



Odisha

- * **Capital:** Bhubaneswar
- * **Language:** Oriya
- * **Size:** 1,55,707 sq km
- * **Population:** 4,19,47,358
- * **Sex Ratio:** 979F/1000M
- * **Literacy:** 72.87%
- * **Density:** 270 per sq km
- * **Rivers:** Mahandi, Baitarani, Bahuda, Nagabali, Rushikulya, Brahmani, Tel, Pushkulyam Sabari, Subarnarekha
- * **Major crops:** Paddy, Wheat, Ragi, Maize
- * **Minerals:** Bauxite, Coal, Iron ore, Limestone
- * **Highest Peak:** Deomali (1672m)
- * **Forests and reserved forest:** Chilka lake, Bird sanctuary, Samlupal, Bhitarkanika, Chandaka
- * **Fairs and festivals:** Rathayatra, Dol Jatra, Patua Jatra, Chandak Puja, Konark dance festival, Balijatra
- * **Theatre form:** Pala, Chhau
- * **Major dance and music forms:** Odissi chitrapada, Dhrubapada, Panchal
- * **Arts and crafts:** Pattachitras or palm leaf ganjifa cards, intricate combs made using bamboo, lac and fabric, Sambalpuri double ikat, Tarakasi
- * **Museum:** Odisha State Museum, Bhubaneswar
- * **Cuisine:** Chhenapoda, Khirmohan, Rasabali, Rasgulla
- * **State animal:** Sambar
- * **State bird:** Blue Jay
- * **State flower:** Ashok
- * **State tree:** Ashwatha or Peepal
- * **Tourist attractions:** Sun Temple, Konark, Puri, Taptapani

Factoids:

- * The 33 sandstone caves on the Udaygiri and Khandagiri hills in Bhubaneswar were carved under King Kharavela.
- * Odisha has 62 tribes including the Santhals, Savaras, Juangs, Gonds, Bonda tribe etc.
- * The Chandipur beach is a hide and seek beach of Odisha that appears and disappears with every high and low tide to approximately 5 kms.

