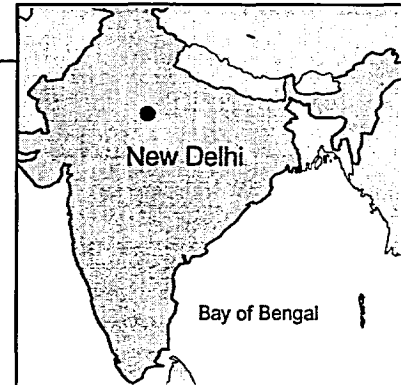


INDIA

Capital: New Delhi

GEODATA

Area 3,287,263 km ²	Population 1.016 billion (2000)
Major language Hindi is the most widely used of 18 official languages, English is common	Population growth rate 1.5% (2000)
Major religious groups Hindu (82%), Muslim (12%), Christian (2%), Sikh (2%)	
Surrounding countries Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, China, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government Republic	Minister of Commerce and Industry Murasoli Maran
National legislature Upper chamber: Council of States Lower chamber: People's Assembly; multiparty	UN Human Development Index (2001) India ranks 115th among 162 countries
Leaders President Kicheril Raman Narayanan Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee	Canadian official development assistance \$73.68 million (2000-01)
Minister of External Affairs Jaswant Singh	

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP \$474.3 billion US (2000)	Inflation rate 4% (2000)
GDP growth rate 3.9% (2000)	Unemployment rate 7.3% (2000)
GDP per capita \$472 US (2000)	
Main exports Textile goods, gems and jewellery, engineering goods, chemicals, manufactured leathers	
Main imports Crude oil and petroleum products, machinery, gems, fertilizers, chemicals	
Main exports to Canada \$1.2 billion (2000), including garments, iron and steel, chemicals, precious stones, yarns and textiles, fish and seafood, spices, coffee and tea, leather items	
Main imports from Canada \$538 million (2000), including vegetables, pulp and paper, fertilizers, aircraft, chemicals, machinery and electrical machinery, rubber, optical and medical instruments, ores, slag and ash	

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