

REPUBLIC OF INDIA

Capital: New Delhi

GEODATA

Area

3,287,263 km²

Population

923 million (1995 projected)

Population growth

2.2% (1994)

Major languages

Hindi is most widely used of 17 official languages, including English

Major religions

Hindu (83%), Muslim (11%), Christian (2.4%), Sikh (2%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of Government

Federal republic

Leaders

President Shanker Dayal Sharma

Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao

Minister of External Affairs

Pranab Mukherjee

Democratic Institutions

Bicameral parliament, multiparty

UN Human Development Index

India ranks 134th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$242.4 billion US (1994)

GDP growth rate

5.5% (1995)

GDP per capita

\$292 US (1994)

Main Exports

Gems and jewellery, agricultural products, engineering goods, apparel, chemicals, fabrics, leather, iron ore, handcrafts and fish products

Main Imports

Petroleum, machinery, gems, capital goods, organic and inorganic chemicals, fertilizer, iron and steel

Main Exports to Canada

\$459.1 million (1994), including clothing and accessories, leather articles, pearls, coffee and tea, carpets and cotton

Main Imports from Canada

\$259.4 million (1994), including pulp and paper, fertilizers, salt, sulphur, nuclear reactors, vegetables and roots, fats and oils

Canadian bilateral assistance

\$106.41 million (1993-1994)