



## Statehood Day of Maharashtra and Gujarat

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### Why in News

Maharashtra and Gujarat celebrated their statehood day on **1<sup>st</sup> May, 2020**. On the occasion, the Prime Minister and other leaders praised the contribution made by the two states to the development of the country.

### Key Points

- On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1960, the **bilingual state of Bombay was divided into two separate states** by the Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960: **Maharashtra for Marathi speaking** people and **Gujarat for Gujarati speaking** people.
- Gujarat was established as the **15<sup>th</sup> state of the Indian Union**.

### Maharashtra

- **Capital:** Mumbai
- **Sex Ratio:** 929 female per 1000 male (**National: 943**)
- **Literacy:** 82.34% (**National: 74.04%**)
- **Arabian Sea guards the western boundary of Maharashtra**, while Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh are on the northern side. Chhattisgarh covers the eastern boundary of the State. Karnataka and Telangana are on its southern side.
- The State has been **identified as the country's powerhouse** and Mumbai, its capital as the **centre point of India's financial and commercial markets**.
- Maharashtra has two major ports, **Mumbai Port and Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNP)** both located in Mumbai harbour.
- According to the **India State of Forest Report (ISFR)-2019**, Maharashtra's forest cover is **16.50% of the state's geographical area**.
- **Bhil, Gond-Madia, Katkari, Koli, Oraon, Warli** are the major tribes of Maharashtra.

### Gujarat

- **Capital:** Gandhinagar
- **Sex Ratio:** 919 female per 1000 male (**National: 943**)
- **Literacy:** 78.03% (**National: 74.04%**)
- The state is **bounded by the Arabian Sea in the west, Pakistan** and Rajasthan **in the north** and north-east respectively, Madhya Pradesh in the south-east and Maharashtra in the south.
- Gujarat is the **first state in the nation** to start a **separate department of 'climate change'** to tackle the issue of global warming.
- **Kandla Port** is the major port in Gujarat along with 41 minor ports.
- **Gamit, Bhils, Dhodias, Bawcha, Kunbi** are the major tribes present in the state.
- According to the **India State of Forest Report (ISFR)-2019, Gujarat has the largest area of wetlands** within Recorded Forest Area/Green Wash (RFA/GW) in the country followed by West Bengal.

**Source: PIB**