

## India: Chhattisgarh State Elections: BJP wins over Ruling party

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December 3, 2023: New Delhi, India: The results of Chattisgarh stunned all the Election Psephologists, with BJP winning in all the regions of the State, including the **tribal belts of Bastar and Sarguja**. The **tribals and women** are supposed to have powered the surprising victory of BJP over INC.



*December 3, 2023: Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India: CM Bhupesh Baghel tenders his resignation to Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan at Raj Bhavan*

The **Zoram People's Movement (ZPM)**, under the leadership of **Lalduhoma**, won 27 of 40 seats, while the ruling **Mizo National Front (MNF)** could win just 10. **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** could win 2 seats and the **Indian National Congress** won only one seat.

State of Chhattisgarh (Central India)

Population: 29.44 Mn (17<sup>th</sup>); Area: 135,192 Km<sup>2</sup> (9<sup>th</sup>);

GDP: \$64 Bn (16<sup>th</sup>); GDP per capita: \$1,900 (23<sup>th</sup>)

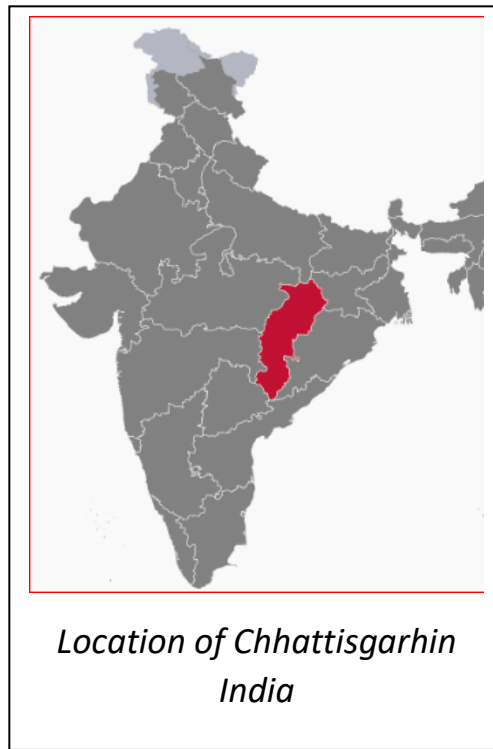
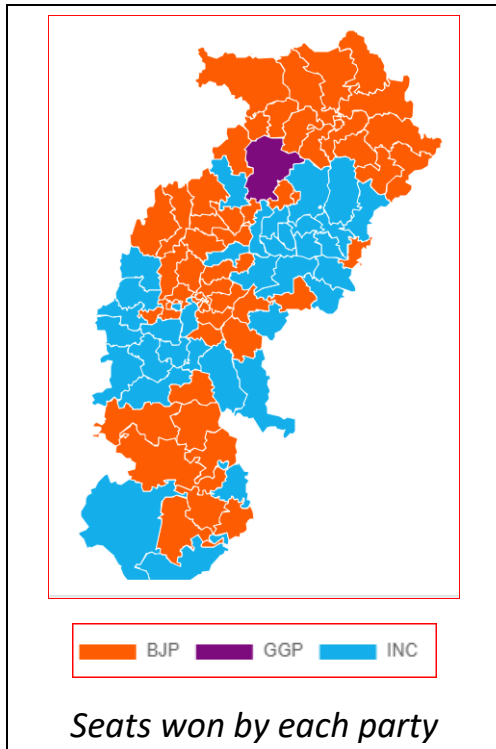
Capital: Nava Raipur, Population: 0.56 Mn

Formation of State: 1 November 2000; Language: Hindi

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Party	2023		2018	
	Seats won	Vote Share	Seats won	Vote Share
Bharatiya Janata Party - BJP	54	46.27%	15	33.0%
Indian National Congress - INC	35	42.23%	68	43.0%
Gondvana Gantantra Party - GGP	1	5.5%*	0	0
Janta Congress Chhattisgarh (JCC)	0	1.23%	5	7.6%
Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)	0	2.05%	2	3.9%

*\*5.5% is the vote for others, including GGP*

**FORESTS:** Deciduous forests of the Eastern Highlands Forests cover roughly **44% of the state**. The state has the third largest forest by area in India.

The state is surrounded by the forests in Madhya Pradesh (1st), Odisha (4th), Maharashtra (5th), Jharkhand and Telangana making it India's largest covered forests across state boundaries. There are multiple National Parks, Tiger Reserves across the state. Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve is UNESCO recognised Biosphere with total area of 3835.51 Km<sup>2</sup>.

**TRIBES:** There are many different tribes in the forests. Moreover, in the forests, spread over six States, the smaller tribes can move from one area to another.

The largest tribe of Chhattisgarh is in Bastar. Located at a distance of 264 km from Raipur, Bastar has plenty to offer to its visitors with its valuable tribal art and culture that lie in and around the lush green city of **Jagdalpur**, situated on the banks of **Indravati river**.

A BRIEF HISTORY: Bastar was called **Dakshin Koshal**, which finds mention in both the **Ramayana and Mahabharata**.The forest area was called **Dandakaranya** in the epic Ramayana.

Bastar state was a **princely state** in India during the British Raj. It was founded in the **early 14th century** by **Annamaraja**, a brother of the last ruler of the Kakatiya dynasty (12-14 century and ruled over much of the present day **Telangana and Andhra Pradesh**, and **parts of Eastern Karnataka, Northern Tamil Nadu, and Southern Odisha**.Their capital was **Orugallu**, now known as **Warangal**.), Prataparudra II.

**Dussehra celebration of Bastar** is said to have a special flavour.

TOURIST PLACES in BASTAR: One can choose from **National Parks, waterfalls, natural caves, palaces, museums** and **places of religious significance**.

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