

**India**, officially the **Republic of India** ([Hindi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindi): *Bhārat Gaṇarājya*),[[25]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India#cite_note-30) is a country in [South Asia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Asia). It is the [seventh-largest country](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_and_dependencies_by_area) by area, the [second-most populous](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_and_dependencies_by_population) country, and the most populous [democracy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democracy) in the world. Bounded by the [Indian Ocean](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Ocean) on the south, the [Arabian Sea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabian_Sea) on the southwest, and the [Bay of Bengal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bay_of_Bengal) on the southeast, it shares land borders with [Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan) to the west;[[f]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India#cite_note-31) [China](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China), [Nepal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal), and [Bhutan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhutan) to the north; and [Bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh) and [Myanmar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myanmar) to the east. In the Indian Ocean, India is in the vicinity of [Sri Lanka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka) and the [Maldives](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maldives); its [Andaman and Nicobar Islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andaman_and_Nicobar_Islands) share a maritime border with [Thailand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thailand), Myanmar, and [Indonesia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indonesia).