



## Madhya Pradesh

- \* **Capital:** Bhopal
- \* **Languages:** Hindi
- \* **Size:** 3,08,000 sq km
- \* **Population:** 7,25,98,000
- \* **Sex Ratio:** 931F/1000M
- \* **Literacy:** 70.6%
- \* **Density:** 236 per sq km
- \* **Rivers:** Narmada, Kali Sindh, Tapti, Betwa, Sone, Chambal, Shipra, Tava
- \* **Major crops:** Rice, Wheat, Soybeans, Spices, Jowar, Paddy, Goarse Millets, Pulses
- \* **Minerals:** Limestone, Diamond, Copper, Clay
- \* **Highest Peak:** Dhupgarh (1350m)
- \* **Forests and reserved forest:** Bandhavgarh, National Park of Kanha, Pench, Indrawati Tiger Reserve, Kheoni, Panna, Satpura, Madhav, Van Vihar, Shivpuri
- \* **Fairs and festivals:** Simhastha, Aalami Tableegi Ijtima, Ramlila, Pir Budhan, Nagoji, Chandi Devi, Lokrang festival, Gana-Gour, Ganga, Dashami, Hareli, Khajuraho festival, Bhagoria Haat festival, Madai festival
- \* **Theatre form:** Maach
- \* **Major dance and music forms:** Matki, Gangaur, Badhai, Baredi, Hairaj, Naurata, Bhagoria, Mauria dance, Relo songs
- \* **Arts and crafts:** Wall paintings or bhittichitras, Chippas or handblock printers, Battubai dolls, Chanderi
- \* **Museum:** Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal
- \* **Cuisine:** Bhuttekakakes, Lapsi, Bafla, Bhopali Kebab
- \* **State animal:** Swamp Deer
- \* **State bird:** Paradise fly-catcher
- \* **State Flower:** Parrot Tree (Palash)
- \* **State Tree:** Banyan
- \* **Tourist attractions:** Sanchi Stupa, Gwalior fort, Orchha fort, Khajuraho, Ujjain, Bhera Ghat, Marble Rocks, Mandu, Chachai falls, Patalkot, Bhimbet Ka, Pachmarhi, Tajul Masjid

### Factoids:

- \* Bhumbetka caves or rock shelters near Bhopal are a world Heritage site. The site spread over 10 kms has more than 200 rock shelters which have over 400 paintings from the Palaeolithic period.
- \* One half of Bhawani Mandi station on the Mumbai-Delhi railway line lies in Madhya Pradesh and the other half lies in Rajasthan.
- \* Pench and Kanha forests in the Satpura ranges, and Bandhavgarh in the Vindhyas, are all tiger reserves.

