

## General

- **What is India's official name?**
  - India's official name is 'Bharat' in Hindi and 'Republic of India' in English.
- **What is the National Currency of India?**
  - The Rupee (One Rupee=100 paise) is the national currency of India.
- **Which is the capital of India?**
  - New Delhi is the capital city of India. It is also referred to as the National Capital Territory or simply NCT.
- **What is the full name of the Indian President?**
  - The full name of the Indian President is Pranab Kumar Mukherjee.
- **What is the population of India?**
  - According to the 2011 Census, India's population is 1,21,01,93,422.
- **What is the area of India?**
  - The area of India spans over 3.3 million square kilometers.
- **What is the geographical location of India?/ Where is India located?**
  - India is located between latitudes  $8^{\circ} 4'$  and  $37^{\circ} 6'$  north and longitudes  $68^{\circ} 7'$  and  $97^{\circ} 25'$  east.
- **What is the Length of India's Coastline?**
  - India's coastline extends for 7600 km.
- **What are the Official Languages of India?**
  - The official language of the Republic of India is Hindi with English as a secondary official language
- **What are the Major Religions of India?**
  - The Major Religions of India are Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Sikhism and Jainism.
- **What is the percentage of Literacy in India?**
  - India's literacy rate stands at 74.4 percent.
- **Who is the Prime Minister of India?**
  - Narendra Modi is the Prime Minister of India.

## National Symbols

- **What is the National Anthem of India?**
  - 'Jan gana mana' written by Rabindranath Tagore is the National Anthem of India.
- **What is the National Song of India?**
  - Vande Mataram, composed in Sanskrit by Bankimchandra Chatterji is the National Song of India.



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- **What is the National Emblem of India?**

- The Replica of the Lion Capital of Sarnath is the National Emblem of India.

- **What is the National Flag of India?**

- The National [Flag of India](#) is a horizontal tricolor with equal proportion of deep saffron on the top,



white in the middle and dark green at the bottom. In the center of the white band is a wheel in navy blue color.

- **What is the National Animal of India?**

- The Tiger (*Panthera tigris*) is the National Animal of India.

- **What is the National Bird of India?**

- The Peacock is the National Bird of India.

- **What is the National Flower of India?**

- The National Flower of India is the Lotus.

- **What is the National Tree of India?**

- The Banyan is the National Tree of India.

- **What is the National Fruit of India?**

- The Mango is the National Fruit of India.

- **What is the National Sport of India?**

- Hockey is the National Sport of India.

## History

- **Where is the tomb of Emperor Akbar located?**

- Emperor Akbar's tomb is located in Sikandra.

- **Who designed the Victoria Memorial at Calcutta?**

- The Victoria Memorial at Calcutta was designed by William Emerson.

- **Which port city was the first Portuguese colony in India?**

- Goa was the first Portuguese colony in India.

- **Where did Vasco da Gama land in India?**
- Vasco da Gama land in India at Calicut.
- **What is Lothal, near the Gulf of Khambat, believed to have been long ago?**
- Lothal is believed to have been a Port.
- **Where did Alexander of Macedon first enter in India?**
- Alexander of Macedon first entered the Gandhara province of India.
- **When did the first partition of Bengal take place?**
- The first partition of Bengal took place in 1905.
- **Which Indian president declared a state of emergency in 1975?**
- The Indian president who declared a state of emergency in 1975 was Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed.
- **Who was the founder of the Brahmo Samaj?**
- [Raja Ram Mohan Roy](#) was the founder of the Brahmo Samaj.
- **Who was the founder of the Slave dynasty?**
- Qutb-ud-din-Aybak was the founder of the Slave dynasty.
- **Which Lodi king was killed in the First Battle of Panipat?**
- Ibrahim Lodi was killed in the First Battle of Panipat.
- **What was the kingdom of Krishna Deva Raya Called?**
- The kingdom of Krishna Deva Raya was called Vijaynagar.
- **Who was the last Mughal emperor of India?**
- Bahadur Shah II was the last Mughal emperor of India.
- **Who started the Prarthana Samaj?**
- M.G. Ranade started the Prarthana Samaj.
- **Where was Gautama Buddha born?**
- Gautama Buddha was born in Lumbini.
- **To which dynasty did Ashoka belong ?**
- Ashoka belonged to the Maurya dynasty.
- **What is Bodh Gaya famous for in relation with the Buddha?**
- The Buddha attained Enlightenment in both gaya.
- **Who built the Taj mahal and the Lal Qila?**
- The [Taj Mahal](#) and the Lal Qila was built by Shah Jahan.

- **Who was the only early Mughal emperor to be ousted from the throne?**
- Humayun was the only early Mughal emperor to be ousted from the throne.
- **In which language were the early Buddhist canonical/sacred texts written?**
- Pali was the language in which the early Buddhist canonical/sacred texts were written.
- **Who founded the kingdom of Vijayanagar?**
- Harihara and Bukka founded the kingdom of Vijayanagar.
- **Which governor-general of British India was responsible for abolishing sati?**
- Lord William Bentinck was the governor-general of British India responsible for abolishing sati.
- **Who was the first Indian woman president of the Indian National Congress?**
- Sarojini Naidu was the first Indian woman president of the Indian National Congress.
- **Where is Fort Saint George located?**
- Fort Saint George is located in Chennai. The Secretariate and offices of the armed forces are located inside this complex.
- **Who founded the Indian National Army?**
- Subhas Chandra Bose founded the Indian National Army.
- **What was the court language of the Vijayanagar empire?**
- Telugu was the court language of the Vijayanagar empire.
- **In which modern State of India was the ancient university of Nalanda located?**
- The ancient university of Nalanda is located in the modern day state of Bihar.
- **Which of the following tombs is an imitation of the Taj Mahal?**
- Bibi ka Maqbara is an imitation of the Taj Mahal.
- **When was the Indian National Congress founded?**
- The Indian National Congress was founded in 1885.
- **Who came to be popularly called as Lokmanya?**
- Bal Gangadhar Tilak came to be popularly called as Lokmanya.
- **What are the stories that describe the earlier lives of the Buddha known as?**
- Jataka are the stories that describe the earlier lives of the Buddha.
- **What was the most widely used script in India in the third century?**
- Brahmi was the most widely used script in India in the third century.
- **Which ancient Buddhist study centre did Hsuan-tsang and I-ching describe?**

- Hsuan-tsang and I-ching described Nalanda as the ancient Buddhist study centre.
- **Who was the successor of Iltutmish?**
- Raziyya was the successor of Iltutmish.
- **Who passed the India Act of 1784?**
- William Pitt passed the India Act of 1784.
- **What was the popular name of Vishnugupta, the author of Arthashastra?**
- The popular name of Vishnugupta, the author of Arthashastra is Chanakya.
- **Who introduced the philosophy of satyagraha in India's struggle against British imperialism?**
- Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi introduced the philosophy of satyagraha in India's struggle against British imperialism.
- **Who among the following was the founder of the Pala Dynasty?**
- Gopala was the founder of the Pala Dynasty.
- **Where is the Harappan site of Kalibangan located?**
- The Harappan site of Kalibangan is located at Rajasthan.
- **Who was known as "the Frontier Gandhi"?**
- Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan was known as "the Frontier Gandhi".
- **Who was the first high Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom?**
- V.K. Krishna Menon was the first high Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom.
- **Which ancient city was founded by Ajatashatru?**
- Pataliputra was founded by Ajatashatru.
- **To which emperor did the peacock throne originally belong?**
- The peacock throne originally belonged to Shah Jahan.
- **Who created the military brotherhood of Sikhs called "Khalsa"?**
- Guru Gobind Singh created the military brotherhood of Sikhs called "Khalsa".

## Geography

- **Where are the Jaintia Hills located?**
- The Jaintia Hills are located in Meghalaya.
- **Which city is closest to the geographical center of India?**
- Nagpur is the city closest to the geographical center of India.
- **Which is the highest peak in the Western Ghats?**

- The Anai Peak is the highest peak in the Western Ghats.
- **Which river is known as the "Sorrow of Bihar"?**
- Kosi is known as the "Sorrow of Bihar".
- **Which of the following States has Winter monsoon?**
- Tamil Nadu has Winter monsoon.
- **Is the Everest mountain peak located in India?**
- The Everest mountain peak is not located in India. It lies in Nepal's territory.
- **What is Chilika?**
- Chilika lake as it is popularly known, is not a lake in the proper sense. It is a lagoon.

## Culture

- **Which classical Indian dance is traditionally performed by men?**
- Kathakali is the classical Indian dance traditionally performed by men.
- **Which Indian States are known for their bandhani work?**
- The Indian state known for bandhani work are Gujarat and Rajasthan.
- **How Many rasas are there in Indian classical dance?**
- Indian classical dance consists of 9 rasas.
- **To which diety is the main temple at Konark dedicated?**
- The main temple at Konark is dedicated to Surya or the Sun God.
- **Which is the famous mosque situated in New Delhi, that is also one of the largest in India?**
- Jama Masjid is the famous mosque in New Delhi.
- **Who, according to Indian mythology, was the first man?**
- Manu, according to Indian mythology, was the first man.
- **In which language did Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai write his novels?**
- Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai wrote his novels in Malayalam.
- **How many Indians have won the Nobel prize?**
- 6 Indians have won the Nobel prize.
- **Which was the first-all-Indian cricket club?**
- Orient Cricket Club was the first-all-Indian cricket club.
- **What was Sarojini Naidu's first collection of poems?**

- The Golden Threshold was Sarojini Naidu's first collection of poems.
- **Which Indian State is associated with the Bihu Festivals?**
- Assam celebrates the Bihu Festival.
- **With which State would you associate the famous ten-day Ganesh festival ?**
- **Maharashtra** celebrates a ten day Ganesh Festival.
- **Which form of Indian classical dance is indigenous to the State of Andhra Pradesh?**
- Kuchipudi is the form of Indian classical dance that is indigenous to the State of Andhra Pradesh.
- **In which country did the game of chess first appear?**
- The game of chess was first played in India.
- **With which Indian religion are the Four Noble Truths associated?**
- The Four Noble Truths are associated with Buddhism.
- **To which northeastern State of India do the Khasi people belong?**
- The Khasi people belong to Meghalaya.
- **Whose autobiography is entitled The Story of My Experiments with Truth?**
- Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi named his autobiography as "The Story of My Experiments with Truth".
- **What is Malgudi?**
- Malgudi is an imaginary town in the novels and stories of Indian novelist R.K. Narayana.
- **Which form of Indian classical dance is traditionally enacted outdoors and goes on all night?**
- Of the Indian classical dances, Kathakali is traditionally enacted outdoors and goes on all night.
- **Which famous Indian film personality produced, directed, and acted in the film Aag?**
- Raj Kapoor produced, directed, and acted in Aag.
- **What is Natya-Shastra a handbook of?**
- Natya-Shastra is the ancient handbook of Dramatic art.
- **What is Gitanjali a collection of?**
- Gitanjali a collection of Poems. It is the sermon that Lord Krishna gave to Arjuna in the battlefiled of the Mahabharata.
- **Which Indian athlete is known as the "Payolli Express"?**
- P.T. Usha, winner of many Asiad golds in atheletics is known as the "Payolli Express".

- **With which game is the Santosh Trophy associated?**

- The Santosh Trophy is associated with Soccer.

## Travel

- **In which Indian State would you be if you were holidaying on "Calangute" beach?**

- The Calangute" beach is in Goa.

- **Which famous monument was built to commemorate the end of plague in Hyderabad in the year 1591?**

- Charminar is the monument built to commemorate the end of plague in Hyderabad. It has 4 minars and therefore the name.

- **In which State of India is the Wular Lake located?**

- Wular Lake is located in Jammu & Kashmir.

- **Which India city is also called the "pink city"?**

- Jaipur is also called the "pink city".

- **Which town is the provisional capital of Uttarakhand State?**

- Dehradun is the provisional capital of Uttarakhand State.

- **Which of these is the official residence of the President of India?**

- The Rashtrapati Bhawan is the official residence of the President of India.

- **Which city is the capital of the new State of Jharkhand?**

- Ranchi is the capital of the new State of Jharkhand.

- **Which Indian city is also referred to as Tatanagar?**

- Jamshedpur is also referred to as Tatanagar.

- **In which State in India would you find lions?**

- Lions can be found in Gujarat.

- **Name the capital of Manipur State?**

- Imphal is the capital of Manipur.

- **Dispur is the capital of which State of India?**

- Dispur is the capital of Assam.

- **In which sea are the Lakshdweep islands located?**

- The Lakshdweep islands is located in the Arabian Sea.

- **Which of the following national parks would you visit if you were in Gujarat?**

- The Gir is a well known national park of Gujarat.



- **Which faith is the famous Lotus Temple of New Delhi dedicated to?**
- The Lotus Temple of New Delhi is dedicated to the Bahai faith.
- **Which city was once known as the "Manchester of India"?**
- Surat was once known as the "Manchester of India".
- **What animal would you especially expect to see at the Kaziranga National Park?**
- The Kaziranga National Park is home to the Indian rhinoceros.
- **Where is the port of Kandla located?**
- The port of Kandla is located in Gujarat.

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