

India and Its Neighbour

India shares border with many countries.
India's neighbouring countries are

1. **Pakistan** in the North-West portion
2. **China** in the North region
3. **Nepal** is just above the central regions
4. **Bhutan** in the North-East region
5. **Bangladesh** near the eastern side, formed in 1971
6. **Myanmar** (Burma) in the far eastern side
7. **Afghanistan** in the Northern region sharing a small boundary with India
8. **Sri Lanka** in the Southern region, separated from India by Palk Strait

Length of Borders with Neighbouring Countries

India shares longest boundary with Bangladesh (4096 km), followed by China (3488 km) and Pakistan (3323 km).

Country	Boundary (km)
Bangladesh	4096
China	3488
Pakistan	3323
Nepal	1751
Myanmar	1643
Bhutan	699
Afghanistan	106

Indian States situated on International Borders

There are many states of India which are situated along international borders adjacent to neighbouring countries and they are

Country	No. of states bordering it	Indian States
Pakistan	4	Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir
Afghanistan	1	Jammu and Kashmir
China	5	Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh
Nepal	5	Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, West Bengal, Sikkim
Bhutan	4	Sikkim, West Bengal, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh
Bangladesh	5	West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.

Name of Boundary Line In between Countries

Redcliffe Line (1947)	India and Pakistan
LoC (Line of Control)	India and Pakistan (Kashmir)
McMahon Line (1914)	India and China
Durand Line (1896)	Pakistan and Afghanistan
Palk Strait	India and Sri Lanka

Practice Exercise

1. Which country borders India in the North-West portion ?
(a) Pakistan (b) Sri Lanka
(c) China (d) Bhutan
2. How many countries share border with India?
(a) 5 (b) 6 (c) 7 (d) 8
3. Which neighbouring country does not share any border with India?
(a) Pakistan (b) China
(c) Sri Lanka (d) Bhutan
4. India shares longest border with which country?
(a) Bangladesh (b) Bhutan
(c) Afghanistan (d) Nepal
5. Which country shares shortest border with India?
(a) Myanmar (b) China
(c) Afghanistan (d) Nepal
6. What is the length of India-China border ?
(a) 104 km (b) 4096 km
(c) 3488 km (d) 1751 m
7. Afghanistan shares border with which Indian state ?
(a) Jammu and Kashmir (b) Gujarat
(c) Rajasthan (d) Nagaland
8. With how many Indian states does Pakistan shares its border ?
(a) 4 (b) 5 (c) 3 (d) 2
9. Sikkim does not share its border with
(a) Nepal (b) Bhutan
(c) Bangladesh (d) China
10. The state of Uttar Pradesh shares border with
(a) Bhutan (b) Pakistan (c) Nepal (d) China
11. Which country does not share border on the Eastern side of India ?
(a) Myanmar (b) Bhutan
(c) Bangladesh (d) China
12. Which among the following state does not share border with Nepal ?
(a) UP (b) Uttarakhand
(c) Bihar (d) Odisha
13. Meghalaya and Tripura shares border with which country ?
(a) Nepal (b) Bhutan
(c) Sri Lanka (d) Bangladesh
14. Which neighbouring country is separated from India by Palk strait ?
(a) Sri Lanka (b) Bhutan
(c) Myanmar (d) Nepal
15. Redcliffe line is a border line between India and
(a) Afghanistan (b) Iran
(c) Pakistan (d) Bhutan
16. Redcliffe line was demarcated in which year ?
(a) 1947 (b) 1950
(c) 1948 (d) 1999
17. What is the full form of LoC ?
(a) Line of Control
(b) Line of Actual Control
(c) Line of Contract
(d) Line of Command
18. What is the name of India-China boundary line ?
(a) McMahon Line (b) LoC
(c) Durand Line (d) 49th Parallel

Answers

1	(a)	2	(c)	3	(c)	4	(a)	5	(c)	6	(c)	7	(a)	8	(a)	9	(c)	10	(c)
11	(d)	12	(d)	13	(d)	14	(a)	15	(c)	16	(a)	17	(a)	18	(a)				