



Haryana

- * **Capital:** Chandigarh
- * **Date of formation:** November 1, 1966
- * **Languages:** Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Haryanvi
- * **Size:** 44,212 sq km
- * **Population:** 2,53,51,462
- * **Sex Ratio:** 877F/1000M
- * **Literacy:** 76.6%
- * **Density:** 573 per sq km
- * **Rivers:** Yamuna, Ghaggar
- * **Major crops:** Sugarcane, Groundnut, Paddy, Maize, Wheat, Oilseeds
- * **Minerals:** Quartz, Sulphur, Kaolin, Feldspar
- * **Highest Peak:** Karoh Peak (1499m)
- * **Forests and reserved forest:** Sultanpur, Kalesar, Simbalawara
- * **Fairs and festivals:** Gugga Naumi, Lohri, Basant Panchmi, Surajkund International Crafts Mela, Geetajayanti festival, Gangore
- * **Theatre form:** Swang
- * **Major dance and music forms:** Sarangi/Rasleela, Phag Dance
- * **Arts and crafts:** Shoes called Tilla or kauri juttis are made from buffalo and goat hide; Panja dhurries
- * **Museum:** Museum of Folk and Tribal Art, Gurgaon, Sri Krishna Museum
- * **Cuisine:** Kachri Subzi, Cholia, Bajra Khichri, Bathuaraita, Singri ki subzi
- * **State animal:** Blackbuck
- * **State bird:** Black Francolin
- * **State flower:** Lotus
- * **State tree:** Peepal
- * **Tourist attractions:** Star Monument, Rock Gardens, Hot springs at Gurgaon

Factoids:

- * Many invaders like the Huns and Alexander's army swept through Haryana.
- * Gugga Naumi is a festival that is observed by both Hindus and Muslims. It honours Gugga Pir who could cure snake bites.
- * Thanesar, the capital of Harshavardhana is in Haryana.

