



Chhattisgarh Foundation Day

Why in News?

Recently, the third edition of the National Tribal Dance Festival to be held from 1st November to 3rd November, 2022 was inaugurated at Raipur, Chhattisgarh on the event of state foundation day.

- Over **1,500 tribal artistes from around India and 10 countries**, including Mozambique, Mongolia, Tongo, Russia, Indonesia, Maldives, Serbia, New Zealand and Egypt will be hosted at the event.

What are the Key Facts about Chhattisgarh?

▪ About:

- **Chhattisgarh** was carved out of **Madhya Pradesh** on **1st November, 2000** with its **16 Chhattisgarhi speaking districts**.
- It is the **10th largest state in India** with an area of 135,190 sq-km.
- It is an **important hub for the production of steel and electrical power in India**, producing about **15% of the total steel produced in India**.
- Chhattisgarh is **mainly famous for its agriculture** accounting for about **80% of the work force**. It is also known as '**Dhan Ka Katora**' meaning 'Bowl of Rice' for the production of rice.

▪ Borders:

- It is surrounded by **seven states: Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Orissa, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh**.

▪ Capital:

- **Raipur**.

▪ Language:

- The native language of people of Chhattisgarh is **Chhattisgarhi**.
 - However, **Hindi is more prominent here**.

▪ Tribes:

- The most familiar tribes found in the state are **Miriam, Baiga, Kamars, Halbas, Gonds, Bhumja, Kawars, etc.**

▪ Important Festivals:

- Few of the remarkable festivals celebrated by the tribal societies comprises Bastar Dussehra, **Bastar Lokotsav, Koriya Mela, Fagun Wadai, Madai Festival, Goncha Festival**, Pola Festival, and others.

▪ Mineral Resources:

- It is a leading producer of minerals such as coal, iron ore and dolomite.
 - Moreover, considerable reserves of bauxite, limestone and quartzite are available in the state.
 - The state accounts for **35.4% of tin ore reserves of India**. Chhattisgarh is the **only state in India that produced tin concentrates**.

▪ Important Rivers:

- There are four main catchment areas in the state, mainly **Mahanadi, Ganga, Godavari, and Narmada**.
 - Under this, the Mahanadi, Shivrath, Arpa, Indravati, Sabari, Leelagar, Hasdo, Pairi, and Sondur are main rivers.

▪ **National Parks:**

- Indravati National Park
- **Guru Ghasidas National Park**
- Kanger Valley National Park

▪ **Wildlife Sanctuaries:**

- Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary
- Pamed Wildlife Sanctuary
- Gormada Wildlife Sanctuary
- Badakhol Wildlife Sanctuary
- Boramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary
- Bhairamgarh Wildlife Sanctuary
- Seramsot Wildlife Sanctuary
- Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary
- Sitanadi Wildlife Sanctuary
- Nandan Van Wildlife Sanctuary
- Python Forest Wildlife Sanctuary
- Narsingharh Wildlife Sanctuary
- Udanti Wild Buffalo Wildlife Sanctuary

▪ **Tiger Reserve:**

- National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has designated the **combined areas of the Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve.**

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CHHATTISGARH DISTRICT MAP



UPSC Civil Services Examination Previous Year Question:

Q. Which of the following minerals are found in a natural way in the State of Chhattisgarh? (2008)

1. Bauxite
2. Dolomite
3. Iron ore
4. Tin

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

Code:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (d)

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