

India

India is a country in South Asia. It is the seventh largest country by area, the second-most popular country with over 1.2 billion people.



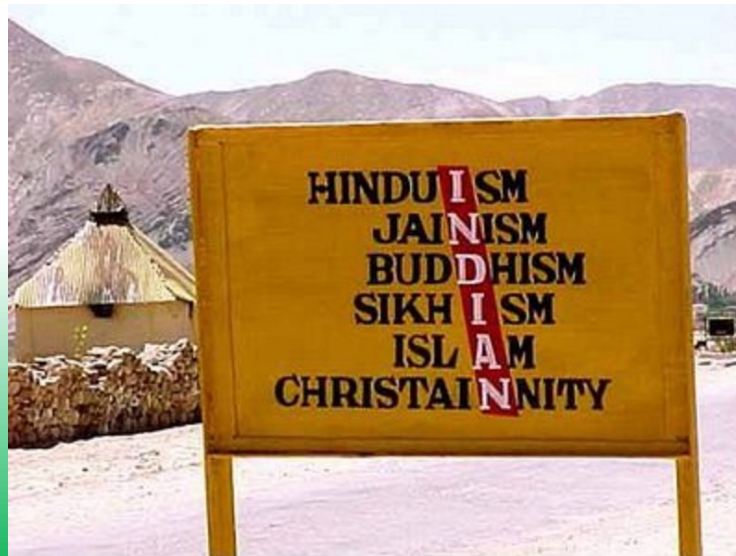
Culture

India is one of the world's oldest civilizations. The culture of India is the way of living in India. Throughout the history of India, Indian culture has been heavily influenced by Dharmic religions.



Religion

Religion plays a central and important role in the life of many people in India. The most popular religions in India are : Hinduism , Islam , Christianity , Sikhism , Buddhism and Jainism . In the religion of Hinduism, the cow is thought to be sacred, or deeply respected. Hindus do not worship cows, although they are held in high esteem. The reason is the cow's agricultural uses and gentle nature.



Clothing

Traditional clothing in India greatly varies across different parts of the country and is influenced by local culture, geography and climate settings .



Sports

India is home to a diverse population playing many different sports across the country. Cricket is the most popular sport. Football is also popular in some of the Indian states. The country has won eight Olympic gold medals in field hockey, another popular game in India. Field hockey is the official national sport in India. At a time when it was especially popular, the India national field hockey team won the 1975 Men's Hockey World Cup.



Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal , Persian for "Crown of Palaces", is an ivory-white marble mausoleum on the south bank of the Yamuna river in the Indian city of Agra. It was commissioned in 1632 by the Mughal emperor, Shah Jahan to house the tomb of his favorite wife, Mumtaz Mahal.



Gateway Of India

The **Gateway of India** is a monument built during the British Rule in Mumbai City in Western India. It is the city's top tourist attraction.



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