

part of the socio-political debate and a logistical challenge for the people of Bhopal.^[18]

Bhopal was selected as one of the first twenty Indian cities (the first phase) to be developed as a [smart city](#) the [Smart Cities Mission](#).^[19] Bhopal was also rated as the cleanest state capital city in India for three consecutive years, 2017, 2018, and 2019.^[20] Bhopal has also been awarded a 5-star Garbage Free City (GFC) rating, making it the cleanest State capital in the country in 2023.^[21]

Etymology [[edit](#)]

<div><div><div><div><div></div></div></div><div><div><div>Show map of Madhya Pradesh</div><div>Show map of India</div><div>Show all</div></div></div></div></div> <div>Coordinates: 23°15′35.6″N 77°24′45.4″E[1]</div>	
<div> <div><div>Country</div></div> <div><div> India</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>State</div></div> <div><div> Madhya Pradesh</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>District</div></div> <div><div>Bhopal</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Region</div></div> <div><div>Bhopal Division</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Ward</div></div> <div><div>85 wards^[1]</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Named after</div></div> <div><div>Raja Bhoja</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Government</div></div> <div> <div><div> • Type</div><div>Mayor–Council</div></div> <div><div> • Body</div><div>Bhopal Municipal Corporation</div></div> <div><div> • Mayor</div><div>Malti Rai (BJP)</div></div> <div><div> • Member of Parliament</div><div>Alok Sharma (BJP)</div></div> </div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Area^{[2][3][4]}</div></div> <div> <div><div> • Metropolis</div><div>463 km² (179 sq mi)</div></div> <div><div> • Metro^[5]</div><div>648.24 km² (250.29 sq mi)</div></div> </div></div>	
<div> <div><div>Elevation</div></div> <div><div>518.73 m (1,701.87 ft)</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Population (2011)^[4]</div></div> <div> <div><div> • Metropolis</div><div>1,798,218</div></div> <div><div> • Rank</div><div>20th</div></div> <div><div> • Density</div><div>3,900/km² (10,000/sq mi)</div></div> <div><div> • Metro</div><div>1,917,051</div></div> <div><div>(Bhopal + Arera Colony + Berasia urban areas)</div></div> <div><div> • Metro density</div><div>3,000/km² (7,700/sq mi)</div></div> <div><div> • Metro rank</div><div>18th</div></div> </div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Demonym</div></div> <div><div>Bhopali</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Time zone</div></div> <div><div>UTC+5:30 (IST)</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Pincode</div></div> <div><div>462001 to 462050</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Telephone</div></div> <div><div>0755</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Vehicle registration</div></div> <div><div>MP-04</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Per capita GDP</div></div> <div><div>\$2,087 or ₹1.47 lakh^[6]</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>GDP</div></div> <div><div>₹44,175 crore (US\$5.1 billion)</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Nominal (Bhopal District)</div></div> <div><div>(2020–21)^[7]</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Official language</div></div> <div><div>Hindi</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Literacy Rate (2011)</div></div> <div><div>80.37%^[8]</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Precipitation</div></div> <div><div>1,123.1 millimetres (44.22 in)</div></div> </div>	
<div> <div><div>Avg. high temperature</div></div> <div><div>31.7 °C (89.1 °F)</div></div> </div>	

Avg. low temperature	18.6 °C (65.5 °F)
HDI (2016)	0.77 (High) ^[9]
Website	<div>bhopal.nic.in</div> <div>bhopal.city</div> <div>smartbhopal.city</div>



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Bhopal is named after the legendary ancient king [Raja Bhoja](#), with 'Bho' possibly originating from his name. Additionally, 'Pal' signifies 'dam' or 'reservoir,' reflecting the city's abundance of lakes. Therefore, Bhopal's etymology suggests it may mean 'City of Raja Bhoja' or 'City of Lakes,' owing to its historical association with the king and its numerous water bodies.^[22]