

KEY STATISTICS OF SOLAPUR DISTRICT

Area: 14,895 sq. km. Population: 3,224,034

Literacy: 47.06%. Density of population: 216 per sq. km.

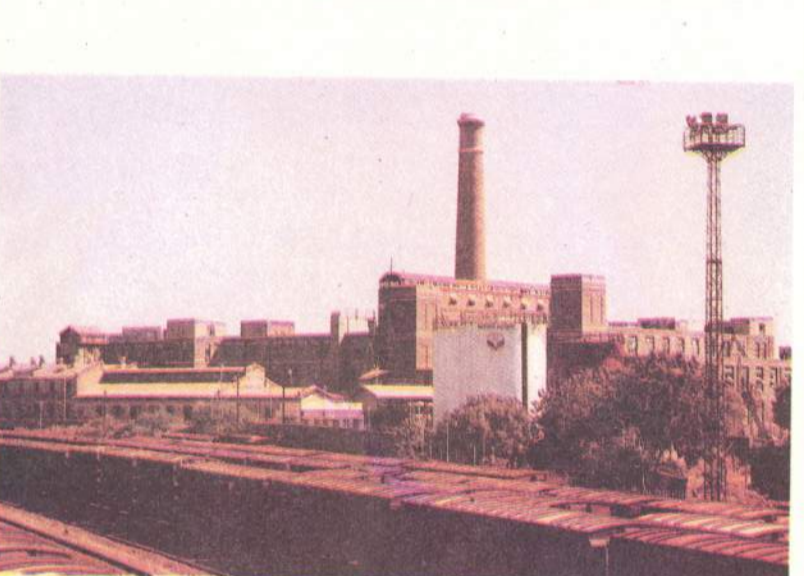
Main language spoken: Marathi

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The basic objective of this 'Map Series' is to provide users and planners with topographic and thematic information related to a district.

The district Solapur is known after its headquarters town. 'Solapur' is believed to be derived from two words 'Sola' meaning sixteen and 'Pur' meaning village. Solapur the gateway city between Krishna and Bhima valleys, is a city of migrants with multi lingual population. The ruins of huge fort originally built by Adil Shahi Sultans of Bijapur, is a silent witness to number of wars and change of power amongst several rulers. It was surrendered by Peshwa Bajirao II to the British General Munro in 1818. After the reorganisation of states in 1956, this region was included in the then Bombay State and become an integral part of Maharashtra State during 1960. The Siddheshwar temple of 12th century with a lake surrounding it is a cultural land mark. The famous Hemadpanti temples amongst others, in the district like Vishal-Rukmini Mandir at Pandharpur, Shiv Mandir at Machhad, Ardhanari Nateshwar Mandir at Velapur, are noted for their sculptures and carvings. Bustard Birds and Deer at Nimrai is famous tourists place near Solapur city. The well known freedom fighter Dr. Dwarakanath Kotnis hailed from Solapur.

The climate of this district is characterised by general dryness during major part of the year with temperature ranging from 13°C to 40°C with an annual rainfall of about 750 mm.

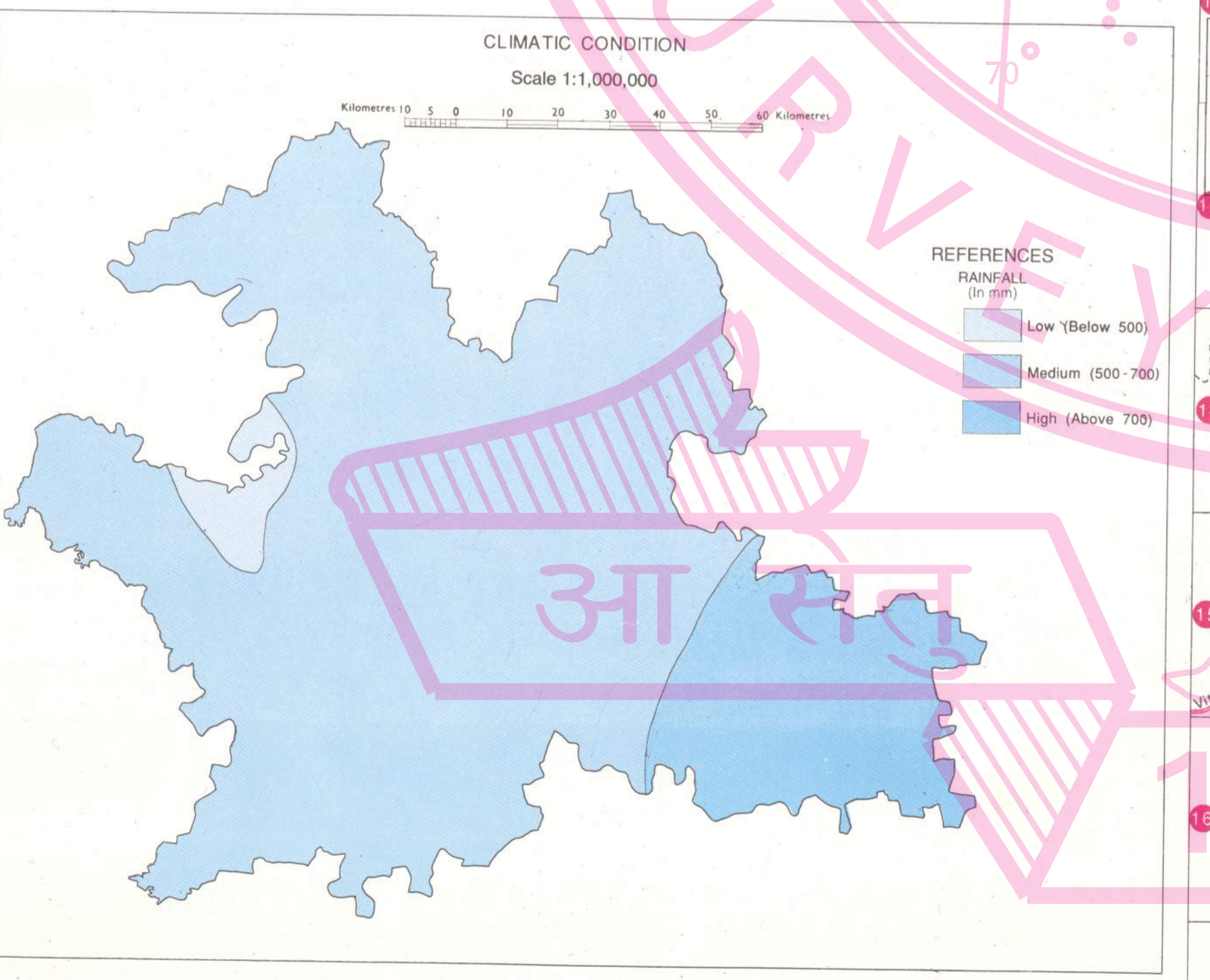
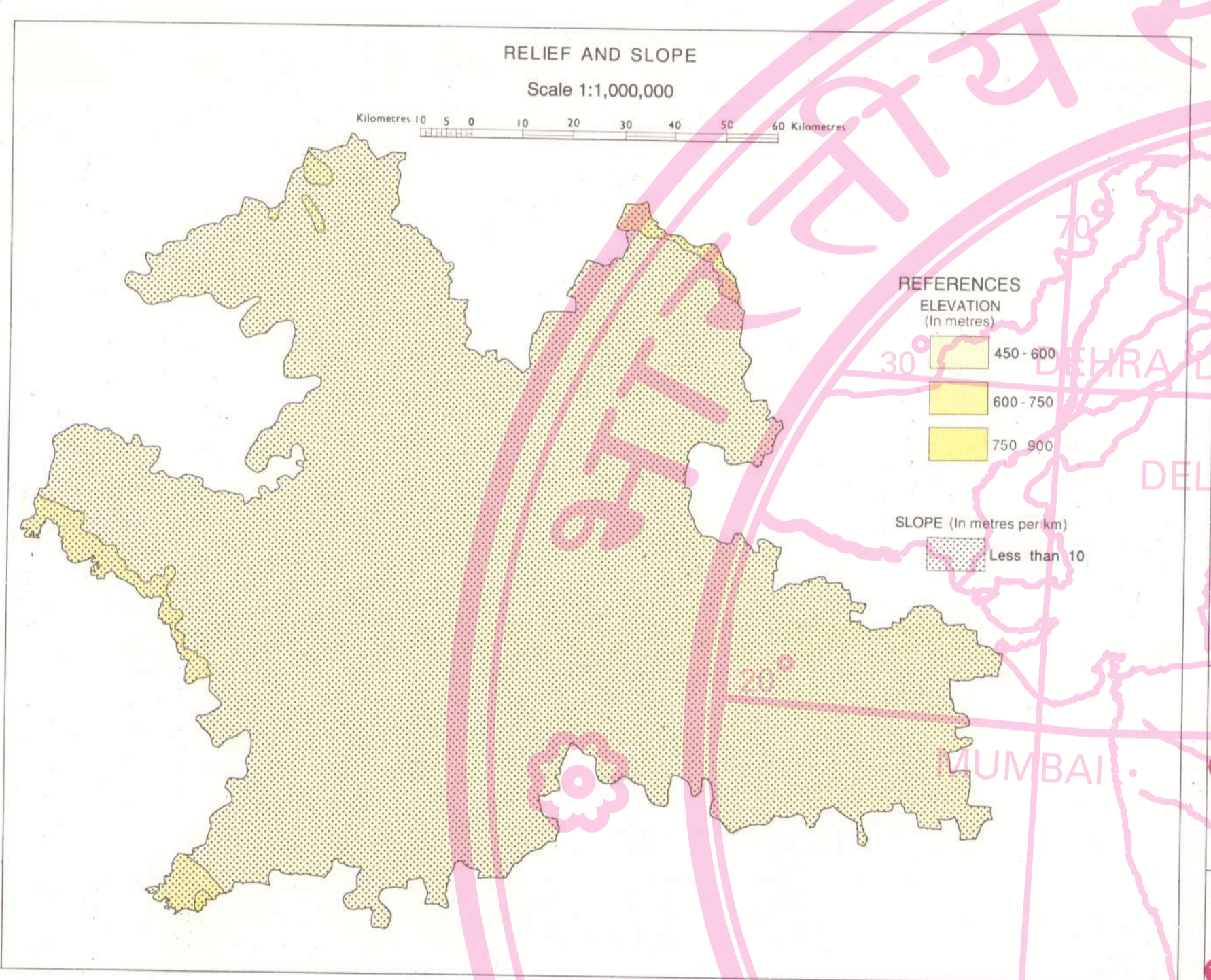
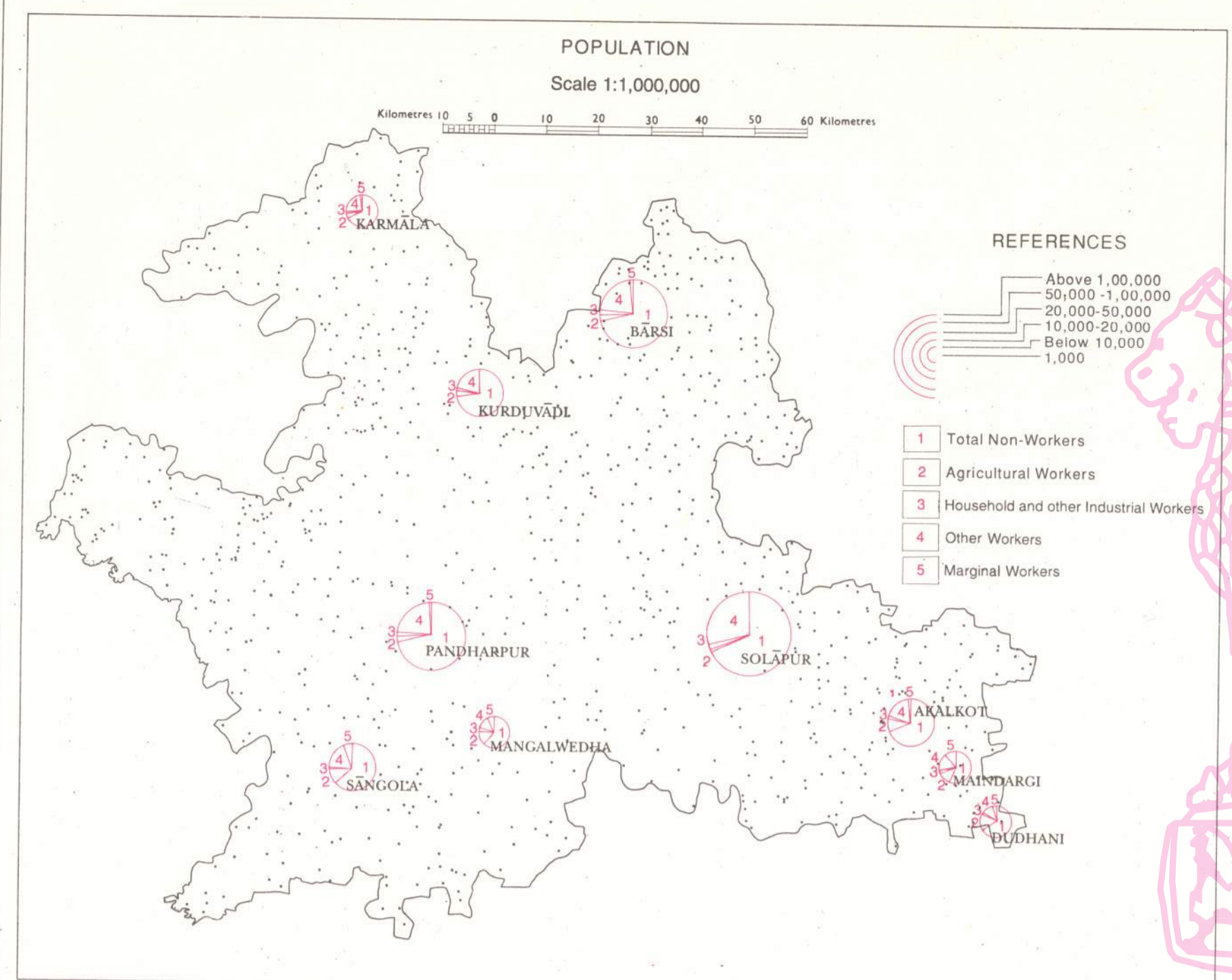
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The lands are fertile and well irrigated. Jowar, Bajra Maize, Wheat, Groundnut, Sugarcane and Pulses are the main crops.

Today SOLAPUR can boast of vast growth in textile industry, and Medical and Engineering Colleges, Hospitals etc. which have been established in the district.

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- REFERENCES**
- Boundary: state, district
 - tahsil or taluk; forest
 - Roads, metalled: according to importance, distance stone
 - unmetalled: according to importance, bridge
 - Cart-track: Pack-track and pass. Foot-path with bridge
 - Bridges: with piers; without. Causeway. Ford or Ferry
 - Railways: broad gauge, double, single line with station
 - other gauges; do. single line with distance stone
 - Telegraph line. Cutting with tunnel
 - Streams with track in bed Canal
 - Dams: masonry or rock-filled, earthwork, weir
 - River banks: shelving, steep, 3 to 6 metres, over 6 metres
 - dry with water channel; with island & rocks
 - Well Tube Well, Spring, Tanks: perennial, dry
 - Embankments: road or rail; tank. Broken ground
 - Settlements: Urban Rural. Huts Fort
 - Temple Chhatra Church Mosque Tdgah Tomb Grave
 - Post office Telegraph office Post & Telegraph office
 - Bungalows: dsk or travellers; inspection, rest-house
 - Hospital: Dispensary Veterinary Hospital Police station
 - For forest reserved; protected Places of tourists interest



Sources: Survey of India Maps, other Government Agencies.

