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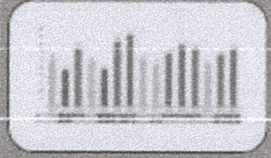
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**Geographical study of demographic factors in Gadchiroli district - 2001 to 2011**

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**Abstract: -**

Gadchiroli district, east of the state of Maharashtra, was formed from Chandrapur district on 26 August 1982. Gadchiroli district is mainly known as a tribal and Naxalite district. Gadchiroli district has the highest forest cover and mineral reserves in the state of Maharashtra. The total geographical area of the Gadchiroli district is 14412 square kilometres. Which male population is 5413 28, female population is 531614. In 2011, The literacy rate is 70.60 per cent, the sex ratio is 982 and the population density is 74.44. Compared to Maharashtra, it is important to study the demographic factors like sex ratio, literacy rate & population density etc. in the Gadchiroli district.

**Keyword: -** Geographical area, Total Population, Literacy rate, Sex ratio & Population density.

**Introduction: -**

Gadchiroli district was created on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1982 by bifurcating the Chandrapur district. Gadchiroli is the part of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. In ancient times Gadchiroli region was ruled by Rashtrakutas, the Chalukyas, the Yadvas of Deogiri and later the Gonds of Gadchiroli. Paddy is the main agricultural produce in this district. Seven languages are spoken in the district ie, Marathi, Gondi, Madia, Hindi, Bengali, Telugu and Chhattisgadi. The district is distributed in 12 talukas.

The district is categorized as a Tribal and undeveloped district and most of the land is covered with forest and hills. Gadchiroli district is abundant in natural beauty located in the eastern region of Maharashtra. Forests cover more than 75.96% of the geographical area of the district including the main hilly region like Aheri, Bhamragarh, Tipagarh, Palasgarh, Khobramendha and Surajagarh. Vainganga, Pranhita, Indravati and Godavari these four-river flow across the border of the Gadchiroli district. In the Gadchiroli district, the temperature in summer is usually recorded 45<sup>o</sup> cg. And in autumn the rain is recorded 1400 -1500 mm.

While the area of the District accounts for 4.68 % of the total area of the State, the District population constitutes 0.95 % of the total population of the State. The density of the population is 74.44 persons per Sq. km. Among the 35 Districts of the State, the District ranks 5th in terms of area, 34th in terms of population and 35th in terms of density.

As per the 2011 Census, the District has a total population of 1,072,942 with 9,54,909 in rural and 1,18,033 in urban., 86.4 per cent of the District population are Hindus and Buddhists constitute about 7.7 per cent. The remaining population consists of Muslims (2 per cent), Christian (0.4 per cent) and Sikhs (0.1 per cent). The sex ratio in the District has remained higher than that of the State from 1901 to the 2011 Census. The sex ratio at the State level declined by 45 points and at the District by 41 points during the last 110 years.

**Study Area: -**

Gadchiroli district came into existence and separated from Chandrapur district on 26 Aug 1982. A Geographically Gadchiroli district is Located in the south-east of Maharashtra state, Gondia and Bhandara Locate in the north of the district, Chhattisgarh locates in the east while Andhra Pradesh in south Chandrapur district located in the west, Gadchiroli district is situated between 18<sup>o</sup> 35' and 20<sup>o</sup> 52' north latitudes and 79<sup>o</sup> 45' and 80<sup>o</sup> 58' east longitudes. The district occupies an area of 14412 sq. km. Wainganga is the major river of the district which flow from the west direction and it is the boundary line of the district.

This district is generally considered a rural, tribal and Naxalite district. The road Tran's potation in Gadchiroli district is efficient. From 12 Talukas of Gadchiroli district, most of the tourist places are present in rural part. These places are historical fort pilgrim centre, places of natural beauties, sanctuaries but till they are not developed.

**Objective: -**

1. To study Gadchiroli district in terms of geographical area and population ratio as compared to Maharashtra.
2. To study the sex ratio, literacy rate and population density in Gadchiroli district as compared to Maharashtra.
3. To study the comparative position of demographic factors in the Gadchiroli district from the 2001 and 2011 census.



  
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