

Rajasthan General Knowledge 2024-2025

Complete Reference Guide

Page 1: Geography and Administrative Overview

Basic Information

- **Formation Date:** March 30, 1949
- **Capital:** Jaipur (Pink City)
- **Area:** 342,239 sq km (Largest state in India by area)
- **Population (2025):** 83.06 million (8.31 crore)
- **Rank by Population:** 6th most populous state in India
- **Population Growth Rate (2025):** 1.06% (7th highest among states)

Administrative Divisions (2024-2025)

- **Total Districts:** 41 districts (as of January 1, 2025)
- **Total Divisions:** 7 divisions
- **Ranking:** 3rd in India by number of districts (after UP with 75 and MP with 57)

Geographic Features

- **Location:** 23°3' to 30°12' North latitude and 69°30' to 78°17' East longitude
- **Major Desert:** Thar Desert (Great Indian Desert)
- **Mountain Range:** Aravalli Range (runs for 850+ km from southwest to northeast)
- **Borders:**
 - International: Pakistan (Punjab and Sindh provinces)
 - States: Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat

Major Cities by Population (2024)

1. **Jaipur:** 66.26 lakh (most populated district)
2. **Jodhpur:** 36.87 lakh
3. **Alwar:** 36.74 lakh

Smallest and Largest Districts

- **Largest by Area:** Jaisalmer (38,401 km²)
- **Smallest by Area:** Dholpur (3,084 km²)
- **Least Populated:** Jaisalmer (6.70 lakh)
- **Highest Literacy:** Kota (75.56%)
- **Lowest Literacy:** Jalore (54.86%)

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Major Government Initiatives 2024-2025

Environmental Initiatives

- **Hariyalo Rajasthan Mission:** Target to plant 10 crore trees in FY 2025-26
- **Launch Date:** August 7, 2024 (Hariyali Teej)
- **Five-Year Goal:** 50 crore plants in next 5 years
- **Achievement 2024-25:** 7 crore plants already planted

Recent Legislative Developments

- **Loktantra Senani Samman Bill 2024:** Passed on March 21, 2025
- **Benefits for Emergency Period (1975-1977) Fighters:**
 - ₹20,000 monthly pension
 - ₹4,000 monthly medical assistance
 - Free government transport

Economic Development

- **Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS) 2024:** Launched ahead of Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit
- **Investment Deals:** ₹4.5 lakh crore investment deals signed during Mumbai roadshow
- **Key Sectors:** Solar power, electric vehicles, medical equipment, textiles

Agriculture Support

- **Rajasthan Krishak Samarthan Yojana:** ₹150 per quintal bonus for wheat purchase in 2025-26

Infrastructure and Technology

Medical Education Innovation

- **Hindi Medium Medical Education:** Started from 2024-25 academic session
- **First Dendritic Cell Vaccine:** Mahatma Gandhi Medical College, Jaipur approved by DCGI

Energy Sector Developments

- **NTPC Solar Project:** 160 MW of 320 MW Bhainsara solar project commissioned in Jaisalmer (August 2024)
- **ReNew Solar Project:** 400 MW solar project inaugurated as part of 600 MW PPA

Women Empowerment

- **Police Force Reservation:** 33% reservation for women approved in police force

International Recognition

- **IIFA Awards 2025:** 25th International Indian Film Academy Awards in Jaipur (March 7-9, 2025)
- **Digital Awards Introduction:** New IIFA Digital Awards for OTT content

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Major Festivals of Rajasthan (2025 Calendar)

Religious Festivals

1. **Teej Festival:** July 27, 2025 (Sunday)

- Celebrated for monsoon welcome and marital bliss
 - Special sweet: Ghewar and Malpua
 - Women dress in green traditional attire
2. **Gangaur Festival:** March-April 2025
 - Honors Goddess Gauri (Parvati)
 - 18-day celebration starting from Holi
 3. **Kolayat Fair (Kapil Muni Fair):** November 27-28, 2025
 - Held at Kolayat, Bikaner
 - Holy dip in Kolayat Lake for purification

Cultural Festivals

1. **Pushkar Camel Fair:** October 30 - November 5, 2025
 - World's largest camel fair
 - Livestock trading and cultural performances
2. **Desert Festival, Jaisalmer:** February 2025
 - Camel races and turban tying competitions
 - Best mustached man competition
3. **Kumbhalgarh Festival:** December 1-3, 2025
 - Celebrates Maharana Kumbha's legacy
 - Held at Kumbhalgarh Fort
4. **Summer Festival, Mount Abu:** May 17-18, 2025
 - Buddha Poornima celebration
 - Cultural concerts and competitions
5. **Matsya Festival, Alwar:** November 25-26, 2025
 - Adventure activities and cultural programs

Traditional Arts and Crafts

- **Folk Dances:** Ghoomar, Kalbeliya, Kachhi Ghor, Bhawai
- **Folk Music:** Performances by Langas and Manganiyars
- **Handicrafts:** Lac work, Blue pottery, Bandhani textiles
- **Architecture:** Havelis, forts, and palaces showcasing Rajput architecture

UNESCO World Heritage Sites

- Hill Forts of Rajasthan (including Kumbhalgarh, Chittorgarh, Amber Fort)
- Jantar Mantar, Jaipur

Major Tourist Destinations

- **Jaipur:** Hawa Mahal, City Palace, Amber Fort
- **Udaipur:** City of Lakes, Lake Palace, City Palace
- **Jodhpur:** Mehrangarh Fort, Blue City
- **Jaisalmer:** Golden City, Jaisalmer Fort
- **Mount Abu:** Only hill station in Rajasthan
- **Pushkar:** Sacred lake and Brahma Temple

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Economic Overview (2024-2025)

State Economy Statistics

- **GDP Rank:** Among top 7 states in India
- **Per Capita Income:** Growing significantly with industrial development
- **Major Economic Sectors:** Agriculture, Tourism, Mining, Textiles, Handicrafts

Key Industrial Developments

- **Automobile Sector:** Growing EV manufacturing hub
- **Renewable Energy:** Major solar power projects across the state
- **Textiles:** Traditional and modern textile manufacturing
- **Information Technology:** Expanding IT/ITeS sector in Jaipur and other cities

Agriculture and Irrigation

Major Crops

- **Kharif Crops:** Bajra, Jowar, Maize, Cotton
- **Rabi Crops:** Wheat, Barley, Gram, Mustard
- **Cash Crops:** Cotton, Sugarcane, Groundnut

Irrigation Projects

- **Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal-Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (PKC-ERCP):** Enhancing irrigation in 23 districts
- **Indira Gandhi Canal:** Major irrigation system in western Rajasthan

Mineral Resources

Major Minerals

- **Lead and Zinc:** Rajasthan is the largest producer in India
- **Gypsum:** Largest reserves in the country
- **Rock Phosphate:** Significant production
- **Limestone:** Major cement industry support
- **Sandstone:** Building stone production
- **Lignite:** Energy resource

Mining Centers

- **Udaipur:** Zinc, Lead
- **Jhunjhunu:** Copper
- **Bikaner:** Gypsum
- **Jaipur:** Building stones

Industrial Zones and Development

Major Industrial Areas

- **Jaipur:** IT, Textiles, Handicrafts
- **Jodhpur:** Heavy Engineering, Automobiles

- **Kota:** Chemicals, Power generation
- **Udaipur:** Mining, Cement
- **Alwar:** Automobiles, Engineering

Special Economic Zones (SEZ)

- Multiple SEZs for IT/ITeS, textiles, and engineering goods
- Export-oriented manufacturing units

Tourism Economy

- **Annual Tourist Arrivals:** Over 5 crore visitors annually
- **Foreign Tourists:** Significant contribution to state revenue
- **Heritage Tourism:** Major revenue generator
- **Rural Tourism:** Growing sector with village tourism initiatives

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Current Government (2024-2025)

State Leadership

- **Chief Minister:** Bhajan Lal Sharma
- **Governor:** Current constitutional head of the state
- **Assembly Strength:** 200 constituencies
- **Rajya Sabha Seats:** 10
- **Lok Sabha Seats:** 25

Recent Policy Initiatives

Youth Development

- **Rajasthan Youth Policy 2025:** Replacing Youth Policy 2013
- Focus on skill development and employment generation

Education Reforms

- **University Laws Amendment:** Rajasthan Universities Laws (Amendment) Bill 2024
- Quality improvement in higher education

Water Management

- **Second National Water Conference:** February 18-19, 2025 in Udaipur
- Chief Guest: C.R. Patil (Union Water Power Minister)

Recent Awards and Recognition (2024-2025)

Administrative Excellence

- **Digital Sakhi Innovation Award:** Churu District Collector Abhishek Surana received Skoch Award 2024
- **Women Empowerment Project:** Recognition for digital literacy initiatives

Cultural Recognition

- **Lac Art Record:** Dausa resident registered in India Book of Records for lac art

Defense Recognition

- **Exercise Ranking:** Rajasthan ranked 12th in Mahajan Field Firing Range, Bikaner

Important Constitutional and Legal Developments

Religious Conversion Law

- **Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill 2025:** Introduced in February 2025 Budget Session

Coaching Centers Regulation

- **Rajasthan Coaching Centres (Control and Regulation) Bill 2025:** Aims to regulate coaching centers statewide

Research and Innovation

Environmental Research

- **Teal Carbon Study:** India's first teal carbon study conducted at Keoladeo National Park
- **Utricularia Plant Study:** Research on rare carnivorous plants in Keoladeo National Park

Key Government Departments and Their Initiatives

Tourism Department

- Organizing major festivals and cultural events
- Promoting heritage tourism and rural tourism
- International collaborations for tourism development

Industries Department

- **Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit:** Major business promotion initiative
- Industrial policy reforms for ease of doing business

Agriculture Department

- Farmer support schemes and crop insurance
- Modern irrigation and farming techniques promotion

Future Outlook (2025-2026)

- **Infrastructure Development:** Major highway and railway connectivity projects
- **Renewable Energy:** Ambitious solar and wind energy targets
- **Digital Governance:** E-governance initiatives for citizen services
- **Tourism Growth:** Heritage circuit development and international promotion
- **Industrial Growth:** Focus on manufacturing and technology sectors

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