

## Pune

Pune is located in the western Indian state of Maharashtra. Pune is the 7th largest city in India, it is the second largest city in the state of Maharashtra. It is situated at the eastern edge of the Western ghats on the Deccan plateau.

Pune is widely considered the cultural capital of Marathi-speaking Maharashtrians. Pune is known as Oxford of India as it has a reputation for its several esteemed colleges and educational institutions. It has a very strong presence in the automobile sector and is on its way to consolidate its position as the 'Detroit of India' too. Pune city once referred as 'pensioner's paradise' and now Pune is fast emerging as an important Information technology hub of India. Its cosmopolitan population speaks several other languages like English and Hindi.

Pune's Fame began when king of Maratha Empire 'ChhatrapatiShivaji' came to stay here with his great mother Jijabai in 1635-36. They lived in LalMahal. KasbaGanpati Mandir was built by Jijabai. In the early 18th century, prime minister of ChhatrapatiShahu, PeshweBajiRao wanted to make Pune his home. He built his palace on a ground near the Muthariver which is now known as ShaniwarPeth. The palace built in ShaniwarPeth is known as Shaniwar Wada.

Pune's reputation as an educational and research node grew after independence with the establishment of University of Pune, National Defence Academy (NDA), National Chemical Laboratory, College of Engineering, Pune, SP College, Fergusson College.

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