Facts about Odisha state

Odisha (formerly Orissa), an eastern Indian state on the Bay of Bengal, is known for its tribal cultures and its many ancient Hindu temples. The capital, Bhubaneswar, is home to hundreds of temples, notably the intricately-carved Mukteshvara. The Lingaraj Temple complex, dating to the 11th century, is set around sacred Bindusagar Lake. The Odisha State Museum is focused on the area's history and environment.

CAPITAL : Bhubaneswar

ESTABLISHED : April 1, 1936

CHIEF MINISTER : Naveen Patnaik

GOVERNOR : Prof. Ganeshi Lal

RULING PARTY : Biju Janata Dal

HIGH COURT : Cuttak, 1984

DISTRICTS : 30

LANGUAGES : Santhali, Driya

POPULATION : 4, 19, 74, 218 (11th)

[**Males** = 2, 12, 12, 136 & **Females** = 2, 07, 62, 082]

M : F = 1000 : 978

AREA : 1, 55, 820 sq km (9th) Density: 270 per sq km

LITERACY : 73.45%

ASSEMBLY : 147

LOKSABHA : 21

RAJYASABHA : 10

BOUNDARY STATES : Andhra Pradesh, Jharkand, West Bengal, Chattisgarh,

STATE ANIMAL : Sambar

STATE BIRD : Indian Roller

STATE TREE : Aswatha

STATE FLOWER : Ashoka

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STATE DANCE

Odissi, Chau (folk dance)

Bahu kavata, Jaddur, Mahari

Gotipua, Dalkhai

Ghumura, Chhadaya (folk dance)

Ranapa, Danda Nacha

Baagh Naach, Dalkai

Ghumra, Keisabadi

TRIBES : Chenchu, Santhal, Chengu, Oran

FESTIVAL : Rath Yatra – Puri, Shraban Purnima, Ashokastami, Chandan yatra, Konark festival

TEMPLES : Sun Temple – Konark, Jagannath Temple – Puri, Lingaraja Temple – Bubaneswar

RIVERS : Mahanadi, Nagavali, Brahmani, Baitarani, Pushikulya, Sabari, Tel, Salandi, Indravati, Vanshadhara, Kolab

LAKES :

Chilaka Lake (Chilaka Lake is the brackish water lake and is the largest coastal lake in India, The Chilaka lake in situated in Orissa and is Asia's largest inland salt water lagoon)

Hirakud Reservoir

Balimela

POWER PLANTS : Hirakud Hydro Power Plant, Thalcheru Thermal Power Plant,

PROJECTS/ DAMS : Hirakud Dam (Mahanadi River), Balimela Reseroir (Sileru River),

NATIONAL PARKS & SANCTUARIES

Bitar Karnika National Park

Simlipal National Park (Mayur Bhanju)

Nandan wild life Sanctuary (Garden of pleasure)

Badram Wild Life Sanctuary

Satkosia Gorge Wild Life Sanctuary

Baisipalli Wild Life Sanctuary

Chilika (Nalaban) Wild Life Sanctuary

Hadgarh Wild Life Sanctuary

Khalsuni Wild Life Sanctuary

INDUSTRIES : Rurkela

MAIN CITIES :

Mayur Bhanju, Cuttak (Mahanadi River), Baleswar, Puri, Brahmapur, Bhadrak, Baripada, Rurkela, Bolangir, Sambalpur (Mahanadi River)

AIRPORTS : Biju Patnaik International Airport – Bhubaneswar,

IMPORTANT PERSONS : Varaha Venkata Giri (V V Giri), Charan Mahapatra, Panigrahi

Other Informations

Paradip Port

Temple town of India - Bhubaneswar

Jagannatha temple - Puri

Indian Institute of Management (IIM) - Sambalpur

Biju Patnaik International Air port - Bhubaneswar

Barabati Cricket Stadium - Cuttack

Kalinga Hockey Stadium - Bhubaneswar

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Districts in Odisha (30 Districts)

- Anugul
- Balangir
- Balasore
- Bargarh
- Bhadrak
- Boudh
- Cuttack
- Deogarh
- Dhenkanal
- Gajapati
- Ganjam
- Jagatsinghpur
- Jajpur

- Jharsuguda
- Kalahandi
- Kandhamal
- Kendrapara
- Kendujhar
- Khordha
- Koraput
- Malkangiri
- Mayurbhanj
- Nabarangpur
- Nayagarh
- Nuapada
- Puri
- Rayagada
- Sambalpur
- Subarnapur
- Sundargarh

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