



STATE MAP

हिमाचल प्रदेश
HIMĀCHAL PRADESH
Scale 1:500,000



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HIMĀCHAL PRADESH - Word comprises of two words, HIM means snow & ANCHAL means LAP of HIMĀLAYAS.

PRE HISTORIC-Pre historic evidences have been found that nearly 2 million years ago man lived in the foothills of Himachal Pradesh. Bananga valley of Kangra, Sirsa valley of Mandi, Chamba valley of Chamba and Kullu are found to be the places where prehistoric man used to live. The foothills of the state were inhabited by people from Indus valley civilization between 2250 & 1750 BC.

The earliest known inhabitants of the region were tribes called Dassas. Later, Aryans came and they assimilated in the tribes. In the later centuries, the hill chieftains accepted suzerainty of the Mauryan empire, the Kauthups, the Cukpas and Kanauj rulers. During the Mughal period, the Rajas of the hill states made some mutually agreed arrangements which governed their relations. In the 18th century, Ranjit Singh annexed many of the states. When the British came, they annexed the hill states one by one. The hill states became part of the British Raj. The hill states were ruled by the British until 1947. After Independence, 30 primarily states of the area were united and Himachal Pradesh was formed on 15th April, 1948. On 01 November 1956 it was declared union territory of India. State attained its statehood status on 25 Jan. 1971 as the 18th state of India. Himachal was divided into four districts at its existence as Chamba, Mandi, Simla and Mahasu.

Himachal Pradesh is located in the Northern Region of India. The state is surrounded by Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to the North, Punjab to the West and the south-west, Haryana to the South, and Haryana and Uttarakhand on the south-east and China on the East. Total area of Himachal Pradesh is 55,673 sq. km and population (2011 Census) is 6,864,602.

Referred to "Dav Abode" or "Land of God" is having 12 districts at present. It is covered with immensity beauty and is, undoubtedly, one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. A majority of area is mountainous with lofty ranges, deep valleys, swaying waterfalls and lush greenery. Being high altitude, snowfall is common sight in most parts of the state. Graced by many peaks, carpeted in green valleys, crystal clear streams, lakes and dense forests, Himachal Pradesh is a paradise for tourists and adventure seekers. Being a state full of soothed valleys and high ranges, featuring different styles of temple architecture developed and there are temples with carved stone, shikharas, pagoda style shrines, temples like Buddhist Gompas or Sikh Gurudwars etc. Many of them are important places of pilgrimage and each year attract thousands of devotees from all over the country.

Himachal Pradesh holds the world record for the highest village linked with road and having world's highest cricket stadium. The Kalka - Shimla train track in Himachal Pradesh is UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Other facts of the state are as - State Capital- Shimla, State Animal- Snow Leopard, State Bird- Western Tragopan , State Tree- Deodar. Main rivers of the state are Satluj, Beas, Ravi, Chenab and Giri. Languages spoken in State are Hindi, English, Punjabi, Kinnauri, Pahari, Kangri, Mandi and Dogri.

1. Headquarters of the state & districts are boxed in the body of the map.

2. Heights are in metres.

3. State Highway number/Other roads...

4. Other gauge

5. Boundary : International / State; District

6. Roads: North-South Corridor; National Highways...

7. State Highway number/Other roads...

8. Pack track; Foot path...

9. Temples : Ordinary / Historical (As per profile); Gurudwara, etc.

10. Monastery ; Industry

11. Stream: perennial / non perennial

12. Mountain peak ; Pass : Height (Approx.)

13. Canals :

14. Tourist sites : Lake / river ; Glacier, etc.

15. District name :

16. Hill or hill range name :

17. Valley name :

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