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### *Kind of Information*

Entry contains information on geographical location, climate, people, demographic/vital statistics, religion, languages, education, modern history, currency, economy, main trading partners, main primary products, major industries, main exports, transport, communities, and military with maps of countries. Entry begins with official name, capital, system of government, area, estimated population etc.

**OFFICIAL NAME:** Republic of India  
**CAPITAL:** New Delhi  
**SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT:** Multiparty Federal Republic  
**AREA:** 3,166,692 Sq Km (1,222,720 Sq Mi)  
**ESTIMATED 2000 POPULATION** 1,096,695,000



**LOCATION & GEOGRAPHY:** India is located on the Indian sub-continent in South Asia. It is bound by Pakistan to the northwest, China, Bhutan and Nepal to the north, Myanmar and Bangladesh to the east, the Bay of Bengal to the southeast and the Arabian Sea to the southwest. It is the second largest country in Asia and the territory also includes the Andaman, Nicobar and the Lakshadweep Islands. The mainland of India can be divided into four topographical regions. (1.) The northern mountains or Himalayan region which comprises three parallel ranges mixed with large plateaux and valleys. (2.) The Indo-Gangetic Plain which is formed by the basins of the Ganges, Indus and Brahmaputra Rivers. (3.) The desert region which is divided into the Great and Little Deserts. (4.) The southern region which includes a narrow coastal plain along the Arabian Sea and a broader one along the Bay of Bengal. The southern region is separated from the Indo-Gangetic Plain by a mass of mountain ranges and plateaux on the Indian or Deccan Peninsula, which are flanked by the Western and Eastern Ghats. The rivers of India are generally divided into the Himalayan and peninsula rivers; and the principal rivers include the Ganges with its tributaries, the Jumna, Yamuna, Ghagra, Gandak, Kosi, Chambli, Betwa, Son, Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna, Cauvery, Nerbada and Tapti. Major Cities (pop. est.); Mumbai (Bombay) 9,925,900, Delhi 7,206,700, Calcutta 4,399,800, Madras 3,841,400, Bangalore 3,302,300, Hyderabad 3,145,900, Ahmadabad 2,954,500, Kanpur 1,879,400, Nagpur 1,624,800, Lucknow 1,619,100, Pune 1,566,700, New Delhi 301,300 (1991). Land Use; forested 23%, pastures 4%, agricultural-cultivated 57%, other 16% (1993).

**CLIMATE:** India has a tropical climate that is dominated by the Asiatic monsoons with four fairly distinct seasons which are common to all six or seven climatic regions. (1.) A relatively cool winter monsoon season. (2.) A hot and rainless transitional season. (3.) A rainy monsoon season and (4.) a humid season. Tropical hurricanes and cyclones are common between April to June and September to December. Average temperature ranges in New Delhi are from 7 to 21 degrees Celsius (45 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit) in January to 26 to 41 degrees Celsius (79 to 106 degrees Fahrenheit) in May.

**PEOPLE:** India's racial diversity is extremely complex, but generally can be divided into the following ethnic groups. The Indo-Aryan who represent 72% of the population while the Dravidian account for 25% and the Mongoloid with others account for 3%. There are also three alien ethnic groups which include the Parsis, Jews and the Anglo-Indians of mixed European and Indian descent.

**DEMOGRAPHIC/VITAL STATISTICS:** Density; 275 persons per sq km (712 persons per sq mi) (1991). Urban-Rural; 25.7% urban, 74.3% rural (1991). Sex Distribution; 51.9% male, 48.1% female (1991). Life Expectancy at Birth; 58.1 years male, 59.1 years female (1986-90). Age Breakdown; 37% under 15, 27% 15 to 29, 18% 30 to 44, 11% 45 to 59, 6% 60 to 74, 1% 75 and over (1990). Birth Rate; 32.5 per 1,000 (1991). Death Rate; 11.4 per 1,000 (1991). Increase Rate; 21.1 per 1,000 (1991). Infant Mortality Rate; 80.0 per 1,000 live births (1990).

**RELIGIONS:** Around 83% of the population are Hindu, 11.4% are Muslim, 3% are Christian, 2% are Sikh while just under 1% are Buddhist and .5% are Jain.

### *Special Features*

- ❖ Glossary includes abbreviation.
- ❖ One can submit messages as feedback.
- ❖ Boolean search is available.

### *Arrangement Pattern*

Entries are arranged alphabetically according to country name.

**Remarks**

An atlas is a collection of maps; it is typically a map of Earth or a region of Earth. With atlases this site explores the basic idea of different regions like information on people, climate, religions etc.

**Comparable Tools**

- Worldatlas.com (<http://www.worldatlas.com/>)
- Nationalmap.gov ([http://nationalmap.gov/small\\_scale/](http://nationalmap.gov/small_scale/))

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