Kirloskarwadi

Kirloskarwadi is an industrial township in the district of <u>Sangli</u>, in <u>Maharashtra</u>state, <u>India</u>. Kirloskarwadi is the birthplace of Kirloskar Industries, where <u>Laxmanrao</u><u>Kirloskar</u> started his factory in <u>1910</u>, called Kirloskar Brothers Limited. The ruler of the <u>Aundh</u> Sansthan (one of the many <u>Indian Princely States</u> under the British rule in India before independence), donated this piece of land to Laxmanrao Kirloskar.

Laxmanrao Kirloskar was a very enterprising person. He had read about "industrial townships" in Europe and America where the owners of industries had built communities for the employees. His dream was to build his own industry and community for his employees. The culmination of his dream is the town of Kirloskarwadi.

Kirloskarwadi is an industrial township based around the Kirloskar Brothers factory. Its residential area is scenic, with well-planned roads, buildings, and abundant greenery. The township has a high school (Kirloskar High School) and a junior college. Its library, started by donations from the residents, has a good collection of Marathi, Hindi, and English books as well as periodicals.

Kirloskarwadi has excellent sports facilities, including a cricket club, tennis courts, golf course, and swimming pool. It has a market place and grocery store, and a well-equipped hospital. The township also has its own post office and post code.

Kirloskarwadi is surrounded by mostly agricultural land. Palus, Kundal, and Ramanandnagar are the nearest towns. The Kirloskarwadi railway station is on the Pune–Kolhapur railway line, and is the nearest railway station for nearby towns such as Palus, Kundal, Ramanandnagar, and Burli.