

Bahawalpur

Bahawalpur, commonly known as the City of Nawabs, lies on the intersection of major trade routes between the four provinces of the country. The word 'Bahawalpur' is derived from the name of Ameer of the State, Muhammad Bahawal Khan, the eldest son of Ameer Sadiq Muhammad Khan, the Abbasi ruler who founded the city. The area is primarily agricultural; therefore, agricultural products produced here are exported to many parts of the country and the world. It has unique distinction of being declared as the first area in Pakistan which produces contamination-free cotton. Important places include Lal Suhanra National Park, Noor Mehal and Jamia Masjid Al-Sadiq and educational institutions like Islamia University, S. E. College and Sadiq Egerton High School.

Inauguration of Bahawalpur field office was a sign of progress and development for the public of the area which had been deprived of basic financial services at that time. Skelton Office was established in December, 1994 which became fully functional on 18th January, 1996. The then Minister of State for Finance, Mr. Makhdoom Shahabuddin inaugurated this office.