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A geographical analysis of disparity levels in religious population in Khandesh region

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Abstract

Religion in Khandesh is characterized by the diversity of religious beliefs and practices. Khandesh possesses six of the India's major religions; namely Hindu, Islam, Buddhism, Jainism, Christianity, and Sikhism. According to the 2011 census, Hinduism has the principal religion in the Khandesh Region at Jalgaon (81.74%), Dhule (89.01%) and Nandurbar (92.31%). According to the 2011 census, Muslims Religion has the second number religion in the Jalgaon (13.25%), Dhule (9.16%) and Nandurbar (5.84%). According to the 2011 census, Christians Religion has low population the Jalgaon (3.4%), Dhule (0.65%) and Nandurbar (0.51%). According to the 2011 census, Jain Religion has low population the Jalgaon (0.49%), Dhule (0.26%) and Nandurbar (0.38%). According to the 2011 census, Sikh Religion has very low population the Jalgaon (0.07%), Dhule (0.04%) and Nandurbar (0.04%). The main point of the study of this research paper in Khandesh section is that some people have not stated their religion.

Keywords: Khandesh, religion, Hindu, Islam, Buddhism, Jainism, Christianity, Sikhism

Introduction

Religion is the most important point attribute of cultural geography. Social, cultural and economic development in qualities of population mostly affected by the religion. The spatial distribution of religious communities is not uniform throughout the Khandesh. Many geographical factors affect the distributional in pattern of religious. The concentration of religious communities in particular area or region also leads to communal riots whereas religious communities living in combination and association enhance the feeling of peace and communal harmony. Religion is an important in social factor affecting distribution of growth in population of any region. Religion returns in Indian census provide a wonderful kaleidoscope of the country's rich social composition, as many religions have originated in the country and few religions of foreign origin have also flourished here. India has the distinction of being the land from where important religions namely Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Jainism have originated at the same time the country is home to several indigenous faiths tribal religions which have survived the influence of major religions for centuries and are holding the ground firmly Regional co-existence of diverse religious groups in the country makes it really unique and the epithet unity in diversity is brought out clearly in the Indian Census.

Religion is a set of organized beliefs, practices, and systems that most often relate to belief and worship of a controlling force such as a personal god or another supernatural being. While this is a basic definition, there are many different understandings of what religion is and not all religions are centred on a belief in a god, gods, or supernatural forces. There are an estimated 10,000 distinct religions worldwide. About 84% of the world's population is affiliated with Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, or some form of folk religion. The religiously unaffiliated demographic includes those who do not identify with any particular religion, atheists, and agnostics. While the religiously unaffiliated have grown globally, many of the religiously unaffiliated still have various religious beliefs. Religions in Khandesh, sometimes also termed Dharmic religions or Khandesh religions, are the religions that originated in the Khandesh Region.

These religions, which include in Khandesh, Jainism, Buddhism, and Sikhism, are also classified as three district in Khandesh religions. Although Indian religions are connected through the history of Khandesh, they constitute a wide range of religious communities, and are not confined to the Khandesh subcontinent. Khandesh Region in India Religion has history influenced society on a political, cultural and economic level. There is a sense of pride associated with the country's rich religious history as the traditions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Jainism all emerged out of India. Moreover, while a majority of people in Khandesh identify as Hindu.

Some of the types of religions include but are certainly not limited to: Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Jainism, Judaism, Confucianism Indigenous American religions, Shinto, Sikhism, Taoism, Traditional African religions, Zoroastrianism, Rastafarianism, etc.

Research Methodology

The data for the present study was collected by secondary sources i.e. census of India 2011. The data were processed, tabulated and compiled and represented by cartographic

methods. The sources of religions related books, journals, research paper, web sides etc.

Objective

To study the disparity in Religious Population in Khandesh Region.

Study Area

The study region lies in the north western corner of the Deccan plateau located between 20°15'30"N to 22°03'00"N latitudes and 73°47'00"E to 76°16'00"E longitudes and is bound to the north by the Satpura Ranges, to the south by the hills of Ajanta and to the west by the northern most ranges of the Western Ghats. The study region comprises three districts, viz. Nandurbar, Dhule and Jalgaon. The district Nandurbar consists of six talukas named Akrani, Akkalkuwa, Taloda, Shahada, Navapur and Nandurbar. Dhule district has 4 talukas Shirpur, Shindkheda, Sakri and Dhule, while Jalgaon district comprises 15 talukas Chopda, Yawal, Raver, Amalner, Dharangaon, Jalgaon, Bhusawal, Muktainagar, Parola, Erandol, Bodwad, Bhadgaon, Chalisgaon, Pachora and Jamner.

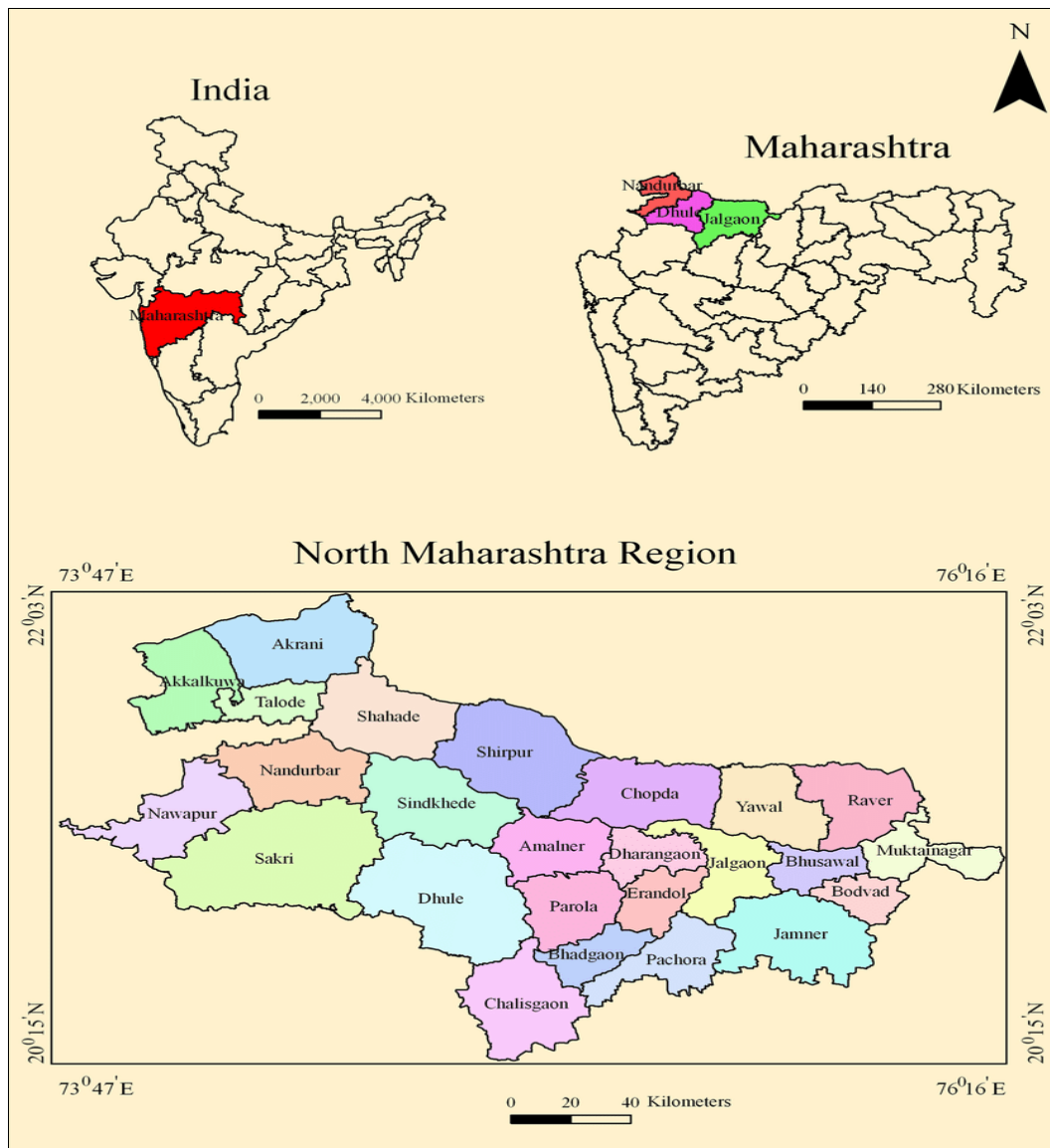


Table 1: District wise religion population in Khandesh region (census: 2011)

Sr. No.	Religion	Jalgaon Religion Population		Dhule Religion Population		Nandurbar Religion Population	
		Population	Percentage	Population	Percentage	Population	Percentage
1.	Total	4229917	100%	2050862	100%	1648295	100%
2.	Hindu	3457615	81.74%	1825460	89.01%	1521618	92.31%
3.	Muslim	560261	13.25%	187901	9.16%	96182	5.84%
4.	Christian	143865	3.4%	13405	0.65%	8467	0.51%
5.	Jain	20928	0.49%	5291	0.26%	6191	0.38%
6.	Buddhist	9662	0.23%	3653	0.18%	4969	0.3%
7.	Sikh	3091	0.07%	912	0.04%	685	0.04%
8.	Religion not stated	27404	0.65%	12818	0.63%	7276	0.44%
9.	Other religions and persuasions	7091	0.17%	1422	0.07%	2907	0.18%

Distribution of religious population in Khandesh region

Table No 1 exhibits the location Quotient of religious communities in the Jalgaon, Dhule and Nandurbar of Khandesh. The districts wise religious Population in Khandesh Region concentrated of religious different population also varies in 2011. Out of Khandesh 3 districts has higher share of Hindu Communities than their share in total population while it Jalgaon, Dhule and Nandurbar districts has lower share of Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, Jain and Sikh population than their share in total population. Hindu religion population in Jalgaon, Dhule and Nandurbar districts on the Khandesh compeer to other Religion is very high. Jalgaon districts in Khandesh Region has in Hindu population 3457615 (81.74%) than their share in total population. Dhule districts of Khandesh Region has in Hindu population as 1825460 (89.01%) than their share in total population. Nandurbar districts of Khandesh Region has in Hindu population 1521618 (92.31%) than their share in total population. Hindu religion population in Nandurbar districts is very high on the compeer to Jalgaon and Dhule district. Muslim Community has highest in the district of

Jalgaon (13.25%). But has low in Muslim Community Dhule (9.16%) and Nandurbar (5.84%). The Christian population has significantly high in Jalgaon (3.4%) in comparison to other remaining districts of Khandesh Christian’s population has low concentrated in Dhule (0.65%) and Nandurbar (0.51%). The Jain community has the highest in Jalgaon (0.49%). Jain population has low concentrated in Dhule (0.26%) and Nandurbar (0.38%) districts. The Buddhist community has the highest in Jalgaon (0.23%) while it was the lowest in Dhule (0.18%) and Nandurbar (0.3%) The share of Buddhists has very lower than their total population. Jalgaon (0.07%) district of Khandesh of has high concentration of Sikh population as compared districts of Dhule (0.04%) and Nandurbar (0.04%). Khandesh Region has in Jalgaon 27404 (0.65%), Dhule 12818 (0.63%) and Nandurbar 7276 (0.44%) districts of people Religion not stated. Khandesh Region has in Jalgaon 7091 (0.17%), Dhule 1422 (0.07%) and Nandurbar 2907 (0.18%) districts in people Other religions and persuasions.

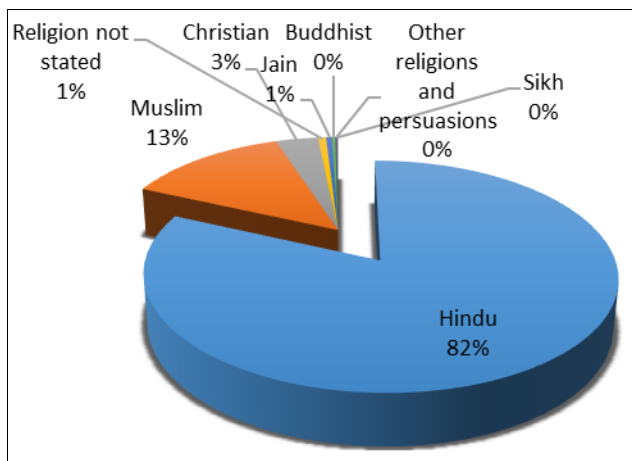


Fig 1: Jalgaon Religion Population 2011

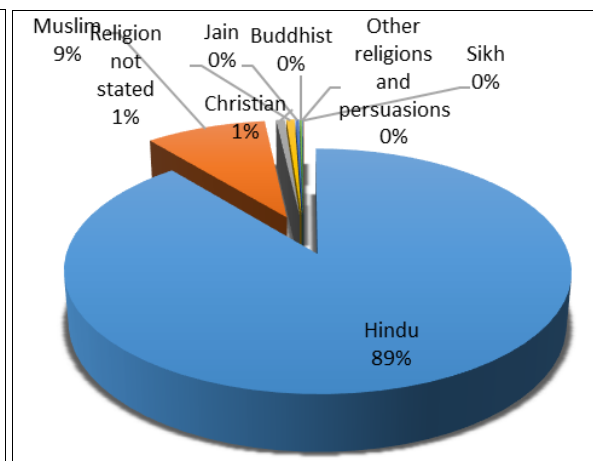


Fig 2: Dhule Religion Population 2011

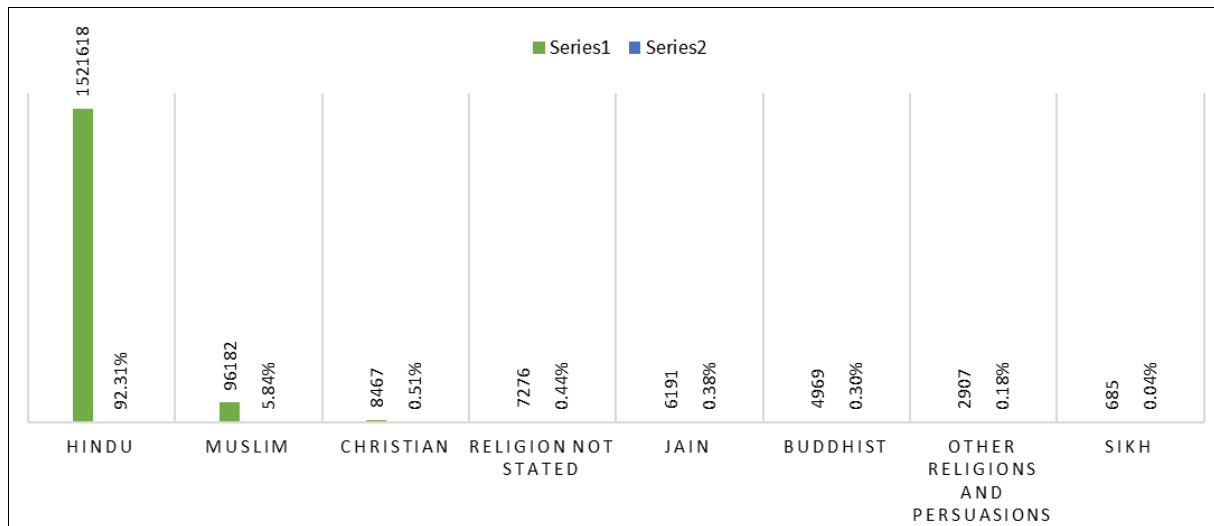


Fig 3: Nandurbar Religion Population 2011

Conclusion

The following conclusions have been drawn from the present study. Khandesh Region has in Nandurbar district 92.31% Hindu population more than Jalgaon and Dhule district. The percent share of Muslim population in Khandesh have highest Jalgaon district (13.25%) in 2011 But compare to Jalgaon district has low in Muslim Community Dhule (9.16%) and Nandurbar (5.84%). The share of Buddhist population in Jalgaon district 0.23% in the year 2011 and in the Dhule 0.18% but compare the Nandurbar district high. In The 2011 Jain, Sikh and Christian low population slightly in religious population of Khandesh region.

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