

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: 1,42,86,27,663.00 WDI-2023

Rural Population: 909,121,500 (2023) / 909.12 Million

Population Density: (per sq KM) 473.41 2021 WDI

Population Growth Rate: 0.80% 2023 WDI

Population below Poverty Line: The percentage of persons below the Poverty Line in 2011-12 has been estimated as 25.7% in rural areas, 13.7% in urban areas and 21.9% for the country as a whole. Planning Commission of India

Ethnic Groups: Indo-Aryan 72%, Dravidian 25%, and other 3%

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 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%; English is the subsidiary official language but is the most important one for national, political, and commercial communication

Religions: Hindu 79.8%, Muslim 14.2%, Christian 2.3%, Sikh 1.7%, other and unspecified 2%

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 60.1% (2022) FAO. (Arable land 86.5% (2022) FAO/ Permanent crops 7.6% (2022) FAO/ Permanent meadows and pastures 5.9% (2022)

Forest: 24.35% 2021 WDI

Other: 16.4%

Natural Hazards: Droughts; flash floods, as well as widespread and destructive flooding from monsoonal rains; severe thunderstorms; earthquakes

Literacy: 76.32% WDI 2022

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 7.58% WDI 2023

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$2239.25 WDI 2023

Exports: \$499.1 Billion (2021) WB

Exports Commodities: Petroleum products, precious stones, vehicles, machinery, iron and steel, chemicals, pharmaceutical products, cereals, apparel.

Improved Drinking Water Source: 93.29% of population (2022).

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 78.38%. of population (2022) WDI