development plant**

Maruti is developing a mega research and development facility at Rohtak. The progress as R C Bhargava, non-executive chairman of [Maruti Suzuki India](#), says *"We will be able to do research and development and testing comparable to anything Japan has. We used to send all our models to Japan for testing; all that can be done here. There will be saving of time and money."* dustries and commercial offices.



View of D-Park, Model Town

The Municipal Corporation has prepared a strategy for future developments that includes new residential areas, healthy environment, and maintained roads.

### **Healthcare**

The city hosts the Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS) and Civil Hospital, both of which are operated by the State Government. There are also various privately operated medical facilities. Pt B.D.Sharma, PGIMS, Rohtak is situated at a distance of about 240 km from Chandigarh and about 70 km from Delhi on Delhi-Hissar-Sirsa-Fazilka National Highway (NH-10). It is the only major Institution for Medical Education and Research and a tertiary care centre for provision of specialised health care services not only to the people of the State of Haryana, but also to those from Punjab, Rajasthan, Delhi and western U.P. The Institute was started under the name of Medical College, Rohtak in the year 1960. For the first three years, the students were admitted to Medical College, Patiala which acted as a host Institution. In



1963, the students were shifted to Rohtak. In the subsequent years, multifaceted expansion measures have transformed the Institute into a fully developed centre of Medical Education and research in all the major disciplines of Medicine. In the year 1994, Medical College, Rohtak was renamed as Pt. B.D.Sharma, Medical College, Rohtak and subsequently it was upgraded to a Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences in the year 1995. Today Pt. B.D.Sharma, PGIMS, Rohtak is a famous institution not only for medical education but also for the health care facilities both at the National as well as International level. The Institute complex houses the following buildings:

- Medical College
- Well Equipped Hospital of 1246 beds
- Super-specialty Centre
- Multislice whole body CT Scan building
- De-addiction centre
- Dental College and Hospital
- Pharmacy College
- College of Nursing

The Institute has a remarkably well developed campus spread over an area of 350 acres of land. During the 50 years of its existence, Pt. B.D.Sharma, PGIMS, Rohtak has witnessed a phenomenal growth achieving not only its designated goals but also in expanding its horizons to set newer objectives completely commensurable with the requirements of National goal of “Health for all by 2020”. Some other medical colleges -

- [Gaur Brahman Physiotherapy College](#)
- Shri Baba Mast Nath College of Physiotherapy
- J. R. Kissaan Homeopathic Medical College & Hospital

## **Sport**

The [Haryana Urban Development Authority](#) (HUDA) has developed the [Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex](#). in Sector-6 completed in 2012. The complex includes cricket, hockey and football facilities, tennis courts, an athletics stadium, wrestling hall, swimming pools and other leisure facilities. An athletic pavilion has also been constructed at the sports complex. The pavilion has a height of 100 feet and it has a capacity to accommodate 8000 spectators. A synthetic track has also been constructed in front of the pavilion for warming up of athletes. Apart from this, three earthen mounts have been developed on international standard and these

would provide seating capacity for 22,000 spectators. Therefore, in all a total of 30,000 spectators would be able to view the sports activities in this sports complex.

[Chaudhary Bansi Lal Cricket Stadium](#) is a cricket ground in the Lahli, Rohtak(Haryana). The Stadium can accommodate only 8,000 spectators. The ground came into the lime light when [Sachin Tendulkar](#) played his last [Ranji](#) match in October 2013

## **Tourism**

### Tilyar Lake

The tourist spot of [Tilyar Lake](#) is near to the city. includes Restaurant, Bar and [Rohtak zoo](#). The lake lies in a 132-acre (0.53 km<sup>2</sup>) area and forms an integral part of the tourist setup, making it one of the greenest stretches in the adjoining area. The spacious lawns and the scenery on view make this resort a great place to relax, and people visit from as far away as Mumbai. It is also an excellent spot for watching a variety of birds that flock on the little island located in the middle of the lake.

- **Rohtak Zoo**

The lake complex also houses Rohtak Zoo. Along with other heritage sites on the outskirts of city, there are many tourist places in Rohtak. The following animals have been housed in this zoo, Tiger, Leopard, Fox, Hyena, Wolf, Gharial, Mugger, Hippopotamus, Himalayan Black Bear, Jackal, Otter, Pig-tailed monkey, Baboon, Bonnet macaque, Gray langur, Sambhar, Blackbuck, Chinkara, Indian hog deer, Barking deer, Guinea fowl, Silver pheasant, Fantail pigeon etc.

## **Infrastructure**

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The Haryana Government has asked the Union Government to declare Haryana Sub-Region (HSR) a zone of strategic national interest. HSR consists of 35 urban centres, including Gurgaon, Faridabad, Panipat, Sonapat and Rohtak. The growth rate of urban population in the zone has been above 60 per cent, the highest among all the constituents of National Capital Region. These urban centres face a rapid growth in population as the workforce travels to work from here to the Capital.

### **Sewerage**

In NCR out of 108 towns only 33 towns have sewerage system and even in these 33 towns, the coverage can at best be classified as partial. The network coverage in some of the important cities in NCR includes NCT Delhi, Meerut, Ghaziabad,



Noida, Faridabad, Panipat, Gurgaon, Rohtak, Sonapat and Alwar where Rohtak was completed 65% in 2001 and 90% in 2011 according to an official report.

## Transportation



View of Latest Sign-Board

## Roads

Rohtak is connected to seven cities by three national highways [NH 9](#), [NH 709](#), [NH 352](#) (old NH 10, NH71, and NH71A) and two State Highways (SH16 and SH18). National Highway 9 from New Delhi to Rohtak is upgraded to six lanes with 30 km Rohtak City Bypass, so that the vehicles travelling between New Delhi and [Hisar](#) do not have to enter Rohtak city. National Highway 9 from Rohtak to Hissar and several cities of [Punjab](#) is being widened to a four-lane highway.

### *National highway*

Three National Highways, [NH-9](#) ([Malaut](#), [Punjab](#) to [Askot](#) in [Uttarakhand](#)), [NH-709](#) ([Rajgarh](#), Haryana to [Panipat](#), Haryana) and [NH-352](#) (Narwana to [Rewari](#)) pass through the city. Rohtak is connected to [Delhi](#) through NH-9, and currently the road is being widened to six lanes by [NHAI](#), with the plans to develop the entire corridor as an industrial area. NH-352 From Rewari to Rohtak is 4 lanes, and NH-709 from Rohtak to Panipat is 4 lanes.

## Railway

Rohtak City is a railway junction with connections to Delhi, [Panipat](#), [Rewari](#), [Bhiwani](#) and [Jind](#) converging on the city. Rohtak is connected to [Bahadurgarh](#) through Delhi line, to [Gohana](#) through Panipat line and [Jhajjar](#) through Rewari line. Delhi and Jind connections are part of the [Delhi-Fazilka line](#), and the line is double tracked from Delhi to [Bhatinda](#), [Punjab](#), [India](#),

and is electrified between Delhi and Rohtak. All other lines are single track, and unelectrified.

[Rohtak Junction railway station](#) is served by three [Shatabdi Express](#) services ([New Delhi Moga Shatabdi Express](#), [New Delhi Bathinda Shatabdi Express](#) and [New Delhi Ludhiana Shatabdi Express](#)) and [Ajmer Chandigarh Garib Rath Express](#).

The railway track between New Delhi and Rohtak has been electrified. EMU services has been running between the two cities since March,2013.

### **Air travel**

There is currently no commercial airport serving the city. The state govt has shown interests in building a Greenfield Cargos Airport at the [Meham](#) town to serve this city and the [AAI](#) has given consent in principle for this. The nearest International Airport is [Indira Gandhi International Airport](#) at Delhi.

### **Demographics**

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As of the provisional [2011 census](#) figures, Rohtak municipality had a population of 417355. The municipality had a [sex ratio](#) of 887 females per 1,000 males and 10.9% of the population was under six years old. Effective literacy was 84.08%; male literacy was 88.94% and female literacy was 78.68%.

### **Sectors**

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In Rohtak old sectors are Sector 1, Sector 3, Sector 14, Sector 2, 4 are developed and new sectors 4 ext. 5, 6, 25 are being developed. Model Town, DLF Colony, Sector 1 and 14 are considered to be upmarket areas of the city. Entrance of Sector-14 is opposite to Gate number 2 of Maharshi Dayanand University.

### **Media and communications**

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[All India Radio](#) has a local station in Rohtak which transmits various programs of mass interest.

### **Education**

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Govt. Institute of Training of Trainer Sector 5 Rohtak

*Main article:* [List of educational institutes in Rohtak](#)



The President of India Mr. Mukherjee Addressing an Event At MDU



Institute of Engineering and Tech. at Maharishi Dayanand University

Rohtak has 16 national government institutes, making it one of the biggest educational hubs of the country. Rohtak Lok Sabha constituency is the only constituency in India to have AIIMS, IIM and IIT. Current renowned health university named after Haryana's first chief minister, Pt. Bhagwat Dayal Sharma will be upgraded to AIIMS at cost of Rs 200 crore.. [Indian Institute of Management Rohtak](#) is currently being set up with a budget of Rs 1150 crore. IIM Rohtak is amongst the top management institutes in India and is positioned as analytics hub in India. [Indian Institute of Technology Delhi](#) extension campus also being set up with a budget of Rs 50 crore. These institutes along with Haryana's biggest university according to number of students enrolled [Maharishi Dayanand University](#) and numerous other universities of fashion technology, [State Institute of Film and Television](#) make it an educational city. [Pt. B.D. Sharma PGIMS Rohtak](#)

Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences or PGIMS Rohtak is a graduate medical institute in the city of Rohtak, India. The institute offers various courses in major specialties of medicine.

### **Administration**

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There is a mini Secretariat in main city near by Court.

### **Notable individuals**

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**Rafi Muhammad Chaudhary, most prominent nuclear scientist from Indian sub continent AMU Alumni, Rutherford's PhD student and Pakistani scientist**

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- [Paramvir Singh](#), During his 38 years service as WildLife Inspector set and broke his own records of Wild animal articles' seizure from poachers. Resultantly he was instrumental in wiping out illegal trade of Wild animals and their derivatives from NCT of Delhi. Lt. Governor, Delhi felicitated and commended his efforts vide letter Dt. 26-04-1988.
- [Rao Abdul Hafiz Khan VC](#) was the youngest Indian Victoria Cross holder, he came from Kalanaur village, Rohtak, .
- [Chhotu Ram](#), most prominent pre-partition politicians in Punjab, co-founder of the National Unionist Party
- [Bhupinder Singh Hooda](#), former Chief Minister of Haryana
- [Deepender Singh Hooda](#), MP and politician, son of [Bhupinder Singh Hooda](#)
- [Mahender Chaudhary](#), former Prime Minister of Fiji
- [Captain Abhimanyu Singh Sindhu](#), Cabinet Minister Haryana
- [Manohar Lal Khattar](#), Chief Minister of Haryana
- [Randeep Hooda](#), actor
- [Sakshi Malik](#), wrestler
- [Sangram Singh](#), wrestler
- [Jaideep Ahlawat](#), actor
- [Joginder Sharma](#), cricketer
- [Sharad Kumar](#), [IPS](#) officer, Chief of [National Investigation Agency](#).
- [Mallika Sherawat](#), Bollywood and Hollywood actress.
- [Vikas Uppal](#), Tallest man of India.
- [Ayodhya Prasad](#), an Indo-Fijian farmers' leader and politician.
- [Ghulam Farid Sabri](#), a major qawwali singer.
- [Patrick Dixon](#), an Irish cricketer.
- [Debi Singh Tewatia](#), Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court.

