

# Sindhudurg District Profile

## Introduction

Sindhudurg was carved out of the undivided Ratnagiri district in 1981 and is home to about 8.5 lakh population (Census 2011), 87 percent of whom live in rural areas. Spread over 5207 sq. km, it has a 121 km Arabian Sea coast to the west, the Sahyadri hills of the Western Ghats ecosystem passing through, with the Sindhudurg plateau in between

Following are some key strengths of the district

- ▶ Rich ecology (Biodiversity).
- ▶ The rich tradition of handicrafts.
- ▶ Abundant availability of natural resources like water, clean air, etc.
- ▶ Climatic conditions are suitable to grow various types of commercial fruits.
- ▶ Low labour cost.
- ▶ Road, rail & air connectivity.
- ▶ 121 K.M. long coastline blessed with plenty of commercial marine species.

## Administrative Profile

The district is divided into three sub-divisions, viz. Kankavali, Kudal, and Sawantwadi. There are 8 tehsils along with 431 Gram Panchayats in 752 Villages. The district has 03 Nagar Parishads & 05 Nagar Panchayats. The district headquarters are located at Sindhudurg Nagari, with the central Government offices in Oros..

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

The district collector is also responsible for leading District Export Promotion Council.

## Location and Geography

Geographical aspects of Sindhudurg are listed below:

Latitude	North 15.37 – 16.40
Longitude	East 73.19 – 74.13
Area	5207 sq. km.
Average Rainfall (2017)	3609.98 mm
Climate	Moist & Humid
Soil	Lateritic

## Demographic Profile

Sindhudurg is one of the districts of Maharashtra in India, Sindhudurg District population in 2021 is 909,167 (estimates as per Aadharuidai.gov.in Dec 2020 data). As per the 2011 census of India, Sindhudurg District had a population of 849,651, out of which 417,332 are male, and 432,319 are female. Literate people are 666,067 out of 348,289 are male, and 317,778 are female. People living in Sindhudurg District depend on multiple skills; total workers are 347,178, of which men are 229,676 and women are 117,502. Total 82,966 Cultivators are dependent on agriculture farming; out of 55,940 are cultivated by men, and 27,026 are women. 36,543 people work in agricultural land as labour; men are 24,653, and 11,890 are women.

Sindhudurg District sex ratio is 1,036 females per 1000 males.

## Logistic Infrastructure Profile

Connectivity of nearest source for export are as follows:

**Table 1-1 Connectivity with Export sources**

Item	Name	Movement of goods from District to Port via
Sea Port	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Nhavasheva, Mumbai	by road (400 Km, 10hrs.)
Airport	Chipi-Parule, Tal.Vengurla	Local airport.
Airport	Dabolim, Goa	By road (167 Km, 4 hrs
Airport	Sahara air cargo, Mumbai	by road (441 Km, 11 hrs.)

Several highways well connect the Sindhudurg district. National Highway No. 66 passes through the district from Banda in the south to Kankavali in the north. This highway also connects the district to neighboring states Goa and Karnataka.

## 1.6 Agricultural Profile

Major crops are Rice, Coconut, Kokam, Mango, and Cashew, also the annual crops.

Below are the land bifurcations for agricultural sectors as per District Socio-economic Review (2010):

- ▶ Irrigated: 33,910 Hectares
- ▶ Non-Irrigated: 104,390 Hectares
- ▶ Forest: 38,643 Hectares

Small and marginal farmers hold 74% of the total landholding in the district. The irrigated area is only 23.48% through well and small channels.

## Major Agriculture and Horticulture Produce of District

**Table 1-2 Major Horticulture and Agriculture production data**

Sr. No.	Name of Product	Production in MT (2020-21)	Area under Production Hecter (2020-21)
1.	Rice	5,57,400	1,59,000
2.	Sugarcane	1,47,971	1,57,752
3.	Soyabean	1,02,300	44,400
4.	Cashew nut	85,880	71,900
5.	Mango	52,635	31,900
6.	Banana	12,425	685
7.	Pineapple	12,176	410

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Agriculture Department, GoM

## Industrial Profile

Sindhudurg district is not well versed with Medium and Large-scale industry, but a good number of Micro and small enterprises as follows.

**Table 1-3 Industry Profile of Sindhudurg**

Type of Industry	Number of units	Employment
Agro based	22	252
Ready-made garments and embroidery	90	342
Wood/wooden based furniture	60	278
Paper & Paper Products	2	21
Chemical/Chemical based	6	37
Rubber, Plastic & Petro based	42	333
Mineral Based	60	226
Metal based (Steel Fab)	225	1476
Engineering units	4	36
Electrical machinery and transport equipment	17	100
Repairing & servicing	13	64

## Industrial Infrastructure Profile

Following are MIDCs in Sindhudurg along with upcoming new facilities to cater industrial growth:

**Table 1-4 Industrial areas of Sindhudurg**

Location	Area in Hectors	No. of Plots Indus. + Comm. + Shed	No. of Units Functioning
MIDC Industrial Area, Kudal	274.81	801	378
Co. Op. Industrial Estate, Kudal	5.70	67	40
Co. Op. Industrial Estate, Majgaon, Tal. Sawantwadi	51.37	193	105
MIDC Adali, Tal. Dodamarg	Proposed	---	---

## 1.8 Service Sector Profile

The status of Export related Service industry in Sindhudurg are listed as follows

**Table 1-5 Export associated service solutions status**

Infrastructure	Required	Already Present
Testing facility	Required	--
Warehousing facility	Required	--
Developed Industrial area/ estate	Required	--
Quality Power	Required	

Infrastructure	Required	Already Present
Design center/ Common facility center	Required	--
Processing units	--	Yes
Common Effluent Treatment Plants	--	--
Communication network	Required	--
Banks dealing in foreign exchange	Required	--
Skill development training centers	Required	--
Local office of EPC (APEDA)	Required	--
Local office of EPC (MPEDA)	Required	--

## 1.9 Banking Facilities

All leading Private & Public sector banks have their branches in Sindhudurg District; SBI, HDFC, ICICI etc.

Following is the breakup of banks present in the district

- ▶ Nationalised banks: 66 branches
- ▶ Cooperative banks: 106 branches
- ▶ Rural banks: 15 branches

## 1.10 Sindhudurg District Investment Opportunities

Strengths	Opportunity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The district has emerged as <b>major Agriculture, Food Processing, Coir and Coir Products and Fisheries production</b> hub of Maharashtra.</li> <li>▶ The district has a <b>rich coastal belt which has a favourable climate for Marine products, Agriculture and Coir Products</b> and has emerged as commercial hub for the sector specific infrastructure and manpower resources.</li> <li>▶ <b>Declared as Tourism District</b> and close to international tourist destination Goa.</li> <li>▶ <b>Existing fish processing units in the private sector</b> have demonstrated the economic viability of fishery-based industries in the region</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The district has the potential to <b>increase the exports for Devgad Alphonso Mango and Processed Cashew.</b></li> <li>▶ The Government in Maharashtra plans to build a new <b>expressway connecting Mumbai with Sindhudurg via Raigad</b> and Ratnagiri.</li> <li>▶ The Maharashtra government's proposal to promote <b>Sindhudurg as a coastal tourism circuit, under the Central government's Swadesh Darshan programme.</b></li> <li>▶ The district has <b>proposed a multifruit processing</b> center in Kudal.</li> <li>▶ The district is also focusing on other <b>sectors like Coir and Fisheries to boost the export.</b></li> </ul>

Strengths	Opportunity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Food Processing</b> - Shree Bandeshwars Vengurla Nuts and Agro Products Pvt Ltd., Sindhudurg Food Products Pvt Ltd., Gurukrupa Cashew Industries Pvt Ltd, Gramah Agrotech Private Limited</li> <li>▶ <b>Coir and Coir Products</b> - Sindhu Coir Industries, Kalpashree Coir Industries.</li> <li>▶ <b>Fisheries</b> - Amison Fisheries Ltd., Akash Fishmeal &amp; Fishoil Private Limited, Sindhuratna Marine Products Private Limited, Godsons Aquaculture Farms P Ltd, Bodas Aquafarms Pvt Ltd.</li> </ul>	