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KEY STATISTICS OF WARDHA DISTRICT 1991

Area : 6309.0 sq km. Population : 1067357 Literacy : 58.18 per cent

Density of population : 169 per sq km. Main Language spoken : Marathi

PRICE : Fifteen Rupees

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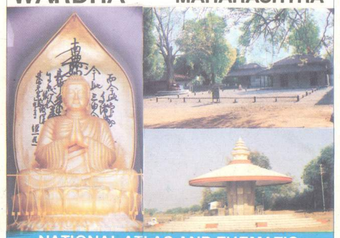

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Wardha district having an area of 6,309 sq km is situated between latitudes 20°18'N and 21°21'N and longitudes 78°30'E and 79°15'E in the eastern part of Maharashtra state. Administratively, the district is subdivided into eight tehsils or development blocks viz. Ashti, Karanja, Arvi, Seloo, Wardha, Deoli, Hinganghat and Samudrapur.

Geomorphologically, it is a part of Wardha Penganga-Wainganga plain lying at the foot of the Satpura hills. A spur of the Satpura range enters the district and covers a large portion of Arvi tehsil. This offshoot of the Satpura range attains a height between 300 and 600m, whereas in the south and southeast, the altitude is below 300m. The hill ranges and intervening valleys are having a NW - SE trend. River Wardha is the main drainage channel. It forms the northern and the western boundaries of the district. Other important rivers are Wunna and its tributaries Dhodra, Bor and Dham. The Wunna river joins the Wardha river at the southeast corner of the district. Geologically Wardha is composed of Upper Cretaceous-Eocene basalt (Deccan Trap) with patches of inter-trappean beds. There are small pockets of alluvium in the southwestern part. The district possesses no economic mineral resource worth mentioning.

The climate is tropical monsoon type characterised by hot summer and general dryness of weather for most part of the year, excepting the monsoon season. Southwest monsoon rain commences in the middle of June and ends in September. The normal annual rainfall ranges between 900-1,400mm, increasing from northwest to southeast. At Wardha town, the mean monthly temperature is highest in May (31°C) and lowest in the end of December(21.4°C). Maximum rainfall is recorded in August(345 mm).

The soil of the Wardha valley is deep black in colour. Medium black soil is found in the eastern part of the district. In the northern upland soil is coarse and shallow. Reddish brown soil is found in patches in the catchment area of the Wunna river. The natural vegetation is dry mixed deciduous type. About 14 per cent of the total geographical area of the district is under forest cover mostly lying in the uplands of Arvi tehsil. About 65 per cent of the total area is cultivated. Major kharif crops as assessed from sown area, are cotton, jowar, tur, groundnut, oilseeds, rice, pulses other than tur and bajra. Major rabi crops are wheat, gram and oilseeds. Prominent fruit crops are orange, mango banana, ber and guava. The sources of irrigation are canals and wells.

The total population of the district was 10,67,357 persons in 1991 with an overall density of 169 persons per sq km. The density varies from 193 persons per sq km in the Wardha plain to 112 persons per sq km in the Arvi upland. About 78 per cent of the total population live in rural areas.

Manufacturing industries are confined to medium and small scale establishments, like the textile mills at Hinganghat and Jam, sugar factory at Jamni, edible oil mills at Wardha, Arvi and Pulgaon, explosive factory at Seldoh, turmeric production unit at Waigaon and tissue culture centre near Hinganghat. Wardha and Seloo towns are famous for a variety of crafts including metal ware, pottery, leather work, papad, agarbati and wood work.

Wardha is linked to Mumbai, Nagpur and Warangal by broad guage railway. It is an important railway junction of Central Railway for Nagpur-Mumbai and Nagpur-Warangal branches. NH 6 links up Wardha town with Nagpur and Mumbai. NH 7 connects Hinganghat town with Nagpur and Hyderabad. In addition, quite a few state highways, numbering 74, 91, 82, 83 and 94 serve this district. Cotton, foodgrains, fruits, turmeric, pulses, oilseeds and handicrafts are the chief products. It is served by 62 commercial banks and 45 co-operative banks. In addition, there are 43 agricultural societies and 400 mini co-operative banks. Wardha town is a renowned tourist spot having ashramas and other memorials in the names of great personalities like Mahatma Gandhi, Acharya Binoba Bhave, Baba Saheb B. R. Ambedkar and others.

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- Other roads
- Bridges : road , railway
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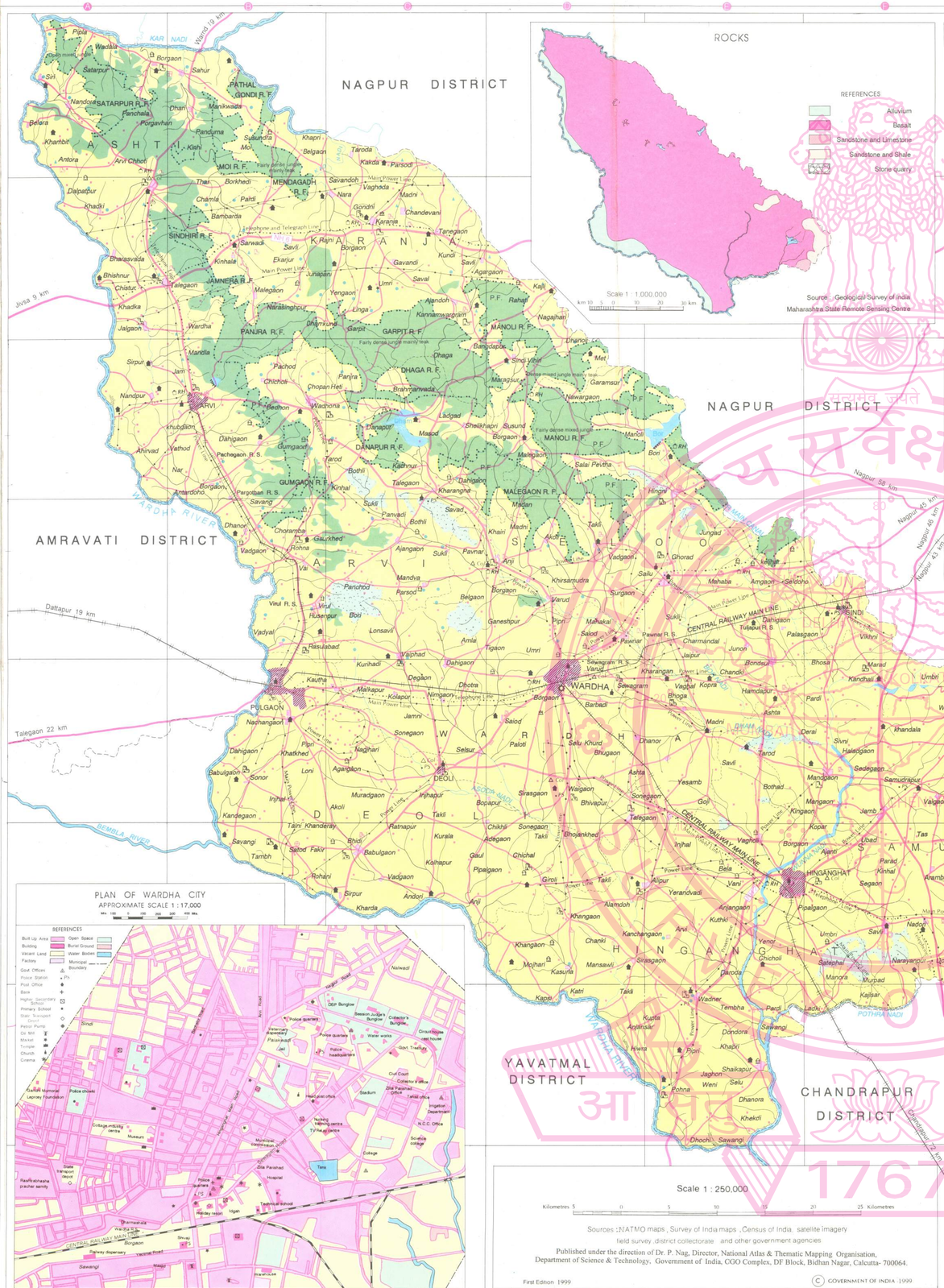

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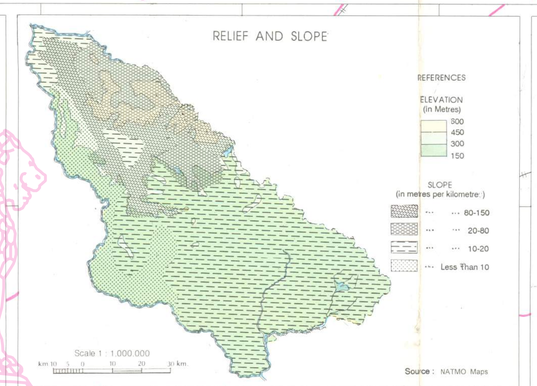

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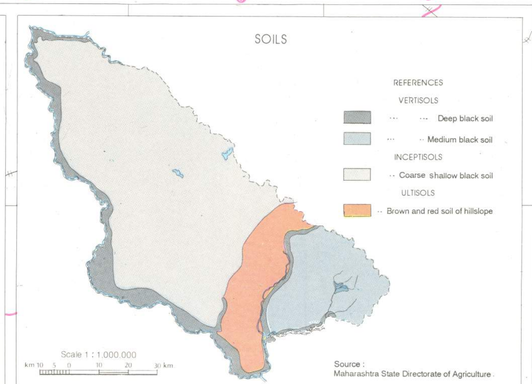

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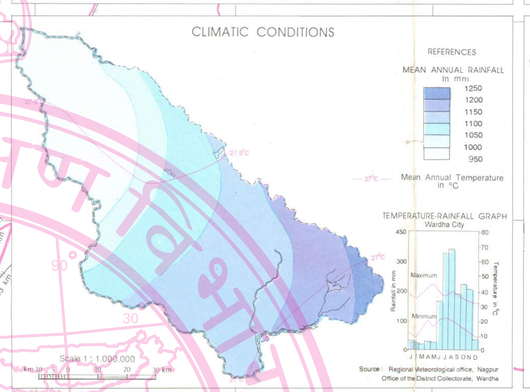

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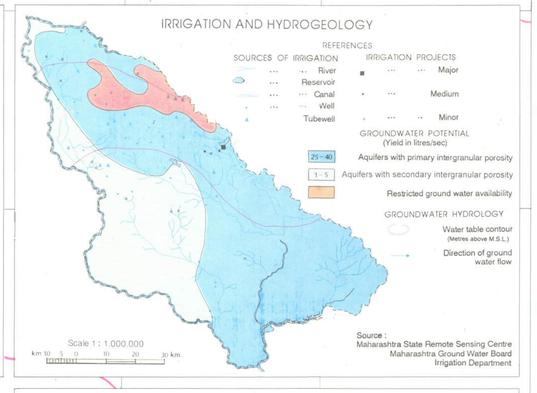

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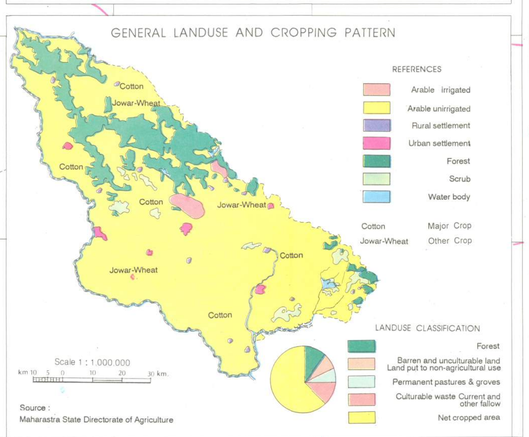

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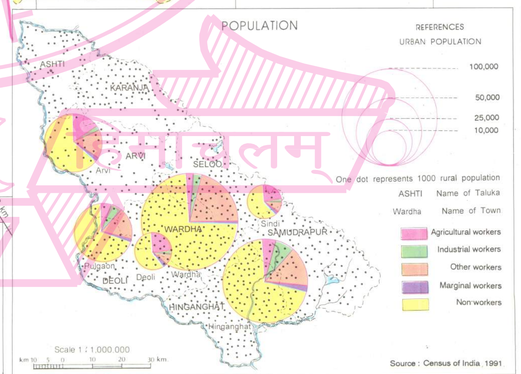

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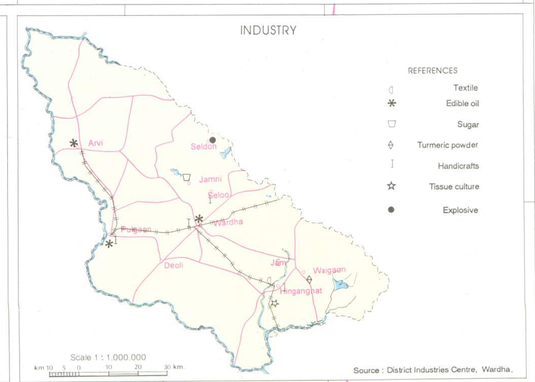

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