

Class IV

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Chapter 15 The Peninsular Region and the Islands

In this chapter we will study about the states in peninsular region

The state of Madhya Pradesh is located in the heart of the country. The capital of Madhya Pradesh is Bhopal. It has Uttar Pradesh to the north and north east, Chhattisgarh to the south east, Maharashtra to the south, Gujarat to the west and Rajasthan to the northwest. Madhya Pradesh experiences hot and dry summers and pleasant winter with low annual rainfall. Forests cover a large part of the hill regions with teak and sal trees being common. The state has several well-known wildlife sanctuaries, including Kanha National Park, Bandhavgarh National Park.

Chhattisgarh is a state in east central India surrounded by seven other states. The capital of Chhattisgarh is Raipur. Bilaspur, Durg, Bhilai and Raigarh are other major urban centres. The River Indravati forms the Chitrakote waterfall near the town of Jagdalpur. Hot and dry summers, the rainy months of June to September, and pleasant, dry winters form the climate of Chhattisgarh.

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The state of Jharkhand is located in east-central India. The capital of Jharkhand is Ranchi. The most prominent geographical feature of Jharkhand is the Chota Nagpur Plateau.

The days in summer are very hot, while the nights become cooler. The months of July and August receive the most of rainfall.

Maharashtra is the third largest state which lies on the Konkan coast. Its capital is Mumbai which is the largest city and the most important port of the state. The cave paintings of Ajanta, the Kailasa temple in Ellora, the Elephanta caves are some of the famous places in Maharashtra. The summers are hot and dry in the initial months followed by the hot and humid months of June to September.

The state of Karnataka is on the Malabar coast bordering Goa, Maharashtra, Telengana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Its capital is Bengaluru which is known as the 'garden city' while Mangaluru is a major port. The Sharavati, the Kaveri, the Tungabhadra are some of the major rivers.

The small state of Kerala lies along the Malabar Coast. It has Karnataka to the northeast and Tamil Nadu to the east. Its capital is Thiruvananthapuram. Most of the residents of Kerala speak Malayali. The state is known for different kinds of sambar and rasam. Onam is an important festival of Kerala.