

Palghar District Profile

Introduction

The Palghar district came into existence on 1st August 2014 after carving out tehsils from earlier undivided District of Thane. It is the 36th district of the state of Maharashtra in Konkan Division. Palghar district is the most North-Western district of the state of Maharashtra on the Arabian Sea coast. The Arabian Sea forms the western boundary, while Vasai_Virar is the only Metropolitan Region. The district has a total of 8 talukas, Mokhada, Talasari, Vasai, Vikramgad, Palghar, Dahanu and Wada. District comprises of 8 revenue talukas i.e. Jawhar, Mokhada, Talasari, Palghar, Vasai, Vikramgad, Dahanu and Wada having its headquarters at Palghar.

Administrative Profile

There are 5 administrative subdivisions in the district, out of that most of the area dominated by Tribals. District comes under the Tribal Areas of the state of Maharashtra.

Logistic Infrastructure Profile

Nearby Ports including ICDs are Mumbai and Nhava Sheva.

	Name	Movement of goods from District to Port is via rail/road generally
Sea Port	JNPT	Road
Airport	Sahar Air Cargo	Road

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

Road Transport

The Western Express Highway (NH48) has passed through Manor and Chilar for entry in Palghar district.

Rail Transport

Palghar District railway stations: The Western Railway network passes through Vasai, Palghar and Dahanu talukas of the district.

Air Transport

The nearby airport is Mumbai Airport.

Location and Geography

The district is the northernmost part of the Konkan lowlands of Maharashtra. It comprises the wide amphitheater like Ulhas basin on the south and hilly Vaitarna valley on the north together with plateaus and the slopes of Sahyadri. From the steep slopes of the Sahyadri in the east, the land falls through a succession of plateaus in the north and centre of the district to the Ulhas valley in the south. The distance from the parts of different talukas to headquarters Palghar by road is as follows: Khodala 138 km, Mokhada 112 km, Jawhar 75 km, Vikramgad 60 km. The main river flowing through the district is the Vaitarna. The river has many tributaries; two important of them (within the boundaries of this district) are Barvi and Bhatsa. Vaitarna, the largest of Konkan Rivers rises in the Tryambak hills in Nashik district, opposite to the source of Godavari, the river flows across Shahapur, Vada and Palghar talukas and enters the Arabian Sea through a wide estuary off Arnala. Vaitarna River is 154 km long and has a drainage area that practically covers the entire northern part of the district. It has a number of tributaries; the most

important of them are Pinjal, Surya, Daherja and Tansa. Ulhas river which flows to Arabian sea is Vasai creek, district's southern border. Arnala Island is located in Vasai taluka, at the entrance to the Vaitarna estuary. Palghar district is a hilly area that lies between 19°43' and 20°5'N latitude and 72°55' and 73°20'E longitude with average rainfall ranging from 2500-3000 mm.

Demographic Profile

The total area and population as per 2011 census of the district is 9588 sq. km. and 29,90,116 respectively. Palghar original district is comprised of around 112km of linear sea rays.

Agricultural Profile

Palghar is the new progressive district of the Maharashtra state. It is the northern district of Konkan region. Palghar district is very important agriculture district as being near to Mumbai. Topographically it has much diverse condition. i.e. Hilly zone, saline zone, plateau zone and characterised by high iritic rainfall. Given the geographic composition of the district of Palghar, jangalapatti, bandarapatti and plateau region broadly fall into geographic segment. These geographical situation results appear on the people's living and business.

Jawhar, Mokhada & Vikramgad mountain forest areas, the main business is of farming. These areas are mainly of rice farming and finger millet and also has been successful in the use of turmeric cultivation. Crop diversification and area expansion plan of various fruit, vegetable, oil seeds, spices, pulses and flower crops with increase in production and productivity. Wherein the area under cereals is reduced and area under pulses, oilseeds, fruits, vegetables and flowers is increased.

Net sown area of the district is 109291 which is 14.00% of the total geographical area of the district. Paddy is major crop grown in the district. While Nagali & Warai are the other cereals grown in the district. The total area under cereals was 90.00%. The total area under pulses is 7.00%. The Major Pulses grown are Udid Tur, Red Gram & Bengal Gram. Area under Oil seeds very low in compared to other districts.

Besides, from forest collecting firewood, honey and medicinal plants etc is a secondary product which is also a part of a business. In port strip areas the major business is fishing. As well as a business is also based on drying fish, prawn culture etc. From Palghar taluka Satpati, Dativare, Murabe, Navapur, Dandi, Alevadi, Nandgaon port and from Vasai taluka Naigaon, Pacu port, Castle harbours, Arnala and Dahanu taluka including Bordi, Chinchani & Dahanu has major fishing ports. For preserving fish, fridge & ice factory business also create jobs. In Palghar taluka from Satpati Pomfret fish & prawn these fishes are exported.

Table 1-1 Major Horticulture and Agriculture production data

Sr No.	Name of the product	Production in MT (2021-22)	Area under production Hectare (2021-22)
1.	Sapota (Chikkoo)	34,900	4,453
2.	Mango	10,721	12,227
3.	Rice	1,48,900	79,856
4.	Ragi	9,500	11,300
5.	Toor	2,200	4,985

Industrial Profile

Industrial Areas in Palghar District

- ▶ In Palghar District, there are three Government Cooperative industrial colonies, 5757 small, registered Industries, 1883 temporary small, registered industries and 427 large/medium industries.
- ▶ The three industrial cooperative colonies, which have been setup are:
 - The Palghar Taluka Cooperative Limited Industrial colonies, Taluka Palghar.
 - The Vasai Taluka Cooperative Limited Industrial colonies, Taluka Vasai.
 - Priyadarshini Cooperative limited Industrial colonies, Taluka Wada.
- ▶ In District plain-plateau region, industrial units have flourished. These mainly include textile industry, chemical industry, engineering industry, steel industry etc.
- ▶ The In Boisar Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, the Industrial Department of Tata Steel, JSW Steel, Viraj Steel, such factories produce steel and de-decor, Siyaram like clothes producing companies exists.
- ▶ The Wada Taluka has been assigned as the 'D' class industrial level, Wada taluka have factories like Onida, Coca-Cola
- ▶ In Vasai Taluka Vasai, Virar, Nallasopara, this place has developed small as well as large industrial areas.
- ▶ And in Dahanu Taluka chinchani, Tarapur has major businesses in traditional Dye makings.

Industries and Employment Generation in Palghar District

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

Table 1-2 Industries & Employment Generation Data

Sr No.	Category	Total No. of enterprises	Total no. of employment generation
	Udyog Aadhar		
1.	Micro	73,863	2,77,117
2.	Small	6,540	1,06,241
3.	Medium	348	26,371
	Total	80,751	4,09,729

Source: DIC Palghar Udyog Aadhar Data (Upto 31.03.2021)

Service Sector Profile

Some of the prominent sectors are agriculture implement repairing & servicing, Research & Development, Warehousing, Logistics & packaging Sectors. There are other popular services in district also which are as follows:

- ▶ IT & BPO Services
- ▶ Hospitality and Tourism
- ▶ Medical Services
- ▶ Legal
- ▶ Consultancy Services

Industrial Infrastructure Profile

Below mentioned infrastructure facilities provided by MIDC in industrial areas

- ▶ **Roads:** Roads are the main transport medium for the district also rail connectivity is good.

- ▶ **Electricity:** Electricity is available 24*7 in all MIDC's.
- ▶ **Water:** Water transport facility is available to the district through navigable creeks Vaitarna river and Ulhas river.

Industrial Association of the District

- ▶ Thane Small Scale Industries Association (TSSIA)
- ▶ Tarapur Industries Manufacturers Association
- ▶ Palghar Manufacturers Association
- ▶ Palghar Taluka Industries Federation
- ▶ The Palghar Taluka Coop. Industrial Estate
- ▶ The Vasai Taluka Coop Industrial Estate
- ▶ Vasai Industries Association
- ▶ Gowalis Industries Association
- ▶ Wada Industries Association
- ▶ Tungareshwar Industries Association
- ▶ Dahanu Industrial Association
- ▶ Achhad Industrial Association

Banking Facilities

All leading Private and Public sector banks have their branches in Palghar District; SBI, HDFC, ICICI etc. Also, Palghar district have branches of NBFC namely Bajaj Finance, Shriram Transport Finance, India Bulls Housing Finance etc. Proper network of Banking facilities in Palghar District is available.

Palghar District Strengths and Opportunities

- ▶ The district has emerged as major **Iron and Steel, Pharmaceutical, Chemical, Textile and Garment and Fisheries and Marine** production hub of Maharashtra.
- ▶ The district has emerged as commercial hub for **Iron and Steel, Fisheries and Marine product** due to high availability of sector specific infrastructure like 112 Km coastline and manpower resources.
- ▶ The district is famous for production of export quality **Sapota (Chikoo)** also known as Dahanu Gholvad Chikoo.
- ▶ **Wadhwan port** which is a proposed port is to be built on **5,000 acres** of land reclaimed from the sea near the town of Dahanu, Palghar district. This port will act as a game changer for district as **manufacturing and exports will increase** from the district. The new port will ease congestion at JNPT, Mumbai
- ▶ **Investment's opportunities** in Palghar district are in the below mentioned sector:
- ▶ **Iron & Steel, Chemical, Pharmaceutical, Fisheries and Marine Products, Textile and Garment etc.**
- ▶ **Iron and Steel** – Viraj Profiles Ltd., Sri Vaishnav Metal Wire and Rops Pvt. Ltd, Shri Vaishnav Metal and Power Ltd., Ghasiram Steel Industries Pvt. Ltd, Kalisma Steel Pvt., Alok Ingots (Mumbai) Pvt. Ltd., Regency Ispat Pvt. Ltd.
- ▶ **Chemical** – Daikaffil Chemicals India Ltd, Vivid Global Industries Ltd., Jai Bhavani Ispat Pvt., Konark Petro Products (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- ▶ **Textile and Garment** – Beauty Industries, Bombay Rayon Fashion Ltd., Mandhana Industries Ltd., Champion Silk Mills Pvt. Ltd.