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Basic Facts about Arunachal Pradesh

- **Union territory:** 21 January 1972
- **Status of State:** 20 February 1987
- **Capital:** Itanagar
- **Number of District:** 25
- **Governor:** B.D. Mishra
- **Chief Minister:** Pema Khandu
- **High court:** Guwahati High Court - Itanagar Bench
- **Chief Justice:** Ajai Lamba
- **Members of the Legislative Assembly:** 60
- **Lok Sabha Seats:** 2
- **Rajya Sabha Seats:** 1
Boundaries

- Arunachal Pradesh borders the states of Assam and Nagaland to the south and shares international borders with Bhutan in the west, Myanmar in the east and is separated from China in the north by the McMahon Line.
State Symbols

- State Animal: Mithun
- State Bird: Hornbill
- State Flower: Foxtail orchid
- State Tree: Hollong
History of Arunachal Pradesh

- A major part of the state is claimed by both China and Taiwan, both referring to it as "South Tibet".
- During the 1962 Sino-Indian war, Chinese forces temporarily crossed the McMahon line, the border line between the state and China.
- During the war in 1962, China captured most of the area of Arunachal Pradesh. However, China soon declared victory, withdrew back to the McMahon Line and returned Indian prisoners of war in 1963.
- **First CM of Arunachal Pradesh**: Prem Khandu Thungan
- **First Lieutenant Governor of Arunachal Pradesh**: K. A. A. Raja
- **First Governor of Arunachal Pradesh**: Bhishma Narain Singh
Geography

- Geographically, it is the **largest** of the **Seven Sister States** of Northeast India.
- Mountains until the Siang river are classified under the **Eastern Himalayas** mountain range. Between the Siang river and the Noa-Dihing river is classified as the Mishmi Hills that may be part of the Hengduan Shan, but the true extents of these mountains is unclear.
- The tiny town of **Kibithu** in Arunachal Pradesh is the easternmost point of India. The **Lohit River** enters India from Kibithu.
Legislative Assembly elections were held in Arunachal Pradesh on April 11, 2019 to elect the 60 members of Legislative Assembly. This results in landslide victory for Bharatiya Janata Party and its allies.

Pema Khandu took oath as Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister on 29 May 2019.
Major Dams and Reservoirs

- **Ranganadi**: Ranganadi River
General Facts

- Arunachal Pradesh is often referred as the **Orchid State of India** or the Paradise of the Botanists.
- Highest peak of the state is **Kangto** which is shared with Tibet. The altitude of this peak is 7090 m. This lies on Eastern Himalayan range.
- Traditional method of agriculture is **Jhum** (a sort of shifting cultivation).
- Agriculture is the primary driver of economy of state.
- Literacy rate of Arunachal Pradesh is **66.95 %** which is quite below India’s average literacy rate of **74.04 %** (2011 census).
- Arunachal Pradesh is one of the two states of India in which **English** alone is the official language. The other Indian state where English alone is the official language is Nagaland.
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Festivals & Fairs of Arunachal Pradesh

- Siang River Festival
- Pangspau Pass Winter Festival
- Ziro Festival of Music
- Solung (Agricultural Festival)
- Nyokum
- Losar Festival
- dree Festival
- Loku
- Sanken
National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries

- Namdapha National Park
- Mouling National park
- Sessa Orchid sanctuary
- Daying Ering Wildlife Sanctuary
- Mehao Wildlife sanctuary
- Pakhui Wildlife sanctuary
- Nehru Van Udyaan
Dance form of Arunachal Pradesh

- **Bardo Chham**: Bardo Chham is the famous dance style in Sherdukpen.
- **Igo Dance**: This dance style famous in Arunachal Pradesh. Igo dance is the fertility dance and performs in Rren ceremony.
- **War Dance**: War dance is famous style in the tribal warrior societies in which use the mock combat.
- **Noctes and Wanchos**: In this dance style used by the Buddhist tribes and in this dance participate only male participant.
Places of National Importance in Arunachal Pradesh

- Ziro Valley: Lower Subansiri
- Sela Pass: Chariduar
- Nuranang Falls: Tawang
- Gorichen Peak: Tawang
- Bhismaknagar Fort: Lower Dibang
- Golden Pagoda: Namsai
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