

# 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 Density** (per sq KM) 441 (2015)

**Population Growth Rate:** 1.19% (2016 est.)

**Population below Poverty Line:** 29.8% (2010 est.)

**Ethnic Groups:** Indo-Aryan 72%, Dravidian 25%, Mongoloid and other 3% (2000)

**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