

**India**, [country](#) that occupies the greater part of [South Asia](#). Its capital is [New Delhi](#), built in the 20th century just south of the historic hub of Old Delhi to serve as India's administrative centre. Its government is a [constitutional republic](#) that represents a highly [diverse](#) population consisting of thousands of ethnic groups and likely hundreds of languages. With roughly one-sixth of the world's total population, India is the second most populous country, after [China](#).