

Kolhapur District Profile

Introduction

Kolhapur district is the southernmost district of Maharashtra, and its headquarter is Kolhapur City, an ancient city. The city is situated on the river Panchganga and is known as 'Dakshin Kashi.' Kolhapur is the seat of Goddess Mahalaxmi and is one of the Shaktipeeths mentioned in Indian mythology.

Administrative Profile

Kolhapur city is the district headquarters & hence the Collectorate, Zilla Parishad & all the district-level offices are situated at Kolhapur. The district consists of 12 tehsils/Block. Each tehsil / Block has tehsils office & Panchayat Samiti Office. These offices are exercising administrative and all developmental control over the block. As per the 2001 census, there were 1217 revenue villages. There is a 1028-gram panchayat/group gram panchayat. There are 18 cities and 9 Nagar Parishad in the district.

Location and Geography

Kolhapur, the premier State in the Southern Maratha State, lies between Latitude 15°73' to 17°11' and Longitude 73°75' to 74°70'. Kolhapur is situated at 546-meter height from sea level, and its proximity to the eastern slopes of Sahyadri renders the more significant part of the State almost immune from famine and even from scarcity. Kolhapur District has a pleasant climate, so as no heat or cold.

Sangli bounds Kolhapur District on East as well as Northside. Ratnagiri District, Sindhudurg bounds south-West bound north-West. The Belgaum district of Karnataka bounds south direction. The area of Kolhapur district is 7685 Sq. Km.

Demographic Profile

As per the Census of 2011, the Male number is 1,980,658 & Female 1,895,343 constituting a male / female ratio of 1000: 957 The Urban population is 12,30,009. The Literacy % of the district is 72.91. The population density is 504 per Sq. Km.

Income Level

The survey conducted in 2011-12 clearly showed that Kolhapur district has per capita income (yearly) of Rs.1,01,044 which is 5th highest in Maharashtra state and there has been an increase of Rs.17,000 as compared to the earlier survey conducted in year 2010-11.

Reproductive Rate

The Kolhapur Municipal Corporation has recorded 9304 male and 7811 female births with a total of 17115 birth in Kolhapur in 2021.

Logistic Infrastructure Profile

Road Transport

Maharashtra State Highway 134, commonly referred to as MH SH 134, is a regular state highway that runs south through Kolhapur district and Sindhudurg district in Maharashtra, India. This state highway touches the cities of Sankeshwar-Gadhinglaj-Kadgaon-Ajra-Amboli and then proceeds from the Maharashtra-Karnataka state border from East-West towards Sawantvadi in Sindhudurg; it covers over 110 km.

In Kolhapur and Sindhudurg districts, this highway is also known as Sankeshwar-Gadhinglaj-Kadgaon-Ajra-Amboli-Sawantvadi Road. This road emanates from National Highway 4 at Sankeshwar, and its total length in the Kolhapur district and Sindhudurg district is 110 kilometers. The route runs east towards west up to National Highway 17 at Sawantvadi. The road passes through Gadhinglaj Taluka, Ajra Taluka and Swantvadi Taluka. The road up to Sankeshwar-Gadhinglaj-Kadgaon-Ajra-Amboli-Sawantvadi is blacktopped and motorable throughout the year except for interruptions during heavy rains. The entire length of the road up is blacktopped, and the road is motorable throughout the year.

Rail Transport

Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Terminus is the main railway terminus in the city of Kolhapur, and it is the endpoint of the Miraj to Kolhapur railway line. It has a freight yard called Gur Market with a capacity of five freight trains nearly 4 km (2.5 miles) away from the station. Kolhapur is the trade center for southern Maharashtra, with electrification between Miraj and Kolhapur. This station connects Kolhapur with major cities such as Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Delhi, and Dhanbad.

Air Transport

Kolhapur Airport or Chhatrapati Rajaram Maharaj Airport is a regional airport in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, India. It is situated at Ujlaiwadi, 9 km South-East of Kolhapur city.

Agricultural Profile

The district is very rich in flora & fauna in different zones. Besides other commodities, Sugarcane is the identification mark of the district in the State due to its Agro-Ecological Situation and productivity. Every Agro-Ecological Situation in the district has its production system, technological gaps & other limitations storage & processing.

Table 1-1: Agriculture Status of Kolhapur

Sr. No.	Name of Agro climatic Zone	Tehsil covered	Soil type	Major crops
1.	Ghat Zone	Panhala Shahuwadi Gaganbavada Radhanagari Bhudargad Ajra Chandgad	Lateritic soil Light soil	Paddy Nagali Cashew nut ground nut
2.	Sub Mountain Zone	Radhanagari(E) Gadhinglaj Kagal Karveer	Light to Medium Soil	Sugarcane Paddy Nagali Groundnut Soybean Fruit crop & vegetables
3.	Plain Zone	Shirol Hatkanagale	Black to Deep Black Soil	Sugarcane Jowar Soybean Groundnut Vegetables Banana Floriculture

Major Agriculture and Horticulture Produce of District

Table1-2- Major Horticulture and Agriculture production data

Sr No	Name of Product	Production in MT (2021-22)	Area under Production Hector (2021-22)
1.	Sugarcane	8,68,640.00	94,933
2.	Mango	8,85,000.00	3,02,000
3.	Rice	3,30,400.00	97,790
4.	Cashewnut	2,50,125.00	13,685
5.	Soyabean	1,70,200.00	73,300
6.	Banana	1,33,000.00	5,97,800
7.	Rabi Jowar	1,26,113.00	1,31,177

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Agriculture Department, GoM

Industrial Profile

Industrial areas in Kolhapur District are as mentioned below:

Table1-3- Industrial Area in Kolhapur District

Sr.No.	Name of the Industrial Area	Allocated industrial area (in Hectares)	Total Plots	Investment In INR Crore	Employment
1.	Shiroli	20.59	790	1,500	25,500
2.	Gokul Shirgaon	43.16	540	1,410	27,500
3.	Kagal Five Star	540.32	926	3,515	42,700
4.	Halkarni/ Chandgad	83.67	32	100	900
5.	Gadhinglaj	101.56	15	30	500
6.	Ajara	5.96	16	25	500

► **Co-Operative Industrial Estate:**

Table1-4- Co-Operative Industrial Area in Kolhapur District

Sr. No.	Co-Operative Industrial Area	Industries	Investment In INR Crore	Employment
1.	Kop.Udyam Co-op Society	320	412	2,560
2.	Parvati Indl. Estate	527	774	4,930
3.	Ichalkaranji Indl. Estate	709	893	7,185
4.	Chh.Shahu Indl.Estate	156	147	2,749
5.	L.K.Akiwate Indl.Estate	130	343	3,455
6.	Yashwant Indl.Estate	156	115	2,143

Industries and Employment Generation in Kolhapur District

The below mentioned illustrates industries and employment generation of the district

Table 1-5: Industries and Employment Generation

Sr No	Category	No. of Enterprises			Employment Generation		
		Mfg	Service	Total	Mfg	Service	Total
1	Micro	14280	1945	16225	90860	3744	94604
2	Small	5360	18	5378	67442	226	67668
3	Medium	17	0	17	4340	0	4340
	Total	19657	1963	21620	162642	3970	166612
4	Large Scale	553	0	553	164072	0	164072

Source: DIC (Cumulative since inception up to the end of reporting month 2021)

Industrial Infrastructure Profile

Below mentioned infrastructure facilities provided by MIDC in Kolhapur industrial areas

Area	Ajara Industrial Area	Gadhinglaj Industrial Area	Gokul-Shirgaon Industrial Area	Halkarni/Chandgad Industrial Area	Kagal Five Star Industrial Area	Shiroli Industrial Area
Water	Water is supplied from a bore well provided by MIDC.	MIDC has planned to provide a water supply scheme to source 3.00 MLD of water from the Gizawane K.T.weir constructed across river Hirankeshi	MIDC has commissioned a combined water supply scheme Dudhganga river as a source of water supply capacity of 8 MLD.	MIDC has developed its own water supply scheme to source 4.50 MLD of water from the Jangamhat ti dam	MIDC has developed its own water supply scheme to source 4.50 MLD of water from the Jangamhat ti dam	MIDC has planned 4 MLD combined water supply scheme Dudhganga river as a source of water supply.
Roads	The estate is located on the Gadhinglaj-Swantwadi state highway and is only 2 Kms from Ajara city. At Sawantwadi rail transport is available. Panjim (Goa), 110 Kms from the area, offers port and air transport.	The estate is located on the Sankeshwar-Ajara-Swantwadi state highway no.21 and National Highway 4 is 15 km away	The industrial area lies on Mumbai-Bangalore national highway 4, and Kolhapur-Panjim, Ratnagiri-Nagpur and many other state highways		The industrial estate is located on the Belgaum-Vengurla State Highway.	The industrial estate is located on Mumbai-Bangalore national highway 4
Connectivity	An electronic exchange has been provided that offers good connections via ISD, STD and the Internet network.	An electronic exchange is proposed to be constructed which will be well connected with ISD, STD and the internet network	An electronic exchange has been provided within the area and is well connected with ISD, STD, the Internet network with all other		An electronic exchange has been provided within the Area.	An electronic exchange has been provided within the estate; the exchange is well connected to ISD, STD and Internet network

Area	Ajara Industrial Area	Gadhinglaj Industrial Area	Gokul-Shirgaon Industrial Area	Halkarni/Chandgad Industrial Area	Kagal Five Star Industrial Area	Shiroli Industrial Area
			modern facilities.			
Electricity	Uninterrupted power supply from M.S.E.B. and a separate substation is located in the industrial area	The area has a separate sub-station and uninterrupted power supply from M.S.E.B.	A separate substation of 5 MVA capacity and a Central Power Grid is available on the Estate.			A separate substation of 5 MVA capacity is located within the industrial area

Source: MIDC

List of Sugar Factories in Kolhapur district

- ▶ Ajara Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Ajara, Maharashtra
- ▶ Appasaheb Nalwade Gadhinglaj Taluka S.S.K.Harali, Maharashtra
- ▶ Shree Bhogawati Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Shahunagar, Maharashtra
- ▶ Shree Chhatrapati Shahu S.S.K. Ltd., Kagal, Maharashtra
- ▶ Shri Chhatrapati Rajaram Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd.
- ▶ Shree Datta Shetkari S.S.K. Ltd., Shirol, Maharashtra
- ▶ Dalmia Bharat Sugar Industries Ltd.
- ▶ Deshbhakta Ratnappanna Kumbhar Panchganga S.S.K. Ltd., Ichalkaranji, Maharashtra
- ▶ Shree Dudhganga Vedganga S.S.K. Ltd., Bidri, Maharashtra
- ▶ Eco Cane Sugar Energy Ltd., Mhalunge, Maharashtra
- ▶ Shri Gurudatt Sugars Ltd., Takaliwadi, Maharashtra
- ▶ Olam Agro India Pvt. Ltd., Chandgad, Maharashtra
- ▶ Athani Sugars Ltd., Tambale, Maharashtra
- ▶ Jawahar Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Hupari, Maharashtra
- ▶ Kumbhi-Kasari S.S.K. Ltd., Kuditre, Maharashtra
- ▶ Sadashivrao Mandlik Kagal Taluka S.S.K. Ltd., Kagal, Maharashtra
- ▶ Sarsenapati Santaji Ghorpade Sugar Factory Ltd., Belewadi-Kamma, Maharashtra
- ▶ Sharad Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Narande, Maharashtra
- ▶ Shri Tatyasaheb Kore Warana S.S.K. Ltd., Warananagar, Maharashtra
- ▶ Reliable Sugar and Distillery Power Limited, Kolhapur, Maharashtra
- ▶ Ghodawat Foods International Pvt. Ltd.
- ▶ Sahyadri Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd, Dhamod, Maharashtra
- ▶ Atharv Intertrade Pvt. Ltd.
- ▶ Shri Annapurna Sugar and Jaggery Works Ltd.
- ▶ Shreekrishna Agridiet Ltd. Kolhapur

Service Sector Profile

As per District Industries Profile 2012-13, 1963 service enterprises (micro- 1945, small- 18) employ 3970. Some of the significant services which are provided in the district are as listed below:

- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Ancillaries
- ▶ Agro based
- ▶ Vehicle Repairing Service
- ▶ Lab Testing facility
- ▶ Hotels & Tourism
- ▶ Electric Motor Rewinding & Repairing
- ▶ Consultancy Services
- ▶ Banking & Financial Services etc.

Banking Facilities

All leading Private & Public sector banks have their branches in Kolhapur District, SBI, Axis Bank of India, etc. A Proper network of Banking facilities is present in the District of Kolhapur.

Kolhapur District Strengths and Opportunities

Strengths	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ It is one of the most agriculturally advanced districts in Maharashtra and is a leading district in the agro-based industry. It is also a front runner for manufacturing engineering products, refined sugar, and textiles. ▶ The district is well connected with major cities as NH4 and State highways passes through the district. ▶ Presence of rail network and Airport. ▶ Currently there are around 60,993 MSME units and 91 large units present in the district. The total investment of INR 96,03,872.56 lakhs for both MSME and Large units generating an employment of 4,74,900. ▶ The district has emerged as major Textile, Engineering, Jaggery, Chappal, Silver Jewellery production hub of Maharashtra. ▶ Textile - Grasim Premium Fabric Pvt Ltd, Raymond Luxury Cottons Ltd, Schoch Reeds India Pvt Ltd, Sudarshan Jeans Pvt Ltd. ▶ Engineering - Ghatge Patil Industries Ltd, Menon and Menon Ltd, SB Reshellers Pvt Ltd., Versatile Engineers, Maurya Group. ▶ Jaggery - Sahyadri Foods., Tulsi Biocon, VPK Agro Food Product, Sadguru Organic Food Products. ▶ Kolhapuri Chappal – Adarsh Charamudyog Centre, Rohini Leather Works. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The district is the hub for Jaggery and Engineering. Jaggery has received Geographical Indication GI tag. ▶ The district has one of the leading engineering and foundry for producing high quality castings and products. ▶ New funding investments for airport improvements. The project involves the extensions for runway with blast pad, ground support equipment. ▶ New cluster proposals in food processing sector for Jaggery at Bhudargad, Cashew Cluster, Cashew Cluster Chandgad. ▶ New cluster projects for Engineering for Engineering. Component Cluster, Shirol. ▶ Power Grid Corporation has approved investments in Kolhapur (Maharashtra) strengthening the transmission system beyond Kolhapur for power export from solar and wind energy zones in the southern region for INR 129.28 crore, with a completion date of February 2023.