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Area 10,528 sq. km.

Geographical position 18.15 to 19.55 North Latitudes
97.07 to 98.15 East Longitude

Weather Hot and dry

Temperature Maximum – 43.2°C
Minimum – 12.1°C

Rainfall 953.8 mm average

Location and Boundaries of Nanded District

Location:
Nanded district is shown on the map of Maharashtra State. This district lies in the south eastern part of Maharashtra state.

The Nanded district lies between 18.15 to 19.55 North latitudes and 97.07 to 98.15 East longitude. It covers an area of 10,528 sq. km.

Latur and Parbhani district are to the west of Nanded district. Yavatmal and Hingoli district are to the north of the district. The state of Andhra Pradesh lies to the east and Karnataka State to the south.

The district has sub-tropical climate in which the bulk of rainfall is received from the south west monsoon, between June to September. The average annual rainfall of the district ranges between 650 to 960mm. The district often experiences drought with rainfall recording as few as 400 to 450 mm.

The rainy season is followed by winter which last up to February, during which the minimum temperature ranges between 9 to 10°C and maximum temperature ranges between 30 to 32°C. The winter is followed by hot summer which continues upto June. The maximum day temperature ranges between 42 to 43°C, during summer.
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Nanded was formerly a part of Nizam state and after the Marathwada Mukti Sangram became part of India.

The district headquarter at Nanded and well connected to state capital and national capital by broad-gauge railway line. Major towns of the state are also connected by state highways. Nanded district is well known for its Nanded-44 cotton seed producing area. The district is also known for Guru Govind Singh, (Takat) memorial.

Nanded is also connected to Mumbai by airway.

PHYSICAL DIVISIONS

a) The hilly region to the North:

Satmala and Nirmala hill ranges lie in this region. This region includes the major part of Kinwat, Mahur, Hadgaon, Himayatnagar and Bhokar talukas.

B) The hilly region of Balaghat:

Kandhar and Mukhed talukas and the southern part of Deglur Tahsil are included in this region.

RIVERS

Manjra, Manyad, Lendi, Godavari and Penganga are the main rivers of the district.

In Nanded district there are 16 talukas.

Nanded

Nanded is the district and taluka headquarter. Nanded is famous as market place. There is an airport and television relay centre at Nanded. There are many handlooms, power looms and Nanded terrycloth is very famous.

Nanded city is also a place of pilgrimage on the bank of the river Godavari. The Gurudwara built in memory of the 10th Sikh Guru Govindsigh is at Nanded. This Gurudwada is famous.

There is a cotton research centre, S.R.T.M. University is located at Nanded. Vishnupuri dam is biggest lift irrigation schemes on the bank of Godavari river. There is a leprosy home called ‘Nandanvan’ at Nerali near Nanded. There are various industries in CIDCO.
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**Kandhar:**
Kandhar is the taluka headquarters. The Manar dam on the Manyad river is near Kandhar at Varvant. The Pandit Nehru forest park is situated nearby at Shantighat, Bahadarpura. There is an ancient fort. There is also dargah, Lal Kandhari. Cow from Kandhar is famous here.

**Loha:**
This is taluka headquarter. Limboti dam is biggest dam in Loha taluka. Malegaon is famous for Khandoba fair.

**Mahur:**
This is the taluka headquarter. There is a temple of Renukamata. There are also Shri Dattatraya, Anusaya and parshuram temples. Mahur is surrounded by thick forest where wild animals inhabit.

**Biloli:**
This is the taluka headquarters. The chain and bell designs in the carvings of the old mosque at Biloli are worth seeing.

**Deglur:**
This is taluka headquaters at the border of Maharashtra and Andra Pradesh.

**Hadgaon:**
This is taluka headquarters. There is a Dattamandir.

**Kinwat:**
This taluka headquarters on the Mudkhed-Adilabad route is famous for its teakwood. Penganga sanctuary is located here.

**Mukhed:**
This is the taluka headquarters. There is a Dasharatheshwar Mahadev temple here.

**Mudkhed:**
This is taluka headquarters. The training centre for central reserved police force is situated at Mudkhed.

**Naigaon:**
This is taluka headquarter and situated on Nanded-Deglur road.
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Umri:
This is taluka headquarters.

Ardhapur:
This is taluka headquarters. The Keshvraj temple is famous.

Himayatnagar:
This is taluka headquarters there is famous temple of Parmeshwar.

Dharmabad:
This is taluka headquarters. There are old temple build in the Hemadpanti at Hottal, Junni. It is famous for red chilli.

Bhokar:
This is taluka headquarters, Sitakhandi forest isf famous for medicinal plants.