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## Khed

Khed is a small but increasingly economically active town in the Ratnagiri district.

This terrain of Khed, which is a land-locked region is hilly, rocky and barren. This however has not stopped the people or the government from planning and making this little place prosperous.

The Union government has given economic clearance to the Khed Special Economic Zone ( KSEZ) project led by the Bharat Forge Limited (BFL). Interestingly this is an achievement considering that environmental clearances for huge projects such as Lavasa have also run into rough weather.

Khed is well located and though not a sea port, has Satara, Chiplun and Daploi on its borders. This has helped make Khed the taluka headquarters. Khed is also a great market place for trade.

### More on the SEZ

The Khed Special Economic Zone is anticipating an investment of Rs.500 crore for a development of 4500 hectares. This development is led by the Khed Economic Infrastructure Private Limited (KEIPL). The Kalyani Group entered into a joint venture with Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) and KEIPL was formed. MIDC has 26% equity in the SEZ.

The location of this SEZ is also seen as an attraction. A mere 40 kms from Pune and dispersed over the Khed and Shirur talukas make this SEZ appealing to investors.

KEIPL has ongoing land acquisitions to complete the development.

The SEZ is geared to attract investors from manufacturing industries related to automobiles, heavy industries , electrical and electronics, plastics, aviations, gems and jewellery, biotechnology and more.

The SEZ is also planned as a part residential zone and is estimated to have 14 lakh people residing here.

All work and no play !

Besides the economic development, Khed is also known for its history. There are forts in the region which are worth visiting. Raslgad Fort, Sumargad Fort, Mahipatgad Fort are well known names. These forts are good to trek upto and can provide amazing views from their summits

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