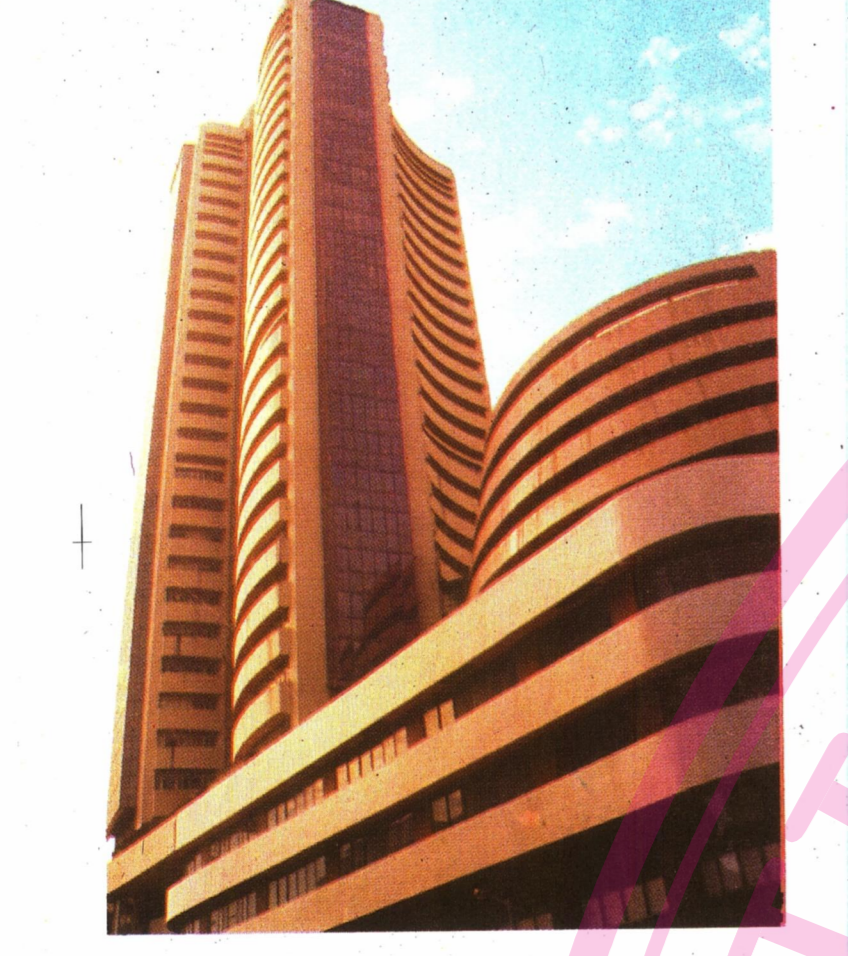


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EVOLUTION OF MAHARASHTRA (West)

MAHARASHTRA means a great nation. It is the third largest state of India both in area and population having an irregular triangular shape bounded by the Arabian sea in the west, Gujarat in the north-west, Madhya Pradesh in the north, Andhra Pradesh in the south-east and Karnataka and Goa in the south.

Climate varies with the change in topography while the coastal belt experiences tropical monsoon, the seasons are more marked in the drier plateau regions.

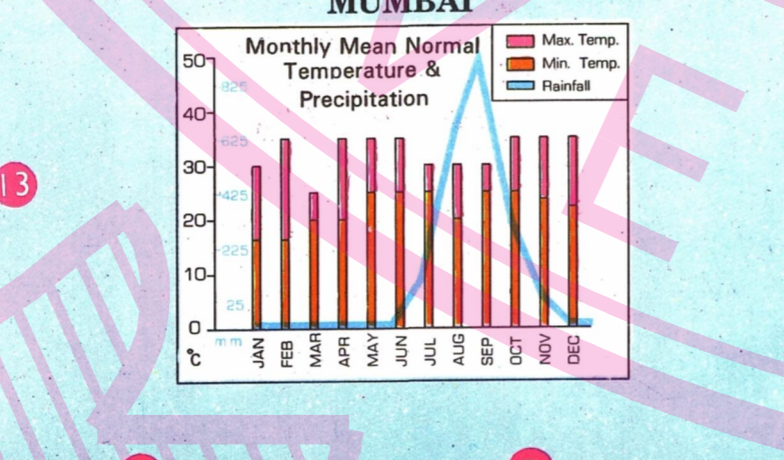
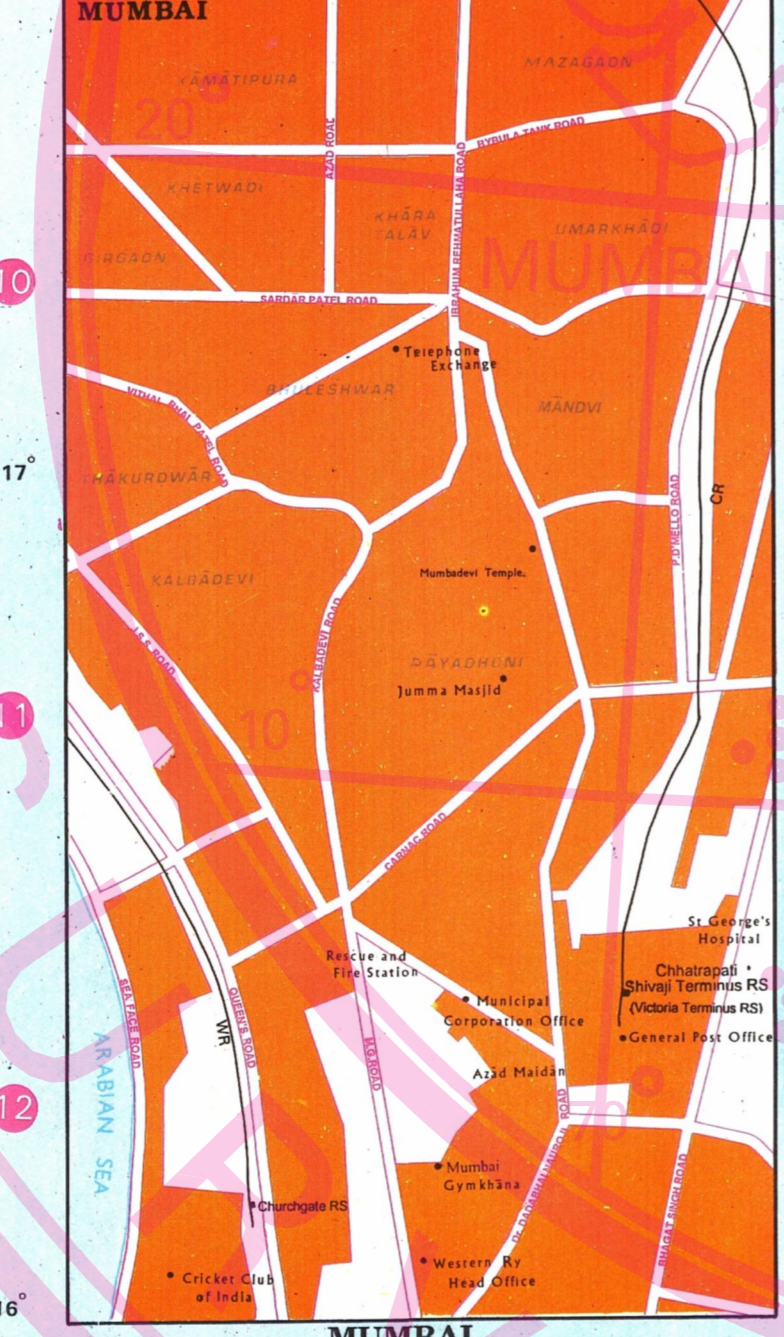
Majority of the population are devout Hindus. The people in rural areas are basically agriculturists and speak mostly Marathi and in urban areas it is multi-lingual.

HISTORICALLY the territory was part of Mauryan empire (321 B.C. - 184 A.D.). The Satavahans (230 B.C. - 230 A.D.) are considered the first ruling dynasty of the region. A number of Hindu dynasties ruled the region for over 1200 years, the last being the Yadavs. Khljis, Bahamanis and Moghuls ruled the region during 14th to 17th centuries. With the rise of CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI in the 17th century, Maharashtra entered a new phase in history. Shivaji welded Marathas into a powerful nation. Maratha empire under the Peshwas extended to Gwalior in the north to Tanjore in the south. Marathas ultimately yielded to British power in 1818. MAHARAJA LAXMIBAI of JHANSI fought bravely the British in 1857.

MAHARASHTRA was part of earthenware Bombay state until 1960, when under the States Re-organisation Act, two separate states, Maharashtra and Gujarat were formed.

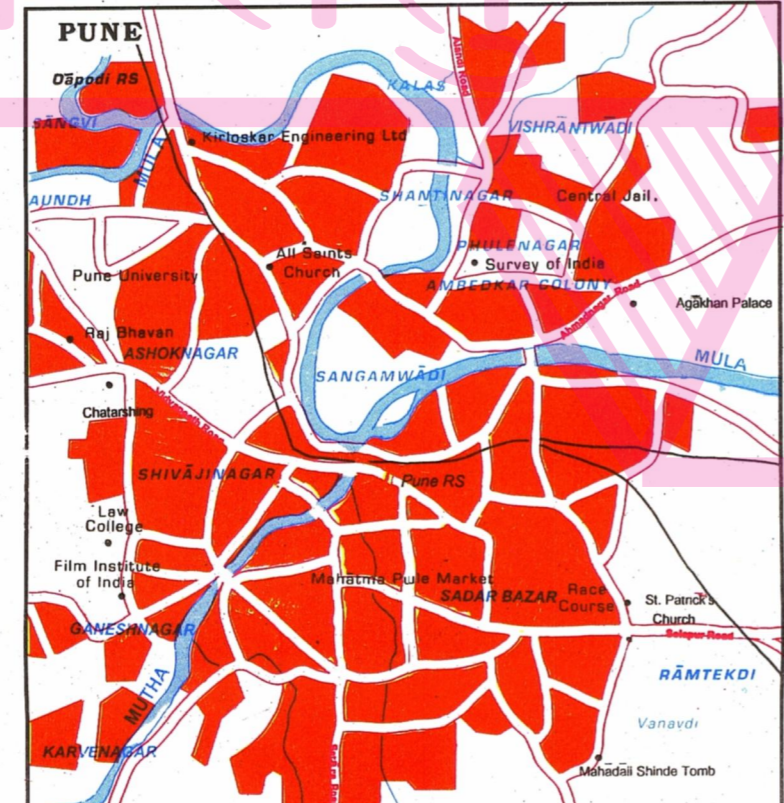
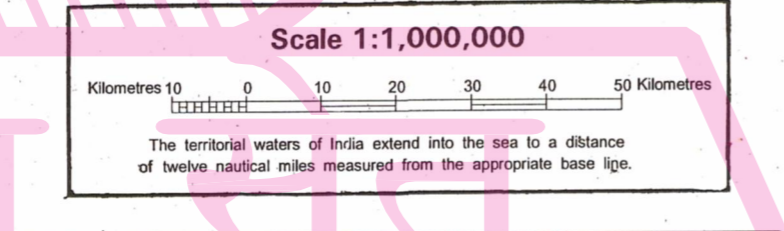
WESTERN part of Maharashtra, with its 720 km long coastal strip, overlooks the Arabian sea. The Sahyadris (Western Ghats), running almost parallel to the sea coast, flank the Konkan on its east. To the east of Sahyadris stretches a vast plateau.

Prominent places for industrial entrepreneurs and tourist attraction under western Maharashtra are - **MUMBAI** : the capital, international trade centre; Bombay stock Exchange and headquarters of many national, inter-national and multi-national companies; large number of reputed textile mills; international airport and harbour; Elephanta caves; Juhu Beach; Kanheri caves; Keshavnagar National Park; Amarant (a Chalukyan temple); Khandala and Lonavala ghats with charming scenic beauty and health resorts; Kamala Bird Sanctuary & Fort, Vajreshwar Hot Springs; AKOLA for hot springs; **PUNE** : 'Queen of Deccan' surrounded by hills with pleasant climate, famous Buddhist caves at Bedra and Bhaja important city after Mumbai with a number of industries; **NASHIK** : legend has it that Surpanakha, sister of Ravana, lost her nose ('nakha') in Lord Rama; **SOLAPUR** : Vitthoba temple at Pandharpur; **RATNAGIRI** : an excellent sea side resort with winding creeks and dense groves of palm trees; **AHMADNAGAR**, Shirdi, where the mystic Saint Sitaibha lived (207 km from Pune); **SATARA** : Mahabaleshwar hill station; Shivaji's 'Jai Bhavini' sword and the 'Bagbnakh' (tiger claws); **AURANGABAD** : Ajanta and Ellora caves with exquisite paintings and sculptures depicting various incarnations of Buddha, besides other subjects; forts and Jain temples; 'Bibi-ka-Makbara' at Daulatabad is a monument similar to 'Taj Mahal' at Agra and is an interesting tourist place.



POPULATION
Census - 1991

City	Population (Lakhs)
AHMADNAGAR	1.5
AURANGABAD	2.5
BID	0.5
DHULE	1.2
GR MUMBAI	10.0
JALGAON	1.8
JALNA	1.0
KOLHAPUR	1.5
LATOR	0.8
NASHIK	2.0
PARBHANI	1.0
PUNE	5.0
RATNAGIRI	1.2
SANGLI	1.0
SATARA	1.0
SINDHURDURG	0.5
SOLAPUR	1.5
THANE	1.5
USMANABAD	1.0



DISTANCES IN KILOMETRES

	AHMEDNAGAR	AMRAVATI	AURANGABAD	BHANDARA	BID	BILAS	BULDHANA	BURHANPUR	CHANDRAPUR	DONDIA	JALGAON	JALNA	MUMBAI	NAGPUR	NANDED	NEZADABAD	PARBHANI	PUNE	RATNAGIRI	SOLAPUR	USMANABAD	WARDHA	YAVATMAL		
AHMEDNAGAR	278	205	90	484	244	338	242	308	216	557	581	284	384	127	426	341	432	416	208	183	428	198	432	432	
AMRAVATI	205	278	177	267	154	485	281	538	107	96	577	585	488	291	111	80	581	101	582	103	210	519	681	157	
AURANGABAD	90	177	278	195	249	270	485	306	584	107	435	159	249	277	647	188	542	481	516	526	342	408	316	697	
BHANDARA	484	267	249	484	405	583	278	413	118	208	183	428	198	432	432	144	314	421	381	524	795	911	384	214	
BID	338	485	306	584	278	413	118	208	183	428	198	432	432	144	314	421	381	524	795	911	384	214	184	424	
BILAS	557	581	584	107	435	159	249	270	485	306	584	107	435	159	249	270	485	306	584	107	435	159	249	270	
BULDHANA	581	284	384	127	426	341	432	416	208	183	428	198	432	432	144	314	421	381	524	795	911	384	214	184	
BURHANPUR	308	216	557	581	584	107	426	341	432	416	208	183	428	198	432	144	314	421	381	524	795	911	384	214	
CHANDRAPUR	557	581	584	107	426	341	432	416	208	183	428	198	432	432	144	314	421	381	524	795	911	384	214	184	
DONDIA	384	127	426	341	432	416	208	183	428	198	432	432	144	314	421	381	524	795	911	384	214	184	424	208	
JALGAON	127	426	341	432	416	208	183	428	198	432	432	144	314	421	381	524	795	911	384	214	184	424	208	184	
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MUMBAI	127	426	341	432	416	208	183	428	198	432	432	144	314	421	381	524	795	911	384	214	184	424	208	184	
NAGPUR	557	581	584	107	426	341	432	416	208	183	428	198	432	432	144	314	421	381	524	795	911	384	214	184	
NANDED	216	111	80	581	101	582	103	210	519	681	157	931	514	679	340	922	730	586	503	533	987	1024	437	400	400
NEZADABAD	184	214	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424
PARBHANI	214	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208
PUNE	432	432	144	314	421	381	524	795	911	384	214	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424
RATNAGIRI	432	432	144	314	421	381	524	795	911	384	214	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424	208	184	424
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