

Latur District Profile

Introduction

Latur district is in Marathwada region of Maharashtra State. Latur city is the district headquarters and is the 16th largest city in the state of Maharashtra and is one of the largest cities of the Marathwada region. On 15th August 1982, Latur was separated from Osmanabad, and Latur District was made independent. The district is primarily having agricultural sector. The city is a tourist hub surrounded by many historical monuments, including Udgir Fort and Kharosa Caves. The city's quality of education attracts students from all over Maharashtra.

Administrative Profile

Latur city is administrative headquarters of Latur district. The district is divided into five subdivisions; Latur, Ausa Renapur, Nilanga, Udgir, Ahmedpur and 10 talukas; Latur, Ausa Renapur, Nilanga, Shirur Anantpal, Devani, Udgir, Jalkot, Ahmedpur and Chakur.

Location and Geography

Latur district is in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra State in India with the area is 7157 sq. km. and located between 17°52' North to 18°50' North and 76°18' East to 79°12' East in the Deccan plateau. It has an average elevation of 631 meter above mean sea level. The entire district of Latur is on the Balaghat plateau, 540 to 638 meters from the mean sea level. Latur district is bound by Nanded district to the northeast; the state border with Karnataka to the east and southeast; Osmanabad district to the south-west; Beed district to the west; and Parbhani district to the northwest.

Average rainfall in the district is 600 mm. to 800 mm. This is usually during the monsoon months from July to October. Moderate temperatures are mainly observed. The Summers begin from early March to July. Summers are dry and hot. The temperature ranges from 25 °C to 39.6 °C, though at the peak it may reach 45 °C. November to January is the winter season.

Rivers and tributaries in the district are as mentioned below,

- ▶ Manjra is a major river that flows along the tributaries of the Balaghat Plateau; Terna, Tavarja and Gharni. The other three tributaries are Anantdev, Teru and Landi
- ▶ Gharni: The source of the river is near Vadwal and flows through Chakur taluka.
- ▶ Terna: This is the main tributary of Manjra flowing on the southern boundary of Auj taluka.
- ▶ Tawarja: Tawara originates near Murud in Latur taluka and joins the Manjra River at Shivani on the Latur-Ausa border.
- ▶ Lendi: The river originates in Udgir taluka and flows through Ahmedapur taluka and enters the river Tiru in Nanded district.
- ▶ Manyad: This river takes its origin at Dharmapuri in Beed district and flows through the Ahmedpur taluka into Nanded district.

Demographic Profile

In the 2011 Indian census, Latur district had a population of 2,454,196. Males constituted 52% and females 48% of the population and Urban population is 25.47% of the total population. Latur district had an average literacy rate of 72%, higher than the national average of 59.5%, with male literacy at 77%, and female literacy at 63%.

Logistic Infrastructure Profile

- ▶ JNPT (458 km., 08.50 hrs.) and Dighi (494 km., 10.50 hrs.) are the nearest seaport and dry port available for Latur district.
- ▶ Jalna dry port work (240 km., 04.30 hrs.) which is in catchment area of JNPT 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 to directly to Nhava Sheva Port in Mumbai.

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

Road Transport

Latur district is connected by roads with various major cities of Maharashtra and other states. Road connectivity is excellent, and roads connecting to Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Satara, Kolhapur, Sangli, and Chh.Sambhajinagar are being upgraded to four-lane highways. Latur city has one national highway, NH-361 passing through it.

► **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 Latur district with all the major cities in Maharashtra and other states.

► **Intracity Transport**

Latur Municipal Transport (LMT) is an intra-city bus service which covers almost all parts of the Latur city and connects to the more distant industrial suburbs. LMT (Latur 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

The Latur railway station is located on the Latur-Miraj section of the Solapur railway division of the Central Railway zone. The Manmad-Kacheguda broad-gauge railway line, which emanates from the Vikarabad-Latur-Road-Parli trunk route at Latur Road, is an important artery of traffic in Latur district. It also serves as a link between Chh.Sambhajinagar and Hyderabad.

The Latur city is well connected through rail connectivity with Bangalore, Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Manmad, Chh.Sambhajinagar, Nanded, Parbhani, Parli Vaijnath, Osmanabad, Mudkhed, Adilabad, Basar, Nizamabad, Nashik and Kacheguda. The Miraj–Latur railway track is being electrified. Work is expected to be completed around 2024.

The Marathwada Railway Coach Factory being set up at Latur. It is located near the Harangul Railway Station, the factory was set up by the Indian Railways undertaking Rail Vikas Nigam Limited RVNL in 2018. The factory has been designed with an initial capacity of 250 MEMU/EMU/LHB coaches per annum. On 25th December 2020, Good Governance Day, the first coach shell was produced. A railway line (5 km.) has also been provided from factory to new electronically interlocked Harangul station, which earlier used to be a halt station only.

Air Transport

- Latur is served by Latur Airport, which is near Chincholiraowadi, 12 km. northwest of the city. 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. The airport is not fully operationalized.
- The nearest operational airport to Latur is Chh.Sambhajinagar International Airport, which is located at Chikalthana. 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 Latur district has large number of sugar factories, which makes it among the highest sugar-producing districts of India. The green city, Latur is famous as 'Sugar Belt' of Maharashtra. The Latur district is also known all over India for the quality and quantity of pulses, and especially Toor dal / Arhar dal or Pigion Peas.

Latur city is a major trading center for Urad, Moong and Channa dal. Also, it has largest trading center for Soybean in India. It is known for trading in Oil Seeds, mainly Sunflower and Soya Bean, Kardi

(Safflower), Nutcrackers, Locks, Brassware, Milk powder, Ginning and Pressing. Latur is also famous for fruit market.

Major Agriculture and Horticulture Produce of District

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Sr. No.	Name of Product	Production in MT (2023-24)	Area under Production Hectare (2023-24)
1.	Sugarcane	39,07,846 Tn	54,256
2.	Soyabean	7,83,302	5,04,833
3.	Pulses	2,98,921	3,65,688
4.	Oilseeds	7,95,752	5,24,156
5.	Mango	15,550	2,270
6.	Custard Apple	1,425	160
7.	Pomegranate	2,250	180

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, GOI and Department of Agriculture, GOM

Industrial Profile

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

► Industries and Employment Generation in District

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Table – Total Industries, Investment and Employment Generation

Sr. No.	Category	No. of Enterprises	Investment (INR crore)	Employment
1	Mega Unit	-	-	-
2	Large Unit	19	412.95	5727
	Total	19	412.95	5727

Table –Total Industries, Investment and Employment Generation

Sr. No.	Category	No. of Enterprises			Investment in (INR Crore)			Employment Generation		
		Mfg	Service	Total	Mfg	Service	Total	Mfg	Service	Total
1	Micro	18662	43815	62477	519.35	400.03	71938	103627	148897	252524
2	Small	1228	1661	2889	991.98	474.52	126650	18138	14013	32151
3	Medium	115	62	177	609.54	168.70	67824	6267	3239	9506
	Total	20005	45538	65543	2120.8	1043.25	204855	128032	166149	294181

Source: DIC Latur

► **List of Sugar Factories in Latur district,**

- Vikasratna Vilasrao Deshmukh Manjra Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Latur
 - Jagruti Sugar Allied Industries Ltd., Devni
 - Pannageshwar Sugar Mills Ltd., Renapur
 - Vilas Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd, Nivali, Latur
 - Vilas Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd, Unit-2, Tondar
 - Rena Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Renapur
 - Shri Saibaba Sugars Ltd., Shivni, Ausa
 - Siddhi Sugar and Allied Industries Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedpur
 - Twenty-One Sugars Ltd., Malwati, Kasarkhed
 - Devarjan Laxmi Sugar Ltd., Devarjan
 - Hanuman Khandsari Sugar Mills, Halgara
- The Marathwada Railway Coach Factory being set up at Latur, located near the Harangul Railway Station. The factory was set up by the Indian Railways undertaking Rail Vikas Nigam Limited RVNL in 2018. The factory has been designed with an initial capacity of 250 MEMU/EMU/LHB coaches per annum. On Good Governance Day, 25 December 2020, the first coach shell was produced.

Service Sector Profile

There are many service sector enterprises registered in the district. The major services which are provided in the district are as listed below,

- Educational services
- Transport and Logistics Services
- Consultancy Services
- Legal Services
- Architectural Services and related Services
- Construction and Related Engineering 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..3 - MIDC Area in District

MIDC Name	Area in Hectare	Plots Developed
Latur Industrial Area (old)	263.26	833
Additional Latur Industrial Area (Phase I)	1073.83	620
Ausa Industrial Area	82.55	219
Ahemadpur Industrial Area	20	43
Nilanga Industrial Area	17.75	77

Source: DIC Latur

Below mentioned infrastructure facilities provided by MIDC in Latur 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**

Two plots P-21 and P-21 have been allotted for 33 KV MSEB Sub-Station and Store. This substation is operational and provides reliable power to the area.

▶ **Water**

MIDC has already constructed a purification Plant at Addl. Latur Industrial Area having capacity of 18 MLD. The scheme is sourced from the Manjra Dam. Water conveyed through 800 mm dia. P.S.C rising main having length of 4.03 Km and 900 mm dia gravity main having length of 50.26 Km.

▶ **Facility Centre**

MIDC has established a Post Office, Bank and Canteen in MIDC area.

- ▶ Latur district has state- and privately-owned cold storage facilities available.
- ▶ MSAMB's (Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board) Kesar Mango and Pomegranate export facility center, MIDC, Latur having 4 cold storage units (of 25 MT each capacity, overall, 100 MT capacity), 1 precooling unit (of 5 MT/Batch capacity), Pack House (5700 Sq. feet) and Weighbridge (60 MT) facility.
- ▶ Jalna dry port (458 km., 08.50 hrs.) work is in progress which is in the catchment area of JNPT and will improve cargo movement to the port.
- ▶ Leading Transport agencies are in operation at Latur. TCI Freight, VRL Logistics, DHFL & Blue Dart etc. have their branches in Latur.

Industrial Association of the District

- ▶ Akhil Bhartiya Laghu Udyog Vikas Sanghtana, Latur
- ▶ Latur Zilha Lagu Udyojak Samuha, Latur
- ▶ Laghu Udyog Bharti, Latur
- ▶ Laghu Udyog Association, Latur
- ▶ Latur Chamber of Commerce, Latur
- ▶ Latur Sahkari Audyogik Vasahat, Latur
- ▶ Udaigiri Sahakari Audyogik Vasahat, Latur
- ▶ Chakur Sahakari Audyogik Vasahat, Latur

Banking Facilities

All leading Private & Public sector banks have their branches in Latur District; SBI, HDFC, AXIS, IDBI, ICICI, Maharashtra Gramin Bank, Latur District Co-operative Bank. Also, Latur district have branches of NBFC namely Bajaj Finance, Shriram Transport Finance, India Bulls Housing Finance etc. Proper network of Banking facilities in Latur district is available.

Strengths and Opportunities of the District

- ▶ The green city, Latur is famous as the 'Sugar Belt' of Maharashtra. The district has a large number of sugar factories, which makes it among the highest sugar-producing districts in India.
- ▶ Latur city is a major trading center for Urad, Moong, and Channa dal. Also, it is the largest trading center for Soybean in India. The district is known for trading in Oil Seeds, mainly Sunflower and Soya Bean, Kardi (Safflower), Nutcrackers, Locks, Brassware, Milk powder, Ginning, and Pressing. Latur is also famous for its fruit market.
- ▶ The district has an existing infrastructure of 125 Dal mills, 11 sugar factories, and 16 Soyabean processing units. By utilizing optimum infrastructure and production capacities of these industries, the allied industries segments can be developed to generate new employment opportunities and boost the economy of the district.
- ▶ Considering the huge production of Sugarcane, below mentioned are prime opportunities for the district,

- ▶ Promoting Jaggery production activities in the district as it allied industry for Sugarcane.
- ▶ Ethanol is naturally produced by the fermentation of sugar. Ethanol is largely derived while extracting sugar from sugarcane. Considering the huge sugarcane of the district, the allied ethanol-making industries can be promoted.
- ▶ The district has the Marathwada Railway Coach Factory Rail coach factory which has been designed with an initial production capacity of 250 MEMU/EMU/LHB coaches per annum
- ▶ As the Pulses and Soyabean are leading Agri produce of the district, the allied business industries can be developed in the district.
- ▶ The Kasthi Coriander of the district has opted for Geographical Indicator (GI) registration. The export of turmeric and jawar flour can be a big opportunity for the district. Considering the substantial cultivation of vegetables, the export can be a big opportunity for the district.