

## The Republic of India



<b>Area</b>	: Total: 3,287,590 sq km Land: 2,973,190 sq km
<b>Population</b>	: 1,129,866,154 (July 2007 est.)
<b>Population growth rate</b>	: 1.606% (2007 est.)
<b>Languages</b>	: Hindi 30% & 14 other official languages: Bengali, Telugu, Marathi, Tamil, Urdu, Gujarati, Malayalam, Kannada, Oriya, Punjabi, Assamese, Kashmiri, Sindhi, and Sanskrit.
<b>Religions</b>	: Hindu 80.5%, Muslim 13.4%, Christian 2.3%, Sikh 1.9%, other 1.8%, unspecified 0.1% (2001 census)
<b>Ethnic groups</b>	: Indo-Aryan 72%, Dravidian 25%, Mongoloid and other 3% (2000)
<b>Climate</b>	: varies from tropical monsoon in south to temperate in north
<b>Natural resources</b>	: coal (fourth-largest reserves in the world), iron ore, manganese, mica, bauxite, titanium ore, chromite, natural gas, diamonds, petroleum, limestone, arable land

<b>Literacy rate</b>	: <i>Total population:</i> 61% <i>Male:</i> 73.4% <i>Female:</i> 47.8% (2001 census)
<b>Currency</b>	: Indian rupee (INR)
<b>Time difference with SL</b>	: Exactly the same
<b>National day</b>	: Republic Day, 26 January
<b>Main cities with Population</b>	: Delhi (capital) 13.7 mn Mumbai (Bombay) 18 mn Kolkata (Calcutta) 14.6 mn Chennai (Madras) 7.06 mn Bangalore 6.5 mn Hyderabad 6.1 mn Ahmedabad 5.3 mn
<b>GDP (PPP)</b>	: \$4.156 trillion (2006 est.)
<b>GDP - real growth rate</b>	: 9.2% (2006 est.)
<b>GDP - per capita</b>	: \$3,800 (2006 est.)
<b>GDP – composition by sectors</b>	: <i>Agriculture:</i> 19.9% <i>Industry:</i> 19.3% <i>Services:</i> 60.7% (2005 est.)
<b>Exchange rate</b>	: Indian rupees per US dollar - 45.3 (2006)
<b>Major Industries</b>	: textiles, chemicals, food processing, steel, transportation equipment, cement, mining, petroleum, machinery, software
<b>Major Exports</b>	: textile goods, gems and jewelry, engineering goods, chemicals, leather manufactures
<b>Major Markets</b>	: US 16.7%, UAE 8.5%, China 6.6%, Singapore 5.3%, UK 4.9%, Hong Kong 4.4% (2005)
<b>Major Imports</b>	: crude oil, machinery, gems, fertilizer, chemicals
<b>Major Suppliers</b>	: China 7.3%, US 5.6%, Switzerland 4.7% (2005)