

## Facts about Punjab

Punjab State, the Land of Five Rivers, is situated in the North Western region of India. It is the only state in India with a majority of Sikh people. The land of Punjab is very fertile. It is also known as Golden Harvests. The facts of Punjab State are:

**Boundary:** It is surrounded by Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. The Punjab province in Pakistan also surrounds Punjab.

**Population:** As per Census 2011, the total Population of Punjab is 27,704,236.

**Land Area:** The Total Land Area of Punjab is 50,362 sq. km. Punjab holds 19th rank in position as area wise.

**Language:** Its Official Language is Punjabi.

**Literacy:** Its Literacy Ratio is 76.68%

**City:** Chandigarh is the Capital of both the States of Punjab and Haryana. Chandigarh is a Union Territory. The largest city in Punjab is Ludhiana.

**District:** There are 22 districts present here.

**Climate:** The climate of Punjab is diverse, i.e., very cold in winters and very hot in summers.

**Connectivity:** Punjab has International Airport in Amritsar. Chandigarh and Ludhiana have domestic airports. Amritsar has a large railway station. Punjab is well connected with roadways, railways and airways.

**Places of Interest:** Chandigarh and Amritsar, the great centre of Sikh pilgrimage are the two main tourist's attractions. The Golden Temple (or Harmandir Sahib, Durbar Sahib) in Amritsar is the most important pilgrimage destination of the Sikhs.

**Festivals:** Festivals such as Basant, Lohri, Teej and Baisakhi are celebrated in a large way.

**Religion:** More than 60% of people in Punjab is Sikhism. Other religions such as Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, and Christianity, etc. are also present.

**Agriculture and Industry:** Agriculture is the backbone of Punjab. The major crops are wheat, rice and cotton. There are several food based industries. The state is the biggest producer of Wheat in India. There are several other large scale industries.