**Bhatkal**- It is also known as 'Batecala' in some historical Portuguese texts, is a [port](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port) town in the [Uttara Kannada District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uttara_Kannada_District" \o "Uttara Kannada District) of the [South Indian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_India) state of [Karnataka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karnataka). The town of Bhatkal lies on [National Highway 66](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Highway_66_(India)), which runs between [Mumbai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai) and [Kochi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kochi), and has one of the major [railway stations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Railway_station) along the [Konkan Railway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Konkan_Railway" \o "Konkan Railway) line, which runs between [Mumbai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai) and [Mangaluru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mangaluru" \o "Mangaluru).