

Interesting Facts about Telangana - Geography, Climate and Culture GK Notes

In this article, we will be diving into a state that was earlier a part of Andhra Pradesh- **Telangana**. This South Indian state is rich in art and infused with culture. Presently, we are going to talk about the cultural, geographical and political aspects of Telangana.

Why was the state **named Telangana**? What is the **capital of Telangana**? What is the **total population of Telangana**?

Telangana is the newly-formed Indian state with naturally pleasant sites mixed with manmade wonders. The state hosted many dynasties and empires which are depicted in form of the monuments and historical sites.

Let's dive deep into the state.

Firstly before moving towards the aspects of Telangana, let's look at **the State Symbols of Telangana**.

State Symbols of Telangana

State Capital	Hyderabad
Official Language	Telugu
State Flower	Tanner's cassia
State Tree	Jammi chettu
State Animal	Deer
State Bird	Indian roller
State Dance	Perini Sivatandavam
State Governor (Present)	Tamilisai Soundararajan
State Chief Minister (Present)	K. Chandrashekar Rao

Now, let's explore the foremost aspect of Telangana i.e. Culture.

Culture of Telangana

Telangana is known as the region where the fusion of two cultures takes place namely North and South. The state has long been a meeting place for diverse languages and cultures. The state is known as "**South of North and North of South**".

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- Telangana is a storehouse of creativity that is prevalent in its collection of art and craft. **Dokra** and **Bidri** crafts are famous arts of the state. These arts are used to make beautiful jewellery boxes, hukka, buttons and other things.



[Image Source: IBEF]

- **Telugu** is the official language of Telangana and **Urdu** is the second official language of the state. About 77% of the population of Telangana speak Telugu, 12% speak Urdu and 11% other languages.
- Telangana is well known for its weaving and dyeing techniques in India and its cotton producing units are world-famous. The most common attire worn by women in the state is saree and the famous sarees made in Telangana include **Pochampally Saree** and **Gadwal Saree**. Male clothing includes the traditional **Dhoti** which is also known as **Pancha** in Telangana.
- **Perini Sivatandavam** is an ancient dance form performed by males. This dance form is carried out by warriors before Lord Siva before going to the battlefield. This dance form is the state dance of Telangana.
- The major religions of Telangana are Hinduism, Islam, and Christianity with Hinduism being the most followed religion among these.
- Telugu cuisine is dominated by **bajra, millet, and jowar**. The flavours of this cuisine have been infused with **Persian, Telugu, Marathwada, Turkish, and Mughal influences**. Some most famous dishes of the state are **Biryani, Haleem, Naan Qalia, Kebabs, Keema Samosa, MirchikaSalan, KhubanikaMeetha, and Lakhmi** etc.
- The major festivals of the state are **Makara Sankranthi, Dasara, Deepavali and Ugadi, the Telugu New Year** etc.

Let's talk about the geography of Telangana.

Geography of Telangana

Telangana is India's youngest state and was born on June 2, 2014, as the 29th state of India. Telangana is situated on the Deccan Plateau, in the central stretch of the eastern seaboard of the Indian Peninsula.

- **Area:** 112,077 km²

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Area rank in India: 11th

- **Population:** 35,193,978

Population rank in India: 12th

Latitude extent: 18.1124° N

Longitude extent: 79.0193° E

- The state is surrounded by **Maharashtra** to the north, **Chhattisgarh** and **Odisha** to the northeast, **Andhra Pradesh** to the southeast and south, and **Karnataka** to the west.
- The region is drained by two major rivers namely **Godavari River catchment area** and **Krishna River catchment area**.
- In Telangana, there are **3** National parks, **9** Wildlife sanctuaries and **65** sacred groves.
- The State has recorded a forest area of **24.00%** of its geographical area. The Reserved, Protected and Unclassed Forests are **75.65%**, **22.07%** and **2.28%** respectively, of recorded forest area.
- The types of forests found in Telangana are **Tropical moist deciduous forests**, **Southern dry deciduous forests**, **Northern mixed dry deciduous forests**, **Dry savannah forests** and **Tropical dry evergreen scrub**.

Climate of Telangana

Telangana is a semi-arid area and majorly has a hot and dry climate. Telangana has 3 seasons: **summer** (from March to June); **tropical rains** (from July to September) and **winter** (from October to February). Summers peaks in May with average high temperatures in the 42 °C range. The annual rainfall is between 900 and 1500 mm in northern Telangana and 700 to 900 mm in southern Telangana. Winter is dry, mild with little humidity and average temperatures in the 22–23 °C range.

Soil Type of Telangana

Telangana contains various soil types namely **red sandy loams**, **Red loamy sands**, **lateritic soils**, **salt-affected soils**, **alluvial soils**, **shallow to medium black soils** and **very deep black cotton soils**.

It's time to look over the political aspects of the state.

Government and Politics of Telangana

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Telangana is a constituent unit of the Republic of India, and governed by a parliamentary system of representative democracy. A **Governor** is appointed by the president of India who is the executive head of the state administration and is helped by the **Chief Minister** and a **Council of Ministers**. The state has a bicameral legislature. The state judiciary is headed by a **High Court in Hyderabad**, which has jurisdiction for both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The High Court is subject to appeals authority of the Supreme Court of India in certain matters.



[Image Source: Telangana High Court]

Representation of Telangana in Parliament:

- **Assembly seats (bicameral):** 119
- **Rajya sabha:** 7
- **Lok sabha:** 17
- **First Governor of Telangana:** Ekkadu Srinivasan Lakshmi Narasimhan
- **First Chief Minister of Telangana:** Kalvakuntla Chandra Shekar Rao



[Image Source: The Times of India]

Some Interesting Facts About Telangana:

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- The state name Telangana is derived from **Trilinga desa**. Legends say, Lord Shiva descended in the lingam form from one of the three mountains of Trilinga desa. One of which is in Telangana.
- **Hyderabad** is the joint capital of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.
- **Hussain Sagar** Lake in Hyderabad, Telangana is famous for its unique shape that looks like a heart from an aerial view.



[Image Source: Telangana Tourism]

- The famous tennis player, **Sania Mirza** who hails from Telangana is the brand ambassador of Telangana as well.

Hope this essay made most of your facts clear about Telangana. In our upcoming write-up, we will be discussing about other important aspects of Telangana.

What is the **economic background of Telangana**? Where is the **thousand pillar temple in India**?

In our subsequent blog, the factors corresponding to these questions will be answered surely. If you don't want to miss it, click here – '[Interesting Facts about Telangana - History, Environment and Economy GK Notes](#)' – Part 2. We hope it will help you in the preparation of your competitive exams such as **SSC 10+2, SSC CGL, CDS, NDA**, etc.

Thank You