

Bangladesh: A Brief Overview

General Information

Bangladesh, officially known as the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, is a country in South Asia. It is bordered by India to the west, north, and east, Myanmar to the southeast, and the Bay of Bengal to the south. Known for its rich cultural heritage and vibrant history, Bangladesh is one of the most densely populated countries in the world.

Key Facts

Attribute	Details
Official Name	People’s Republic of Bangladesh
Capital	Dhaka
Population	Approximately 170 million (2023 estimate)
Area	147,570 km ²
Official Language	Bengali
Currency	Bangladeshi Taka (BDT)
Time Zone	Bangladesh Standard Time (BST, UTC+6)

Economic Overview

Bangladesh has shown remarkable economic growth over the past few decades, transitioning from an agrarian economy to one with a strong ready-made garment industry. The country is also making strides in technology and services.

Indicator	Value
GDP (2023, est.)	\$460 billion
GDP Growth Rate	6.5% (2023)
Major Exports	Textiles, Leather Goods
Unemployment Rate	5.3% (2023)

Culture and Society

Bangladesh is renowned for its festivals, literature, and cuisine. The country celebrates Pohela Boishakh (Bengali New Year) with enthusiasm. Bengali literature,

with luminaries like Rabindranath Tagore, holds a significant place in global literary circles.

Major Festivals

- Pohela Boishakh
- Eid-ul-Fitr
- Durga Puja
- Independence Day (March 26)

Geography

The landscape of Bangladesh is dominated by the Ganges-Brahmaputra Delta, one of the largest river deltas in the world. The country is known for its lush greenery and numerous rivers.

Feature	Description
Major Rivers	Ganges, Brahmaputra, Meghna
Highest Point	Keokradong (986 m)
Climate	Tropical Monsoon