

Dhule District Profile

Introduction

The division of Dhule district on 1st July 1998 resulted in the existence of Nandurbar District. Dhule, Sakri, Shindkheda and Shirpur are among the four talukas in Dhule district. Dhule and Shirpur are administrative subdivisions. This district is situated at the foot of the Satpuda hill.

The mountain range of Sahyadri has reached the western side of this district. Besides, the mountains of Galna situated. Tapi, Panzara, Kan, Arunavati, Amravati, Aner, Evil and Sandy rivers flow through the district.

Climatic Conditions

The climate of the district is overall dry except during the south-west monsoon season

The average annual rainfall in the district is 674.0 mm. The rainfall is heavier in the hilly regions of the Western Ghats Mountain range and the Satpura ranges. From about the latter half of February, temperatures increase steadily till May which is the hottest part of the year with the mean daily maximum temperature at 40.7 degrees Celsius.

Administrative Profile

Dhule District is divided into 2 revenue sub-divisions, 4 Tahsil, and 676 revenue Villages.

Sr. No.	Sub-division	Tahsil	Revenue Villages	Talathi Saja	Circle
1	Dhule	Dhule	168	68	12
		Sakri	227	58	10
2	Shirpur	Shirpur	138	39	7
		Shindekheda	143	60	10
		Total	676	225	39

Source: Census 2011

There is one Municipal Corporation at Dhule. Two B-Class Nagarpalika at Shirpur and Dondaicha in the district. Important urban centres are Dhule, Shirpur, Shindkheda, Sakri, Dondaicha, Nardhana, Pimpalner.

All the district level, Collector is the Administrative Chief and the Tehsildar at Tehsil level. For rural development, Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishad and at Block level, Block Development Officer oversees the administration. Municipal Councils are responsible for urban development work.

Location and Geography

The district lies between 20.38-to-21.61-degree North latitudes and 73.50-to-75.11-degree East longitudes in upper Tapi Basin and on the Northwest side of Maharashtra. Dhule district is having area of 733 thousand Hectares which is 2.4% of State Area. It ranks 17th in the State as far as area is concerned. The Dhule district is on the height of 180 to 215 meter from Mean Sea Level. The district is surrounded by Madhya Pradesh on the North, Nandurbar District and Gujarat State on the West, Nashik district on the South and Jalgaon district towards the East.

Demographic Profile

The total population of the district as per the 2011 census is 20.50 lakh. The population of scheduled caste and scheduled tribe is 1.27 lakh and 6.47 lakh respectively which constituted 6.22% and 31.56% of the total population of the district.

The male population is 10.54 lakh while female population is 9.96 lakh. The rural population is 14.79 lakh which constitute 72.16% of the total population of the district while as urban population is 5.71 lakh which constitutes 27.84%. Population density of the Dhule district is 285 per sq. km., which is much lower than Maharashtra state's population density of 365 per sq. km.

As per 2011 census, the literacy rate of Dhule district is 72.80 % as against Maharashtra State literacy rate of 82.34 %. The literacy rate of rural area is 67.1% and urban area is 84.5%.

Logistic Infrastructure Profile

From Dhule district, Mumbai-Agra, Nagpur-Surat, Dhule-Solapur national highways gone. While there is a railway service between Dhule and Chalisgaon, Bhusawal-Surat railway line is in Dhule district. Near Dhule city, there is a special attention, at Nardana, Tal. Shindkheda There is industrial estate. There is an airport at Gondur, Tal. /Dist.- Dhule and Shirpur.

Item	Name	Movement of goods from District to Port via
Sea Port	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Nhava sheva, Mumbai	by road (346 Km, 8 hrs.)
Airport	Sahara air cargo, Mumbai	by road (322 Km, 7 hrs.)

Agricultural Profile

Major crops are cotton, bajra, jowar, groundnut, maize, soyabean in Dhule district. Paddy is grown on the west side of Sakri taluka in the district. During the rabi season, wheat and gram are harvested. Besides, cash crops like cane, banana, chilly and cotton are being harvested.

Dhule District consists of 4 talukas which are further divided into 3 agro-ecological situations. The agro-ecological situations dominate the farming system. The district as per agro-climatic situation falls under scarcity zone, assured rainfall zone and transition zone.

Scarcity zone includes Dhule, Shindkheda and part of Sakri block assured rainfall comprises part of Shirpur whereas transition zone includes western part of Sakri block. There is a minimum change in cropping pattern, but these slight changes have a significant impact on the commodity composition of agriculture Gross Sectorial Domestic Progress (GSDP).

District agricultures remain dominated by food grains (bajra, jawar, maize, rice, nagali etc.) which account for over 1.59 lakh ha (34%) of cropped area. Cotton crops consist of 2.28 lakh ha (49%) of the area and pulses, oilseeds, fruit crops, vegetable and other crops contribute to the 0.76 lakh ha (17%) of the total area.

Major Horticulture Produce of District

Sr. No.	Name of Product	Area under Production in hecter (2022-23)	Production in MT (2022-23)
1	Fruits	4.977	121.731
2	Spices	0.871	6.400
3	Vegetables	33.702	474.676
4	Flowers	0.017	0.165

Source: Horticulture Area Production Information System (HAPIS), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India- (Area and Production of Total Horticulture Crops - Category wise: 2022-23. Data up to 2nd Advance Estimates)

Industrial Profile

Dhule is well known for purest 'milk and ghee' production, maximum cultivable land and production of groundnut, foremost in agro-based industries, leader in wind power generation. In the Sakri Taluka there is the one of the Asia's Largest Solar Project near Chhadvel Korde village. Also, there is Asia's largest Wind-Mills Project run by Suzlon Company near Chhadvel Korde and Nijampur villages.

Dondaicha in Shindkheda taluka is famous for the chilly market. There is also a Starch factory here. Many cottage industries are operational in the district. Beedi rolling, pottery, brick making, knitting saris on handlooms, oil extraction from ground nut and sesame are few of them. Wood cutting units are operated at Dhule, Shirpur and Pimpalne

Industrial Infrastructure Profile

Dhule Industrial Area:

M.I.D.C. has planned to develop an industrial area on 400.35 Hect. of land. About 278.08 Hect. of land has come into possession of MIDC. MIDC has provided all the basic infrastructures such as roads, streetlights, water supply pipelines in this area.

MIDC has constructed an earthen dam on Motinala to fulfil the requirement of water of the industrial area. MIDC has provided water supply scheme of 4.50 MLD capacity. Presently the consumption of the water is about 2.20 MLD. The rate of allotment of industrial plot is Rs. 100.00 per sqm. The Association namely "Dhule Avdhan Manufacturers Association Avadhan, Dhule" has been established for development of Industries in MIDC Dhule Industrial Area.

The expansion of existing MIDC has been proposed vide Phase- II in Raver area, situated in outskirts of the city, which is having area of more than 1600 acres (643 hectares) and currently this proposal is under consideration of State Government.

It is also worthwhile to note that, planned Manmad-Dhule-Indore Railway line have also been considered in the original proposal of DMIC (Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Project), which will boost Industrial growth in and around city.

Nardana Central Government Sponsored Growth Centre:

MIDC has planned to develop an industrial area on 750.09 Hect. of land. About 648.56 Hect. of land has come in possession of MIDC. The reservation of water for 4.38 MM3 per year has been granted by Irrigation Department. MIDC has provided the water supply scheme for this industrial area. This scheme includes Jack well, 600 mm dia PSC raw water rising main (13.50 km.), 400 mm dia PSC pure water rising main (9.50 km.) water treatment plant of 6 MLD capacity & 1000 cum capacity ESR. Presently MIDC is developing phase I having land 480 Hect. MIDC has completed 7.22 km. WBM roads, out of

which asphaltting of 2.10 km road is completed. MIDC has also provided the water supply distribution pipelines. The rate of allotment of industrial plot is Rs. 50.00 per Sqm.

Under proposed DMIC, The Nardana Textile Park is being set up 30 km from Dhule City. The total area of the park will be approximately 648 hectares, on which 72 plots will be demarcated. The Dhule airstrip, just 30 km away from the industrial area, will provide accessibility to the park and facilitate a quick movement of material.

Large Scale Industries			Small and Medium Scale Industries		
Total Units	Investment (in INR crore)	Employment Generation	Total Units	Investment (in INR crore)	Employment Generation
11	917.09	5323	4737	-	34016

Source: District Industries Centre (DIC), Dhule

Dhule District Strength and Opportunities

- ▶ The district has emerged as commercial hub due to high availability of sector specific infrastructure and manpower resources.
- ▶ **DEESAN Textile Park** is functional park in Shirpur with 1,40,000 spindles capacity
- ▶ The district has emerged as major **Textile, Iron & Steel, Apparel and Agro & food processing** production hub of Maharashtra
- ▶ **Agro & Food processing** – Om shree Agro Industries, Om shree agro tech, Deesan Agro tech
- ▶ **Textile** – NTC Dhule Textile, Bharat Fabrics, Ruby cotton fabric Pvt. Ltd.
- ▶ **Iron and Steel** – Laurel wires ltd, Parth wire products, Orion ropes Pvt. Ltd.
- ▶ **Apparel** – Bharat fabrics, MR Tailor, ZF Filament Pvt Ltd, Ansar sizing and Rajveer fabric