

Beed District Profile

Introduction

The Beed district is in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra state. This district is almost in the center of the state of Maharashtra. The district is known as a drought prone area. The administrative center of the district is Beed. The district is known for its co-operative movements. Beed is also known as the district of sugarcane workers in Maharashtra, many sugar mills in the state of Maharashtra usually have beed workers for cane cutting. The Parli Vajinath, one of the twelve Jyotirlingas is in Beed district and one of the first Marathi poet Mukundaraj was born in Beed district.

Administrative Profile

The administrative headquarters of Beed district is Beed city. The district is divided into five subdivisions namely Beed, Majalgaon, Parli, Patoda, Ambajogai and eleven taluks namely Beed, Gevrai, Majalgaon, Dharur, Wadwani, Parli, Patoda, Asthi, Shirur (Kasar), Ambajogai, and kajj.

Location and Geography

The district occupies an area of 10,693 sq. km. and has a population of 2,585,049 of which 17.91% were urban (as of 2011). The district lies between north latitude 18°28' and 19°28' and east longitude between 74°48' and 76°45'. The district shares boundaries with Chh.Sambhajinagar and Jalna districts in the north, Parbhani in the east, Latur in the southeast, Osmanabad in in south and Ahmednagar district in the west and southwest.

Demographic Profile

According to the 2011 census Beed district has a population of 2,585,049 lakhs. This gives it a ranking of 160th in India (out of a total of 640). The district has a population density of 242 inhabitants per sq. km. The population growth rate over the decade 2001-2011 was 19.65%. The district has a sex ratio of 912 females for every 1000 males. Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes make up 13.59% and 1.27% of the population respectively.

Logistic Infrastructure Profile

- ▶ The JNPT (365 km., 07.30 hrs.) and Dighi (415 km., 09.30hrs.) are the nearest seaport and dry port available for district.
- ▶ Jalna dry port (which is in catchment area of JNPT) work is in progress and will improve cargo movement to the port. The main objective of this project is to deliver agricultural and industrial products from Marathwada directly to Nhava Sheva Port in Mumbai. The Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi Highway work is in progress. Through this, the products will be delivered directly to Mumbai.

Road Transport

The Beed district is connected by road to various major cities in Maharashtra and other states,

The major National Highways passing through the district are as mentioned below,

- ▶ NH-222 – Kalyan-Vishakhapatnam
The district is connected to cities in Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh by this highway.
- ▶ NH-111 – Solapur-Dhule
The district is connected to the cities Chh.Sambhajinagar, Dhule, Osmanabad and Solapur.

The major State Highways passing through the district are as mentioned below,

- ▶ SH-2 - Kalyan-Beed
- ▶ SH-44 - Shahpur-Beed
- ▶ SH-162 - Ambajogai-Akkalkot
- ▶ SH-169 - Renapur-Parli
- ▶ SH-168 – Renapur-Degloor

Rail Transport

The Parli Vajinath railway station is in the beed district. It is well connected to Hyderabad, Nizamabad, Usmanabad, Manmad, Kakinada, Vijayawada, Rajahmundry, Khammam, Warangal, Chh.Sambhajinagar, Latur, Parbhani, Purna, Nanded, Vikarabad, Zaheerabad, Bidar, Latur road, Raichur, Guntakal, Mumbai, Nashik, Bengaluru, Miraj, and Visakhapatnam. The Ahmednagar-Ashti Beed railway line testing was already conducted by railway department and work is in progress for Ashti-Beed railway line.

Air Transport

The nearest airport available for Beed district is Chh.Sambhajinagar International Airport which is located at Chikalthana. The flights are available to Hyderabad, Delhi, Udaipur, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Ahmadabad, Jaipur and Nagpur. The international airlines have been available for Hajj since 2008. The Airport facilities include aircraft fueling, night landing with navigational aids, aircraft parking, CAT VII airport firefighting and rescue service. A well-equipped terminal building has VIP lounges, departure and arrival lounges, transit suites and snooze cabins, visitors' waiting area, and a cafeteria.

Agricultural Profile

Agriculture is the main business in Beed district, and it is largely dependent on monsoon rain. The district has 6,62,000 hectares area under crop, 2,36,000 hectares area under irrigation and 26,000 hectares area under forest. Beed also is a district which provides a large number of laborers in India specially in the form of sugarcane cutters.

The Jawar is an important high yielding crop in the district and is grown in both kharif and rabi seasons. The cotton is an important kharif cash crop. The other major crops grown in the district is Millet, Wheat, Tur, Green gram, Urad, Sesame, Lentil, Chilli, Onion, Soybean and Sugarcane. The Beed district is a leader in the production of oilseeds and vegetables.

The Horticulture is also widespread in the district. The crop of Sugarcane is cultivated in Ashti, Beed, Majalgaon, Gevrai, Ambejogai talukas. The Grapes are produced in Beed and Ambejogai talukas. The Watermelon is grown along the rivers Godavari and Manjra. The Ashti, Beed, Ambejogai and Neknur are leading in mango production. The Kala Pahad at Neknur and Pevandi at Ambajogai are famous mangoes. Apart from this, Peru, citrus and banana are also grown.

Considering population of livestock of the district, the milk production in the district is considered to be a side business of a large number of farmers. Milk is collected through eight government and four private milk teams.

The rivers and tributaries in the district are as mentioned below,

- ▶ Godavari is the major river in the district and flows through the northern boundary of the district. It flows through Gevrai, Majalgaon and Parli talukas of the district. Siddhamphana, Van and Saraswati are the tributaries of Godavari in the district.
- ▶ Manjra is the second most important river in the Beed district. This river originates in the mountain range of Harishchandra Balaghat in Patoda taluka. Cage, Rena, Limba and Chausala are tributaries of Manjra River in the district.

Major Agriculture and Horticulture Produce of District

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Sr. No.	Name of Product	Production in MT (2023-24)	Area under Cultivation Hectare (2023-24)
1.	Cotton	93,426.73	2,69,596
2.	Soyabean	4,85,197	3,66,678
3.	Jawar	2,75,087	1,95,087
4.	Cereals	4,10,960	2,86,837
5.	Oil Seeds	4,87,474	3,69,396
6.	Beed Custard Apple	14.737	1,637
7.	Limes and Lemons	14,499	2,900
8.	Pomegranate	39,657	2,644

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, GOI and Department of Agriculture, GOM

Industrial Profile

Although agriculture is the major occupation of majority of the population in Beed district, the people of the district are engaged in a variety of business. There are several sugar factories, spinning mills and a thermal Power Station in the district. There are around 36 ginning factories in the district, as cotton is one of the major crops cultivated in Beed district.

► Industries and Employment Generation in Beed District Industries and Employment Generation in District up to 31 March 2024

The below mentioned table illustrates industries and employment generation of the district,

Table – Total Industries, Investment and Employment Generation

Sr. No.	Category	No. of Enterprises	Investment (INR crore)	Employment
1	Mega Unit	-	-	-
2	Large Unit	20	625.23	5885
	Total	20	625.23	5885

Table –Total Industries, Investment and Employment Generation

Sr. No.	Category	No. of Enterprises			Investment in (INR Crore)			Employment Generation		
		Mfg	Service	Total	Mfg	Service	Total	Mfg	Service	Total
1	Micro	7073	12096	19169	603.39	531.06	1134.45	35995	34934	70929
2	Small	942	2092	3034	937.54	556.53	1494.07	14810	12860	27670
3	Medium	49	23	72	398.69	93.12	491.81	2327	756	3083
	Total	8064	14211	22275	1939.62	1180.71	3120.33	53132	48550	101682

Source: DIC Beed

► **Sugar factories in the district,**

- Parli Vajinath Sahakari Sugar Factory, Parli
- Kada Cooperative Sugar Factory, Ashti
- Jai Bhavani Cooperative Sugar Factory, Gevrai
- Majalgaon Cooperative Sugar Factory, Majalgaon
- Gajanan Cooperative Sugar Factory, Beed
- Vikhe Patil Cooperative Sugar Factory, Cage
- Amba Cooperative Sugar Factory, Ambejogai

- MSAMB's (Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board) Kesar Mango export facility center, APMC, Bahirwadi, Beed having cold storage unit (of 50 MT capacity), precooling unit (of 5 MT/ Batch capacity), Pack House (3875 Sq. ft.), DG Set (160 KVA), Transformer (160 KVA).

Service Sector Profile

The major services which are provided in the district are as follows,

- Educational Services
- Architectural Services and related services
- Consultancy Services
- Transport and Logistic Services
- Accounting and Finance Services
- Printing and Publishing Services

Industrial Infrastructure Profile

The district has many big and small industries like sugar, handlooms, ginning and other industries. A thermal power plant at Parli was established in 1970. Parli also has a factory for electric lamps and other electric components. Beed and Wadavni have handloom factories. There are oil mills in Ambejogai and Beed. Amalner in Patoda taluka is famous for its brass and copper vessels. Though gradual industrial progress is being made, agriculture remains the main occupation of the people of the district.

Industrial Associations of the District

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Sr. No.	Name of Association	Industry Sector
1.	Beed District Industries Association, Beed	Manufacturing
2.	Beed District Ginning & Pressing Union Association, Beed	Textile
3.	Beed District Tarun Udyog Sanghtana, Beed	Manufacturing and Service
4.	Laghu Udyog Bharati, Beed	Manufacturing and Service

Banking Facilities

Beed district has major public sector and private bank branches including State Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Beed District Central Co-operative bank, Maharashtra Gramin Bank, Syndicate Bank, Central Bank of India, Union Bank of India.

Beed District Strengths and Opportunities

- The district has emerged as major cotton and custard apple production hub
- The cotton produced in the district has a high staple length and RD value which is largely used in Textile industries. From this perspective, the district has huge potential to be developed as a production hub for the textile industry.

- ▶ Beed custard apple has Geographical Indication (GI) tag owing to the sweetness from the 24.49 Brix TSS (more than the apples found in UK and US). Beed custard apple pulp is used in desserts like Basundi, rabri, jams, and jelly. This disease-resistant variety has good domestic and international demand. Considering the fact, that the district has huge potential for exporting Beed custard apple.
- ▶ The district has 36 operational ginning factories, 7 operational sugar factories, and Oil mills. By utilizing optimum infrastructure and production capacities of these industries, the allied industries segments can be developed to generate new employment opportunities and boost the economy of the district.
- ▶ Soyabean and Oilseeds are leading Agri produce of the district and allied business industries can be developed in the district.