

Capital of Maharashtra

- Historically, the major economic hub of a state or region has often been the epicenter of political power and Capital through conquests or federations.
- The Capital of Maharashtra, Mumbai (formerly Bombay), is an island city on the west coast, connected to the mainland by road and railway.
- Rightly known as the gateway to India, Maharashtra is one of India's largest commercial and industrial centers. It has played an influential role in the social and political life of the country.

Capital of Maharashtra may refer to:

1. Mumbai, Summer Capital of Maharashtra
2. Nagpur, Winter Capital of Maharashtra

Why does Maharashtra have two Capitals?

- Mumbai is the Capital, while Nagpur is the sub-capital of Maharashtra.
- Since the formation of the Maharashtra state, separatist groups have demanded Vidarbha as a separate state for various reasons. Nagpur represents the Vidarbha region.
- Considering the East-West distance of Maharashtra, it is inconvenient for people from Vidarbha to reach Mumbai. Thus, Nagpur was created as the vice-capital / sub-capital of Maharashtra. Previously, it was the capital of the former State of Madhya Pradesh (Central Province) before forming current Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh states.
- Winter Session of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly occurs at Nagpur. Also, the Bombay High Court has Nagpur Bench at Nagpur.
- These efforts are taken for the sake of convenience and to maintain regional balance.

Summer Capital of Maharashtra



- Summer Capital is a city that is used as an administrative capital, especially during extended periods of hot summer weather. The term is mainly relevant in the historical context of the political system in which the ruling classes would migrate to the summer capital, making it less prevalent in modern times. The availability of air conditioning systems also reduces the need to migrate to the summer capital from time to time.
- Mumbai (also known as Bombay, the official name until 1995) is the summer capital city of the Indian state of Maharashtra.
- Mumbai lies on the Konkan coast on the west coast of India and has a deep natural harbor.
- In 2008, Mumbai was renamed as '**Alpha World City.**' It is also the wealthiest city in the country & has the highest number of millionaires and billionaires among all the cities in India.
- With a population of 18.4 million, it is the most populous city in India and the ninth most populous city globally.
- It has the highest GDP among South, West, or Central Asian city.

- Mumbai is India's financial, commercial, & entertainment (Bollywood) capital.
- It is one of the top 10 commercial centers globally in terms of global economic flows.
- The city is home to important financial institutions such as the Reserve Bank of India, the Bombay Stock Exchange, the National Stock Exchange of India, SEBI, and the corporate headquarters of numerous Indian companies and multinationals.

Winter Capital of Maharashtra



- Nagpur is the winter capital of Maharashtra, the fastest-growing metropolis and the third-largest city in Maharashtra after Mumbai and Pune.
- With a 46,53,570 (2011) population, Nagpur Metropolitan Area is India's 13th largest urban conglomeration. It has also recently been ranked as the cleanest city and the second greenest city in India.
- In spare to being the seat of the annual winter session of Maharashtra state assembly “Vidhan Sabha,” Nagpur is also a major commercial and political center of the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. It is also famous throughout the country as “Orange City” for being a major trade center of oranges cultivated in the region.
- In addition, the city also derives political importance from being the headquarters for the RSS and an important location for the Buddhist movement.