

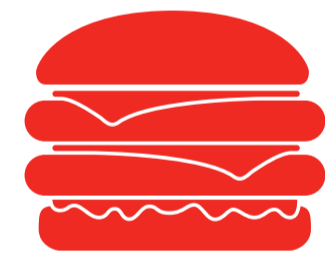
India



The Flag

The national flag of India was adopted in 1947 as a symbol of nationalism and freedom when India gained independence from British rule. The flag is known as Tirāṅgā meaning tricolour and depicts the colours saffron, white and green.

In the centre of the flag sits the Ashoka Chakra, a 24-spoke wheel, in navy blue. As per Indian law, the national flag is to be made of khadi, a hand-spun cloth made popular by Mahatma Gandhi.



Big Mac Index

(NZ\$) As of Jan 2017

How much for a Big Mac?

New Zealand

India*

\$ 6.00

\$ 3.74

*As McDonald's does not sell beef burgers in India, the Big Mac index is based off the Indian equivalent - the Maharaja Mac, a lamb burger.



Cricket

Cricket was brought to India by the British and was first played on the subcontinent in 1721. It is now the most popular sport in India. In 2011, India became the first team to win a Cricket World Cup at home.



Economy

By **2030**, India is expected to become the world's **third** largest economy, after China and the United States.



Cuisine

Bhaji / Bajji / Pakora (*Deep fried vegetable fritters*)
 Biryani (*A spicy rice dish with vegetables that can include chicken, mutton or fish*)
 Dal / Daal (*Lentils prepared in a variety of ways*)
 Idli (*A steamed cake of fermented rice and pulse flour*)
 Masala Dosa (*A crispy rice pancake wrapped around a spicy potato filling*)
 Jalebi (*A twisted, noodle-like sweet dipped in sugar*)



Religion

There are many different religions practised across India and according to the Constitution of India all religions are to be treated equally. 'The top six religions practised in India are (in order): Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Buddhism and Jainism.'

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Language

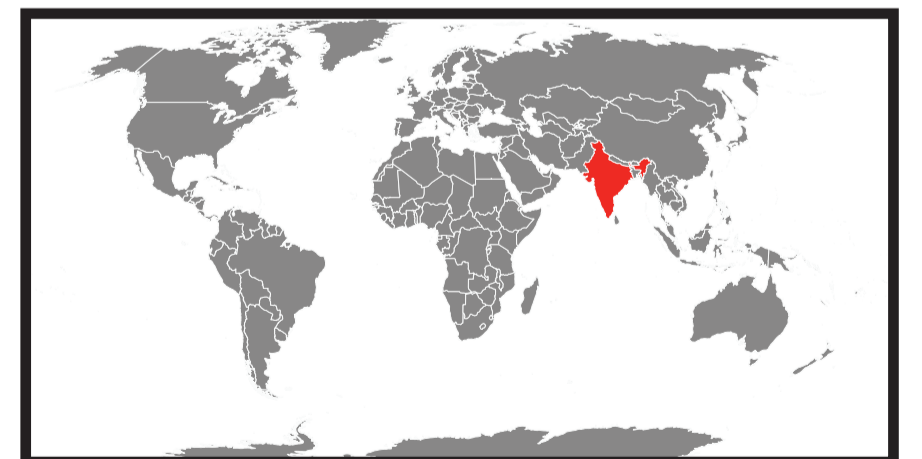
India has 22 officially recognised languages. Hindi and English are the two official languages of communication for the central government. Hindi is the main language spoken in North India. Gujarati and Marathi are widely spoken in the West, Bengali and Odia are the predominant languages in the East, while Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam are the four most widely spoken languages in the South.

Population

The population of India is about **1.34 billion**, making it the second most populous country in the world.

India is expected to surpass China as the world's most populous nation by **2022**.

On the Map



Greetings

English	Hindi	Pronunciation
Hello	Namastē	Na-ma-stay
Hello/Goodbye	Namaskār	Na-ma-scar
See you later	Phir milēṅgē	Phe-re mil-en-geh
How are you?	Ap kaisē/kaisī haī?	Up kay-say / kay-say heh?
I am fine	Maī ṭhik hū	My tik who
Thank you	Thainkyū	Tank-you
Excuse me (getting attention)	Suniyē	Sun-ee-yeh

Numbers

English	Hindi	English	Hindi
1	ek	6	chēh
2	do	7	sāt
3	tīn	8	āṭh
4	chār	9	nau
5	pānch	10	das



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