CHAPTER THREE
CHAPTER III

PROFILE OF DAVANGERE AND SHIMOGA DISTRICTS

PROFILE OF DAVANGERE DISTRICT

Davanagere is one of the 27 districts of Karnataka State. Davangere is a place for scenic beauty and cool climate. The district spread over an area of 6018 sq.kms. The total population of Davangere district as per 2001 census is around 17,90,952. The district is just 272 kms away from the silicon valley of India, Bangalore. Davangere is well connected by road and rail to major cities of Karnataka and neighbouring states. If you are planning to visit Davangere one can either travel by AIR or Surface. By Air you can reach the nearest point Hubli or Bangalore Airport and there on you have to use the surface transport to reach the wonderful land of Davanagere. There is also a way to reach Davanagere by the rail route from Bangalore, Mysore and Hubli.

Origin of the Name

Like most of the districts in the state, this district also got its name from its administrative headquarters town, Davangere.
Various traditional derivations are current about the origin of the
name Davangere. However, it is difficult to say which of them is
correct or whether any of them is correct. Davangere got its name
from Dyavanakere. It is also said that the Devanagari (land of God)
has become Davanagere.¹

**Location**

The Davangere district is situated between 75°30' and 14°39'
north latitude and between 13°45' and 14°50' east longitude in
about the middle part of the state. It is bound on the east by
Chitradurga district, on the south by Shimoga, on the west, by
Haveri on the north by Bellary.²

**Administrative Divisions**

The district is divided into two divisions and 6 talukas. The
Harpanahalli Sub-division covers the Harpanahalli and Jagalur,
whereas the Davangere sub-division covers the Davangere,
Harihara, Honnali and Channngiri.³

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Profile of Taluks

Davangere Taluk

Davanagere is the headquarters of the district situated in Maidan (Plain Land) region. It is spread over 936.1 sq.kms. and has population of 3,83,870. Davanagere is famous for cotton mills and educational institutions. It is located in the middle of the state. It is connected by rail, road transport across the state and neighbouring states. Important crops of the taluk are cotton, chillies, groundnut, paddy and sugarcane.

Harihara Taluk

Harihara is a maidan (Plain Land) region of the district. It is spread over 476 sq.kms. and has population of 2,45,647. It is one of the industrial towns of Karnataka. Kirloskar and Birla Polyfibres are situated here. The Geographical area of this taluk is spread over 476.8 sq.kms.

Channagiri Taluk

Channagiri, a semi malnad region of the district. It is spread over 1210 sq.kms. Paddy, ragi and jowar are the important crops of
the taluk. The taluk has the largest cotton growing area and it is still on increase. Groundnut is also extensively grown. Channagiri taluk population is 292507.

**Honnali Taluk**

Honnali taluk comes under maidan region and consist of 888 sq.kms. of area. Paddy, ragi, jowar and groundnut are the important crops of the taluk. Honnali taluk population is 222592.

**Harapanhalli Taluk**

Harapanhalli taluk is a maidan region of the district. It is spread over 1438 sq.kms. And has population of 2,95,362. Harapanhalli is one of the backward taluks in Davanagere district.

**Jagalur Taluk**

Jagalur taluk is a maidan region of the district. It is geographically spread over 964.5 sq.kms. and has a population of 1,58,826. Jagalur is another backward taluk in Davanagere district.
### Table No- 3.1:

Registered Transport Vehicles in Davanagere District as on 31\textsuperscript{st} March 2004

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Source: Davanagere District at a Glance 2003-2004
Table 3.1 indicates the registered transport vehicles in Davanagere district as on 31\textsuperscript{st} March 2004. Total registered transport vehicles in Channagiri taluk are 6194. Out of this, 2584 is motor cycle, 190 is cars, 16 is cabs, 94 is auto rickshaws, 10 is omni buses, 3160 is tractors and trailers, 2 is ambulance, 50 is goods vehicle and 88 is other vehicles.

Total registered transport vehicles in Davanagere taluk are 95342. Out of this, 71005 is motor cycle, 4906 is cars, 626 is cabs, 4010 is auto rickshaws, 119 is omni buses, 10928 is tractors and trailers, 7 is ambulance, 1718 is goods vehicle and 2023 is other vehicles.

Total registered transport vehicles in Harpanhalli taluk are 4022. Out of this, 1893 is motor cycle, 80 is cars, 34 is cabs, 110 is auto rickshaws, 21 is omni buses, 1785 is tractors and trailers, 2 is ambulance, 44 is goods vehicle and 53 is other vehicles.

Total registered transport vehicles in Honnali taluk are 3569. Out of this, 1715 is motor cycle, 140 is cars, 15 is cabs, 56 is auto rickshaws, 8 is omni buses, 1530 is tractors and trailers, 3 is ambulance, 39 is goods vehicle and 63 is other vehicles.
A total registered transport vehicle in Jagalur taluk is 3715. Out of this, 2175 is motor cycle, 123 is cars, 31 is cabs, 78 is auto rickshaws, 24 is omni buses, 1172 is tractors and trailors, 2 is ambulance, 32 is goods vehicle and 78 is other vehicles.

Total registered cars in Davanagere district are 6117.

Total registered cabs in Davanagere district are 810.

Total registered auto-rickshaws in Davanagere district are 4824

Total registered omni buses in Davanagere district are 205

Total registered tractors and trailors in Davanagere district are 21729

Total registered ambulance in Davanagere district is 19

Total registered goods vehicles in Davanagere district is 2006

Total registered other vehicles in Davanagere district are 2727

Total all registered vehicles in Davanagere district are 140657.
### Table 3.2: Population and Area of Davanagere District

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Table 3.2 highlights the population and area of Davanagere district. The Davangere district total population is 1790952 and area is 5975.99 sq. kms. Channagiri Taluk population is 292507 and area is sq.kms, Davanagere taluk population is 602523 areas is sq.kms, Harapanhalli taluk population is 268793 area is sq.kms, Harihar taluk population is 245654 area is sq.kms, Honnali taluk population is 222592 area is sq.kms and Jagalur taluk population is 158883 area is sq.kms.
Table No – 3.3

Road Lengths of Davanagere District as on 31st March 2004

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Source: Davanagere District at a Glance 2003-2004
Table 3.3 represents the road lengths in Davanagere district as of 31st March 2004. Total road lengths in Channagiri taluk are 893. Out of this, national highway is 13 kms, State highways is 52.60 kms, major district roads is 246.20 kms, other district road is nil, village roads is 359.70 kms, TDB roads is 359.70 kms, municipality roads is 3.5 kms, irrigation department roads is 118.80, and there is no forest roads and panchayat roads.

Total road lengths in Davanagere taluk are 1396. Out of this, national highway is nil, State highways is 32.60 kms, major district roads is 197.12 kms, other district road is 4.70 kms, village roads is 146.80 kms, TDB roads is 337.10 kms, municipality roads is 480 kms, irrigation department roads is 198.30 kms, and there is no forest roads and panchayat roads.

Total road lengths in Harapanhalli taluk are 640.10. Out of this, national highway is nil, State highways is 80 kms, major district roads is 124.70 kms, other district road is nil, village roads is 372.00 kms, TDB roads is nil, municipality roads is 26 kms, irrigation department roads is 37.40 kms, and there is no forest roads and panchayat roads.
Total road lengths in Harihar taluk are 640.10. Out of this, national highway is nil, State highways is 46 kms, major district roads is 100.60 kms, other district road is nil, village roads is 98.30 kms, TDB roads is 85 kms, municipality roads is 106 kms, irrigation department roads is 91.40 kms, and there is no forest roads and panchayat roads.

Total road lengths in Honnalii taluk are 730.40. Out of this, national highway is nil, State highways is 76 kms, major district roads is 165.90 kms, other district road is 45.40 kms, village roads is 153.70 kms, TDB roads is 254 kms, municipality roads is 35 kms, irrigation department roads is nil, and there is no forest roads and panchayat roads.

Total road lengths in Jagalur taluk are 396.50 kms. Out of this, national highway is nil, State highways is nil, major district roads is 159.60 kms, other district road is nil, village roads is 224.90 kms, TDB roads is nil, municipality roads is nil kms, irrigation department roads is nil kms, and there is no forest roads and panchayat roads is 12 kms.

Total road lengths in Davanagere district are 4583.92. Out of this, national highway is 13 kms, State highways is 287.60 kms,
major district roads is 994.12 kms, other district road is 50.10 kms, village roads is 1094.90 kms, TDB roads is 1035.80 kms, municipality roads is 650.50 kms, irrigation department roads is 445.90 kms, and there is no forest roads and panchayat roads is 12 kms.

**PROFILE OF SHIMOGA DISTRICT**

Shimoga is one of the 27 districts of Karnataka State. Shimoga is situated roughly in mid south western part of the Karnataka state. It had an eventful history and has rich cultural traditions. It is bestowed with abundant natural resources. The western area of the district consists of mountainous terrain while on the eastern side there is a striking transition from Malnad (Largely forested hill regions of heavy rainfall) and Semi – malnad (Area having natural characteristics, to some extent, of both malnad and maiden) to Maidan (An open region (Level Land)). Shimoga, a place known for scenic beauty, flush green lush forests, eye catching water falls, cool climate is situated in the Malnad region bounded by Sahyadri mountain. The district spread over an area of 10,58,000 hectares with a forest area of 3,27,000 hectares. The total population of Shimoga district as per 2001 census is
around 16,39,595. The eastern part of district comes under the semi-Malnad zone with plain topography and occasional chains of hills covered with semi-deciduous vegetation.

Shimoga is origin of rivers Kali, Gangavathi, Sharavathi and Tapathi. The other major rivers which flow through the district are Tunga, Bhadra and Varada. The rivers Tunga and Bhadra meets at a place called Koodali in Shimoga district. Agumbe, a small place, known for its highest rainfall (8000 mm/annum) in Southern India hails from this land.

Shimoga district is rich in flora and fauna, the dense forest and green shrub jungles are main producers of sandalwood, rosewood, teak and other exotic timber. Mango, Jackfruit, Tamarind etc. are the other important trees found around the district with rich yields. The dense forest of the district is home for wild animals like Elephant, Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Wild boar, Bear, Antelope, Bison, Porcupine, Monkeys, wolves and many other animals. Birds migrate from all over the world and travel down to Shimoga for a honeymoon. Birds like.....are found flying higher and higher in the blue skies.
Shimoga farmers are feeding the people of Shimoga and other districts of Karnataka by producing good quality paddy, coconut, ragi, pepper, areca and sugarcane.

The district is just 274 kms away from the silicon valley of India, Bangalore.

**Origin of Name**

Like most of the districts in the state, this district also got its name from its administrative headquarters town, Shimoga. Various traditional derivations are current about the origin of the name the Shimoga. However, it is difficult to say which of them is correct or whether any of them is correct. At least three of them pertain to god Shiva viz., ‘Shiva-Mukha’ (Face of Shiva), ‘Shivana-Mugu’ (The nose of Shiva) and , ‘Shivana-Mogge’ (Buds of flowers meant for Shiva). As this place has several old shrines dedicated to Lord Shiva the city came to be known in his name. According to the legend, the place had the ashram of the famous sage ‘Durvasa’ who was noted for his sharpness of temper. He used to keep on the oven a pot boiling with sweet herbs. Once, some cowherds, who chanced upon it, tasted the beverage out of curiosity.
and called the place ‘Sihi-Moge’ (Sweet Pot), which was later called as ‘SHIMOGA’.

**Location**

The Shimoga district is situated between $13^\circ27'$ and $14^\circ39'$ and $14^\circ39'$ north latitude and between $74^\circ38'$ and $76^\circ4'$ east longitude, in about the mid-south-western part of the state. Its greatest length is from east to west 152.9 kms. and from north to south 128.8 kms. It is bound on the east by Davanagere district, on the south by Chickmagalur, on the west, by Udupi and Karwar districts and north by Haveri.

**Administrative Divisions**

The district is divided into two divisions and 7 taluks. The Sagar Sub-Division covers the Sagar, Sorab, Shikaripur and Hosanagar Talukas, whereas the Shimoga Sub-Division covers the Shimoga, Bhadravathi and Thirthahalli Talukas.

**Flora and Fauna**

The Shimoga district has rich and varied flora, the major contributing factors for this variety being rainfall and topography.
within the district. In the regions of Western Ghats rainfall is heavy, Agumbe getting an annual average rainfall of 6275.7 mm. As one proceeds to the earth, the rainfall decreases very rapidly. Therefore, a rapid transition from evergreen flora to the scrub type as one moves from west to the east.

The fauna of the Shimoga district is rich and varies on account of tropical evergreen, moist, deciduous and dry forests. Elephant, bisons, antilopes, sambars, panthere, leopards, Indian tiger, barking dear, wild pigs, block monkeys, jungle cats, etc., are found in the malnad area of the district. Crocodiles are found in Tunga and Bhadra rivers. A good number of species of birds are found in the woods of the district.

Profile of Taluks

Bhadravathi Taluk

Bhadravathi, a semi-malnad taluk is one of the important industrial towns of Karnataka. Visweswaraya Iron and Steel Limited, one of the prestigious industry of the state is situated here. Apart from this, the Mysore Paper Mills Ltd., is another large scale industry serving the state. In geographical area, Bhadravathi is the
smallest in the district having a total area of 690 sq.kms. and has population of 3,38,611. The density of the population is 471 per sq.km.

**Hosanagar Taluk**

Hosanagar is situated in the malnad area of the district and is spread over 1423 sq.kms. and is the second largest taluk of the district. The density of the population is 72 per sq.km. which is the lowest in the district. Arecanut and paddy is the main crop of the taluk followed by arecanut.

**Sagar Taluk**

Sagar is one of the biggest taluk in the district situated in the malnad region. It is spread over 1940 sq.kms. and has population of 2,00,211. The density of the population is 91 per sq.km. Paddy is a principal crop. Ragi, pulses and chillies are grown on a comparatively small scale. Areca is the main plantation crop.

**Shikaripura Taluk**

Shikaripura is a semi-malnad taluk and consists of 1106 sq.kms. with a population of 2,13,511 and the density of the
population is 208 per sq.km. Paddy, ragi, chillies and cotton are the main crops of this taluk. Shikaripura is noted for its ginger.

Shimoga Taluk

Shimoga, the headquarter of the district is situated in semi-malnad area. According to the Shimoga district statistics, the total geographical area is 1108 sq.kms. and has population of 4,45,006. And the density of the population is 303 per sq.km.

Important crops of the taluk are paddy, sugarcane, chillies, cotton and groundnut. Areca and coconut are important plantation crops. Two important rivers, Tunga and Bhadra, run through this taluk.

Soraba Taluk

Soraba taluk is situated in malnad region. It is spread over 1148 sq.kms. with a population of 1,84,028 and the density of the population is 141 per sq.km. Paddy, ragi, chillies, cotton and groundnut are the important crops of the taluk. Arecanut and coconut are important plantation crops. Soraba is agriculturally better off and industrially backward area.
Thirthahalli Taluk

Thirthahalli is one of the four taluks situated in malnad region. The taluk receives highest rainfall in the district. It is spread over 1247 sq.kms. and has population of 1,43,209. The density of population is 105 per sq.km. The taluk consists of dense forest and is of scenic beauty. River Sharavathi takes birth in Ambuthirtha of this taluk.

The main crops of the taluk are paddy and sugarcane. The taluk has the highest land under areca plantation when compared to other taluks. Thirthahalli is agriculturally forward taluk.
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Source: Shimoga District at a Glance
Table 3.4 indicates the registered transport vehicles in Shimoga district as on 31\textsuperscript{st} march 2004. Total registered transport vehicles in Bhadravathi taluk are 40907. Out of this, 31665 is motor cycle, 2159 is cars, 216 is cabs, 1482 is auto rickshaws, 41 is omni buses, 2593 is tractors and trailors, 4 is ambulance, 1005 is goods vehicle and 1742 is other vehicles.

Total registered transport vehicles in Hosanagara taluk is 7253 Out of this, 5451 is motor cycle, 376 is cars, 13 is cabs, 66 is auto rickshaws, 40 is omni buses, 979 is tractors and trailors, 9 is ambulance, 267 is goods vehicle and 52 is other vehicles.

Total registered transport vehicles in Sagar taluk are 20398. Out of this, 15949 is motor cycle, 1052 is cars, 121 is cabs, 456 is auto rickshaws, 99 is omni buses, 1628 is tractors and trailors, 16 is ambulance, 267 is goods vehicle and 52 is other vehicles.

Total registered transport vehicles in Shikaripur are 7029. Out of this, 4892 is motor cycle, 359 is cars, 10 is cabs, 68 is auto rickshaws, 29 is omni buses, 1337 is tractors and trailors, 2 is ambulance, 236 is goods vehicle and 96 is other vehicles.
A total registered transport vehicle in Shimoga taluk is 68740. Out of this, 52289 is motor cycle, 4880 is cars, 483 is cabs, 2408 is auto rickshaws, 161 is omni buses, 3349 is tractors and trailors, 21 is ambulance, 1965 is goods vehicle and 3184 is other vehicles.

Total registered transport vehicles in Soraba taluk are 5126. Out of this, 3727 is motor cycle, 329 is cars, 7 is cabs, 31 is auto rickshaws, 31 is omni buses, 792 is tractors and trailors, 1 is ambulance, 163 is goods vehicle and 45 is other vehicles.

A total registered transport vehicle in Thirthahalli taluk is 13133. Out of this, 8917 is motor cycle, 1061 is cars, 83 is cabs, 234 is auto rickshaws, 18 is omni buses, 1622 is tractors and trailors, 1 is ambulance, 169 is goods vehicle and 1028 is other vehicles.

Total registered motorcycles Shimoga district is 122890

Total registered cars in Shimoga district is 10216

Total registered cabs in Shimoga district is 933

Total registered auto-rickshaws in Shimoga district is 4745
Total registered omni buses in Shimoga district is 419

Total registered tractors and trailors in Shimoga district is 12300

Total registered ambulance in Shimoga district is 54

Total registered goods vehicles in Shimoga district is 2006

Total registered other vehicles in Shimoga district is 2727

Total all registered vehicles in district Shimoga is 1625867.

Table – 3.5: Population and Area of Shimoga District

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<tr>
<th>Sl. No.</th>
<th>Taluk</th>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Area in (Sq. kms)</th>
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<td>445192</td>
<td>1108</td>
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<td>Soraba</td>
<td>185572</td>
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Source: Shimoga District at Glance 2003 -2004
Table 3.5 highlights the population and area of Shimoga district. The Shimoga district total population is 1642545 and area is 8465 sq. kms. Bhadravathi Taluk population is 338989 and area is 690 sq.kms, Hosanagara taluk population is 115000 and area is 1423 sq.kms, Sagar taluk population is 200995 and area is 1940 sq.kms, Shikaripur taluk population is 213590 and area is 909, Shimoga taluk population is 445192 and area is 1108 sq.kms, Sorabha taluk population is 185572 and area is 1148 sq.kms and Thirthahalli taluk population is 143207 and area is 1247 sq.kms.
Table 3.6
Road lengths of Shimoga District as on 31st March 2004

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Sl. No.</th>
<th>Taluk</th>
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<th>State Highway</th>
<th>Major District Roads</th>
<th>Other District Roads</th>
<th>Village Roads</th>
<th>T.P Roads</th>
<th>Municipality Roads</th>
<th>Irrigation Department Roads</th>
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Source: Shimoga District At a Glance

Note: TPRoads (Taluk Panchayat Roads)
Table 3.6 represents the road lengths in Shimoga district as an 31\textsuperscript{st} march 2004. Total road lengths in Bhadravathi taluk are 1119. Out of this, national highway is 33 kms, State highways is 30 kms, major district roads is 153 kms, other district road is 10, village roads is 100 kms, TPRoads is nil, municipality roads is 53 kms, irrigation department roads is 569, forest roads 8 and panchayat roads is 314.

Total road lengths in Hosanagara taluk are 846. Out of this, national highway is nil, State highways is 112 kms, major district roads is 119 kms, other district road is 46 kms, village roads is 202 kms, TPRoads roads is 328 kms, municipality roads is nil, irrigation department roads is nil, forest roads is 39 kms and panchayat roads is nil.

Total road lengths in Sagar taluk are 1031. Out of this, national highway is 51 kms, State highways is 17 kms, major district roads is 317 kms, other district road is 36 kms, village roads is 247 kms, TP roads is 290 kms, municipality roads and irrigation department roads is nil, forest roads is 73 and panchayat roads is nil.
Total road lengths in Shikaripur taluk are 869. Out of this, national highway is nil, State highways is 68 kms, major district roads is 174 kms, other district road is nil, village roads is 166 kms, TP roads is 158 kms, municipality roads is nil, irrigation department roads is 292 kms, and forest roads is 11 kms and there is no panchayat roads.

Total road lengths in Shimoga taluk are 827 kms. Out of this, national highway is 82 kms, State highways is 47 kms, major district roads is 160 kms, other district road is 14 kms, village roads is 115 kms, TP roads is nil, municipality roads is 138 kms, irrigation department roads is 54 kms, forest roads is 217 kms and there is no panchayat roads.

Total road lengths in Soraba taluk are 897 kms. Out of this, national highway is nil, State highways is 55, major district roads is 203 kms, other district road is 10 kms, village roads is 231 kms, TP roads is 353 kms, municipality roads is 43 kms, irrigation department roads is 1 kms, and forest roads is 1 and no panchayat roads

Total road lengths in Thirthahalli taluk are 1028 kms. Out of this, national highway is 56 kms, State highways is 73 kms, major
district roads is 103 kms, other district road is 112 kms, village roads is 297 kms, TP roads is 344 kms, municipality roads is nil kms, irrigation department roads is nil kms, and forest roads is 43 kms and no panchayat roads

Total road lengths in Shimoga district is 6617 Out of this, national highway is 222 kms, State highways is 402 kms, major district roads is 1229 kms, other district road is 228 kms, village roads is 1358 kms, TP roads is 1473 kms, municipality roads is 234 kms, irrigation department roads is 916 kms, forest roads is 392 kms and panchayat roads is 163 kms.

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