



Uttar Pradesh

- ❁ **Capital:** Lucknow
- ❁ **Date of formation:** January 26, 1950
- ❁ **Languages:** Hindi, Urdu
- ❁ **Size:** 2,40,928 sq km
- ❁ **Population:** 19,95,81,477
- ❁ **Sex Ratio:** 908F/1000M
- ❁ **Literacy:** 69.72%
- ❁ **Density:** 828 per sq km
- ❁ **Rivers:** Ganga, Yamuna, Gomti, Ghagra, Ram Ganga, Betwa, Ken
- ❁ **Major crops:** Wheat, Rice, Pulses, Paddy, Barley, Urad (Black gram), Moong (Green Gram), Millet, Sugarcane, Mustard, Guavas, Litchi, Mangoes
- ❁ **Minerals:** Coal, Dolomite, Lime-stone, Gypsum, Bauxite
- ❁ **Highest Peak:** Amsot Peak (957m)
- ❁ **Forests and reserved forest:** Dudhwa
- ❁ **Fairs and festivals:** Naag Panchami, Rama Navami, Karvachauth, Annakoot, Sheetla Ashtami, Eid, Kumbh Mela, Lath mar holi, Diwali, Moharram, Dusehra
- ❁ **Theatre form:** Nautanki, Rasleela
- ❁ **Major dance and music forms:** Raai, Dhobia, Kathak, Lucknow and Benares gharanas of music, Charkula, Karma, Pandev, Pai-Danda, Tharu
- ❁ **Arts and crafts:** Chikankari or shadow work embroidery, Benarasi brocades
- ❁ **Museum:** Sarnath Museum, Sarnath, Government Archaeological Museum, Kanuaj
- ❁ **Cuisine:** Shami Kebab, Awadh Biryani, Aloo Kachori, Moong Dal Halwa
- ❁ **State animal:** Swamp Deer
- ❁ **State bird:** Sarus crane
- ❁ **State flower:** Palash
- ❁ **State tree:** Ashok Tree
- ❁ **Tourist attractions:** Taj Mahal, Sangam, Varanasi, Mathura

Factoids:

- ❁ The ancient Dhamek Stupa Marks the spot where Buddha gave his first sermon in Sarnath.
- ❁ Mughal emperor Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal for his dead wife Mumtaz Mahal; the tomb took 22 years to build.

