







Major Points about Himachal Pradesh -Know Your States in PDF for SSC, Bank Exams

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The name 'Himachal' was coined from Sanskrit *him* means 'snow' and *achal* means 'mountain', by Acharya Diwakar Datt Sharma, one of the state's most eminent Sanskrit scholars. A lesser-known fact is that Himachal Pradesh, which is famous for its natural beauty, hill stations, and temples produces **surplus** *hydroelectricity* and **sells it to states like Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, etc.** Let's read more about Himachal Pradesh and its **diverse and beautiful Himalayan** *landscapes* that attract tourists from all over the world.

Himachal Pradesh	
Capital &	- Shimla (Summers) & Dharamsala (Winters)
Imp Cities	- Shimla, Kullu, Mandi and Hamirpur.
	- After India's independence in 1947, there
	was a demand in some quarters for the merger
	of Hill state with east Punjab but it met with
	opposition from the rulers and people.
	- In what is Himachal Pradesh today, Praja
Date of	Mandal workers and rulers had different
Formation	opinions about the future of these hilly
	states. They decided to inform Govt. of
	India to form a union of these small
	hill states with name 'Himachal Pradesh'.
	- As a result, Himachal Pradesh came
	into being as part 'C' State of the











	Indian Union on 15th April, 1948
	by merger together of 31 big & small hill states.
	- Himachal Pradesh was conferred
	statehood on 25th January 1971.
Districts	12
Languages	- Hindi (Official Language) &
	English (Additional official language)
	- Pahari, Dogri, Mandeali, Kangri and Kinnauri.
	Fruit bowl of the country,
Vnown og/for	All Seasons' State & Apple State
Known as/for	All houses have a toilet & 100% hygiene
	has been achieved in the state. Also,
Physical characteristics	Entirely hilly region Himachal Pradesh can be divided into 3 distinct regions: - Shivalik or Outer Himalayas - Middle Himalayas or Inner Himalayas - Greater Himalayas or the Alpine zone The state lies on foothills of Dhauladhar range. The climate varies from hot & subhumid tropical to cold & glacial. While Dharamsala receives heavy rainfall, Lahaul-Spiti gets less rainfall.
Natural Vegetation	 Forest cover = 66.52% High diversity of Medicinal & Aromatic plants The state government is gearing up to make Himachal Pradesh the flower basket of the world. Has around 463 birds, 77 mammalian, 44 reptile and 80 fish species.

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	- 30 wildlife sanctuaries & 3 conservation reserves.
	- Alpine to the north-east gradually
	transforms to dry temperate grasslands
	through moist temperate while
	moving to the southwest
	- Satluj flows from Rakas Tal near
	Manasarovar Lake to the Chenab
	- Ravi flowing from Bhandal &
	Tantgiri glaciers in Chamba in
	Himachal Pradesh to the Indus.
	- Beas flowing from Vyas Kund
	at Rohtang Pass to the Sutlej
Major rivers	- Chenab flowing from Bara Lacha
	pass to the Sutlej
	- Yamuna flows from Kalinda Parbat
	in Uttarakhand to the Ganga
	(Triveni Sangam – the Ganga,
	Yamuna & the invisible Saraswati
	river at Allahabad)
	Halda, Lohri, Baisakhi,
Major Regional	Himachal Winter carnival,
festivals	Kullu Dussehra, Phulaich,
	Lossar, Gotsi, Sairi, Faguli
	- Schools of painting : Kangra,
Major art forms	Chamba, Basohli, Garhwal, Thangka
	- Dance: Kayang Mala dance,
1011115	Demon or Rakshasa Dance, Shan,

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	Dalshone and Cholamba,
	Keekali, Kullu Natti dance
Industry	- Over 93% of the population in
	Himachal depends directly upon
	agriculture, which provides direct
	employment to 71% of its people.
	- Electronics, toys, etc.
Minerals	Rock salt, limestone, gypsum,
	silica-sand, and baryte
	- Wheat, rice, maize, barley,
	apples, plums, olives, figs.
	- Apple (major cash crop) \rightarrow
Agriculture (&	avg. annual production - 5 lakh tonnes \rightarrow
_	constitute 49% of total area under fruit crops
Apples of Himachal!)	and 85% of total fruit production in the state
of fillinacitat.)	with an estimated economy of ₹3500 crore
	and per hectare production of 8 to 10 tonnes.
	- Apples from Himachal are also exported
	to Indian states and other countruies.
Geographical	Kullu shawl, Kangra Tea,
indications	Chamba Rumal, Kinnauri Shawl
State animal	Snow leopard
State bird	Western tragopan (Jujurana)
State flower	Common rhododendron
Important	Ruined fort and rock inscription in Kangra,
Important historical sites	Bhim-ka-Tila in: Buddhist Stupa in Kangra,
	Katoch Palace in Hamirpur,

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	Phoo Gumpha in Tabo,
	Vice Regal Lodge in Shimla
	Great Himalayan National Park,
World heritage	Kalka-Shimla Railway under
sites	Mountain Railways of India
Ramsar sites	Chandra Taal, Pong Dam Lake, Renuka Lake
Biodiversity	
hotspots	
Endemic bird	Western Himalaya
areas	Western Innaaya
Bird	Gamgul Siahbehi Sanctuary
sanctuaries	Ganigui Sianbeni Sanctuary
	- Great Himalayan National Park
Nati <mark>onal park</mark> s	- Pin Valley National Park,
	Inderkilla National Park,
	Khirganga National Park,
	Simbalbara National Park
	Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve:
Biosphere	Pin Valley National Park
Reserve	and surroundings, Chandra Taal,
	Sarchu & Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary
	Bandli WLS, Chail WLS
	Chandratal WLS, Churdhar WLS
Wildlife	Daranghati WLS, Dhauladhar WLS
Sanctuaries	Gamgul Siyabehi WLS, Kais WLS
	Kalatop-Khajjiar WLS, Kanawar WLS
	Khokhan WLS, Kibber WLS

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	Kugti WLS, Lippa Asrang WLS
	Majathal WLS, Manali WLS
	Nargu WLS, Pong Dam Lake WLS
	Renuka WLS, Rupi Bhaba WLS
	Sangla Valley (Rakchham Chitkul) WLS
	Sech Tuan Nala WLS
	Sainj WLS, Shikari Devi WLS
	Shimla Water Catchment WLS
	Talra WLS, Tirthan WLS, Tundah WLS
Tiger reserve	

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