#### India: A Detailed Overview

### **General Information**

- Official Name: Republic of India (Bhārat Gaṇarājya)
- Capital: New DelhiLargest City: Mumbai
- Official Languages: Hindi and English (22 languages recognized in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution)
- Form of Government: Federal Parliamentary Democratic Republic
- President: Current President
- **Prime Minister**: Current Prime Minister
- Currency: Indian Rupee (₹, INR)
- **Time Zone**: Indian Standard Time (IST) [UTC+5:30]
- Independence Day: August 15, 1947 (from British rule)

### Geography

- Location: South Asia
- **Borders**: Pakistan (West), China (North), Nepal (North), Bhutan (North), Bangladesh (East), Myanmar (East)
- Area: 3,287,263 km<sup>2</sup> (7th largest country)
- Coastline: 7,516.6 km (Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean)
- Major Rivers: Ganges, Brahmaputra, Yamuna, Godavari, Krishna, Narmada, Indus
- Climate: Diverse (Tropical in the south, Alpine in the Himalayas, Arid in the Thar Desert)

## **Population & Demographics**

- **Total Population**: Over 1.4 billion (2nd most populous country)
- **Density**: ~464 people per km²
- **Urbanization**: ~35-40% of the population lives in cities
- Major Religions: Hinduism (~79%), Islam (~14%), Christianity (~2.3%), Sikhism (~1.7%), Buddhism, Jainism
- Largest States by Population: Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal

### **Political System**

- **Constitution**: Adopted on January 26, 1950 (Republic Day)
- Government Structure:
  - Legislature: Bicameral (Rajya Sabha Upper House, Lok Sabha Lower House)
  - Judiciary: Supreme Court (Highest Judicial Authority)
  - Political Parties: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Indian National Congress (INC), regional parties

#### **Economy**

- GDP: Over \$3.7 trillion (5th largest economy)
- Main Industries: IT, Pharmaceuticals, Agriculture, Manufacturing, Textiles, Automobiles
- Major Exports: Software, Petroleum products, Gems and Jewelry, Engineering Goods, Rice
- Agriculture: Largest producer of spices, milk, pulses, and tea

### **Culture & Heritage**

- Ancient Civilizations: Indus Valley Civilization, Vedic Period
- Festivals: Diwali, Holi, Eid, Christmas, Pongal, Navratri, Durga Puja, Onam
- Famous Landmarks:
  - Taj Mahal (Agra)
  - o Jaipur's Palaces (Rajasthan)

- Qutub Minar (Delhi)
- o Gateway of India (Mumbai)
- Charminar (Hyderabad)
- Classical Dances: Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Odissi, Kuchipudi, Kathakali
- Cinema: Bollywood (Largest film industry by production)

# **Science & Technology**

- **Space Program**: ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation)
  - o Chandrayaan (Moon Missions), Mangalyaan (Mars Mission), Gaganyaan (Upcoming Human Spaceflight)
- Nuclear Power: One of the few nuclear-armed nations
- IT Industry: Global leader in software services, IT exports

## **Defense & Military**

- Armed Forces: Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force
- Rank: 4th most powerful military in the world
- Major Weapons & Equipment: Tejas Fighter Jet, INS Vikrant (Aircraft Carrier), BrahMos Missile

# **Challenges & Future Prospects**

- Challenges: Population growth, Pollution, Unemployment, Infrastructure, Education gaps
- Future Plans: Digital India, Make in India, Smart Cities Mission, Green Energy Expansion

Let me know if you need any specific details! 🚀

