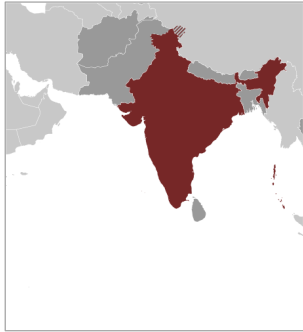




INDIA



INTRODUCTION

The Indus Valley civilization, one of the world's oldest, flourished during the 3rd and 2nd millennia B.C. and extended into northwestern India. By the 19th century, Great Britain had become the dominant political power on the subcontinent and India was seen as the "Jewel in the Crown" of the British Empire. Years of nonviolent resistance to British rule eventually resulted in Indian independence in 1947.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Droupadi MURMU

Head of Government

Prime Minister Narendra MODI

Government Type

federal parliamentary republic

Capital

New Delhi

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the Council of States (245 seats) and the House of the People (545 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Taranjit Singh SANDHU

US Ambassador

Ambassador Eric M. GARCETTI

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 3,287,263 sq km

Land: 2,973,193 sq km

Water: 314,070 sq km

Climate

varies from tropical monsoon in south to temperate in north

Natural Resources

coal (fourth-largest reserves in the world), iron ore, lead, rare earth elements, natural gas, diamonds, petroleum, limestone, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

largest South Asian economy; key US trading partner; many informal domestic economies; promoting self-reliance and increasing market access barriers; credit access weaknesses contributing to lower private consumption and inflation; ongoing social and infrastructure equity efforts

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$9.279 trillion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$6,600 (2021 est.)

Industries - textiles, chemicals, food processing, steel, transportation equipment, cement, mining, petroleum, machinery, software, pharmaceuticals

Agricultural products - sugarcane, rice, wheat, buffalo milk, milk, potatoes, vegetables, bananas, maize, mangoes/guavas

Exports \$643.1 billion (2021 est.)

refined petroleum, diamonds, packaged medicines, jewelry, rice (2021)

partners: US 18%, UAE 6%, China 6%, Bangladesh 4%, Hong Kong 3% (2021)

Imports \$717.1 billion (2021 est.)

crude petroleum, gold, coal, diamonds, natural gas, integrated circuits (2021)

partners: China 17%, UAE 7%, US 7%, Switzerland 6%, Saudi Arabia 5% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

1.4 billion (2023 est.)

Population Growth

0.7% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

Indo-Aryan 72%, Dravidian 25%, and other 3% (2000)

Language

Hindi 43.6%, Bengali 8%, Marathi 6.9%, Telugu 6.7%, Tamil 5.7%, Gujarati 4.6%, Urdu 4.2%, Kannada 3.6%, Odia 3.1%, Malayalam 2.9%, Punjabi 2.7%, Assamese 1.3%, Maithili 1.1%, other 5.6% (2011 est.)

Religion

Hindu 79.8%, Muslim 14.2%, Christian 2.3%, Sikh 1.7%, other and unspecified 2% (2011 est.)

as of July 2023