# Title: India

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India's culture is among the world's oldest; civilization in India began about 4,500 years ago.Indians made significant advances in architecture ([Taj Mahal](https://www.livescience.com/27146-taj-mahal-the-jewel-of-india.html)), mathematics ([the invention of zero](https://www.livescience.com/27853-who-invented-zero.html)) and medicine ([Ayurveda](https://www.livescience.com/42153-ayurveda.html)). Today, India is a very diverse country, with more than 1.2 billion people,making it the second most populous nation after China. India is the 7th largest country by total area. Different regions have their own distinct cultures. Language, religion, food and the arts are just some of the various aspects of Indian culture.

National Symbols

The national animal, tiger symbolises power; the national flower, lotus symbolises purity;the national tree, banyan symbolises immortality, the national bird, peacock symbolises elegance and the national fruit, mango symbolises the tropical climate of India. Similarly, our national song and national anthem were a source of inspiration during the freedom struggle. The national emblem of India depicts four lions standing back to back, symbolising power, courage, pride and confidence. Hockey was at its peak when it was adopted as the national game of India.

<https://www.mapsofindia.com/my-india/india/national-symbols-of-india-and-their-meaning>

Language, Religion, Physical, Population

There are 29 states and 7 Union territories in the country

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Hindi is the official language of the government.Though many people speak Hindi in India, 59 percent of India residents speak something other than Hindi.

India has 22 official languages. List :Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santhali, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu.

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About 84 percent of the population identifies as Hindu.About 13 percent of Indians are Muslim, making it one of the largest Islamic nations in the world. Christians and Sikhs make up a small percentage of the population, and there are even fewer Buddhists and Jains. The highest mountain in India is Kanchenjunga, standing at 8,598m (28,209 ft), which it shares with Nepal. Kanchenjunga is the third highest mountain in the world.

Food

Arts

(music, dance, bollywood, artitecture)

Clothing, customs and celebrations

Great People

(Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Teresa) <https://www.biographyonline.net/nobelprize/mother_teresa.html>

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