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Prior to discuss the findings of the study, it is essential to sketch briefly the salient features of the study area. The following are the brief features of district Moradabad.

District Moradabad

The area covered by the present district Moradabad lay, in early times, is the north western part of what was known as the country of Panchala, which is said to have extended from the Himalayas in the north to the river Chambal in the south. Later, when Panchala was divided into two parts, this area was included in north Panchala which had its capital of Achichchatra (in the Bareilly district, a few kilometers from eastern border of the Moradabad district). On the west of the district, across the Ganga, lay the country of the Kurus, the close allies of the panchalas, with their capital at Hastinapur (in the Meerut district). In the closing centuries of the first millennium of the Christian are the entire region including the Moradabad district (which lies west of Awadh between the Himalayas and the Ganga) came to be know as Katehr, a name replaced only towards the middle of the eighteenth century by the term of Rohilkhand, the district forming the west-central portion of the region so designated.

Climate

Climate of the district is hot in summer season and much cold and dry in winter season because it lies in the tarai region of Himalayas.

Area

Out of the total geographical area of 5,96,700 square meter, agriculture is being done on only 4,87,243 hectares. Normally, in 3,10,086 hectares area
Kharif, in 3,97,070 hectares area Rabi and 25,441 hectares area Zaid crops are grown, purely irrigated area in the district is 3,92,000 hectares. Irrigation is done through canals, government and private tube wells. Paddy, Jowar, bajra, mung, urd, arhar in Kharif and wheat, barley, gram and pea is cropped in Rabi season in the district. sugarcane, potato and menthe is grown and sent to the market at Delhi.

**Population**

Population of the district Moradabad is 1415424 males and 1231867 females as per the 2001 census and the selected tehsil Chandausi the total population is 234084 in which there are 126816 males and 107298 are females.

**Selected schools**

Moradabad district was divided into 6 tehsils. Two tehsils namely Chandausi and Bilari were selected for this study. 8 schools (4 Hindi medium and 4 English medium) were selected from two tehsils.