COUNTRY PROFILE

INDIA

Location: Southern Asia, bordering the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, between Burma and Pakistan
Capital: New Delhi
Government type: Federal Parliamentary Republic
Area:
- Total: 3,287,263 sq km
- Land: 2,973,193 sq km
- Water: 314,070 sq km
Population: 1,266,883,598 (July 2016 est.)
Population Growth Rate: 1.19% (2016 est.)
Population below Poverty Line: 29.8% (2010 est.)
Climate: Varies from tropical monsoon in south to temperate in north
Natural Resources: Coal, iron ore, manganese, mica, bauxite, rare earth elements, titanium ore, chromite, natural gas, diamonds, petroleum, limestone, arable land
Languages: Hindi 41%, Bengali 8.1%, Telugu 7.2%, Marathi 7%, Tamil 5.9%, Urdu 5%, Gujarati 4.5%, Kannada 3.7%, Malayalam 3.2%, Oriya 3.2%, Punjabi 2.8%, Assamese 1.3%, Maithili 1.2%, other 5.9%
Religions: Hindu 79.8%, Muslim 14.2%, Christian 2.3%, Sikh 1.7%, other and unspecified 2% (2011 est.)
Land Use:
- Agricultural Land: 60.5% (arable land 52.8%; permanent crops 4.2%; permanent pasture 3.5%)
- Forest: 23.1%
- Other: 16.4% (2011 est.)
Natural Hazards: Droughts; flash floods, as well as widespread and destructive flooding from monsoonal rains; severe thunderstorms; earthquakes
Literacy: 71.2%.
GDP - Real Growth Rate: 7.6% (2016 est.)
GDP - Per capita (PPP): $6,700 (2016 est.)
Exports: $271.6 billion (2016 est.)
Export Commodities: Petroleum products, precious stones, vehicles, machinery, iron and steel, chemicals, pharmaceutical products, cereals, apparel
Improved Drinking Water Source: 94.1% of population
Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 39.6% of population