



Himachal Pradesh

- * **Capital:** Shimla
- * **Date of formation:** January 25, 1971
- * **Languages:** Hindi, Punjabi, Kinnauri, Pahari
- * **Size:** 55,673 sq km
- * **Population:** 68,64,602
- * **Sex Ratio:** 972F/1000M
- * **Literacy:** 82.80%
- * **Density:** 123 per sq km
- * **Rivers:** Ravi, Beas, Chenab, Sutlej, Yamuna
- * **Major crops:** Wheat, Rice, Maize, Barley
- * **Minerals:** Magnesite, Salt, Silica, Gypsum
- * **Highest Peak:** Reo Pargyl (6816m)
- * **Forests and reserved forest:** Pin Valley, Greater Himalayas, Renuka, Chail, Kalatope Khajjiar
- * **Fairs and festivals:** Pori, Fulaich, Kullu Dussehra, Dham
- * **Theatre form:** Banthra
- * **Major dance and music forms:** Mala dance, Rakshas Dance
- * **Arts and crafts:** Pahari painting in Basohli and Kangra styles; Kullu shawls and woollen caps; the Chamba Rumal has Kangra style paintings embroidered on cloth
- * **Museum:** Himachal Pradesh State Museum, Shimla
- * **Cuisine:** Madra, Pateer, Chouck, Bhagjery
- * **State animal:** Snow Leopard
- * **State bird:** Western Tragopan
- * **State flower:** Pink Rhododendron
- * **State tree:** Deodar
- * **Tourist attractions:** Kalka-Shimla railway, Kulu, Manali, Dharamsala, Rohtang pass, Rashtrapati Niwas, Tsuglagkhand Complex, Kufri

Factoids:

- * The world's oldest democracy is believed to be a tiny, isolated village called Malana.
- * Shimla was the summer capital of British India.

