The name Chhattisgarh was popularized during the Maratha period and was first used in an official document in 1795. It is widely believed that Chhattisgarh takes its name from the 36 pillars of Chhatishgarhin Devi temple (chhattis means "36" and garh means "fort"). Chhattisgarh is also called the "**Rice Bowl of Central India**"

CAPITAL : Raipur

ESTABLISHED : November 1, 2000 (from Madhya Pradesh)

CHIEF MINISTER : Bhupesh Baghel

GOVERNOR : Balram Das Tandon

HIGH COURT : Bilashpur (2000)

DISTRICTS : 27

LANGUAGES : Hindi, Chattisgarhi, Oriya, Marathi, Gondi, Korku,

POPULATION : 2, 55, 45, 198 (17th)

[Males = 1, 28, 32, 895 & Females = 1, 27, 12, 303]

M : F = 1000 : 991

AREA : 1, 35, 195 sq.km (10th) Density: 189 per sq. km

LITERACY : 71. 04%

ASSEMBLY : 90

LOKSABHA : 11

RAJYASABHA : 5

BOUNDARY STATES : Telangana, Jharkund, Maharstra, Madhya Pradesh, Utterakand, Andhra Pradesh Odisha

STATE ANIMAL : Wild Buffalo

STATE BIRD : Hill Myna

STATE TREE : Sal

STATE DANCE : Panthi, Danda, Sarhul, Raut Naucha, Suaa, Karma

FESTIVALS : Pola, Nawakhi, Dasara, Diwali, Diwali, Holi, Govardha Puja

RIVERS : Mahanadi, Godavari, Indravati, Sonu, Pairi, Hasdo, Son, Sabr, Pairi

POWER PLANTS

Sipat Thermal Power Station

Hasdeo Thermal Power Station

Bhilai Expansion Power Station

Arasmeta Thermal Power Station,

NATIONAL PARKS & SANCTUARIES

Indravati National Park (Tigers)

Sanjay National Park (Guru Ghasi Das)

Khannurghat National Park

Badalkhol Wild Life Sanctuary

Bhairamgarh Wild Life Sanctuary

Bhoramdev Wild Life Sanctuary

Udanti Wild Buffalo Wild Life Sanctuary

Samarsot Wild Life Sanctuary

Sitanadi Wild Life Sanctuary

Achanakma Wild Life Sanctuary

INDUSTRIES : Bhiloy steel plant

MAIN CITIES

Raipur, Bastar, Bilaspur, Dantewada, Ambikapur, Bhilai Nagar, Birgaon, Dhamtari, Durg, Jagdalpur, Korba, Mahasamund, Raigarh, Rajnandgaon

Other Information

Pandit Ravi Shankar Central University- Rayapur

Indira Gandhi Central University- Rayapur

State Forest Research and Training Institute- Rayapur

Swami Vivekananda Air port- Rayapur

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