

PANJIM

1. What is the Konkani name of Panjim?

- (a) Panaji
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Margao
- (d) Kurushetra

Panaji

Panaji, the Konkani name for Panjim, is the capital of Goa. The term Panaji is taken from two words panjani and khali meaning boat and a small creek respectively in Sanskrit. The official name is Panaji, spelt from 1960's. Panaji means "Land that never floods".

2. Goa was the former colony of which European power?

- (a) Dutch
- (b) British
- (c) Arabs
- (d) Portuguese

Portuguese

Goa was ruled by Portuguese government from 1505 after the arrival of Vasco da Gama. The annexation of Goa by India lasted till 1971. The territories of Portugal were collectively known as Goa. City of Goa was the administrative seat of Portuguese India.

3. One of the oldest churches dedicated to Mother Mary, situated in Panaji is

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- (a) Church of Baby Jesus
 - (b) Church of Virgin Mary
 - (c) Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church
 - (d) Church of Rosary

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church in Panjim is one of the oldest churches in Goa built in 1540. This Roman Catholic Church is situated in the center of the city is a prime attraction and has the second largest bell in the world. The architecture and backdrop of the church is elegantly designed.

3. Name the popular Muslim palace of Bijapur sultanate.

- (a) Adilshahi Palace
- (b) Chowmallah Palace
- (c) Umaid bhavan Palace
- (d) Lake Palace

Adilshahi Palace

Well known palace in Panaji was built in 1500 by Yusuf Adil Shah, founder of Adilshahi dynasty of Bijapur, for relaxing and recreational purposes. Later it was fortified by Portuguese for defense purposes. It also acted as residence for Portuguese viceroys. The palace now has protected and has splendid gardens.

4. Which is the well-known Hindu temple located in Panjim dedicated to Goddess?
- (a) Kalibari Temple
 - (b) Kamakhya Temple
 - (c) Mahalakshmi Temple
 - (d) Birla temple

Mahalakshmi Temple

It is believed that this temple is the actual dwelling place of goddess of Shakti sect. This beautiful temple is known for its image of goddess which has a 'linga' on her head and the gallery of wooden images of Lord Vishnu.

5. Panaji is known for a famous beach. Name it.
- (a) Kovalam beach
 - (b) Meera beach
 - (c) Madvi beach
 - (d) Miramar Beach

Miramar Beach

One of the peaceful places of Goa, Miramar Beach of Panaji is also called 'Gasper Dias'. Miramar in Portuguese means 'viewing the sea'. The golden beach with soft sand and line of palm trees is one of the prime attractions for tourists. You get a mesmerizing view of Aguada Fort of Goa and it's a centre for variety of migratory birds.

6. A famous beach which is known for its statue on the cliff belonging to British Era.
- (a) Diana Paul
 - (b) Diu beach
 - (c) Dona Paula
 - (d) Colvo Beach

Dona Paula

This famous beach is known as Lovers paradise. It got its name from a mystic story of British Viceroy's daughter, Dona Paula de Menzes, who jumped from the cliff when she was denied to marry a local fisherman. This tourist paradise is known for water sporting, sun bathing, and seaside shopping and food snacks.

7. Panjim is home to the relic of which famous Christian saint?
- (a) St Luke
 - (b) St John
 - (c) St. Mother Teresa

(d) St Francis Xavier

St Francis Xavier

Panjim is home to the relics of 16th century Spanish catholic saint, St Francis Xavier kept in a casket at the Basilica of Born Jesus, a UNESCO world heritage site, at the Old Goa complex. The remains of the saint are open to public once in 10 years. The body of St. Francis was first taken to China and then brought to Goa after two years and it is said that the body is as fresh as it was buried.

8. Name the well- known bird sanctuary name after a famous Ornithologist (Study of birds).
- (a) Ali merchant Bird Sanctuary
 - (b) Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary
 - (c) Muhammad Ali Sanctuary
 - (d) Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary

Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary

Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary of Panaji, is named after an Indian Ornithologist, Dr. Salim Ali. The sanctuary is spread over 1.78 kms and is covered with mangrove forests. It is the home to various migratory birds including Mud skipper and black Drongo which are rarely found in India.

9. _____ is a well- known waterfall located 60kms from Panaji.
- (a) Jog Falls
 - (b) Pochera Falls
 - (c) Talakona Falls
 - (d) Dudhsagar falls

Dudhsagar Falls

Dudhsagar literally means sea of milk. This exquisite waterfall is located on Mandovi River. It is India's 5th tallest waterfall and 227th in the world. The waterfall is approachable by trains and road which are maintained by Goa Forest department. It is also a famous trekking center.

10. What is India's annexation of Goa, 1961 better known as?
- (a) Mission Goa
 - (b) Mission Possible
 - (c) Operation Goa
 - (d) Operation Vijay

Operation Vijay

Goa, former Portuguese, was annexed by India through Portuguese India war, which was an armed action by Indian government known as Operation Vijay. It included land, air and sea attacks for over 36 hours. The Invasion of Goa resulted

in the end of Portuguese rule after 451 years in Goa. Panjim or Pangim in Portuguese, their administrative seat still remains capital of Goa.