

# Gadchiroli District Profile

## Introduction

The geographical area of Gadchiroli is divided into 6 revenue subdivisions viz. Gadchiroli, Wadsa, Ettapalli, Chamorshi, Kurkheda and Aheri. Gadchiroli is predominantly district of agriculturists. Out of the total rural population of 9.60 lakh in the district, around 1.49 lakh are having agriculture as the main activity.

## Administrative Profile

For the purpose of administrative conveyance, the district is divided into 12 Tahsils and 12 Panchayat Samities. According to the 2001 Census, there was 467 Gram Panchayat for the purpose of Rural Development. The main crop grown in the district is paddy. Gadchiroli district stretches over an area of 14412 sq. km. In terms of area, Gadchiroli district constitutes 4.68% of the total area of the Maharashtra State. Around 76% of the geographical area of the district is covered under forest.

## Location and Geography

Gadchiroli district lies between 19-to-21-degree North Latitude and 80 to 81 degree East Longitudes. The Wainganga is the major river of the district. Bhandara district is situated in Wainganga basin. It has a common boarder on North with Bhandara and Gondia districts, Chandrapur district on the west, Rajnandgaon and bastar districts of Madhya Pradesh to the East and Karimnagar and Adilabad districts of Andhra Pradesh to the south. The district is covered by clay, sandy loam, deep black, reddish and yellow soils with portions of black soil and has an annual average rainfall of 1315 mm.

## Demographic Profile

The population of the district as per 2011 Census was 10.79 lakh, of which the share of rural and urban population was at 89% and 11% respectively. The district is largely known by tribe community. Nearly 38% of the population of ST is found in the district



## Climatic Conditions

Located near centre of Indian peninsula, far from the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea, Gadchiroli has a tropical wet and dry climate with dry conditions prevailing for most of the year.

## Logistic Infrastructure Profile

The nearest airport is situated in the city of Nagpur. Only, 18.5 kms railway route passes in the district. Chandrapur and Gadchiroli is approximately 210 km. Train services link Chandrapur with various parts of Maharashtra like Pune, Kolhapur, Mumbai and so on. The Delhi-Chennai rail route runs through Chandrapur district. Nearby Ports including JNPT, Mumbai and ICD Nagpur and Borkhedi.

## Agricultural Profile

Rice is the primary crop of the district. Gadchiroli district is well-known for the forest resources. Out of the total geographical area, 76% (1133 thousand hectare) is under forest. Silk is also largely produced in the district. Most of the area (85.76%) of district is occupied by the forest and therefore cultivable

land is very less. The climate of the district is also suitable for horticulture and plantation crops like Mango, Guava and Amla, etc.

## Major Agriculture and Horticulture Produce of District

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Sr No	Name of Product	Production in Tonnes (2022-23)	Area under Production Hecter (2022-23)
1	Rice	345924.313	189409.55
2	Tur	5729	5224
3	Jowar	2850.01	2063.26
4	Other Cereals	3.62	9
5	Soyabean	25.24	15.4
6	Wheat	579.615	438.04
8	Bamboo	-	330580

Source: Horticulture Area Production Information System (HAPIS), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India

## Industrial Profile

Industrial Areas and Sector-wise Investment and Employment in Gadchiroli District are as mentioned below,

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Name of the Industrial area	Allocated industrial area (in Hec.)	Total Plot	Working Industrial Units
Gadchiroli MIDC	81.73	182	47
Aheri MIDC	9.20	3	0
Kurkheda	16.42	40	0
Dhanora	11.80	17	1
Chamorshi	50.29	1	0
Gadchiroli Top Sector-wise Investment and Employment			
Top Sector	No. of Industries	Investment in (INR Cr)	Employment
Steel	5	8070	5103
Cement	2	5150	1100
Oil	1	66.50	300
Iron Ore	1 (DRI Plant at Surjagarh)	5500	1500
Steel Plant	1 (DRI at Konsari)	200	1100

Source: JDI Nagpur and DIC Gadchiroli

## Industrial Infrastructure Profile

The details of industrial infrastructure provided by MIDC is given below:

### Gadchiroli Industrial Area:

MIDC has acquired 85.81 hectares of land for Industrial Development which lies – North latitude and East longitude on State Highway, 6km from Gadchiroli city.

- ▶ **Water Supply** - The area has a capacity of 4.5 MLD water supply

- ▶ **Roads** – Asphalted roads with streetlights and water supply distribution network ensures smooth flow of traffic
- ▶ **Electricity** – The area has a 200KV power supply
- ▶ **Support facilities** – The area has necessary support facility like a CFC building, Post and Telegraph office, Telephone, Telex, Fax, ISD/ STD, City Transport, Hotels, Police Chowki, Canteen, Banks and Hospitals.

Source: MIDC

### **Service Sector Profile**

- ▶ Repairing and Maintenance of Electrical goods,
- ▶ Computer
- ▶ Handhold goods

Source: DIC, Gadchiroli

### **Industrial Association of the District**

- ▶ **MIDC Industries Association** – MIDC Gadchiroli is situated on State Highway and 6kms away from Gadchiroli city. The Industries Association was formed to promote and develop fellowship among the industries in MIDC area. The prime objective is to use the association as a platform for exchange of ideas and opinions and make available information of interest of members.

Source: DIC, Gadchiroli

### **Banking Facilities**

The district is lagging behind in the good banking network with 47 branches of Commercial Banks, 19 branches of Vidarbha-Konkan Gramin Bank, 55 branches of Gadchiroli DCCB, Postal bank and 254 Primary Agriculture Credit Societies and Large Adivasi Multi-Purpose Societies (PACS/LAMPS). However, concentration of branches is in semi-urban areas and rural areas. More than 70% part of the district remains poorly covered in terms of branch network.

Source: NABARD Potential Link Plan 2021-22