

# Buldhana District Profile

## Introduction

Buldhana is a district in the Amravati division of Maharashtra state in western India at the westernmost border of Vidarbha region and is 500 km from the state capital, Mumbai. The district consists of five subdivisions and thirteen blocks. The district Head Quarters is at Buldhana. This district is a major tourist attraction owing to the ancient Lonar crater (second largest in the world), declared a world heritage. Shegaon of Gajanan Maharaj Sailanibaba's Dargah are the major places of pilgrimage. Sindakhedraja in this district is renowned to be birthplace of Rajmata Jeejabai. National Highway 6 - NH6 passes through Khamgaon, Nandura, and Malkapur towns in the district. The most spoken language in Buldhana is Marathi.

## Administrative Profile

The district has six revenue sub-divisions headed by a Sub Divisional Officer (SDO): Buldhana, Mehkar, Khamgaon, Malkapur, Jalgaon-Jamod and Sindkhedraja. As of 2010, the district of Buldhana comprises thirteen talukas (tehsils): Buldhana, Chikhli, Deulgaon Raja, Malkapur, Motala, Nandura, Mehkar, Sindkhed Raja, Lonar, Khamgaon, Shegaon, Jalgaon Jamod, and Sangrapur.

## Location and Geography

Buldhana district lies between 19°51' to 21°17' North latitude and 75°57' to 76°49' East Longitude. The principal rivers in the district are Painganga and Purna. It is bounded on the North by Khandawa District of Madhya Pradesh on the South by Parabhani District on the west by Jalna and Jalgaon Districts and on the North East by Buldhana District. The other important river are the khandakpurna, Nalganga, Vishwaganga, Gyanganga and Banganga. The principal tributaries of Purna are Nalganga, Vishwaganga and Gyanganga from the south. There are two medium irrigation project of the river Nalganga and Gyanganga in the district. The total area of the district is 9661 Sq. Kms. which is about 3.14% of the total area of Maharashtra State.

## Demographic Profile

According to the 2011 census Buldhana district has a population of 2,586,258, roughly equal to the nation of Kuwait or the US state of Nevada. This gives it a ranking of 159th in India (out of a total of 640). The district has a population density of 268 inhabitants per square kilometers (690/sq mi) Its population growth rate over the decade 2001-2011 was 15.93%. Buldhana has a sex ratio of 928 females for every 1000 males, and a literacy rate of 82.09%. Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes makeup 18.21% and 4.39% of the population respectively

## Logistic Infrastructure Profile

- ▶ The nearby Port includes JNCH & ICD Nagpur / Borkhedi.
- ▶ Nagpur ICD is a dry port which is situated about 352 Kms from Buldhana. It takes 6 Hrs. 54 Min hrs. to reach to the port.

The logistic infrastructure profile of the district is as mentioned below,

## Road Transport

National Highway 6 passes through Khamgaon, Nandura, and Malkapur towns in the district and Aurangabad Buldhana National Highway 753A . There are many Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation bus stands in all towns of the district. There are State Transport bus depots at Buldhana, Malkapur, Chikhli, Mehkar, Khamgaon, Shegaon, and Jalgaon-Jamod.

### ▶ Intercity Transport

The Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) provides transport services for intercity and interstate travel. Many private operators also ply on the highly travelled Buldhana – Pune and Buldhana – Indore route. Bus services to cities like Nagpur, Yavatmal, Bhopal, Harda, Indore, Raipur, Jabalpur, Mumbai, Pune, Akola, Dharni,

Nanded, Aurangabad, Jalna, Burhanpur, Parbhani, Solapur, Khandwa, Gondia, Shirdi, Hyderabad, Paratwada (Achalpur) and Kolhapur are also available.

## Rail Transport

- ▶ Malkapur, Nandura, and Shegaon railway stations fall under the Bhusawal-Badnera Section of Bhusawal Division of the Central Railway. The nearest railway station is at Malkapur which is 45 km from District Headquarters. Malkapur, Shegaon, Nandura railway stations come under Bhusawal Division of Central Railway. Bhusawal (101 km) and Akola (102 km) are also the nearest railway junctions from the District headquarters. There is a branch line from Jalamb to Khamgaon. The main line was originally under the Great Indian Peninsula Railway and the branch line between Jalamb and Khamgaon was under the Khamgaon State Railway.
- ▶ The railway stations in the district, with their codes, are Khamkhed (KMKD), Malkapur (MKU), Wadoda (WDD), Biswa Bridge (BIS), Nandura (NN), Kunggaon Burti (KJL), Jalamb Junction (JM), Khamgaon (KMN), Shegaon (SEG), and Shrikshetra Nagzari (NGZ).
- ▶ A computerized railway reservation facility is available at Khamgaon, Malkapur, and Shegaon, while manual reservation facility is available at city booking office, Khamgaon, Nandura, and Jalamb Junction.

## Air Transport

The nearest airport is at [Akola which is not functioning] which is 102 km from district headquarters. The nearest airport is at Aurangabad is at 145 km.

## Agricultural Profile

The district superintending agriculture officer comes under the Divisional Joint Director of Amravati Division. There are three sub-divisions at Buldhana, Khamgaon, and Mehkar with a taluka agriculture officer posted at each taluka.

There are multiple circles under each taluka. They are Dhad, Shelapur, Dhamangaon, Motala, Shelsur, Amdapur, Chikhli, Dhamangaon, Malkapur, Janephal, Mehkar, Bibi, Lonar, Sakharherda, Sindkhed Raja, Mera Khurd, Deulgaon Mahi, Deulgaon Raja, Ganeshpur, Pimpalgaon Raja (Khamgaon), Nandura, Shegaon, Jalgaon Jamod, Warwat Khanderao, and Sangrampur. The main crop which is grown in Buldhana is Cotton, Jawar & Groundnut. Cotton, sorghum and other cereals, oilseeds, soybean, sunflower, and groundnuts are the predominant crops grown in the district.

Khamgaon and Malkapur are the major cotton trading towns in the district. The district has many minor and medium size irrigation projects. The important ones are Nalganga and Vaan. There are thirteen Agriculture Produce Market Committees-Main Market, one in each tehsil, and there are twenty sub-markets in the districts. The Indian Council for Agriculture research funded a farm science Centre Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jalgaon Jamod in the district in 1994.

**Table 1-1 Major Horticulture and Agriculture production data**

Sr No	Name of Product	Production in MT (2022-23)	Area under Production Hecter (2022-23)
1	Banana	11,685	371
2	Oranges	1,16,454	4,879
3	Pomegranate	3,279	146
4	Cotton	92,228	2,12,220
5	Toor	68,944	78,974
6	Soyabean	7,92,436	4,45,954

## Industrial Profile

- ▶ There are industries related to Cotton processing like making bales & Cotton Yarn in the district.

Also there are Pharmaceutical companies which are directly engaged in exporting Pharmaceutical product & chemical product, Benzo chem Industries Pvt Ltd is a 100% EOU situated in the Malkapur Buldhana they produce industry chemical & Benzochem Industries Pvt Ltd is engaged in exporting Intermediates for pharmaceutical, Agro chemical & Specialty chemical. There are some manufacturers engaged in exporting and selling machines for Seed processing, Decorticating, Solvent extraction, Edible Oil refining & centrifuge separation process.

► **Industrial Areas in Buldhana District are as mentioned below,**

- Khamgaon MIDC is situated in Khamgaon, District Buldhana. There are various types of manufacturing activities in this industrial area like manufacturing of Bath Soap, Rubber, API, Cotton Ginning and Pressing, Cotton Yarn etc.
- Buldhana MIDC
- Malkapur MIDC
- Chikhli MIDC
- Mehkar Deulgaon Raja Industrial Area

► **Industries and Employment Generation in Buldhana District**

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

**Table 1-2 - Industries and Employment Generation Data**

Sr No	Category	No. of Enterprises			Employment Generation		
		Mfg.	Service	Total	Mfg.	Service	Total
	<b>Udyog Aadhar</b>						
<b>1</b>	Micro	1646	4784	6430	5953	11751	17704
<b>2</b>	Small	105	587	692	1115	2843	3958
<b>3</b>	Medium	4	9	13	35	58	93
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1755</b>	<b>5380</b>	<b>7135</b>	<b>7103</b>	<b>14652</b>	<b>21755</b>

Source: DIC Buldhana Udyog Aadhar Data (From March 2019 to March 2020)

**Table 1-3 - Industries and Employment Generation Data**

Sr No	Category	No. of Enterprises				Employment Generation			
		Mfg.	Service	Trading	Total	Mfg.	Service	Trading	Total
	<b>Udyami</b>								
<b>1</b>	Micro	1207	2174	3798	7179	4562	6983	9974	21519
<b>2</b>	Small	8	3	31	42	48	9	382	439
<b>3</b>	Medium	0	0	1	1			1	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1215</b>	<b>2177</b>	<b>3830</b>	<b>7222</b>	<b>4610</b>	<b>6992</b>	<b>10357</b>	<b>21959</b>

Source: DIC Buldhana Udyami Data (From April 2023 to March 2024)

## Service Sector Profile

Some of the major services which are provided in the district are as follows:

- Hotel and Tourism related services
- Healthcare services including services by nurses, physiotherapist and paramedical personals
- Accounting / Auditing and bookkeeping services
- Entertainment services including audio visual services
- Environment services
- Educational services
- Consultancy services
- Distribution services
- Advertisement services
- Marketing research and Public opinion services

- ▶ Printing and Publication services
- ▶ Lab Testing facility
- ▶ Transport and Logistics services
- ▶ Legal services etc.

## Industrial Infrastructure Profile

Below mentioned infrastructure facilities provided by MIDC in Buldhana industrial areas

### ▶ Roads

The area is connected internally by multiple lane roads of international standards. The width of the main road is 30 meters and that of internal roads are 20 to 25 meters. The roads are constructed using modern techniques.

### ▶ Electricity

Electricity is available 24\*7 in all MIDC's.

### ▶ Water

There is a Shortage of drinking water & water which is used by the industry in Buldhana city. That's why there are only few industries in Buldhana city.

## Industrial Association of the District

- ▶ The Khamgaon MIDC Industries Association, Khamgaon
- ▶ Malkapur MIDC Udyojak Kalyankari Association, Malkapur
- ▶ Chikhli MIDC Udyojak Kalyankari Association, Chikhli
- ▶ The Seed & Cakes Millers Association
- ▶ Deulgaon Raja Taluka Industries Association
- ▶ Buldhana Industries Association
- ▶ Shriman Govinddasji Bhartiya Cooperation Industries Association
- ▶ Sarvodaya Coop. Industrial Estate, Shegaon

## Banking Facilities

All leading Private & Public sector banks have their branches in Buldhana District; SBI, HDFC, ICICI etc. Also, Buldhana district have branches of NBFC namely Bajaj Finance, Shriram Transport Finance, India Bulls Housing Finance etc. Proper network of Banking facilities in Buldhana District is available

## Buldhana District Strength and Opportunities

- ▶ The district has emerged as major **Agriculture, Agro & food processing, FMCG, Chemical, Engineering and Textile** production hub of Maharashtra.
- ▶ The district has emerged as commercial hub for **FMCG, Agro and Food Processing, Chemical and Textile** due to high availability of sector specific infrastructure and manpower resources.
- ▶ **Samruddhi Mahamarg** passes through Mehkar Tq of Buldhana district which will reduce the time for transportation from Buldhana district to Mumbai port.
- ▶ **Investment's opportunities in Buldhana district are in the below mentioned sector:**
  - **FMCG, Chemical, Textile, Oil Mill, Engineering etc**
- ▶ **Agro and food processing** – Jan Ginning and Pressing factory, Amit cot fibre, Manjeet cotton, Naman Cotton, Shakanbari ginning and pressing factory, Ashutosh Agro, Ganga cotton, Virchand Marsi cotton pvt ltd, Tulsi Pulses
- ▶ **Chemical** – Benzo Chemical, Chaitanya Agrobiological Pvt Ltd, Eco Biotech

**FMCG** – Hindustan Unilever Ltd,. SNG Packing

▶ **Engineering** - Ferro oil tech, Satiji Infratech, Shrikrupa Hitech LLP, SJS Infra Pvt. Ltd

**Pharmaceutical** - Chaitanya Biological Pvt Ltd