

<b>A Profile of India</b>	
<b>Political Structure</b>	
Population	1027 million (2001 Census)
Area	3.3 million square kilometers
Geographical location	Lies between latitudes 8 ° 4' and 37 ° 6 ' north and longitudes 68 ° 7 ' and 97 ° 25' east
Coastline length	7,600 km
Languages	17 major languages, 844 dialects
Political Status	Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic
The Indian Union	28 States and seven centrally administered Union Territories
Form of government	Parliamentary, based on universal adult franchise
Legislature	Parliament, consists of President and the two Houses, known as Rajya Sabha (Council of States) and Lok Sabha (House of the People )
Executive	Consists of President, Vice-President and Council of Ministers led by the Prime Minister
Judiciary	Independent of executive
Major religions	Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Sikhism, Jainism
National currency	Rupees (One Rupees=100 paise)
<b>National Economy</b>	
GDP	1,100 (US\$ bln.) 1994
Per Capital Income	1,220
Industries	Fuels, Metals, Machinery, Textiles
Main Exports	Fuels, Metals, Machinery, Textiles
<b>People</b>	
Urban	3.0 % (1993)
Major religions	Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism.
Birth Rate	28.3 (per 1000) <sup>1994</sup>
Death Rate	9.0 (per 1000) <sup>1994</sup>
Infant Mortality	80 (per 1000)
Sex	531,277,078 men and 495,738,169 women.
Life Expectancy	61

\*Information provided by the Indian Embassy