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1] GEOGRAPHICAL DETAILS.

Sangli district is located in the Western part of Maharashtra. It is bounded by Satara, Solapur Districts to the North and Bijapur district to the East, Kolhapur and Belgaum district to the South and Ratnagiri district to the West. Sangli district is situated in the river basin of the Warna and Krishna River. The physical setting of Sangli district show a contrast of immense dimension and reveals a variety of landscapes influenced by relief, climate and vegetation. The climate ranges from the rainiest in the Chandoli (Shirala) region, which has an average annual all of over 4000 mm to the driest in Atpadi and Jath Tehsils where the average annual rainfall is about 500 mm. The vegetal covers too vary from the typical monsoon forest in the western part to scrub and poor grass in the eastern parts.

2. HISTORY OF SANGLI.

The district is named after the district headquarters- Sangli. The Mauryas, the Satvahanas, the Pandavas, the Chalukyas, the Rhstrakulas, the Silaharas, the Bahamanis, the Adil Shahis and Maratha ruled this religion. The Patwardhans, Bramhin general of the Marathas, took over as the rules of the region in the late - 18th century. In 1818 with the defeat of the Marathas at the Hands if the British, Sangli became part of the British dominions. In 1948 it was merged with Indian Union, and in 1949 the southern part of Satara became present - day Sangli district. In 1956, the district was merged with the Bombay state and in 1960 became a district in the new state of Maharashtra and was renamed Sangli.

3. LANGUAGE.

The principle language is Marathi, but Kannada and Urdu, Telugu area also spoken in the district.

4. FOOD.

The staple food of the people is millets and what.

5. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION.

North Latitudes 16.4 to 17.1.

East Longitudes 73.43 to 75.00.

Area. : 8,602 Sq.Km.

Major Urban centers : Sangli, Miraj, Uran - Islmapur, Tasgaon, Vita, Ahsta, Kupwad. Mandoor, Madhavnagar, Wanlesswadi.

Climate. : Min. Temp - 14.0 Celsius.

Max.Temp - 42.0 Celsius.

Rainfall : 400 - 450 mm (Average).

Geog Area : 8601.5 Sq. Kilometer.

6. RIVERS IN SANGLI DISTRICT.

The main river of Sangli districts are Warna and Krishna. The Krishna is one of the three longest sacred rivers of Southern India. Approx. 105 Kms. of the river course fall inside the district. **Morna, Yerrla, Manganga, Agrani, Nanni** and **Bor** are small feeder rives of Krishna. Warna is the largest tributary of the Krishna in the district.

7. STATISTICAL DETAILS.

Population : 25,83,524.

Male : 13,20,088.

Female : 12,63,436.

Density of Population : 301 Persons / Sq. Km.

Sex Ratio : 957.

(Females / 1000 Males)

Literacy : 62.41 %

Male : 74.88 %.

Female : 49.94 %.

Tehsils - (10). 1. Miraj. 2. Tasgaon. 3. Kavathe Mahankal 4. Jath. 5. Khanapur (Vita). 6. Palus 7. Atpadi. 8. Walwa (Islampur). 9. Kadegaon. 10. Shirala.

Mahanagar Palikas (1) : Sangli – Miraj and Kupwad City Corporation.

Nagar Palikas (4) : 1. Vita. 2. Ashta. 3. Tasgaon. 4. Islampur.

Gram Panchayat : 705.

Police Station : 20.

Police Outpost : 25.

8. AGRICULTURAL DETAILS.

Major Crops : Bajara, Jawar, Wheat, Rice, Sugarcane, Groundnut.
Turmeric, Soybeans, Pomegranate, Grapes.

Annual Crops : Sugarcane.

Area under cultivation : Irrigate – 1, 20,302 Hector.

9. FISHERIES.

Total No. of Tanks/ Reservoir.	413.
Total Water spread Area.	6,388 Hector.
Area Under Fish Culture.	6,078 Hector.
Total Fish Production.	3,200 M.T.
No. of Fishermen	4,013.
Fish Seeds Rearing Centre	5.

10. IRRIGATION.

Major Projects	1
Medium Projects.	5
Krishna Khore	1 Major, 5 Medium, 54 Minor projects Total 60 are in progress by Krishna valley Development Corporation.

11. CO-OPERATION SECTOR.

Total Co-operative Societies.	5,428.
Sugar Factories.	14.
Spinning Mills.	18.
Co-Operative Milk Dairies	04.+

12. INDUSTRIAL SECTORS.

A)

Industries	Textile Mills, Diamond cutting, Sugar industries, Turmeric Godown, nut crackers, musical instruments.
Industrial Center	Sangli, Mraj, Kupwad, Vita, Tasgaon, Madhavnagar, Ashta, Islampur, Mandoor, Uran.
Main Banking centers.	Sangli, Miraj, Uran, Islampur.

B)

Reg. Small Scale Industries.	7,032
Sugar Factories.	14.
Cotton Industries.	21.

13. POWER SECTOR.

Pump Sets (Electrified).	79,512.
Domestic Consumers.	4,67,505.
Village Electrified.	723.

14. PUBLIC HEALTH.

Hospitals.	Government Hospitals : 2, Ambulances 8 (government), 27 (Private).
Health facilities.	The district has a network of Government - run health facilities consisting of the district hospital offering tertiary-level care, with rural hospitals at the secondary level and primary healthcare to the rural population. Nearly 43.43% of the villages had their primary health facilities (1991) covering 70.12 % of the Rural population. Sangli has 5.63 Beds per 1000 persons in urban Medical Institutions (1991).

Blood Banks.	1 - Government.
	4 - Private .

15. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION.

Total Railway Track	173.70 K M.
Broad-gauge.	81.01 K.M.
Villages Connected by Roads.	2272 K. M.
National Highway.	30 K. M.
State Highways passing through the district and road services. .	1. National Highway (30 Kms), 111 Kms of major State Highways, 806 Kms of State Highways, 1952 kms of district roads. Regional Transport office at Sangli. 9 ST (Bus) depots.
District Roads.	1983 K.M.
Post and Telegraphic Services.	There are 41 Post offices and 97 Telegraph offices nearly 54.77 % of the village covering 80.74 % of the rural population have postal facilities. Of the total inhabited villages around 87.55 had access to transport services, covering 95.43 % of the rural populations.
Important Railway Stations.	1. Railway Route. 21 Stations (11 Broad gauge and 10 narrow gauges.
Railway Services.	1. Mail / Express halts major stations are Miraj, Sangli, Kirloskarwadi, Bolwad, Longarpeth.

16. EDUCATION SECTION.

A)

Primary Schools	Zilla Parishad - 1561.
Secondary Schools.	476.
Jr. & Sr. Colleges.	117.
D.Ed / B. P. Ed	11.
Law Colleges.	1.
Medical Colleges.	2.

Engineering Colleges.	2.
Business Management institutes.	4.
Polytechnic	2.
Pharmacy.	2.

Vocational Education & Training :

B)

Industrial Training Institutes. - 9.
1. Miraj. 2. Tasgaon.
3. Kavathe Mahankal. 4. Jath.
5. Khanapur (Vita). 6. Atpadi. 7. Palus
8. Walwa (Islampur). 9. Shirala.

17. INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC OR ADMINISTRATION DEPTT.

The only important departments of the state were police, jails and judiciary representing security and Land revenue, Excise, registration and stamps representing revenue. The activities of the public works departments, the only other of sufficient importance, were confined to the construction and maintenance of building required by the Governments apart from a few roads and irrigation works. With the spread of Western education and the growth of political consciousness in the country coupled with the gradual association of a few Indians with some aspects of the work of Government, the demand arose for the expansion of Government activities into what were termed as "Nation - Building" activities.

18. CULTURE AND RELIGIONS.

Fairs and Festivals	Three main annual fairs are held in the district: Mahashivaratri at Audumbar village in Tasgaon Tehsil during February- March; Nagpanchami in village Battis Shirala in Shirala Tehsil in August; and Ganapati festival in Sangli town in August - September. Apart from these Peer Gaikwad Durgah Urs at Chinchani-Wangi; Viroba fair at Zare - Khanapur tehsil and Shri Yallamma fair at Jath.
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Religious Place	Battis Shirala, Tasgaon, Jath, Kadegaon, KavatheMahankal, Audumbar, Bramhanal, Haripur, Kole Narsinghpur.
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19. TOURIST PLACES.

Chandoli and Sagarshwar Sanctuaries, Dandoba Hill Station, Audumbar, Dutt Mandir.

20. FOLK - ARTS.

Dhanagari Ovyas, Shahiri, folk stage.

LIST OF NATIONALISED, PRIVATE COMMERCIAL AND CO-OPERATIVE BANKS IN SANGLI DISTRICT.

NATIONALISED BANKS.	PRIVATE COMMERCIAL BANKS.	CO-OPERATIVE BANKS / SCHEDULED BANKS.
1. State Bank of India	1.H.D.F.C	1. The Shamrao Vithal Co-operative bank. Ltd.
2. Bank of India.	2. I.C.I.C.I.	2. Ichalkaranji Janata Sahkari. Bank. Ltd
3. Bank of Maharashtra.	3. Axis Bank.	3.Palus. Sahkari Bank. Ltd.
4. Central Bank of India.	4. Ratnakar Bank.	4. Rajarambapu. Sahakari. Bank. Ltd.
5.Union Bank of India.	5. I.D.B.I Bank.	5. The Ashta People's Co-Operative Bank.
6.Canara Bank.	6. Karnataka Bank.	6.Shri. Laxmi. Mahila. Sahkari. Co-operative. Bank. Ltd.
7.Dena Bank.	#7. The Cosmos Bank Ltd.	7.Shri. Veershaiv Co-operative Bank. Ltd.
8.Punjab National Bank.		8. State Transport. Co-operative Bank. Ltd.
9. Uco Bank.		9.The Tasgaon Urban Co-operative Bank. Ltd.
10. Bank of Baroda.		10. Choundeshwari. Sahakari. Bank. Ltd.
11.Indian Bank		11. Sangli Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd.
12. Punjab .and Sindh Bank.		12.Sangli Zilla Prarthamik Shikshak. Sahakari. Bank.

13. Karnataka Bank.		13. Sangli Dist. Co-operative Bank Ltd.
14. Syndicate Bank.		14. Bhararati. Sahakari. Bank. Ltd.
15. Corporation Bank.		15. Saraswat Co-operative Bank Ltd.
16. Vijaya Bank.		16. M. D. Pawar People Co-Operative. Bank. Ltd.
17. United Western Bank.		17. Islampur Urban Co-Operative. Bank. Ltd.
		18. Sarjerao Dada Naik. Shirala. Sahakari. Bank. Ltd.
		19. Babaso. Deshmukh. Sahkari. Bank. Ltd.
		20. Hutatma. Sahakari. Bank. Ltd
		21. Mansingh. Sahakari. Bank. Ltd.
		22. Jat. Urban Co-Operative Bank. Ltd.
		23. Satya Vijay Sahakari. Bank. Ltd.
		24. Bajirao. Appa. Patil. Sahkarni Bank. Ltd.
		25. Manmandir. Co-Operative Bank. Ltd.

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This Bank is recently Started in the Sangli City.