

Capital: Shimla
Formation / statehood: 25 January 1971 (statehood; earlier a Part C state and union territory)
Official language(s): Hindi
Public Service Commission: HPPSC
Flagship exam: HPAS / Allied Services

OVERVIEW

Himachal Pradesh is a Himalayan state in northern India with Shimla as the summer capital and Dharamshala as the winter capital. It became a state in 1971 and is known for hill agriculture, hydropower, and tourism.

FOCUS TOPICS

- Himalayan geography and passes
- Shimla and colonial hill station history
- Hydropower on Sutlej and Beas
- Apple and horticulture economy
- HPAS examination

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the summer capital of Himachal Pradesh?

Answer: Shimla

2. What is the winter capital of Himachal Pradesh?

Answer: Dharamshala

3. In which year did Himachal Pradesh become a state?

Answer: 1971

4. Which mountain range covers most of Himachal Pradesh?

Answer: Himalayas (Western Himalayas)

5. Which Public Service Commission conducts HPAS exams?

Answer: Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (HPPSC)

6. Which river valley project is associated with the Sutlej in Himachal Pradesh?

Answer: Bhakra-Nangal (Sutlej basin)

7. Which language is the official language of Himachal Pradesh?

Answer: Hindi

8. Which district is known for the Spiti cold desert landscape?

Answer: Lahaul and Spiti

9. Which hill station served as the summer capital of British India?

Answer: Shimla

10. Which fruit crop is Himachal Pradesh widely known for in the hill economy?

Answer: Apple

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