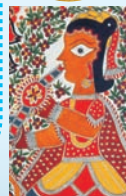




Bihar



- * **Capital:** Patna
- * **Date of formation:** January 26, 1950
- * **Languages:** Hindu, Urdu, Santhali
- * **Size:** 94,163 sq km
- * **Population:** 10,38,04,637
- * **Sex Ratio:** 916 F/1000 M
- * **Literacy:** 63.82%
- * **Density:** 1,102 per sq km
- * **Rivers:** Ganga, Gandak, Bagmati, Kamla Balan, Mahananda, Sone, Pun-pun, Saryu, Panar, Saura, Kosi
- * **Major crops:** Paddy, Wheat, Maize
- * **Minerals:** Crude Mica, Thorium, Steatite, Pyrites, Quartzite, Limestone
- * **Highest Peak:** Someshwar Fort (880m)
- * **Forests and reserved forest:** Valmiki, Rajgir, Bhimbandh, Gautam Buddha, Udayapur
- * **Fairs and festivals:** Chatth Puja, Makar Sankranti, Sama-Chakeva, Bihula, Ram Navami
- * **Theatre form:** Chhau
- * **Major dance and music forms:** Jat-Jatin dance of the Mithila region, Bidesia, the songs of Vidyapati, Chau Tribal dances
- * **Arts and crafts:** Madhubani painting; making baskets, toys dolls etc. with the 'sikki' grass growing in the marshes of Madhubani. Sujini/Kantha embroidery is a specialization of Bihar
- * **Museum:** Patna Archaeological Museum, Patna
- * **Cuisine:** Littichokha, Khubikalai, Anarasa, Tilkut
- * **State animal:** Gaur
- * **State bird:** Indian Roller
- * **State flower:** Kachnar
- * **State tree:** Peepal
- * **Tourist attractions:** Rajgir, Nalanda, Vaishali, Pawpuri, Bodh Gaya, Vikramshila, Gaya, the ancient city of Patliputra



Factoids:

- * Buddha attained enlightenment at Bodh Gaya under the Peepal or Bodhi tree.
- * Nalanda University, a seat of Buddhist learning, was founded around the 5th century AD.

