



## Goa

- \* **Capital:** Panaji
- \* **Date of formation:** May 30, 1987
- \* **Languages:** Konkani, Marathi
- \* **Size:** 3,702 sq km
- \* **Population:** 14,58,545
- \* **Sex Ratio:** 973F/1000M
- \* **Literacy:** 80.00 %
- \* **Density:** 364 per sq km
- \* **Rivers:** Mandovi, Betul, Tiracol, Zuari, Chapora, Talpona
- \* **Major crops:** Paddy, Ragi, Maize, Cashew
- \* **Minerals:** Iron ore, Manganese, Bauxite, Basalt, Silica sand, Ferro-Manganese
- \* **Highest Peak:** Sonsogor (1166 m)
- \* **Forests and reserved forest:** Bondla, Morlem, Dr Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary, Cotigao, Bhagwan Mahavir
- \* **Fairs and festivals:** Carnival, Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Shigmotsav, Ganesh Chaturthi, Christmas
- \* **Theatre form:** Dashavatar
- \* **Major dance and music forms:** Shigmo dance, Manddo, Durpod
- \* **Arts and crafts:** Terracotta or baked clay figurines, utensils etc, crochet tablecloths, curtains, covers, handkerchiefs, cane and bamboo dish traps, mats, baskets
- \* **Museum:** Christian Art Museum
- \* **Cuisine:** Bebinca, Vindaloo, Xacuti, Humann, Kalputi
- \* **State animal:** Gaur
- \* **State bird:** Black-crested bulbul
- \* **State tree:** Asna
- \* **Tourist attractions:** Anjuna, Arambol, Basilica of Bom Jesus, Se Cathedral

### Factoids:

- \* The Basilica of Bom Jesus holds the tomb of St. Francis Xavier.
- \* Goa, Daman and Diu were liberated in 1961 from the Portuguese and officially became a part of India in 1962.



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