

Chh. Sambhaji Nagar District Profile

Introduction

The Chh.Sambhajinagar district is the tourist district of India having several heritage monuments. The district is rich in monuments, historical and religious tourist places like Ajanta, Ellora and Pitalkhora caves, Grishneshwar temple (one of the twelve Jyotirlingas of India), Paithan (famous for exuberant Paithani sarees), Daulatabad fort, Bibi-Ka-Maqbara, hence, it deserves the label as Tourist District of India.

Administrative Profile

The administrative headquarters of Chh.Sambhajinagar district is Chh.Sambhajinagar city, the largest city in the Marathwada region. The district is divided into five subdivisions and ten tehsils namely Chh.Sambhajinagar rural, Chh.Sambhajinagar Upper Tehsil, Kannad, Soygaon, Sillod, Phulambri, Khultabad, Vaijapur, Gangapur and Paithan. The city of Chh.Sambhajinagar is known for its 52 gates and has been called the "City of Gates". It is the fourth-most populous urban area in Maharashtra Chh.Sambhajinagar. The city is known as a major production center of cotton textile and artistic silk fabrics. A fine blend of silk with locally grown cotton was developed as Himroo textile. Paithani silk sarees are also made in Chh.Sambhajinagar. The name of this cloth is derived from Paithan town. While the business of Himru Shali and Paithan has declined a lot in the past, industries like Chh.Sambhajinagar Silk Mills and Standard Silk Mills still produce silk and Himru textiles.

Location and Geography

Chh.Sambhajinagar district is one of the 36 districts of the state of Maharashtra in western India. It borders districts of Nashik to the west, Jalgaon to the north, Jalna to the east, and Ahmednagar to the south. Chh.Sambhajinagar district is located mainly in the Godavari River Basin and partly in the Tapi River Basin. The district is located between 19 and 20 degrees north longitude and between 74 and 76 degrees east latitude, covering an area of 10,100 Sq. km. of which 37.55% is urban and the rest is rural. The rainy season lasts from June through September and the average rainfall is 734 mm. The temperature ranges from 14 to 40 degrees Celsius on average.

In Chh.Sambhajinagar district total forest area is 135.75 sq. km. As compared to Maharashtra, the forest area of the district is 9.03%. The main rivers in Chh.Sambhajinagar district are Godavari, Tapi, Purna, Shivna and Kham. The rivers, Dudhna, Galhati and Girja are the sub rivers of Godavari.

Demographic Profile

According to the 2011 census, Chh.Sambhajinagar District has a population of 3,701,282 inhabitants and a population density of 365 inhabitants per sq. km. It is 72nd most populous district in India out of 640 total districts, and the population growth rate between 2001 and 2011 was 27.33%. The district has a sex ratio of 917 females for every 1000 males and a literacy rate of 80.4%.

Logistic Infrastructure Profile

- ▶ Inland Container Depot (ICD), Maliwada is 4 km. away from Chh.Sambhajinagar city. The JNPT (352 km., 07.00 hrs.) and Dighi (235 km., 05.00hrs.) are the nearest seaport and dry port available for district.
- ▶ Jalna dry port (59 km., 01.00 hr.) 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 Trust in Mumbai. The Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi Highway work is in progress which is passing near to this dry port. Through this, the products will be delivered directly to Mumbai.
- ▶ As discussed in DEPC meeting, it was proposed that on Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi Highway, the warehouse facilities should be planned.

Road Transport

Chh.Sambhajinagar district is connected by road to various major cities in Maharashtra and other states. National Highway No. 52 passes through Chh.Sambhajinagar city. The other districts, Jalna, Pune, Ahmednagar, Nagpur, Beed and Mumbai are connected by road and the route is currently being converted into National Highway Standard Four Lane Road. The new Nagpur-Chh.Sambhajinagar-Mumbai Samruddhi Express Highway is also being developed.

The proposed Chh.Sambhajinagar-Shirdi Highway and Mumbai-Nagpur Bullet Train are beneficial for development of the region.

The main routes are as mentioned below,

- ▶ Mumbai – Chh.Sambhajinagar
- ▶ Hyderabad – Chh.Sambhajinagar
- ▶ Nagpur – Chh.Sambhajinagar
- ▶ Dhule – Chh.Sambhajinagar
- ▶ Pune – Chh.Sambhajinagar
- ▶ Solapur – Chh.Sambhajinagar

▶ Intercity Transport

The "Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation" (MSRTC) and numerous other private bus operators provide a bus service to all parts of the state. Private buses have an established network to connect the city with all the major cities in Maharashtra and other states.

▶ Intracity transport

Chh.Sambhajinagar Municipal Transport (AMC) is an intra-city bus service which covers almost all parts of the city and also connects to the more distant industrial suburbs. AMT (Chh.Sambhajinagar Municipal Transport) intra-city buses ply throughout the city including the outskirts and connect different parts of the city and adjoining suburbs together.

Rail Transport

Chh.Sambhajinagar (Station Code: AWB) is a railway station on the Secunderabad-Manmad Broad Gauge Railway in the Nanded section of the South-Central Railway. The Manmad-Kachiguda Broad gauge railway line emanates from the Mumbai-Bhusawal-Howrah trunk route at Manmad and is an important traffic artery in Chh.Sambhajinagar District.

The main routes are as mentioned below,

- ▶ Hyderabad - Nanded - Chh.Sambhajinagar
- ▶ Bangalore - Secunderabad - Parbhani - Chh.Sambhajinagar
- ▶ Delhi - Chh.Sambhajinagar - Delhi
- ▶ Mumbai - Chh.Sambhajinagar - Mumbai - Janshatabdi Express (daily service)
- ▶ Nandigram Express Nagpur to Mumbai - via - Chh.Sambhajinagar (daily service)
- ▶ Devgiri Express Nanded to Mumbai - via - Chh.Sambhajinagar to Mumbai (daily service)
- ▶ Tapovan Express (daily service)

The service available for the destinations: Shirdi, Nashik, Pune, Amritsar, Ambala, Nizamabad, Kurnool, Renigunta, Visakhapatnam, Erode, Madurai, Bhopal, Gwalior, Vadodara, Chennai, Tirupati, Rameshwaram, Ahmedabad & Rajkot

Air Transport

Chh.Sambhajinagar International Airport is located at Chikalthana, 10 km from the central bus stand of Chh.Sambhajinagar city. 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

The Chh.Sambhajinagar district is spread over an area of 10.08 lakh hectares, out of which area under cultivation is 8.52 lakh hectares and net sown area is 7.15 lakhs hectares. Out of the total population of the district, 84.2 % population is dependent on agriculture and allied sector.

Agriculture plays an important role in the district economy. The agriculture in the Chh.Sambhajinagar district is diversified, wide range of crops are grown in the district.

The major food grains are jowar, pearl millet, wheat and gram, among oilseeds soybean is major crop while cotton is major cash crop. The major crops of kharip season are cotton, bajra and corn and that of rabbi season are jowar, wheat and gram. The Vegetables like onion, tomato, chilly, brinjal, cauliflower, potato, turmeric, and ginger are produced in the district. Huge quantities of mango and pomegranates are available in the district which can be traded globally in the market by providing adequate cold storage facilities.

The Operation Greens an integrated development scheme for tomato, onion and potato value chain can be suitably instrumentalized in the district, given its potential.

Major Agriculture and Horticulture Produce of District

Table Error! No text of specified style in document..1 - Major Agriculture and Horticulture Produce of District

Sr No	Name of Product	Production in MT (2023-24)	Area under Production Hectare (2023-24)
1.	Cotton	79,135	3,89,900
2.	Maize	4,05,400	2,17,200
3.	Cereals	5.80,900	1,35,600
4.	Pulses	8,40,00	1,10,000
5.	Sweet Orange	3,25,820	23,270
6.	Pomegranate	58,800	4,900
7.	Mango	2924	729

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, GOI and Department of Agriculture, GOM (Horticulture latest updated for 2022-23)*

Industrial Profile

Chh.Sambhajinagar is a good example of efforts of government towards the balanced industrialization. The Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) plays an important role in development of Chh.Sambhajinagar district industrial development. The main products are automobiles and vehicle spare parts, household electronics, beer and whiskey, leather, pharmaceuticals, rubber, seeds, and pesticides.

The Shendra, Chikalthana and Waluj MIDC industrial areas are prominent industrial zones on the outskirts of the city, with various major multinational groups having set up manufacturing or processing plants in and around the city. There are five Special Economic Zones (SEZs) which have been approved by central government and these are, in automotive (Bajaj Auto), in pharmaceuticals (Inspira Pharma SEZ and Wockhardt), one in aluminium (Hindalco Aluminum) and another is Inspira Renewable Energy SEZ.

The Chh.Sambhajinagar city became third city in Maharashtra (after Pune & Nashik) to host an auto cluster namely Marathwada Auto Cluster (MAC). The electrical goods major Siemens has set up a plant for manufacturing of train coaches including superior quality bogies for locomotives, electric multiple units and metro coaches at Shendra MIDC Chh.Sambhajinagar. Many firms, in the sectors of automotive and auto components, pharmaceuticals and breweries, consumer durables, plastic processing, aluminium processing, agriculture and biotech, have their manufacturing bases in Chh.Sambhajinagar. Among pharmaceuticals, there is recombinant insulin manufacturing plant of Wockhardt (Wockhardt Biotech Park) in Chh.Sambhajinagar, which is largest Biopharmaceutical plant in India.

The Chh.Sambhajinagar - Jalna belt has presence of largest seed companies in India. Mahyco (research development and Production), Nath Seeds (research development and Production) Seminis seeds (research development and Production) and Monsanto (research development) are some of the big names in the industry.

Many renowned Indian and MNCs like Bajaj Auto, Endurance, Varroc, Audi India, Skoda Auto, Rucha Engineering, Indo German Tool Room, Cosmo Films, NRB bearings, Can-pack India, Wockhard, Siemens, Johnson & Johnson, Colgate-Palmolive, Endress Hauser, MAN Diesel, Sterlite Optical Technologies, Greaves Cotton, Goodyear, Mahyco / Monsanto, Garware, Ajanta Pharma, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, Lupin Limited, Wipro, Orchid pharma and Nath Seeds have established themselves in the industrial estates of Chh.Sambhajinagar,

The modern retail Industry has made its presence felt in the form of Prozone, Best Prize and reliance malls and outlets. The Prozone Mall spread over 1 million square feet is the biggest in the region. The industry is a big employment generation.

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

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

Table 1.7.1– Total Industries, Investment and Employment Generation

Sr. No.	Category	No. of Enterprises	Investment (INR crore)	Employment
1	Mega Unit			
2	Large Unit	173	11204	36274
	Total	173	11204	36274

Table – Total Industries, Investment and Employment Generation - MSME

Sr. No.	Category	No. of Enterprises			Investment in (INR Crore)			Employment Generation		
		Mfg	Service	Total	Mfg	Service	Total	Mfg	Service	Total
1	Micro	24797	50997	75794	1856.63	1975.5	3832.13	108755	164125	272880
2	Small	3919	6356	10275	4004.82	782.7	4787.52	57073	53395	110468
3	Medium	237	123	360	1899.07	497.84	2396.91	14517	6973	21490
	Total	28953	57476	86429	7760.52	3256.04	11016.56	180345	224493	404838

Source: DIC Chh.Sambhajinagar

► **Sugar factories in district,**

- Shri Sant Eknath Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Paithan
- Baramati Agro Ltd. (Unit-2), Kannad
- Mukteshwar Sugar Mills Ltd. Shendurwada
- Chhatrapati Sambhaji Raje Sakhar Udyog Ltd., Dindayalnagar

- ▶ Siddheshwar Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Maniknagar
- ▶ Vinayak Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Vaijapur
- ▶ Gangapur Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Gangapur
- ▶ Deogiri Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Phulambri
- ▶ Renukadevi Sharad Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Pratibhanagar

Service Sector Profile

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

- ▶ Hotel and Tourism related Services
- ▶ Transport and Logistics Services
- ▶ Architectural Services and related Services
- ▶ Construction and Related Engineering Services
- ▶ Educational services
- ▶ Information Technology and Information Technology Enabled Services
- ▶ Printing and Publishing Services
- ▶ Accounting and Finance Services
- ▶ Distribution Services
- ▶ Advertising Services
- ▶ Environmental Services
- ▶ Communication Services

Industrial Infrastructure Profile

The details of industry wise area and developed plots is illustrated in below mentioned table,

Table Error! No text of specified style in document..2 - MIDC Area in District

MIDC Name	Area in Hectare	Plots Developed
AURIC	4046.85	-
MIDC, Waluj	1513.28	1633
MIDC, Shendra (Five star)	902.88	452
MIDC, Chikalthana	633.18	778
MIDC, Paithan	285.51	278
MIDC, Station Area	34.95	86

Source: DIC Chh.Sambhajinagar

Table Error! No text of specified style in document..3 - Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in District

Company Name	Sector	Area in Hectare
Wockhardt Ltd.	Pharmaceutical	107
Ajantha Project India Ltd.	Pharmaceutical	100
Glen Mark Pharma Ltd.	Pharmaceutical	11.89
Bajaj Auto Ltd.	Automobile	314

Source: DIC Chh.Sambhajinagar

Below mentioned infrastructure facilities provided by MIDC in major industrial areas of the district,

▶ Roads

- ▶ In Waluj MIDC area, roads within the MIDC area are of international standards with the main road being 60 meter wide and internal roads 30 meter wide. All roads have been provided with underground water distribution services. The roads are constructed with technique comprising

of water bound macadam, dense bituminous macadam and premix seal surfacing to provide a smooth riding surface.

- ▶ In Shendra MIDC area, roads are of international standards with the main road being 66 meter wide and internal roads 30 and 25 meter wide. All roads have been provided with underground water distribution services. The roads are constructed with technique comprising of water bound macadam, dense bituminous macadam and premix seal surfacing to provide a smooth riding surface.
- ▶ In Chikalthana MIDC area, roads within the area are of international standards. The roads are 20 meter and 30 meter in width. The roads are constructed with technique comprising of water bound macadam, dense bituminous macadam and premix sea surfacing to provide a smooth riding surface. The roads and streetlights are managed by the Chh.Sambhajinagar Municipal Corporation.

▶ **Electricity**

- ▶ For Waluj MIDC area, MSEB has set up a dedicated 400 KV Sub-Station to meet the power requirement of the industrial area having a capacity of 630 MVA. Presently 350 MVA load is underutilization and with surplus load of 280 MVA. MSEB has established a 132 KV outgoing feeder at Waluj having capacity of 100 MVA. 11 KV and 33 KV level power supply as per the requirement is available in the area
- ▶ For Shendra MIDC area, 33 KV Sub-Station is established
- ▶ For Chikalthana MIDC area, MSEB has set up a dedicated 132KV substation having capacity of 100 MVA. The present power requirement of the area is about 75 MVA. There is a spare capacity of 25 MVA in the area.

▶ **Water**

- ▶ For Waluj MIDC area, a water scheme has been constructed by MIDC at Waluj. The water is sourced from the Jayakwadi dam on the Godavari River, 23 km. from Waluj. This scheme is presently supplying 72 mld. of water in the first phase. Raw water is purified according to WHO standards at the water treatment plant within the area.
- ▶ For Shendra MIDC area, the water is sourced from Jayakwadi Dam on Godavari River 23 km. from Waluj Industrial area where water treatment plant is located. The treated water from the treatment plant is supplied through 900 mm dia. MS pipeline to Chikalthana Industrial area and from Chikalthana industrial area through 600 mm dia. RCC PSC pipeline to Shendra industrial area. The scheme is presently designed to supply 15 MLD of water. The present consumption is 1.00 MLD.
- ▶ For Chikalthana MIDC area the water is sourced from Jayakwadi dam on Godavari River, 23 km. from Waluj industrial area where water treatment plant of 72 MLD is constructed. From there treated water of 27 MLD is supplied through 900 mm dia. MS pipeline to Chikalthana industrial area. The present water consumption of the industrial area is 12 MLD. Surplus capacity of 15 MLD is available.

▶ **Streetlights**

- ▶ In MIDC areas, well-designed streetlights provided on main as well as internal roads in the Industrial Area are with 150W and 70W HPSV (High Pressure Sodium Vapour) fittings on 11metres and 9-meter-high steel tubular poles respectively.

▶ **Truck Terminus**

- ▶ In Waluj MIDC, a Truck terminus of 14,280 sq. m. has been established and is being managed through public participation.

Industrial Associations of the District

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Sr. No.	Name of Association	Industry Sector
1.	Chamber of Marathwada Industries and Agriculture, Chh.Sambhajinagar	Private and Public Sector including Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) , Multinational Corporations (MNC)
2.	Confederation of Indian Industries, Chh.Sambhajinagar	Private and Public Sector including Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) , Multinational Corporations (MNC)
3.	Waluj Industries Association	Private and Public Sector including Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) , Multinational Corporations (MNC)
4.	Marathwada Association of Small-Scale Industries and Agriculture, Chh.Sambhajinagar	Small Scale Industries and Agriculture
5.	Agricultural Implements Manufacturers Association	Agriculture
6.	Laghu Udyojak Sangh-Chh.Sambhajinagar District	Manufacturing

Source: DIC Chh.Sambhajinagar

Banking Facilities

Chh.Sambhajinagar district has major public sector and private bank branches including State Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Canara Bank, Syndicate bank and Central Bank of India.

Chh.Sambhajinagar District Strengths and Opportunities

► Strengths of Chh.Sambhajinagar District

- The Shendra, Chikalthana, and Waluj MIDC industrial areas are prominent industrial zones with major multinational giants that have set up manufacturing and processing plants in the industrial area.
- The district has emerged as a major hub for Auto & Auto components, Pharmaceutical, Engineering, Agro & food processing, and Breweries and Distilleries Industries in India,
 - **Auto & Auto Components** - The major players are Bajaj, Endurance, Varroc, Skoda Auto, NRB, Badve Auto, and Aurangabad Electricals, Greaves cotton etc . The major importing countries of the products are Europe, Australia, America, Gulf, and Southeast Asian countries.
 - **Pharmaceutical** - The major players are Wockhardt, Aatra Pharma, Inspira Pharma, Johnson & Johnson, Ajantha Pharma, Glenmark Pharma, Lupin, Orchid Pharma. The major importing countries of the products are USA, France, and Uganda.
 - **Engineering** - The major players are Endress + Hauser, NRB, Parason Machinery, ,Hyosung Indi, Perkins India, Liebherr, Grind Masters, International Conveyors. The major importing countries of the products are UK, USA, Germany, France, and Italy.
 - **Agro and food processing** - The major players are Nath Seeds, Ajeet Seeds, Monsanto and Seminis, Frigorifico Allana, Pepsico. The major importing countries of the products are China, Vietnam, and Bangladesh.
 - **Breweries and Distilleries** - The major players are Shaw Wallance, United Breweries, Lilasons Pals, Carlsberg India, and Aurangabad Breweries.
 - The district has AURIC, a well-planned Greenfield Smart Industrial City being developed across an area of 10,000 acres as a part of DMIC (Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor).

► **Opportunities to attract Investment in the District**

- **Setting up the Textile park** - Chh.Sambhajinagar and its adjacent districts have huge production of cotton and evolved as one of the highest cotton production belts in the country. Considering the fact, that the Textile Park can be established in AURIC which brings investments as well as employment opportunities for the residents.
- **Utilization of Infrastructure and trained manpower** - The district has emerged as one of the fastest growing industrial hubs due to the high availability of sector-specific infrastructure and trained manpower resources. The district must capitalize on these strengths to achieve next-level milestones.
- **New Project Commissioning** - Currently 2 major projects are in the finalization stages in and around Chh.Sambhajinagar district, Jalna dry port, and Nagpur-Mumbai Samruddhi highway. The upcoming Jalna dry port will be having industrial, logistics, and export infrastructure facilities. Further to the commissioning of Jalna dry port, and Nagpur-Mumbai Samruddhi highway, due to the enhanced ecosystem, industrial development and export opportunities will be broadened for the district and overall region.
- **Promoting major agro-based produce from the district** - Maize, Soyabean, and pulses are major agricultural produce of the district, and the allied agro-based industries can be boosted considering the raw material availability in the district.
- **Promoting cultural heritage opportunities** -
 - The district has a cultural heritage of Himroo textile, a fine blend of silk with locally grown cotton developed as Himroo textile and Paithani silk saree with hand woven silk with rich, ornamental zari pallu and border, and uniquely rich & exclusive designs and motifs. Along with the current export trend, diversified opportunities can be explored to boost the export of these products.
 - The district has major tourist attractions like Ellora and Ajanta caves, Grishneshwar temple, Daulatabad fort, Gautala Autramghat tiger sanctuary, Biwi ka Makbara, Panchakki, etc. Tourists from all over the world are visiting these places. The district has to capitalize on this aspect because post-Covid the tourism and hospitality industries have ramped up throughout the world.