

Yavatmal District Profile

Introduction

The ancient name of Yavatmal is “Yeoti” or Yeotmal was the main town of the Berar Sultanate and according to old writings ‘the safest place in the world’. The then region of Yavatmal was part of dominion of Aladdin Hasan Bahaman Shah who founded the Bahamani Sultanate in 1347. In 1596 yeotamal was ceded to Mughal empire. Later, it was ceded to Maratha empire. When Raghuji Bhosale became the ruler of Nagpur Kingdom he included yeotamal district in his territory. After the British east India company created Berar province in 1853 Yavatmal became part of Central Province and Berar. Yavatmal remained part of Madhya Pradesh until 1956 reorganization of states when it transferred to the Bombay state. With the creation of Maharashtra state on 1 May 1960, yavatmal district became a part of state. The present Yavatmal district has 16 talukas and is 5th largest district in terms of geographical area. Agriculture is the main activity of this district. The city's quality of education attracts students from all over Vidarbha. The most spoken language in Yavatmal is Marathi.

Administrative Profile

There are 16 tehsils in Yavatmal District. Arni, Umarkhed, Kalamb, Pandharkawada Kelapur, Ghatanji, Zari Jamani, Darwha, Digras, Ner, Pusad, Babhulgaon, Mahagaon, Maregaon, Yavatmal, Ralegaon, Wani. There is 1 Municipal corporation, 8 Municipal councils, 1 Nagar panchayat in district. The headquarter of the district is at Yavatmal and the divisional headquarter is in Amravati.

Location and Geography

Yavatmal is located between 19.26' and 20.42' north latitudes and 77.18' and 79.9' east longitudes. It has an average elevation of 445 meters (1125 Feet). It lies 156 km (97 Mi) west Nagpur and it is in administrative center of Amravati Division. The name is derived from Marathi Yavat means mountain and mal means row. It is famous for grand celebration of Durga festival (Nav Ratri). It ranks 2nd after Kolkata.

This city has a tropical climate. The Köppen-Geiger climate classification is Aw. In Yavatmal, the average annual temperature is 26.8 °C. The rainfall here averages 946 mm.

- ▶ The chief rivers of the district are the Wardha and Penganga both of which flow along the north eastern and southern district boundaries respectively.
- ▶ The Wardha River rises to the east of Multai in Madhya Pradesh. It flows in general south-easterly direction along the north-eastern boundary of the district.
- ▶ The Wardha is the only river of the district, which is partly navigable. The bed of the river is broad and deep, but the banks are sometimes overflowed in times of exceptional floods. During the monsoons the river flows with a strong current but in summer the river is fordable at several places.
- ▶ The Penganga River rises in the Ajantha range a little to the Southwest of Buldhana town. It is a major tributary of the Wardha River. The river is deeply entrenched and has a meandering course. The Penganga forms the southern district boundary throughout its long sinuous course. The river changes twice from one longitudinal valley to a parallel longitudinal valley northward by marking big ‘S’ shaped curves. The Pus, Arha, Aran, Waghavi and Kunj are the major tributaries of the Penganga River within the district.

Demographic Profile

According to the 2011 census Yavatmal district had a population of 27,72,348. Its population ranking was 141st in India (out of a total of 640), and 21st in the state (out of 35). The district had a population density of 204 inhabitants per square kilometre (530/sq. Mi). Its population growth rate over the decade 2001–2011 was 12.9%. Yavatmal had a sex ratio of 947 females

for every 1000 males, and a literacy rate of 80.7%. 11.8% of the population is from Scheduled Castes, 18.5% from Scheduled Tribes. At the time of the 2011 Census of India, 67.57% of the population in the district spoke Marathi, 13.29% Lambadi, 5.41% Urdu, 4.99% Hindi, 2.77%, Kolami, 2.41% Gondi and 1.69% Telugu as their first language. Marathi is the major language. Other languages spoken are Urdu, Hindi, Telugu, Banjari, Gondi, Kolami and Andh, an Indo- Aryan language spoken by 100,000 people. People here speak with the Varhadi dialect. As per the 2011 census, 81% of the people were Hindu, 9% Buddhist and 8% Muslim.

Logistic Infrastructure Profile

- ▶ The nearby Port includes JNCH and ICD Nagpur / Borkhedi.
- ▶ Nagpur ICD is a dry port which is situated about 147 Kms from Yavatmal. It takes 2.30 hours to reach to the port.

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

Road Transport

Yavatmal City and District has Good connectivity of Transport to all major city in India and Maharashtra i.e. Nagpur, Mumbai, Nashik, Aurangabad, Amravati. National Highway 7 (NH7) passes through the district. National Highway 361 passes through Yavatmal City and district, Bhari, Yavatmal. National Highways – Nagpur to Hyderabad is National Highway passing through Wadki, Karanji, Pandharkawada, Patabori, and Kelapur etc. in district. State Highways – Amravati to Chandrapur is State Highway passing in district through Ner, Yavatmal, Jodmoha, Mohada, Umri, Karanji and Wani. Nagpur To Tulzapur is also State Highway in district passing through Kalamb, Yavatmal, Arni, Umarkhed etc.

▶ Intercity Transport

The Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) provides transport services for intercity and interstate travel. Many private operators also ply on the highly travelled Yavatmal – Pune and Yavatmal – Indore route. Bus services to cities like Nagpur, Yavatmal, Bhopal, Harda, Indore, Raipur, Jabalpur, Mumbai, Pune, Akola, Dharni, Nanded, Aurangabad, Jalna, Burhanpur, Parbhani, Solapur, Khandwa, Gondia, Shirdi, Hyderabad, Paratwada (Achalpur) and Kolhapur are also available.

▶ Intracity Transport

Private auto rickshaws and cycle rickshaws are also popular.

Rail Transport

Yavatmal District railway stations:

- ▶ Yavatmal Terminus is a small railway station in Yavatmal district in the Indian state of Maharashtra. Its code is YTL. It serves Yavatmal city. The station consists of two platforms. The platforms are not well sheltered. The station lacks many facilities including water and sanitation.
- ▶ Historic Shakuntala Express used to runs starts from this station.
- ▶ Initial work on Yavatmal New Railway station started. It will be constructed behind Z.P school Arni road Yavatmal.
- ▶ Only one train from Yavatmal which is Yavatmal–Murtajapur NG Passenger (unreserved)
- ▶ Two railway lines are working in progress viz Yavatmal-Murtijapur Railway Line and Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded Railway Line

Air Transport

Jawaharlal Darda Airport is a public airport located 9 Kilometres east of the city of Yavatmal, in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, India. Yavatmal Airport has one asphalt runway, oriented 08/26, 1400 metres long and 45 metres wide, an apron measuring 80 by 60 metres and a small terminal building. Currently there are no operations handled. Just private and government planes can be

landed for special purposes.

Agricultural Profile

Yavatmal is the main growing region for Cotton. It is growing as an Industrial centre, with cotton Mills leading the way. Tur is also produced in in large numbers. Another major crop which is grown in bulk in district is Soybean. Yavatmal is one of the highest producers of soybean in Maharashtra when it comes to area under cultivation. Yavatmal which is one of the most important marketing channels was identified in Amravati region i.e. Producer – Wholesaler – Retailer – Consumer. Farmers always desire to get reasonable price for their farm product. Another major crop which is produce in the district is Haldi which is the one of the important products in the district. In Yavatmal near about 20000-hectare area is under haldi cultivation. Haldi have a huge demand in the export market all over the world. Yavatmal also has huge Milk potential. Umarkhed, Pusad currently are big market for milk. It sales the milk to Amul plant.

Table 1-1 Major Horticulture and Agriculture production data

Sr No	Name of Product	Production in MT (2022-23)	Area under Production Hector (2022-23)
1	Oranges	15,750	1,500
2	Banana	5,450	186
3	Cotton	96,872	4,67,608
4	Toor	54,279	1,33,003
5	Soyabean	2,30,746	2,82,912

Industrial Profile

► Industrial Areas in Yavatmal District are as mentioned below

Sr No	MIDC Name	Area in Hectare
1.	MIDC Yavatmal	645.56
2.	Ghatanji Lag	9.5
3.	Pusad Vikas Kendra	172.73
4.	Additional MIDC Yavatmal Vani Vikas Kendra	40.4
5.	Umarkhed Laghu	9.34
6.	Darvha Lagu	10.26
7.	Pandharkawada Laghu	28.96
8.	Digras Laghu	18.32
9.	Mahagao Laghu	7.97
10.	Kadamb Laghu	9.8
11.	Maregaon Laghu	10.05

- ▶ Specialized industrial parks in Yavatmal
 - In Yavatmal district there are dedicated Textile Industries which are in operation since long time. There are many leading textile companies like Raymond, Sara Spintex, Gurulaxmi Cottex, Rana Denim etc. having their plants in the district

▶ Industries and Employment Generation in Yavatmal District

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

Table 1-2 Industries & Employment Generation Data

Sr No	Category	No. of Enterprises			Employment Generation		
		Mfg.	Service	Total	Mfg.	Service	Total
	Udyog Aadhar						
1	Micro	2713	6207	8920	12700	15176	27876
2	Small	411	559	970	5517	3973	9490
3	Medium	16	18	34	471	424	895
	Total	3140	6784	9924	18688	19573	38261

Source: DIC Yavatmal Udyog Aadhar Data (From October 2015 to June 2020)

Table 1-2 Industries & Employment Generation Data

Sr No	Category	No. of Enterprises			Employment Generation		
		Mfg.	Service	Total	Mfg.	Service	Total
	Udyog Aadhar						
1	Micro	6838	15405	22243	47534	51984	99518
2	Small	173	174	347	1997	1421	3418
3	Medium	39	9	48	1157	521	1678
	Total	7050	15588	22638	50688	53926	104614

Source: DIC Yavatmal Udyami data till Oct 2023

Service Sector Profile

There are above 200 service enterprises registered in service sector with employment near about 5000 and the investment of Rs 200 Crores. Some of the major services which are provided in the district are as follows:

- ▶ Hotel and Tourism related services
- ▶ Healthcare services including services by nurses, physiotherapist and paramedical personals
- ▶ Accounting / Auditing and bookkeeping services
- ▶ Entertainment services including audio visual services
- ▶ Environment services
- ▶ Educational services
- ▶ Consultancy services
- ▶ Distribution services
- ▶ Advertisement services
- ▶ Marketing research and Public opinion services
- ▶ Printing and Publication services
- ▶ Lab Testing facility
- ▶ Transport and Logistics services
- ▶ Legal services etc.

Industrial Infrastructure Profile

- ▶ Below mentioned infrastructure facilities provided by MIDC in Yavatmal industrial areas

▶ **Roads**

Roads are the main transport medium for the district since rail connectivity is not that good.

▶ **Electricity**

Electricity is not available 24*7 in all MIDC's. only Lohara MIDC has that facility.

▶ **Water**

Water is made available by the water supply division to the industries but during the summer season there is a shortage of water.

▶ Yavatmal district has state- and privately-owned cold storage facilities available

Industrial Association of the District

- ▶ Federation of Industries Association Vidarbha, Yavatmal
- ▶ Vidarbha Chamber of Small-Scale Industries, Yavatmal
- ▶ MIDC Industries Association, Yavatmal

Banking Facilities

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

Yavatmal District Strengths and Opportunities

- ▶ The district has emerged as major **Agriculture, Textile and Garment, Agro & food processing and Mines and Mineral** production hub of Maharashtra.
- ▶ The district has emerged as commercial hub for **Cotton, Cotton Bales, Cotton Yarn, Fabric and Garments** due to high availability of sector specific infrastructure and manpower resources.
- ▶ The district has **Dolomite and Limestone mines around 116 Ha** in Wani tq.
Jawaharlal Darda Airport should develop as an Air cargo facilities hub to boost export through Air route.
- ▶ **Investment opportunities in the district are in following sectors:**
 - Textile & Garments, Cotton Ginning and Pressing, Mines & Minerals extraction, Fabrication, Oil Mill etc
- ▶ **Textile and Garment** – Raymond UCO Denim Pvt.Ltd., Babasaheb Nailk Kapus Utpadak Sahakari Society, Rana Denim Pvt.Ltd., Priyadarshani Sahakari Soot Girni Ltd, Yavatmal, Maharashtra State Co.Op Cotton Growers
- ▶ **Agro and food processing** - Vasant Shetkari Sahakari Karkhana Ltd., Rasoya Proteins Ltd., Deccan Sugar Pvt. Ltd., Jay Kisan Sahakar Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Rasoya Protin Ltd. Wangri Tq-Wani , G.S. Oil Ltd.
- ▶ **Mines and Minerals** - Bhatiya International Ltd, Indo Unique Flame Ltd., Gupta Coal Field and Washaries Ltd