



Punjab

- * **Capital:** Chandigarh
- * **Language:** Punjabi
- * **Size:** 50,362 sq km
- * **Population:** 2,77,04,236
- * **Sex Ratio:** 895F/1000M
- * **Literacy:** 76.70%
- * **Density:** 550 per sq km
- * **Rivers:** Beas, Sutlej, Ravi, Chenab, Jhelum
- * **Major crops:** Wheat, Barley, Rice, Maize, Sugarcane
- * **Minerals:** Limestone, Bauxite, Iron Ore
- * **Highest Peak:** Naina Devi range (1000m)
- * **Forests and reserved forest:** Bir Moti bagh, Bir Bhunderhari, Bir Dosanjh
- * **Fairs and festivals:** Lohri, Baisakhi, Gurgurab, Teeyan, Dussehra, Diwali
- * **Theatre form:** Naqal
- * **Major dance and music forms:** Bhangra, Giddha, Sammi, Jhumar
- * **Arts and crafts:** Phulkari (flower embroidery) wood inlay of Hoshiarpur on black shisham wood
- * **Museum:** Virasat-e-Khalsa, Anandpur Sahib
- * **Cuisine:** Makki-Roti and Sarson-Saag, Choley and Bhature, Amritsar Machhli, Lassi, Kulcha
- * **State animal:** Blackbuck
- * **State bird:** Northern Goshawk (Baj)
- * **State tree:** Shisham
- * **Tourist attractions:** Golden Temple, Jallianwala Bagh, Durgiana Mandir Harmandir Sahib, Virasat-e-Khalsa, Wagha Border, Leisure Valley

Factoids:

- * Sikhism, founded by Guru Nanak is a dominant religion in Punjab. The word 'Sikh' means a learner.
- * The first person to give Punjab its independence was Banda Singh Bahadur.

