3.1 Introduction:-

As the present study deals with the Anganwadis in Sangli city and attempt has been made in the chapter to present the profile of the study area i.e. Sangli city.

3.2 Profile of Sangli City:-

The Sangli-Miraj-Kupwad City Municipal Corporation is the local self-government body which looks after the development of the Sangli-Miraj twin cities. This is the largest Municipal Corporation in South Maharashtra and serves a population of 0.65 million. The Sangli Municipal Corporation has carved a name for itself as the best municipal corporation of South Maharashtra. Sangli is a city in the state of Maharashtra of India. Sangli is known as the turmeric city for its vast production of turmeric. Sangli is situated on the banks of river Krishna and is the largest market place for turmeric in Asia and houses many sugar factories, which it is also noted for. The Ganesh Temple of Sangli is a historical landmark of the city and is visited by thousands of pilgrims every year. Sangli is also noted for 'Bhadang' (dish made up of puffed rice), 'Bhel' (dish made by mixing puffed rice, onion, tamarind paste, tomato, etc.).

Sangli district is one of the largest grape growing regions in Maharashtra. Government has established Krishna Valley Wine Park 30 km away from Sangli to promote wine industry. Recently, Sangli has come up as a major wind power generation locations in India. Suzlon has set up large wind farms around Sangli city with a capacity to generate over 900 MW of power.

Sangli has number of renowned education institutes which includes Walchand College of Engineering (established in 1947), Willingdon College (established in 1919), City High school (established in 1914) and Sangli High School (established in 1907).

3.2.1 Historical Background of the city
The region, known as Kundal (now a small village near Sangli city) in medieval India, was the capital of the Chalukya Empire in 12th century AD. Sangli district is situated in Maharashtra Karnataka border. It was one of the 11-gun salute princely states of British India, under the Kolhapur-Dekkan Residency in the Bombay Presidency, and later the Deccan States Agency. It was one of the southern Maratha Jagirs. Its territory was widely scattered among other native states and British districts.

The city derives its name from "Saha Galli" ("Six Lanes" in Marathi). Sangli city is known as Natyapandhari, the birthplace of Marathi drama. The city has a rich cultural influence of Marathi music and drama. It has a historic Ganpati temple built in the 18th century by ruling Patwardhan dynasty of Sangli. The temple attracts thousands of devotees regularly.

Sangli was previously known as southern Satara. Sangli is birthplace of many legends in social as well as political reformers. Gopal Ganesh Agarkar was born in Thembu [Small town in Khanapur-Aatpadi constituency]. Balgandharva was born in village called Nagthane in Sangli district and Asha Bhosale was also born in Sangli. Maharashtra's Former Chief-Minister Vasantraodada Patil was born in Padmale (Near Sangli). “Sangit Natakas (musical plays) are initiated in Sangli. Vishnudas Bhave is known to be father of the Sangit Natakas. Sangli is his not only birthplace but also work place. Pantangrao Kadam is Chancellor of Bharti Vidyapeeth. Bharti Vidyapeeth confers Degrees in Medical, Engineering and Management Studies.

Sangli is a home of many politicians. R. R. Patil is Home Minister of Maharashtra for second time since 2009. He is also former Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Jayant Patil is current Cabinet Minister of Rural Development in the state of Maharashtra. He is also former Finance Minister of Maharashtra. Sangli was home of late Vasantdada Patil. He was Chief Minister of Maharashtra. One of the legends of cricket was born in Sangli named Vijay Hazare.

As Sangli is famous for its beginning of Marathi Theatre, it is also known as a Wimbledon of the game "Chess", Sangli has tradition of chess at least of Two centuries. Haripur, nearing village and Sangli itself is the motherland of this game. Dajiba Date and Bandambhat Mehandale were the founder of the game in this area. Baba Bodas, Anna Gadre, Vinayakrao Khadilkar, Gangadarpant Paranjape, Narayanrao Joshi, from Miraj, Panditrao Gadre, Adv.
Joshi, Prof. Alukar and even His Majesty Chhatrapati Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj Kolhapur were the shining stars in the field of chess at that time. The rich as well as ordinary people took interest in the game. In the year 1942 Late. Rambhau Bhide established southern Maratha Country chess club in the Wada of late. Govindrao Padsalgikar. In 1930. Late. Shrimant Dadasaheb Gadgil, Late Vishnupant Rajwade, Late. Trmmannacharya Padsalgikar founded chess society, Sangli. It arranged some chess Tournaments. In 1935, chess of 10 games was arranged between Late. Sultan khan who was the champion of the British Empire and late. Vinayakrao Khadilkar, the first Indian who had gone abroad for the chess tournaments. From 1922 to 1925 chess Tournaments of Southern Maratha Country championship were arranged by late. Dy. Vasudeo Narayan Desai in Sangli Gymkhana. From that time, chess was the game of all common people of Sangli truly. In 1929 Deval Club of Sangli also arranged chess Tournaments. On 23 December 1941, “Nutan Buddhibal Mandal” was founded in memory of late. Vishnu Ramchandra Rajawade by late Bhausaheb Rajwade, late Dajisheb Dixit, late Sopanrao Shingare and Bhaurao Padsalgikar. To canvce and make the game of chess popular, collect the literature of the game, arrange chess Tournaments and build a separate building for the Mandal are some objectives of the Mandal

3.2.2 Climate:-

Sangli has a semi-arid climate with three seasons, a hot, dry summer from the middle of February to the middle of June, a monsoon from the middle of June to late October and a mild cool season from early November to early February. The total rainfall is about 22 inches (580 mm).
3.2.3 Rainfall:-

The average rainfall in the city is fairly good. The maximum rainfall occurs during the month of July and the stormy rain occurs during the month of October average rainfall of the Sangli city is 1025 mms (source : Government of Maharashtra)

3.2.4 Transportation:-

MSRTC runs city bus service, Train, Auto rickshaws, and private touring travels also available.

By Bus:

- Mumbai (Bombay) 390 km.
- Pune 220 km.
- Bangalore 630 km.
- Goa 190 km.

By Train:

Twin cities Sangli & Miraj are Major Junction for central, northern, south-central, western, and southern & Konkan railways.

3.2.5 Demographic Features
As per the Census of 2011 the Sangli city has Total - 25,81,835
Male - 13,19,267 Female - 12,62,568

Literacy

The data regarding male female literacy situation in the Sangli city is presented in the table no. 3.2.5.1 below

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**3.3 Trade and Commerce:**

The country’s sole turmeric exchange in Sangli city boasts secrets gained through a centuries-old practice — storing turmeric in pits. These pits stretch far out in the open fields of the villages of Haripur and Sangalwadi. It is possibly the most unusual agricultural commodity-storage system in the country.

It was this ingenious storage system, devised over 200 years ago, that turned Sangli into a major trading centre for turmeric. Raw turmeric sold by farmers is stored in these pits, eighteen to twenty feet (five to six meters) deep, for three to four years. The pits provide the best storage facility for turmeric, as the quality of the commodity remains unchanged. The turmeric hardens and matures while in storage.
Today, more than 80% of the turmeric trade in India takes place in Sangli.

The Sangli region is known as the "Sugar Belt of India". This region houses over thirty large sugar factories. Vasantdada Patil, who served as chief minister of Maharashtra for four terms, started the co-operative movement which helped Maharashtra become the most developed state in India. Most of the sugar factories of the Sangli sugar belt work on the co-operative basis.

3.4 Industrial Development:

1. **Krishna Valley Wine Park**

The Sangli district has recently entered into wine industry, and has achieved some success in producing classic vintage categories.

Wine producers in Sangli make distinctive, classic wines using imported root stocks. The fertile soil of the Sahyadri hills region, and the long sunny days and dry climate make for an excellent product. The government of Maharashtra has set up a specialized state-of-the-art wine park at Palus, 30 km from Sangli city. This 142 acre (575,000 m²) park is located at Palus, which produces one of the best-quality grapes in the world.

Krishna Valley Wine Park has an International Quality Wine Institute which has been set up in association with the Bharati Vidyapeeth, a leading university of India. The institute carries out research in wine manufacturing.

Krishna Valley Wine Park of Sangli has been recognized as an Agri-Export Processing Zone by the Indian government.

2. **Food Park**

The park is being planned on a 305 acre (1.2 square kilometer) plot at Mane-Rajuri near Sangli city. Cebeco (India) is the consultant for the project. The location is best suited for processing grapes, turmeric, mangoes, pomegranates, citrus fruits and custard apple.

Common facilities planned are cold-storage, effluent treatment and social infrastructure.
3. **IT Park**

The city now has an Infotech Park with state-of-the-art facilities waiting for Infotech companies to start operations. Sangli Infotech Park has state-of-the-art modern facilities for software companies. The park is located in an attractive locality surrounded by greenery. In Islampur newly software hub is going to be constructed by Jayant Patil the Home Minister of Maharashtra. IT companies like Infosys, Patni, CapGemini, Cognizant and much more domestic small companies are ready to locate and some of them have started their construction in Islampur.

4. **Emerging Wind Power Hub in Asia**

Suzlon, the largest wind power generation company in India has set up a number of electric power generation wind farms in Sangli. Now, Reliance India's largest private sector company is setting up 150 MW wind power project worth 90 Billion Indian rupees in Sangli in partnership with Suzlon. This wind power project will generate 380 million units of electricity per annum and generate employment for thousands of skilled / unskilled youth in Sangli.

With this mega power plant, Sangli finds a place on the global map as a major Power Generation Hub.

3.5 **Notable landmarks:-**


  A well momentum of Sangli is the Ganapati Madir. During our freedom struggle, the premises of this temple were used as meeting place. Lokmanya Tilak amd Mahatma Gandhi has held meeting here. The Rajasaheb of Sangli , Appasaheb Patwardhan has built this temple, stated in 1811 and completed in 1844.

- Dargah of Miraj –

  This dargah was built about 500 years ago. The dargah is called as Khaja Meersaheb dargah and is known for its secularism as people of all faiths and religions visit this
dargah. A music festival is held every year and reformed musicians and singers perform here.

• Haripur –

An ancient temple of Sangmeshwar is found in Haripur at the 'sangam' i.e confluence of Krishna and Warna rivers. The auspicious month of 'Shravan' every Monday thousands of devotees throng the temple.

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