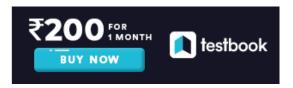


STATES AND CAPITALS

With the inclusion of Telangana, India now has 29 States and 7 Union Territories. Do check out the complete list of states and capitals.

Sr. No	States	Capitals	
1	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad (newly proposed Amaravati)	
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	
3	Assam	Dispur	
4	Bihar	Patna	
5	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	
6	Goa	Panaji	
7	Gujarat	Gandhinagar	
8	Haryana	Chandigarh	
9	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	
10	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu (Winter Capital) & Srinagar (Summer Capital)	
11	Jharkhand	Ranchi	
12	Karnataka	Bengaluru	
13	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	
14	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	
15	Maharashtra	Mumbai	
16	Manipur	Imphal	
17	Meghalaya	Shillong	
18	Mizoram	Aizawl	
19	Nagaland	Kohima	
20	Orissa	Bhubaneshwar	
21	Punjab	Chandigarh	
22	Rajasthan	Jaipur	
23	Sikkim	Gangtok	
24	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	









25	Telangana	Hyderabad
26	Tripura	Agartala
27	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
28	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
29	West Bengal	Kolkata

UNION TERRITORIES AND CAPITALS

Union Territories are those regions that fall directly under the control of the Union Government. Each UT has its own Lieutenant-Governor and Administrator. Only two UTs have Chief Ministers though as they have been granted partial statehood.

Sr. No	Union Territories	Capital
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Port Blair
2	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	Silvassa
3	Daman and Diu	Daman
4	Lakshadweep	Kavaratti
5	Puducherry	Puducherry/ Pondicherry
6	Delhi (National Capital Territory)	New Delhi
7	Chandigarh	Chandigarh

TRIVIA ABOUT JAMMU & KASHMIR

Multiple capitals is not new thing and it is practiced all around the world. South Africa has three capitals. The state of Jammu and Kashmir has two capitals - Jammu as Winter Capital and Srinagar as summer capital. The reasons for J&K having two capitals are:

As far as the strategic location is concerned, Srinagar is the most suitable place to control
the political, territorial and functional working as it is located nearly in the middle of
the populated area of Jammu and Kashmir.











- As far as possible it is tried to keep Srinagar the active working area which is possible in summers.
- But in winters it becomes a geographically challenging place due to its climate with mercury falling down below zero degree.
- Moreover, in winter the active financial area is mostly the southern part of J&K. While the northern part is sometimes also not accessible due to blockage of National Highway 10 as the result of landslide or other geographical activities.
- So, it becomes a compulsion both economically, functionally and geographically to move the capital from Srinagar to Jammu in winter.

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