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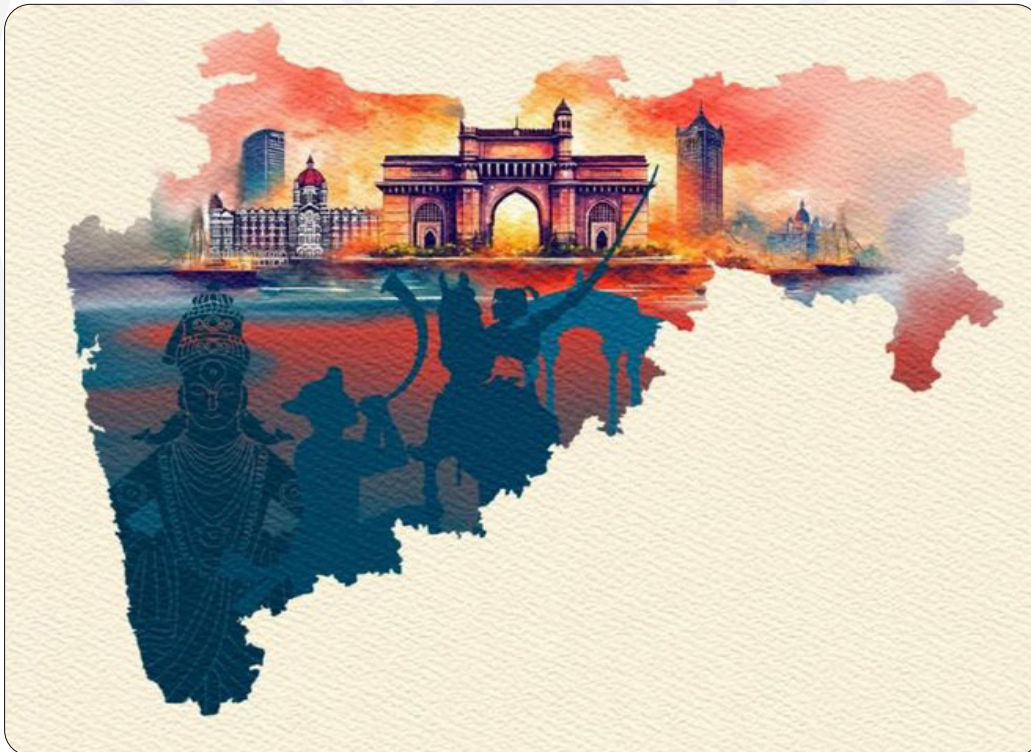


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Maharashtra Geography

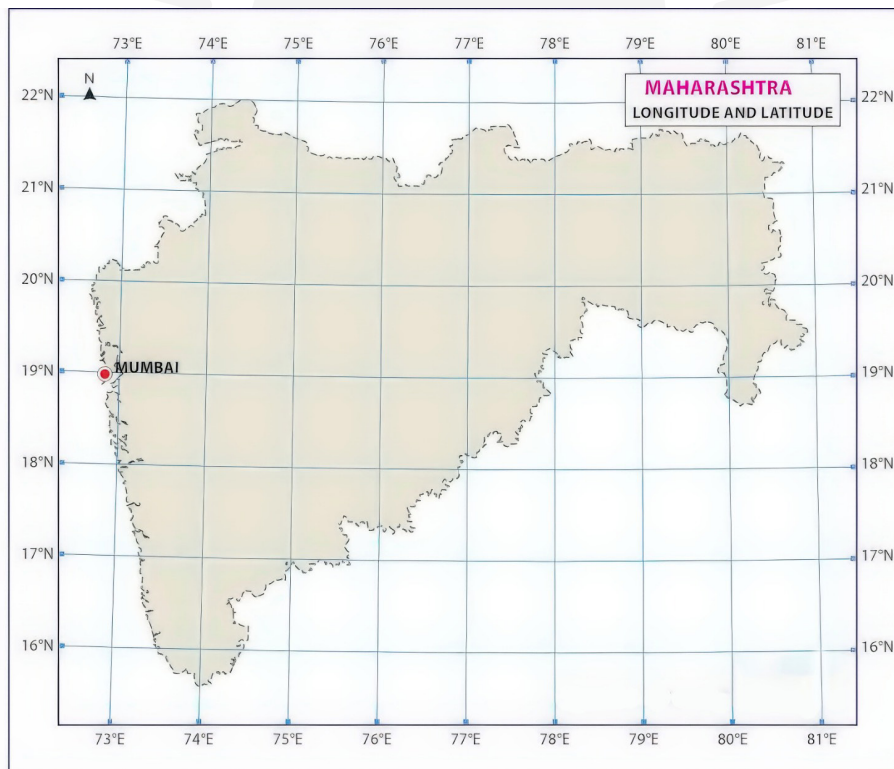
(1) Establishment of Maharashtra

Historical Background & Establishment

- Maharashtra was formed on linguistic grounds, carving out the Marathi-speaking areas from the former Bombay State.
- Bilingual Bombay State Established: 1st Nov, 1956
- Formation of Maharashtra State: 1st May, 1960
- Capital: Mumbai
- Sub Capital: Nagpur
- First Chief Minister: Yashwantrao Chavan
- First Government Minister: Shri. Shriprakash

(2) Geographical Location & Extension

- Latitudinal Expanse - $15^{\circ}44'$ N to $22^{\circ} 6'$ N
- longitudinal Expanse - $72^{\circ} 36'$ E to $80^{\circ} 54'$ E



Extension of Maharashtra

- The state has a roughly rectangular shape with the following dimensions:
- East to West: Stretching 800 km from the Arabian Sea to the borders of Chhattisgarh.

- North to South: Covering 720 km.

Area of Maharashtra (Total Area & National Rank)

- Maharashtra is the third-largest state in India by land area
- Total Area: 307,713 square km
- In hectares - 307.70 Lakh Hectares

Largest state by area in India

- (1) Rajasthan – 3,42,239sq.km
- (2) Madhy Pradesh – 3,08,245sq.km
- (3) Maharashtra - 3,07,713 sq.km
- (4) Uttar Pradesh – 2,40,928 sq.km
- (5) Gujrat – 1,96,024 sq.km

(3) Political Boundaries of Maharashtra

The state shares its borders with 6 neighboring states and 1 Union Territory.

- Northwest: Gujarat and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.
- North: Madhya Pradesh.
- East: Chhattisgarh.
- Southeast: Telangana.
- South: Karnataka and Goa.
- West: Arabian Sea (forming its coastline).
- 20 districts of Maharashtra lie on the boundaries with other states, whereas 16 districts do not lie on the boundaries at all.

Political boundaries districtwise

- Gujarat - (4) Palghar, Nasik, Dhule, Nandurbar.
- Madhya Pradesh - (8): Nandurbar, Dhule, Jalgaon, Buldhana, Amravati, Nagpur, Bhandara, Gondia
- Chhattisgarh (2): Gondia, Gadchiroli.
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- Karnataka (7): Nanded, Latur, Dharashiv, Solapur, Sangali, Kolhapur, Sindhudurg.
- Goa (1): Sindhudurg.

Districts Sharing Boundaries with Two States/Uts

- There are 7 districts in Maharashtra that share their political borders with more than one entity (States or Union Territories):
 - ◆ Palghar : Shares borders with the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and the state of Gujarat.
 - ◆ Nandurbar : Shares borders with Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.
 - ◆ Dhule : Shares borders with Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.
 - ◆ Gondia : Shares borders with Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.
 - ◆ Gadchiroli : Shares borders with Chhattisgarh and Telangana.
 - ◆ Nanded : Shares borders with Telangana and Karnataka.
 - ◆ Sindhudurg : Shares borders with Karnataka and Goa.

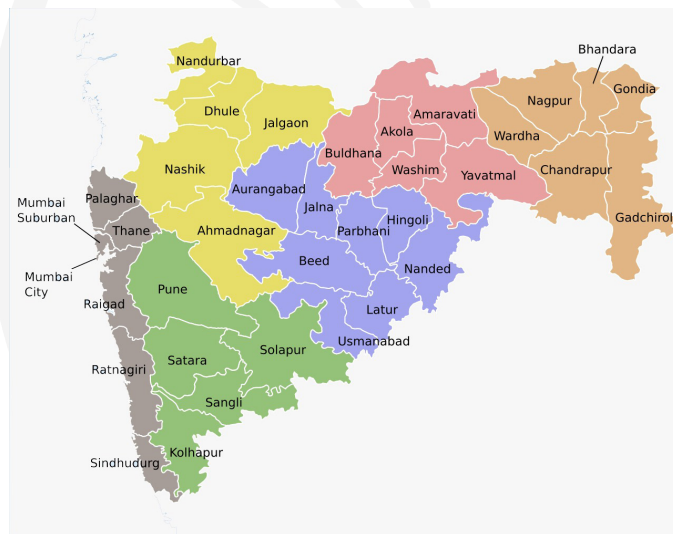
(4) District Establishment Timeline (Bifurcation)

- At the time of Maharashtra's formation (1960) until 1st May 1981, there were 26 districts in the state. Since then, 10 new districts have been created through the bifurcation of existing ones:
 - ◆ 1st May 1981 : Ratnagiri was bifurcated to create Sindhudurg.
 - ◆ 1st May 1981 : Aurangabad was bifurcated to create Jalna.
 - ◆ 16th August 1982 : Osmanabad was bifurcated to create Latur.
 - ◆ 26th August 1982 : Chandrapur was bifurcated to create Gadchiroli.
 - ◆ 4th October 1990 : Mumbai City was bifurcated to create Mumbai Suburban.
 - ◆ 1st July 1998 : Dhule was bifurcated to create Nandurbar.
 - ◆ **1st July 1998 : Akola** was bifurcated to create **Washim**.
 - ◆ **1st May 1999 : Bhandara** was bifurcated to create **Gondia**.
 - ◆ **1st May 1999 : Parbhani** was bifurcated to create **Hingoli**.
 - ◆ **1st August 2014 : Thane** was bifurcated to create **Palghar**

(5) Administrative Divisions: Overview

- At Establishment (1960): The state had 26 districts, 235 talukas, and 4 administrative divisions.
- Currently: The state has expanded to 36 districts, 355 talukas, and 6 administrative divisions..

The six divisions are ranked below based on different metrics:



By Area (Descending Order)

- Ch.Sambhaji Nagar - 64,813 sqkm
- Nashik - 57,413 sqkm
- Pune - 57,275 sqkm
- Nagpur - 51,377 sqkm
- Amaravati - 46,027 sqkm
- Mumbai (konkan) - 30,728 sqkm

By Number of Districts (Descending Order)

- Ch.Sambhaji Nagar - 8
- Mumbai - 7
- Nagpur - 6

- Pune – 5
- Nashik – 5
- Amaravati - 5

By Number of Talukas (Descending Order)

- Ch.Sambhaji Nagar – 76
- Nagpur – 64
- Pune – 58
- Amaravati – 56
- Nashik – 54
- Mumbai – 50

District Area Statistics

- 5 Largest districts by Area
- Ahilyanagar - 17,048 sqkm
- Pune – 15,643 sqkm
- Nashik – 15,530 sqkm
- Solapur – 14,895 sqkm
- Gadchiroli – 14,412 sqkm

5 Smallest districts by Area

- Hingoli – 4,524 sqkm
- Thane – 4,214 sqkm
- Bhandara – 3,896 sqkm
- Mumbai Suburban – 446 sqkm
- Mumbai City – 157 sqkm

Maharashtra Districts: Area-wise Ranking (Full List)

Rank	District	Area (sq. km)
1	Ahmednagar(Ahilyanagr)	17,048
2	Pune	15,643
3	Nashik	15,530
4	Solapur	14,895
5	Gadchiroli	14,412
6	Yavatmal	13,582
7	Chandrapur	11,443
8	Beed	10,693
9	Nanded	10,528
10	Nagpur	9,892
11	Aurangabad (Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar)	9,518
12	Jalgaon	9,485
13	Satara	8,941

14	Buldhana	8,837
15	Amravati	8,702
16	Sangli	8,572
17	Osmanabad (Dharashiv)	7,569
18	Latur	7,157
19	Kolhapur	7,685
20	Parbhani	6,511
21	Ratnagiri	5,828
22	Jalna	7,718
23	Akola	5,428
24	Dhule	8,063
25	Wardha	6,309
26	Washim	5,155
27	Gondia	5,431
28	Nandurbar	5,035
29	Raigad	7,152
30	Sindhudurg	5,207
31	Bhandara	3,895
32	Thane	4,214
33	Palghar	5,344
34	Hingoli	4,505
35	Mumbai Suburban	446
36	Mumbai City	157

(6) Talukas with Identical Names in Maharashtra

Taluka Name	District 1	District 2
Karjat	Ahmednagar	Raigad
Khed	Pune	Ratnagiri
Malegaon	Nashik	Washim
Ashti	Beed	Wardha
Selu	Parbhani	Wardha
Shirur	Pune	Beed (Shirur Kasar)
Kalam	Osmanabad (Dharashiv)	Yavatmal (Kalamb)
Nandgaon	Nashik	Amravati (Nandgaon Khandeshwar)
Parola	Jalgaon	(Similar sound to Parola)
Karanja	Wardha	Washim

