

2 Thriving Indians

- A.** Describe the photo. How is it related to the title?
B. Skim through the article. What is the main topic?
C. Focus on the data. Why can you say Indians are thriving in the UK?
D. Define “the British Dream” in your own words.
E. Go further. What influence have Indians had on Great Britain?



In many respects, the Indian diaspora has lived the ultimate British Dream. In common with many immigrant communities, Britain has provided them with somewhere to build a new life and secure

- 5 better prospects for their families. Indian parents have worked long hours and made sacrifices so that their children can enjoy a better future.

The majority came to these shores as refugees or economic migrants and have, almost universally, prospered in a single generation. Migrants, as a group, are people who are prepared to uproot¹ themselves, who want to improve their lives. In Britain they found a generous-spirited nation that welcomed new talent, applauded personal

- 10 responsibility and rewarded wealth creation. [...]

One of the most eye-catching data points from the new Cabinet Office website of Ethnicity Facts and Figures is a breakdown of household income², revealing that 35 per cent of British Indians earn £1,000 or more a week compared to a national average of 24 per cent in the same top income bracket. The Indian diaspora has also invested heavily in education and the results are evident here too. Department of Education rankings show that

- 15 Indian pupils, alongside Chinese, have the highest attainment throughout school, make the most progress and are the most likely to stay in education and go to university.

But the Indian influence goes well beyond monetary measurement or educational league tables. Large swathes³ of London, from Southall to Wembley and Upton Park, and now even Mayfair, have benefited from the entrepreneurial drive of the Indian community. The strong family business ethos⁴ has spurred urban regeneration,

- 20 reviving countless high streets and business parks across the capital — not forgetting the massive cultural contribution to food, music, cinema, dance and fashion, all of which is being marked throughout 2017 by the UK-India Year of Culture, launched by the Queen at Buckingham Palace earlier this year. [...]

Equally important, British Indians see themselves as a “Living Bridge”, to use the words of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, between the world’s largest democracy and the world’s oldest.

1 *déraciner* • 2 *revenu* • 3 *zones* • 4 *idéologie*

Lord Jitesh Gadhia, _____, 20 October 2017

3 Britain's Got Talent: Bollywood Fusion

- A.** Watch the video and take notes about the artists (age, group, style, reasons for success and ambition).
B. Have your say. What do you think about their project?

HELP!

Nouns

- growth
- development
- success ≠ failure

Adjectives

- formidable
- impressive

Verbs

- fit in: *s'intégrer*
- thrive: *réussir, prospérer*
/θraɪv/



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