



Maharashtra

- * **Capital:** Mumbai
- * **Language:** Marathi
- * **Size:** 3,07,713 sq km
- * **Population:** 11,23,74,333
- * **Sex Ratio:** 929F/1000M
- * **Literacy:** 82.34%
- * **Density:** 365 per sq km
- * **Rivers:** Godavari, Penganga, Bhima, Varna, Parvara, Mula
- * **Major crops:** Paddy, Wheat, Sugarcane, Oranges
- * **Minerals:** Salt, Manganese, Iron ore, Coal
- * **Highest Peak:** Kalsubai (1646m)
- * **Forests and reserved forest:** Pench, Tadoba, Nagzir, Nawegoan, Devlagaon, Gugamal
- * **Fairs and festivals:** Gudi Padwa, Makar Sankranti and Ratha Saptami, Ganesh festival, Nariyal Purnima, Pola, Vat Purnima, Elephanta festival, Naga Panchami
- * **Theatre form:** Tamasha
- * **Major dance and music forms:** Vasudev dance, Lavni folk dance, Dhangari Gaja, Tutari
- * **Arts and crafts:** Kolhapuri Chappals, Bidri work, Silver art crafts, People of the Warli tribe create ritualistic paintings on cowdung-plastered walls, Paithani sarees, Mashru and Himroo fabrics
- * **Museum:** Coin Museum, Nasik; Shahaji Chhatrapati Museum, Kolhapur; Prince of Wales Museum, Mumbai, National Maritime Museum, Mumbai
- * **Cuisine:** Thalipeeth, Shrikhand, VadaPao, Modak, MisalPao
- * **State animal:** Giant Squirrel
- * **State bird:** Green imperial pigeon
- * **State flower:** Jarul
- * **State tree:** Mango
- * **Tourist attractions:** Gateway of India, Murud-Janjira fort, Elephanta Island, Aurangabad Caves

Factoids:

- * Gharapuri, just outside Mumbai, has seven beautiful rock-cut caves carved between the 6th and 7th centuries AD.
- * Kolis were among the first residents of the archipelago or arc of seven islands that later became Mumbai.

