

# SOLAPUR DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

Solapur district, famous for its Chadder , Handloom, Powerloom and Beedi Industries, covering an area of 14844.6 sq.kms., it is one of the important districts in Maharashtra State of India.

It is situated at a distance of 410 Kms. from the Maharashtra State Capital of Mumbai by road and train. It falls on the Mumbai-Chennai and Mumbai-Hyderabad railway track. The nearest domestic Air-Port is Pune and the international Air-Port is Mumbai. Solapur is at a distance of 245 kms. from Pune, 305 Kms. from Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh). The national highways viz. NH-9, NH-13 and NH-211 pass through the city making Solapur on the frontline of the commercial map of India.

The district is having 11 Talukas and is surrounded by Ahmednagar and Osmanabad districts in the north, Osmanabad and Gulbarga (Karnataka State) in the East, Sangli and Bijapur (Karnataka State) in the South and Pune, Satara districts in the West.

Shrikshetra **Pandharpur**, considered as 'Southern Kashi' of India and Kuldaivat of Maharashtra State is the honour of this district.

Recently Solapur University has been established since August 2004. It is known as SOLAPUR UNIVERSITY SOLAPUR. The jurisdiction of the university at present is Solapur district. 65 Colleges in the district are attached to the Solapur University.

The brief facts of the district are as below.

- ▶ Geographical Location - 17.10 to 18.32 degrees North Latitude and 74.42 to 76.15 degrees East Longitude.
- ▶ Geographical Area - 14844.6 Sq.Kms.
- ▶ Temperature - Max. 46 degrees celcius and Min. 9 degrees celcius.
- ▶ Average **Rainfall** - 545.4 mms. ( Min.415.3 mms and Max.1128.4 mms. in last 10 years ) Solapur stands last in rainfall in Maharsashtra state.
- ▶ Population – 38,49,543 as per 2001 census.
- ▶ Total Net Cultivated Area - 1069 Hectares
- ▶ Major Crops - Jawar, Wheat, Chana, Tur, Groundnut.
- ▶ Major Cash Crop - Sugarcane.
- ▶ Total Co-operative Societies - 8119.
- ▶ Total Rail Length – 375.40 kms.
- ▶ Total Road Length – 14087.12 kms.
- ▶ Registered Small Scale Industries - 8516.
- ▶ Total Primary Schools - 2886.
- ▶ Total Talukas - 11.
- ▶ Total Villages - 1150
- ▶ Total Village Panchayats - 1027
- ▶ Total Panchayat Samitis - 11.
- ▶ Municipal Corporation - 1.
- ▶ Municipal Councils - 9.
- ▶ Police Commissionerate - 1.
- ▶ Total No.of Police Stations - 26.
- ▶ Electricity - 220/132/33 KV Sub-Centres - 05, 132/110 KV Sub-Centres - 9, 110/33 KV Sub-Centres - 3, 33/11 KV Sub-Centres - 98.
- ▶ Major Irrigation Project - 1, Medium Irrigation Projects - 2, Lift Irrigation Projects - 8, Minor Irrigation Projects - 86.
- ▶ Major Religious Places - Pandharpur, Akkalkot.

- ▶ Places of Interests - **Maldhok Wild Life Sanctuary Nannaj**, Kudal Sangam, Velapur, Machanur.
- ▶ River - Bhima, Sub-rivers - Neera, Mann, Seena, Bhogawati

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