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Quick facts

Capital: New Delhi

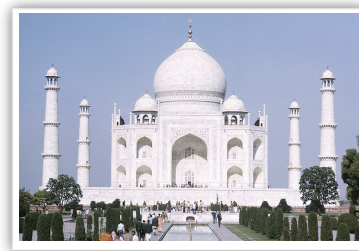
Population (approx): 1,143,595,000

Area: 3,287,370 sq km

Language: Hindi, English, 14 other official
languages

Religion: Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh,
Buddhist, Jain, Parsi

Currency: Indian rupee



Taj Mahal

India is the second most populated country in the world and is in South Asia.

Hindi and English are the two official languages but 14 others are spoken worldwide.

Many Indian people are Hindu in religion, but there are also many Sikhs, Christians, Muslims and Buddhists.

The River Ganges starts in the Himalayas and is found in the centre of India. It is 2,510 km long and its course takes it through Bangladesh to the sea in the Bay of Bengal. This river is considered sacred by the Hindus.

The Taj Mahal is a huge mausoleum and is a monument to Mumtaz Mahal, the wife of Shah Jahan. In 1631 Mumtaz passed away and her husband made orders for the Taj Mahal to be built in her memory. White marble and semi-precious stones cover the building.

Traditional Indian music has a wide range of harmonies and rhythms and is quite complicated to play. Musicians play a hand held drum called the tabla. Other popular instruments are the tambura and the sita, they are both stringed instruments.

The largest city in India is Mumbai (commonly known as Bombay) and is home to India's largest film industry, Bollywood. It is the fourth most populous city in the world.

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Answer the following questions.

1. What is the capital of India?

2. Which currency is used in India?

3. What are the two official languages of India?

4. What is the population of India?

5. What is a tabla?

6. Name two stringed instruments that are played in Indian music.

7. What is the largest city in India?

8. Which religion do most Indians follow?
