

FICCI – Maharashtra State Council

Maharashtra is the second largest state in India both in terms of population and geographical area (3.08 lakh sq. km.). The State has a population of 11.24 crore (Census 2011), which is 9.3 per cent of the total population of India. The State is highly urbanised with 45.2 percent people residing in urban areas.

Mumbai, the capital of Maharashtra and the financial capital of India, houses the headquarters of most of the major corporate & financial institutions. India's main stock exchanges & capital market and commodity exchanges are located in Mumbai.

The gross state domestic product (GSDP) at current prices for 2011-12 is estimated at 11,99,548 crore and contributes about 14.4 per cent of the GDP. The GSDP has been growing at a rapid pace over the last few years. Presently industrial and services sector both together contribute about 87.1 per cent of the State's income. The agriculture & allied activities sector contributes 12.9 per cent to the State's income.

The State has 226.1 lakh hectares of land under cultivation and area under forest is 52.1 lakh hectares. Numbers of irrigation projects are being implemented to improve irrigation. A watershed mission has been launched to ensure that soil and water conservation measures are implemented speedily in the unirrigated area.

Maharashtra is the most industrialised State and has maintained leading position in the industrial sector in India. The State is pioneer in Small Scale industries. The State continues to attract industrial investments from both, domestic as well as foreign institutions. It has become a leading automobile production hub and a major IT growth centre. It boasts of the largest number of special export promotion zones.

The State has sizable contribution in sports, arts, literature and social services. The world famous film industry, popularly called "Bollywood" is located in Mumbai, a capital city of the State. All the above make Maharashtra a great place to live in.