

Capital: Chandigarh

Formation / statehood: 1 November 1966 (current state after reorganisation; larger Punjab before division)

Official language(s): Punjabi

Public Service Commission: PPSC

Flagship exam: Punjab Civil Services (PCS)

OVERVIEW

Punjab is the northwestern agricultural heartland of India with Chandigarh as its capital shared with Haryana. The present state was reorganised on 1 November 1966 and is closely associated with Sikh heritage, the Green Revolution, and border districts with Pakistan.

FOCUS TOPICS

- 1966 reorganisation
- Sikh heritage and Golden Temple
- Green Revolution agriculture
- Five rivers legacy of the region name
- PPSC PCS exam

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the capital of Punjab?

Answer: Chandigarh

2. On which date was the present Punjab state formed after reorganisation?

Answer: 1 November 1966

3. Which language is the official language of Punjab?

Answer: Punjabi

4. Which city is the holiest site of Sikhism in Punjab?

Answer: Amritsar (Harmandir Sahib / Golden Temple)

5. Which Public Service Commission conducts Punjab Civil Services exams?

Answer: Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC)

6. Which five rivers are historically linked with the Punjab region name?

Answer: Beas, Ravi, Chenab, Jhelum, and Sutlej

7. Which border checkpoint near Amritsar is famous for the daily retreat ceremony?

Answer: Wagah-Attari border

8. Which festival is widely celebrated as the Sikh New Year in Punjab?

Answer: Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)

9. Which city in Punjab hosts the Jallianwala Bagh memorial linked with the 1919 massacre?

Answer: Amritsar

10. Which state was carved out of Punjab as a Hindi-speaking state in 1966?

Answer: Haryana

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