

Sangli Kolhapur Photo Journey

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The first thing that strikes you as you enter this fertile land is lush green farms like the one below.



You are tempted to conclude that this is all predominantly agricultural country. But, then, you see massive, modern buildings right across the road, like the one shown below. This is an engineering college! It carries the impressive name “Sanjay Ghodawat Institute of Engineering and Management”!



Of course, this is all impressive and the progress is nice to see. But, not everyone has benefited from the progress. A lot of people still live in run-down houses like the one below.



Water is available on tap to everyone living in flats and bungalows. But, some villagers still have to carry drinking water in the old-fashioned way! This old lady below graciously agreed to pose for the photo!



The roads in villages are no better than those in cities. Actually, they may in fact be a little better because you can feel the mother earth if you walk bare-feet.



Of course, I am longing to see symbols of rural India like these buffalos! These farm animals don't notice any progress around them and they continue chewing on grass as slowly and philosophically as ever!



All in all, it was a wonderful trip for me. Friends, relatives, food, and fresh air!