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TRENDS OF URBAN POPULATION GROWTH IN DHULE DISTRICT (M. S.)



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ABSTRACT:

Present paper throws light on the trends of urban population growth in Dhule district. Urban population growth is vital important to understanding its dynamics as well as for the urban planning. As per the 2011 census total population of the district is 2048781. The decadal urban population growth during last 60 population years is considered for the present study. The study clearly indicates that there is decreasing trend in urban population growth from 1981.

KEYWORDS

Urban, Population growth, Trends, Decade.

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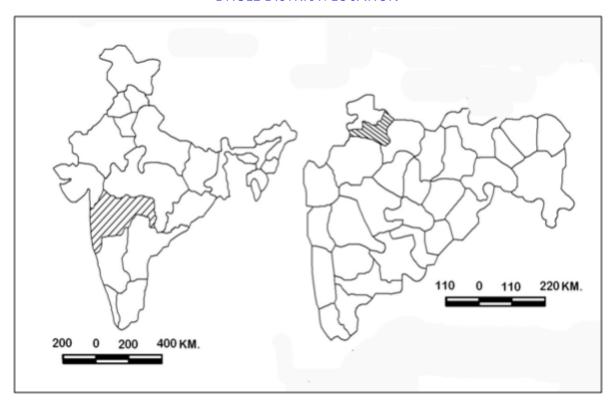
Dhule district is located in the northern part of Maharashtra state. The district has occupied the total area of 8063.11 Sq.Km. The district is located between 20038" North to 21039" North latitudes and 73050" East to 74013" East longitudes. (Fig. No.1) The district has occupied 2.60% of the total area of the state and population was 2048781 as per 2011 census.

The district comprises 679 villages and 4 urban centres. The population of the district is unevenly distributed in four tahsils namely, Dhule, Sakri, Shindkheda and Shirpur. The urban centres are Dhule, Shirpur, Dondaicha and Sakri.

The study region is a part of Tapi Basin and hence, it is completely drained by Tapi and its tributaries. The soil of the district is derived from trap rock. On the basis of depth, texture and colour, soil of the region can broadly be classified into three major types like-

- 1) Deep black cotton soil
- 2) Medium black soil
- 3)Coarse shallow soil

DHULE DISTRICT: LOCATION



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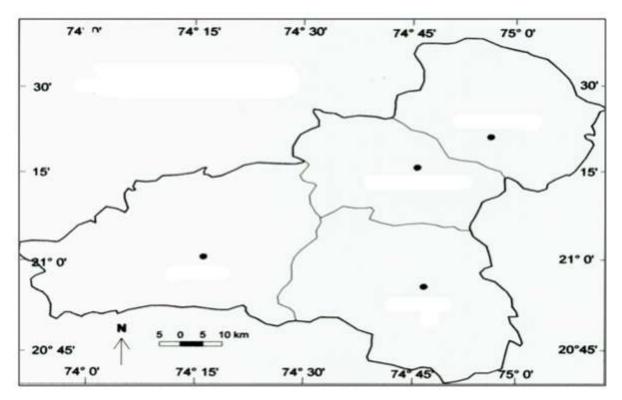


Fig.No.1

OBJECTIVES:

The main objective of the present study is to study trends of urban population growth from 1951 to 2011 of the study region.

DATABASE AND METHODOLOGY:

For the present study data regarding urban population is obtained from secondary sources i.e. Dhule district census handbooks and socio-economic abstract, Research Journals, Reference books and articles and is presented in the form of tables and figures. For the calculation of urban growth the following formula is used.

$$Ar = \frac{p1 - po}{po} \times 100$$

Where, $Ar = The\ growth\ rate$

Po = Population at the earlier decade

p1 = population at the end of period

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Trends of Urban population growth:

Population growth refers to the growth of the human population in the particular area during specific period of time. The growth may be positive or negative. The change in the rate of growth of population can be measured in terms of percentage or in the absolute number. (Ghosh, 1985)

For the present study, the urban growth rate is calculated on each urban centre for every decade. Table No.1 shows the urban population growth from 1951 to 2011 for the urban centres. In the present table growth rate calculated for urban growth in total and percentage.

Table No.1 throws light on the urban population growth of district from 1951 to 2011. As the total growth rate concerns it is 19.09% in 1961, 17.85% in 1971, 47.85% in 1981, 31.60% in 1991, 25.17% but again it is increased in the last decade . There is slight increase of population in the decade , the rate of increase is 2.89%. In 1981 it was tremendously increased, the rate of increase is 30.00%. Fig. No.2 (A) to 2(E) shows the urban population growth of the urban centres.

As the urban centre considered, Dhule urban centre population growth rate is increasing up to 1981 and from 1981 it is continuously decreasing. In Shirpur urban centre initially the growth is negative .From 1971 population increasing up to 2001; in 2011 population growth is decreasing. In Dondaicha urban -38.69 % negative growth is recorded in 1961. From 1971 population constantly increased up to 2001. The urban population growth of the district is considered, there is a up and down in urban population growth fig 2 (E).

Table No.1

Dhule district urban population growth

Sr.	Urban centre		Urban population growth						
No.			1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
01	Dhule	Total	76880	98893	137129	210759	278317	341755	417904
		%	-	28.63	38.66	55.37	32.05	22.79	22.38
02	Shirpur	Total	21832	20846	25746	34013	44246	61694	76905
		%	-	-4.57	23.50	32.10	30.08	39.43	24.65
03	Dondaicha	Total	25410	15578	20185	25890	33641	42436	46767
		%	-	-38.69	29.57	28.26	29.93	26.14	10.20
04	Sakri	Total	ı	-	-	-	ı	-	29460
		%	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
05	District	Total	130409	155317	183060	270662	356204	445885	571036
		%	-	19.09	17.82	47.85	31.60	25.17	28.06

(Source: Census of India 2011, Socio-Economic Abstract-2009-10)

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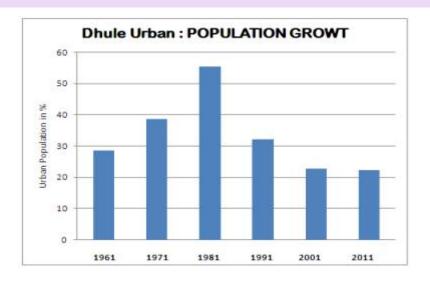


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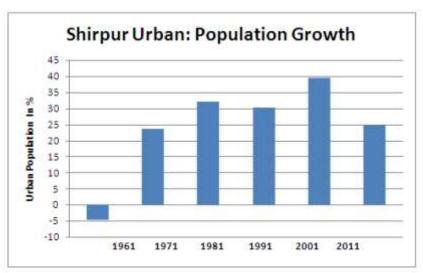


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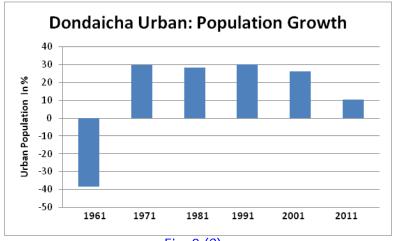


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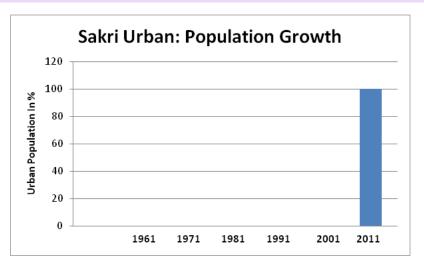


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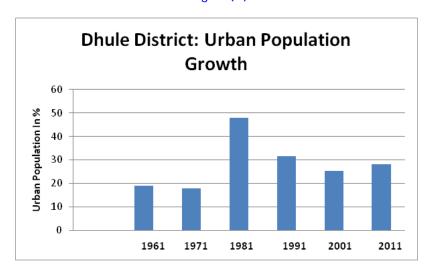


Fig- 2 (E)

In urban growth, district as a whole population growth is decreasing due to the various government policies for population control. The reason behind decreasing population rate in urban is conflicts in urban areas, insecurity, fast life and it reacts vice-versa in decreasing population rate.

CONCLUSION:

It is clearly concluded from the above study that, the urban growth of the population is remarkable. 1981 to 2001 urban population growth is decreasing. 2001 to 2011 population growth is slightly increasing i.e.25.17%, 28.06% respectively. The decadal urban population growth rate was 2.89 %(2001-2011). From 2011 census a new urban centre i.e. sakri is included. Negative population growth is recorded initially in Shirpur and Dondaicha urban centre. District whole as a trends of urban population growth was up and down.

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