



Country Profile: India

India, the world's largest democracy, has a very diverse population, geography and climate. India is the world's second most populous country, and the world's seventh largest country in area. Tourist facilities have varying degrees of comfort, and amenities are widely available in the major population centers and main tourist areas. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on India for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	India
Continent:	Asia
Capital City:	New Delhi
Boundary Countries:	Bangladesh 4,053 km, Bhutan 605 km, Burma 1,463 km, China 3,380 km, Nepal 1,690 km, Pakistan 2,912 km.
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Apollo Hospitals (Hyderabad, Chennai, Bilaspur, Ahmedabad, City Center, Madurai, Kolata), Asia Rescue & Medical Services (Calcutta), Privat Hospital & Telemedicine Center (Gurgaon), Asia Medical Assistance (Gurgaon), Privat Travel Clinic Manali (Kullu), East West Medical Center & Rescue (New Delhi), Indrapasatha Apollo Hospital- Delhi (New Delhi), Jaipur Dental Surgery (Rajasthan), Privat Travel Clinic Rishikesh, Heritage Hospital (Varanasi, Escorts Hospital (Amritsar, Faridabad, New Delhi, Raipur), Fortis Hospital (Amritsar, Mohali, Noida), Kamineni Wockhardt Heart Hospital (Hyderabad), Wockhardt Hospital & Heart Hospital (Bangalore), Wockhardt Super Specialty Hospital (Bangalore), Niramay Hospital (Bhopal), Madras Medical Mission (Chennai), Helvetia Klinik (Delhi), Max Balaji Hospital (Patparganj), Sterling Hospital (Ahmedabad), Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences (Kochi), Medical Trust Hospital (Cochin), Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (Thiruvananthapuram), Wockhardt Hospital (Kolkatta, Mumbai, Nagpur), Vrundavan Hospital & Research Centre (Mapusa Goa), Miraj Medical Center, Bhatia Hospital (Mumbai), Blue Cross Medichek Centre (Mumbai), Bombay Hospital (Mumbai), Breach Candy Hospital & Research Center (Mumbai), Cumballa Hill Hospital (Mumbai), Holy Spirit Hospital (Mumbai), Jaslok Hospital & Research Center (Mumbai), Lilavati Hospital & Research Center (Mumbai), Masina Hospital (Mumbai), PD Hinduja National Hospital (Mumbai), Tata Memorial Hospital (Mumbai), The Prince Aly Khan Hospital (Mazagaon, Mumbai), Fortis Flt. Lt. Rajan Dhall Hospital (New Delhi), Fortis La Femme Center for Women (New Delhi), Jeewan Mala Hospital (New Delhi), Jessa Ram Hospital (New Delhi), Max Devki Heart & Vascular Institute (New Delhi), Max Hospital- Pitampura (New Delhi), Max Medcentre- Panchsheel Park (New Delhi), Max Specialty Centre (New Delhi), Max Super Specialty Hospital- Saket (New Delhi), Moolchand Hospital (New Delhi), Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi), Max Hospital- Noida, Jehangir Hospital (Pune), Ruby Hall Clinic (Pune), Vijaya Health Center & Hospital Chennai (Tamil Nadu)
Main Cities:	New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Amritsar, Srinagar, Imphal, Agra, Kanpur, Nagpur, Bhopal, Kandla, Ahmadabad, Panaji, Marmagao, Cochin, Bengaluru, Pondicherry, Port Blair, Tuticorin, Calicut, Madurai, Vishakhapatnam
Country Size:	3,287,590 sq km

Population:	1,129,866,154
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COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English enjoys associate status but is the most important language for national, political, and commercial communication; Hindi is the national language and primary tongue of 30% of the people; there are 14 other official languages: Bengali, Telugu, Marathi, Tamil, Urdu, Gujarati, Malayalam, Kannada, Oriya, Punjabi, Assamese, Kashmiri, Sindhi, and Sanskrit; Hindustani is a popular variant of Hindi/Urdu spoken widely throughout northern India but is not an official language.
Currency:	Indian rupee (INR)
Predominant Religions:	Hindu 80.5%, Muslim 13.4%, Christian 2.3%, Sikh 1.9%, other 1.8%, unspecified 0.1%
National Holidays:	Republic Day, 26 January (1950)
Economic Status:	<p>India achieved 8.5% GDP growth in 2006, significantly expanding manufacturing. India is capitalizing on its large numbers of well-educated people skilled in the English language to become a major exporter of software services and software workers. Economic expansion has helped New Delhi continue to make progress in reducing its federal fiscal deficit. However, strong growth- more than 8 percent growth in each of the last three years- combined with easy consumer credit and a real estate boom is fueling inflation concerns. The huge and growing population is the fundamental social, economic, and environmental problem.</p> <p>Army, Navy (includes naval air arm), Air Force, Coast Guard, various security or paramilitary forces (includes Border Security Force, Assam Rifles, National Security Guards, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Special Frontier Force, Central Reserve Police Force, Central Industrial Security Force, Railway Protection Force, and Defense Security Corps)</p> <p>The US Embassy in New Delhi is located at Shanti Path, Chanakya Puri 110021; tel +91-11-2419-8000; fax +91-11-2419-8407. The Embassy's Internet home page address is http://newdelhi.usembassy.gov. The US Consulate General in Mumbai (Bombay) is located at Lincoln House, 78 Bhulabhai Desai Road, 400026, tel +91-22-2363-3611; fax +91-22-2363-0350. The Internet home page address is http://mumbai.usconsulate.gov. The US Consulate General in Kolkata (Calcutta) is at 5/1 Ho Chi Minh Sarani, 700071; tel +91-33-3984-2400; fax +91-33-2282-2335. The Internet home page address is http://kolkata.usconsulate.gov. The US Consulate General in Chennai (Madras) is at 220 Anna Salai, Gemini Circle, 600006; tel +91-44-2857-4000; fax +91-44-2857-4443. The Internet home page address is http://chennai.usconsulate.gov.</p>
Security:	Army, Navy (includes naval air arm), Air Force, Coast Guard, various security or paramilitary forces (includes Border Security Force, Assam Rifles, National Security Guards, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Special Frontier Force, Central Reserve Police Force, Central Industrial Security Force, Railway Protection Force, and Defense Security Corps).
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Major Airports:	Airports: 341, Airports w/paved runways: 243 (numerous significant international airports throughout the country). Delhi – Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL/VIDP) Delhi Airport, India, New Delhi 110 037, INDIA Tel: +91 (0)11 329 6535, +91 (0)11 565 2011 Fax: +91 (0)11 329 5444 E-mail: info@delhiairport.com Website: www.delhiairport.com
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