

Agar C.D. Block lies in the central west part of Shajapur district. It is a part of Agar tehsil. The Block is located at a distance of 76 kms. from district headquarters (Shajapur.). There are 141 villages in the block with the total population of 101,228 persons. Area of the C.D. Block is 869.32 sq. km. It is bounded by tehsil Badod from north and western sides, tehsil Nalkheda from eastern and north-eastern sides, district Ujjain from southern side, and tehsil Shajapur from eastern and south-eastern sides.

Communications:

Roadways : SH-27: Direction- Ujjain to Susner, Nearest Villages- Karadiya, Bhimloda (Pancharundi), Kashi Bardiya, Amla Agar, Mahudiya Agar, Moya Kheda, Nipaniya Baijnath, Bet Kheda, Awar, Dhota, Pura Sahabnagar, Kankar, Umariya Deoda, Kachnariya, Sumra Khedi, Tanodiya, Badgon, Jhalara Agar, Chhawani.

River: Chhoti Kali Sindh Nadi- Nearest Villages- Lapa Khedi, Sunariya, Bhimpura Piplon, Kumariya Piplon, Thikariya, Gundi Khurd, Bhacha Khedi.

Lakhunder Nadi- Nearest Villages- Palalkhi, Singawad, Borkhedi, Samgimana, Mathura Khedi, Kolukhedi, Bhadbhunji, Sutada, Aky Bhati, Batawada, Khajuri Kanad.

Canal: Nearest Villages- Pachora, Pachori, Shivgarh.

Annual Rainfall : Average Rainfall 1048 mm.

Ground Water: Availability of the ground water in the Basin is 33.73 MCM and the utilization is 46.16 MCM. It belongs to Un-safe category. Depth to water level varies from 5 to 10 meter below the ground. Most of the wells go down in summer months, according to the Ground Water Estimation Committee.

Natural Division : Malwa Plateau.

Administration :

Division: Ujjain. Parliamentary Constituency: 29 Dewas (SC). District: Shajapur. Tehsil: Agar. Assembly Constituency: 166 Agar (SC). Gram Panchayat: 59.

Fairs and Festival: Baijnath Mahadeo Fair: A fair is held at Nipania, 4 kms. away from Agar, the tahsil headquarters of Shajapur area where the fairs are held, situated in very picturesque surroundings, on the banks of river Banganga which searches its way between two hills. The dates of the fairs are: (1) Kartik Sudi Panchami to Purnima and (2) Chaitra Sudi one to Purnima. It is said that the temple exists here from very old times, and till about 120 years ago, the place where the temple is situated and where the fair is held was desolate and full of

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wild beasts. In 1880, a contingent of British army used to be stationed at Agar and in that year, this contingent went away to Afghanistan to take part in the Kabul campaign. Mrs. Martin, the wife of the Commander had remained back at Agar and one day she happened to come to this place. When she came here she found some sadhus near the temple, which was in a dilapidated condition, in deep meditation. When the sadhus finished their meditation, Mrs. Martin asked them as to why the temple was in that helpless state and she was told that they did not have any money to repair it. Mrs. Martin promised that when her husband comes back from Kabul she would ask him to look to this. After the Commander came back from the campaign, Mrs. Martin took up the subject with him and he contacted the Political Agent, whose office was then located at Agar. The Political Agent, collected a good amount from all the feudatory states under his jurisdiction and got this temple rejuvenated in 1882. The fair started being held here since 1884.

Shri Baijnath Mahadeo Fair: Shri Baijnath Mahadeo fair is held twice in a year near Nipania, three kms. away from Agar, in Shajapur district. The place where the fairs are held is situated in very picturesque surroundings, on the banks of river Banganga which searches its way between two hills. The dates of the fairs are (1) Kartik Sudi Panchmi to Purnima (October/November); and (2) Chaitra Sudi 1 to Purnima (March/April). About three kms. to the north of Agar, there is a place called Baijnath Nipania. There is an old beautiful temple of Mahadeva, enshrining a big linga of Baijnath. It was constructed between A.D. 1528 to A.D. 1536 out of donations from the royal families of Indore, Sailana, Ratlam, Dewas, Sitamau, Jhalawar, Piploda, Jawra, etc., and from the public. In 1881, extensive repairs were made to the building. In the garbhagriha (sanctum) of the temple are kept beautiful statues of Mahadeva and Parvati, brought from the neighbouring village, Narwal. The Nandi is installed in front of the spacious Sabhamandapa. An inscription is there to the left of the temple, recording the fact that the building was constructed under order of Col. Martin, who belonged to the office of the Political Agent. To its north stand a few small Shiva temples and a few Sati stones. To the west, there is a very artistic statue of the Varaha incarnation of Vishnu. A small tank near it, is known as the Kamal Kund. Near it there is a

beautiful Jain temple, belonging to the Swetambar sect. Two annual cattle markets meet near the temple of Baijnath during Kartik (October/November) and Chaitra (March/April). The Chaitra fair lasts for 15 days, and the Kartika fair for 10 days. The Chaitra fair is visited by about 30,000 persons.

Shri Ramdeo Jatra: Shri Ramdeo Yatra is an attraction near Agar (Bhimpura), Shajapur (Ricchoda) and Shujalpur (Kharsur) tehsils of Shajapur. Their durations are different being held for a fortnight, for 3 days and for 4 days respectively. Also that they are organised on different dates, respectively in the month of January/February (Magh Badi 5), December/January (Pausa Badi 10-12) and April/May (Vaisakh Badi 5). Devotees of Ramdeoji Maharaj from far and near gather in hundreds to worship the deity.

Villages: 141 **Inhabited:** 137 **Uninhabited:** 4

Ranking	District	State	National
Area	6	184	885
Population	6	257	3427
Sex Ratio	4	168	4194
Child Sex Ratio	2	130	2980
Literacy Rate	7	187	3491
Density	3	46	5691
Work Participation Rate	7	249	465

Gram Panchayats:

Ahir Bardiya, Awar, Bada Beed Jagatpura, Bajna, Bapcha Agar, Bhadwa, Bhimlod (Pancharundi), Bhyana, Bijnakhedhi, Chacha Khedi, Chandangaon, Dhota, Fatepur Mendki, Gata, Ghani Khedi, Ghurasiya, Gundi Kalan, Hadai, Hargan Khedi, Jamuniya, Jetpura, Jhalara Agar, Kasai Dehariya, Khankri, Khima Khedi, Ladwan, Mahudiya Agar, Malwasa, Mathura Khedi, Nanya Khedi Ahir, Narwal, Nipaniya Baijnath, Pacheti, Pachora, Pal Khedi, Palda, Parsu Khedi, Pipalya Kumhar, Piplon Kalan, Piplon Khurd, Raghogarh, Rampur Bhundwas, Ranayra Rathor, Salri, Samgimana, Sanawda, Shivgarh, Sonchidi, Sumra Khedi, Sutada, Tanodiya, Thadoda, Thikariya.

Amenities:

Education: Primary School in 123 villages, Middle school in 21 villages, Matriculation or Secondary School in 2 villages, namely Piplon Kalan, Tanodiya.

Higher Secondary or Pre University Courses or Intermediate or Junior College in 1 village of the CD Block,, namely Tanodiya.

College in 0 village, Adult Literacy Center in 3 villages.

Medical: Hospital in 1 village, Dispensary in 2 villages, Health Center in 0 village, Sub Center in 4 villages, Maternity and Child Welfare Center in 0 village, Community health workers in 32 villages.

The villages having hospital or Dispensary or Health Center are Piplon Kalan, Akha Khedi.

Drinking Water: Tap water in 22 villages, Tank water in 6 villages, Well water in 122 villages, Tubewell in 19 villages and more than one source in 129 villages.

Bank: Banking facility in 8 villages, namely, Amla Agar, Kasai Dehariya, Bet Kheda, Piplon Kalan Tanodiya, Bhyana, Abhaypur, Bhadka.

Credit Society in 45 villages Agricultural Credit Society in 17 Non-Agricultural Credit Society in 2 villages.

Others: Power supply in 137 villages, Cinema hall in 0 village, sport club in 0 village, Stadium or Auditorium or Community Hall in 0 village, Post Office in 18 villages.

There are 41 villages having bus facilities.

Fuel (Cooking): Firewood, Cowdung cake, Crop residue

Villages with most of facilities: Piplon Kalan Tanodiya.

Villages without amenities (Education): Bet Kheda, Bans Khedi, Bhimpura Piplon, Kumariya Piplon, Pachori, Abhaypur, Dhandheda Kanad, Palalkhi, Anandpur, Kripalpur, Gujar Khedi, Napa Khedi, Nindu Khedi, Daulatpur..

Scheduled Castes: Out of the total population of 101228 persons, 29809 persons (29.45%) belong to Scheduled Castes.

The villages having less than 10% SC population are

Ahir Bardiya, Madhopur, Bhanpura, Bet Kheda Bhimpura Piplon, Gundi Khurd, Bhadwa, Kumhariya Agar Pipaliya Shah, Arani, Dudhpura, Pachori, Abhaypur Bhadka, Anandpur, Gujar Khedi, Nindu Khedi.

The villages having more than 50% SC population are

Jhikadiya, Kankar, Sutheli, Kishanpura, Jetpura Semli, Kundla Agar, Ladwan, Borkhedi, Mathura Khedi Gajariya Kheda, Kadiya.

Sex ratio of Scheduled Caste population is 483.

Scheduled Castes Literates and Illiterates by Sex:

	Persons	Males	Females
Literate	12,239	8,151	4,088
Illiterate	17,570	7,274	10,296
Literacy rate	51.4	66.0	35.7
Graduate	47	43	4

Scheduled Castes (Dominant):

Balahi etc., Chamar etc., Bagri etc., Banchada Meghwal

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Villages without Scheduled Castes: There are 13 villages without any scheduled caste population.

Scheduled Tribes: Out of the total population of 101228 persons, 1284 persons (1.27%) belong to Scheduled Tribes.

The villages having less than 10% ST population are Karadiya, Bapcha Agar, Bhimlod (Pancharundi)

Kashi Bardiya, Amla Agar, Mahudiya Agar
Lakhami Kheda, Moya Kheda, Salri, Bijnakhedi
Ahir Bardiya, Madhopur, Tola Khedi, Bhanpura
Kasai Dehariya, Nipaniya Baijnath, Chikali Goyal
Bans Khedi, Jhikadiya, Narwal, Guru Khedi
Mali Khedi, Awar, Dhote, Pura Sahabnagar, Jamuniya
Pal Khedi, Jogpura, Kankar, Pithya, Umariya Deoda
Kachnariya, Lingoda, Malwasa, Sumra Khedi
Pipalya Kalan, Piplon Kalan, Piplon Khurd, Sonchidi
Thadoda, Lapa Khedi, Akha Khedi, Raghogarh, Sunariya
Bhimpura Piplon, Kumariya Piplon, Thikariya
Gundi Kalan, Gundi Khurd, Sutheli, Bhacha Khedi
Tanodiya, Badgon, Bhadwa, Kishanpura, Jhalara Agar
Gangu Khedi, Khima Khedi, Doud Khedi
Rampur Bhundwas, Jetpura, Newari, Bhimpura Agar
Gata, Ranayra Rathor, Kumhariya Agar, Bajna
Hamla Khedi, Pipaliya Shah, Lakha Khedi
Fatepur Mendki, Tilwadiya, Gangada Hadda
Gangada Buzurg, Ghurasia, Arani, Pipalya Junnar
Semli, Bhyana, Kundla Agar, Parsu Khedi, Palda
Karwa Khedi, Ladwan, Dudhpura, Pipalya Kumhar
Pachora, Pachori, Chikali Parmar, Shivgarh, Abhaypur
Bhadka, Arniya, Rajakhedi Kumar, Nanya Khedi Ahir
Nanukhedi Meena, Dhandheda Kanad
Bada Beed Jagatpura, Raipuria, Palalkhi, Samgimana
Khankri, Mathura Khedi, Iklera Kanad, Gajariya Kheda
Anandpur, Kundla Buzurg, Ghonsali, Ghani Khedi
Alampura, Manakpur, Kripalpur, Gujar Khedi, Kalmoi
Hargan Khedi, Sanawdi, Napa Khedi, Sanawda
Nindu Khedi, Daulatpur, Jassa Khedi, Kadiya
Chandangaon, Chacha Khedi, Kolukhedi, Batawada
Khajuri Kanad.

The villages having more than 50% ST population are None.

Sex ratio of Scheduled tribe population is 489.

Scheduled Tribes Literates and Illiterates by Sex:

	Persons	Males	Females
Literate	446	299	147
Illiterate	838	357	481
Literacy rate	46.0	59.3	31.6
Graduate	7	6	1

Scheduled Tribes (Dominant):

Bhil etc., Kamar, Kawar etc., Gond etc.

Pardhan etc.

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Villages without Scheduled Tribes: There are 108 villages without any scheduled tribe population.

Literates and Illiterates by Sex (Total Population):

	Persons	Males	Females
Literate	45,963	30,579	15,384

Illiterate	55,265	21,702	33,563
Literacy rate	56	72	39
Graduate	347	311	36

Agriculture: Distribution of villages according to land use:

Out of 141 villages, Total area (in hectare) is 71753, out of that 59.36 percent is cultivable and 49.16 percent of the cultivable area is irrigated.

Sources of Irrigation (Hectares): Government Canal 4054, Private Canal 0, Well without Electricity 212, Well with Electricity 11816, Tubewell without Electricity 740, Tubewell with Electricity 1158, Tank 375, River 1605, Lake 0, Waterfall 0, Others 979.

Villages with population of 5000 to 9999:

Tanodiya.

Villages with population of 10000 and above: None

Distribution of Workers:

	Persons	Males	Females	WPR
Cultivators	29,296	16,896	12,400	54.11
Agricultural Labour	19,585	8,694	10,891	36.17
Household Industry	521	353	168	0.96
Other Workers	4,740	4,270	470	8.75
Main Workers	36,129	26,335	9,794	66.73
Marginal Workers	18,013	3,878	14,135	33.27
Total Workers	54,142	30,213	23,929	

Religion: Major Religious Communities:

	Persons	Males	Females	Sex Ratio
Hindu (94.33%)	95,488	49,355	46,133	935
Muslim (5.07%)	5,134	2,609	2,525	968
Christian (0.02%)	20	11	9	818
Sikh (0.02%)	17	9	8	889
Buddhists (0.01%)	6	4	2	500
Jain (0.53%)	538	279	259	928

Age-wise Data:

	Persons	Males	Females	Sex Ratio
All ages	101,228	52,281	48,947	936
0-14	39,892	20,650	19,242	932
15-44	43,234	22,734	20,500	902
45-79	16,783	8,298	8,485	1023
80+	1,178	522	656	1257
Age not stated	141	77	64	831

Languages (Dominant):

Hindi, Urdu, Munda, Bhili/Bhilodi, Bengali

Disabled Population:

	Persons	Males	Females	%
Total Disabled	2,444	1,400	1,044	
In Seeing	1,171	628	543	47.91
In Speech	81	59	22	3.31
In Hearing	218	118	100	8.92
In Movement	811	497	314	33.18
Mentally	163	98	65	6.67