

India: States and Capitals

Learn about the states and capitals of India by answering these questions.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify the number of states and union territories in India.
- Name the capitals of major Indian states.
- Understand the concept of states with two capitals.
- Recall interesting facts about different states.
- Recognize the union territories and their capitals.

ACTIVITY 1 · WARM-UP

India at a Glance

Answer these questions to get started with India's geography.

1. How many states and union territories does India have?
 - A. 28 states and 8 union territories
 - B. 30 states and 6 union territories
 - C. 25 states and 10 union territories

ACTIVITY 2 · VOCABULARY

States with Two Capitals

Learn about states that have two capitals and their seasons.

2. Which of these states has two capitals, one for summer and one for winter?
 - A. Jammu & Kashmir
 - B. Punjab
 - C. Kerala

3. Jammu & Kashmir has its summer capital at _____ and winter capital at _____.

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Srinagar

Jammu

Shimla

Dharamshala

ACTIVITY 3 · PRACTICE

Northern and Western States

Match the northern and western states with their capitals and a fun fact.

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| 4. _____ 1. Punjab | A. Chandigarh - shared capital of Punjab and Haryana |
| _____ 2. Haryana | B. Jaipur - called the Pink City |
| _____ 3. Rajasthan | C. Gandhinagar - home to Gir Forest with Asiatic lions |
| _____ 4. Gujarat | D. Lucknow - near the Taj Mahal in Agra |
| _____ 5. Uttar Pradesh | E. Bhopal - has 3 UNESCO sites including Khajuraho temples |
| _____ 6. Madhya Pradesh | F. Amritsar - Golden Temple coated with real gold |

ACTIVITY 4 · PRACTICE

Southern and Eastern States

Choose the correct capital for each southern and eastern state.

5. What is the capital of Tamil Nadu?
- A. Chennai
B. Bengaluru
C. Kolkata
6. Which state has Thiruvananthapuram as its capital?
- A. Kerala
B. Andhra Pradesh
C. Odisha

ACTIVITY 5 · PRACTICE

Northeast India - The Seven Sisters and Sikkim

Match the northeastern states to their capitals and a fun fact.

7. _____ 1. Assam
_____ 2. Arunachal Pradesh
_____ 3. Nagaland
_____ 4. Manipur
_____ 5. Mizoram
_____ 6. Meghalaya
_____ 7. Tripura
_____ 8. Sikkim
- A. Dispur - famous for one-horned rhinos in Kaziranga
B. Itanagar - the sun rises here first in India
C. Kohima - Hornbill Festival is the 'Festival of Festivals'
D. Imphal - Loktak Lake has floating phumdi islands
E. Aizawl - 'Mizo' means 'people of the hills'
F. Shillong - Mawsynram is the wettest place on Earth
G. Agartala - has a royal palace
H. Gangtok - India's first fully organic state