

Capital: Thiruvananthapuram
Formation / statehood: 1 November 1956 (States Reorganisation Act)
Official language(s): Malayalam
Public Service Commission: Kerala PSC
Flagship exam: Kerala PSC Degree / Degree Level / Various cadres

OVERVIEW

Kerala lies on the Malabar coast of southwestern India and was formed on 1 November 1956. Thiruvananthapuram is the capital, and the state is known for backwaters, spice trade history, and high literacy traditions.

FOCUS TOPICS

- Malabar and Travancore history
- Backwaters and coastal geography
- Spice and plantation economy
- Kerala PSC recruitment system
- Onam and cultural traditions

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the capital of Kerala?

Answer: Thiruvananthapuram

2. On which date was Kerala formed as a state?

Answer: 1 November 1956

3. Which language is the official language of Kerala?

Answer: Malayalam

4. Which Public Service Commission conducts Kerala government recruitment on a large scale?

Answer: Kerala Public Service Commission

5. Which Kerala network of lagoons is famous for houseboat tourism?

Answer: Backwaters (Alleppey-Kumarakom region)

6. Which classical dance form of Kerala uses elaborate makeup and costumes?

Answer: Kathakali

7. Which port city on the Malabar coast was historically important for spice trade?

Answer: Kochi (Cochin)

8. Which annual harvest festival is widely celebrated in Kerala?

Answer: Onam

9. Which mountain range runs along the eastern border of Kerala?

Answer: Western Ghats

10. Which wildlife sanctuary in Kerala is associated with Periyar lake and elephants?

Answer: Periyar Tiger Reserve

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