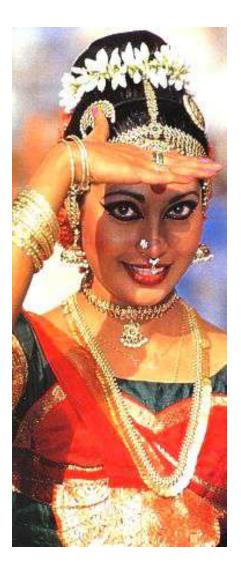




Welcome















Physical Location







Physical Features

India, with an area of 3.3 million sq. km, is a *subcontinent*. The peninsula is separated from mainland Asia by the Himalayas.

The country lies between 8°4' and 37°6' north of the Equator and is surrounded by The <u>Himalayas</u> on the North, The <u>Bay of Bengal</u> in the East, The <u>Arabian Sea</u> in the West and The <u>Indian Ocean</u> to the south.

The Himalayas form the highest mountain range in the world, extending 2,500 km over northern India.







States of India

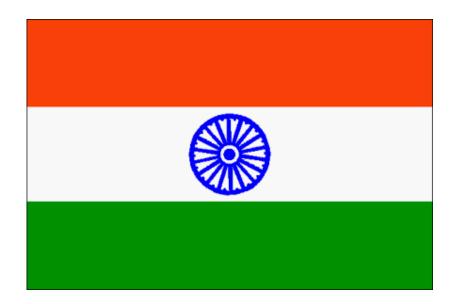


29 States & 6 Union Territories





National Flag



The Indian flag was designed as a symbol of freedom.

The late Prime Minister Nehru called it "a flag not only of freedom for ourselves, but a symbol of freedom to all people."

The flag is a horizontal tricolor in equal proportion of

- Deep Saffron (for courage, sacrifice and the spirit of renunciation) on the top,
- White (for purity and truth) in the middle and
- Dark Green (for faith and fertility) at the bottom.

In the centre of the white band, there is a wheel in navy blue to indicate the **Dharma Chakra**, the wheel of law in the Sarnath Lion Capital.





National Anthem

Jana-gana-mana-adhinayaka, jaya hey, Bharata-bhagya-vidhata punjaba-sindhu-gujarata-maratha dravida-utkala-banga vindhya-himachala-yamuna-ganga ucchhala-jaladhi taranga tava subha name jage tava subha ashisha mage gahe tava jaya gatha. Jana-gana-mangala dayaka, jaya hey, bharata-bhagya-vidhata, java he, jaya he, jaya he, java jaya jaya, jaya he

The following is **Rabindranath Tagore's** English rendering of the stanza:

Thou art the ruler of the minds of all people, dispenser of India's destiny. The name rouses the hearts of Punjab, Sind, Gujarat and Maratha, of the Dravid and Orissa and Bengal; it echoes in the hills of the Vindhyas and Himalayas, mingles in the music of the Yamuna and Ganga and is chanted by the waves of the Indian Sea.

They pray for thy blessings and sing thy praise.

The salvation of all people is in thy hand, thou dispenser of India's destiny. Victory, victory, victory to thee.





National Emblem



The motto **'Satyameva Jayate'** inscribed below the emblem in *Devanagari* script means , **Truth alone Triumphs** '





National Symbols



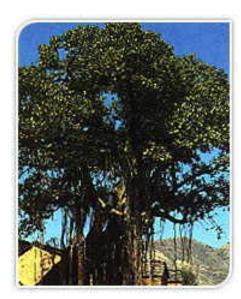
National Animal - Tiger



National Bird - Peacock



National Flower - Lotus



<u>National Tree – Banyan Tree</u>



National Fruit - Mango





National Languages

Major Languages

India has <u>17</u> major languages and <u>844</u> different dialects.

The Sanskrit of the Aryan settlers has merged with the earlier Dravidian vernaculars to give rise to new languages.

<u>**Hindi**</u>, spoken by about 45 per cent of the population, is the <u>**National Language**</u>.

English has also been retained as a language for official communication.

Assamese Bengali Gujarati Hindi Kannada Konkani Malayalam Manipuri Marathi Oriva Punjabi Sanskrit Sindhi Tamil Teluqu Urdu





Belief Systems

Hinduism – 85% of the Indian population Islam – 12 % Christianism – 2 % Others – 1% * Sikhism * Jainism

* Buddhism





Cultural Diversification

India is probably the only country with the largest and most diverse mixture of races.

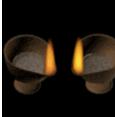
All the five major racial types - Australoid, Mongoloid, Europoid, Caucasian and Negroid - find representation among the people of India.

India celebrates Festivals all round the year irrespective of its Diversification. Few among them are:

Christmas Holi Diwali Makarsankranti Dassehra Id















Food



South Indian Food



Multi-Cuisine



North Indian Food



Indian Sweets





Clothing



Kurtha





Sarees







Leghnas







Traditional Dances







Kuchipudi











Music Instruments



Tabla



Mrindangam



Dholak

Eminent Musicians



Ustad Allarakha Ustad Zakir Hussain







Veena

Hindustanic Music

Famous in North India Carnatic Music Famous in South India





Handicrafts













Traditional Culture





Jewellery

Mehanthi-Decorations on Hand & Feet Typical for Brides

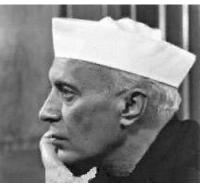




Eminent Indian Personalities



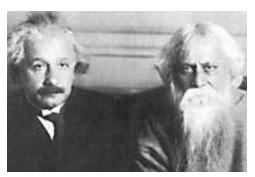
Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (Father of the Nation)



Jawaharlal Nehru (First PrimeMinister)



Subash Chandra Bose (Founded INA)



Albert Einstein and Tagore, in New York, 1930.



Dr.RadhaKrishnan





Nobel Laureates from India



Mr.Rabindranath Tagore (for Literature – 1913)



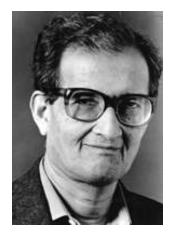
Sir C.V. Raman (for Physics – 1930)



Mother Theresa (for Peace – 1979)



Mr.S. Chandrasekar (for Physics – 1983)



Mr. Amartya Kumar Sen (for Economics – 1998)



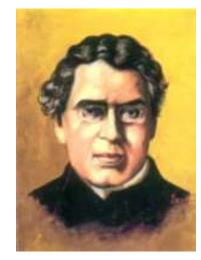


Indian Scientists

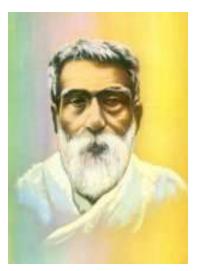
Mr. Vikram Sarabhai (Cosmic ray - Nuclear Scientist)



Sir.S. Chandrasekar (Astrophysics Scientist)



Dr.J.C. Bose (Biologist)



Dr.P.C. Ray (Chemist)



Mr.Homi Bhabha (Nuclear Scientist)



Mr. Satyendranath Bose (Physicst- worked with Albert Einstein)



Mr. Abdul Khalam (Nuclear & Missle Scientist) Currently Indian President.



Mr. Kasturirangan (Space Scientist)





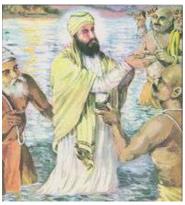
Indian Philosophers & Saints



Adi Sankaracharya (788-820 AD)



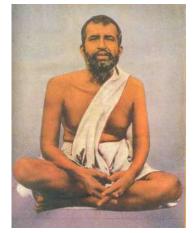
Lord Mahavira (599-490 BC)



Lord Gurunanak (1469-1539 AD)



Mirabai



Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa (1836-1886 AD)



Lord Buddha (6th Century)



Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902AD)



Sri Ramana Maharishi (1879-1950 AD)

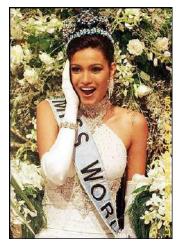




Beauties from India



Aishwarya Rai Miss World-1994



Diana Hayden Miss World-1997



Yukta Mookhey Miss World-1999



Sushmita Sen Miss Universe-1994



Priyanka Chopra Miss World-2000



Lara Dutta Miss Universe-2000





Reita Faria Miss World-1966



Latest Indian Talent



Dr. Arun Netravali heads the world-renowned Bell Labs



Mr. Vinod khosla was the Co-founder of Sun Microsystems



Mr. Vinod Dham known as the Father of Pentium, is the CEO of Silicon Spice Inc.



Mr. Sabeer Bhatia, Co-founder of, Hotmail' Dotcom





North India









Mountain expeditions - Himalayas







Skiing in Shimla



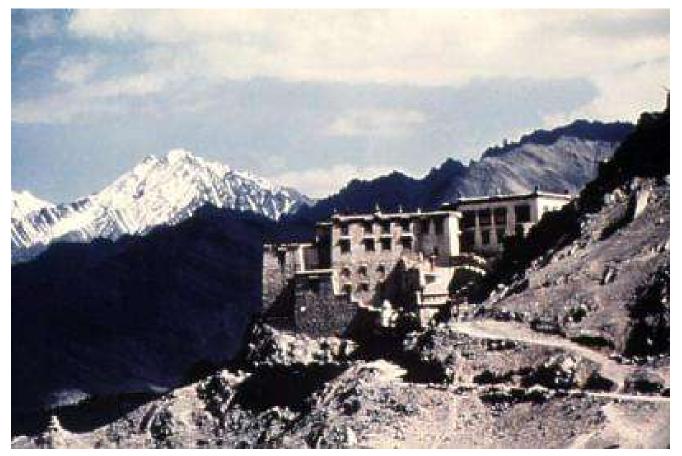




Skiing in Shimla



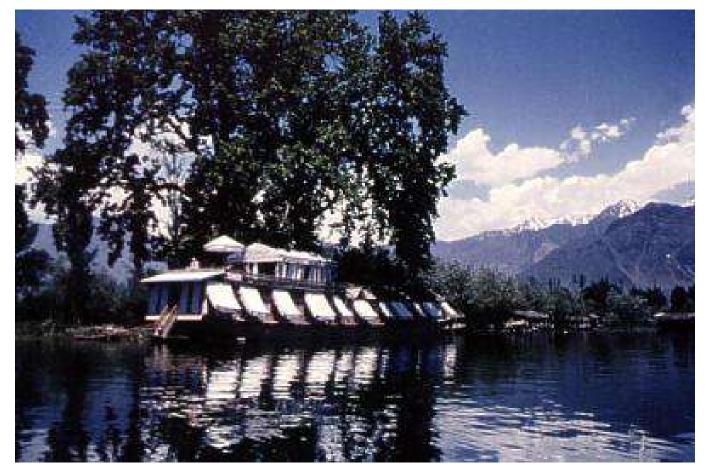




Peaks of Himalayas



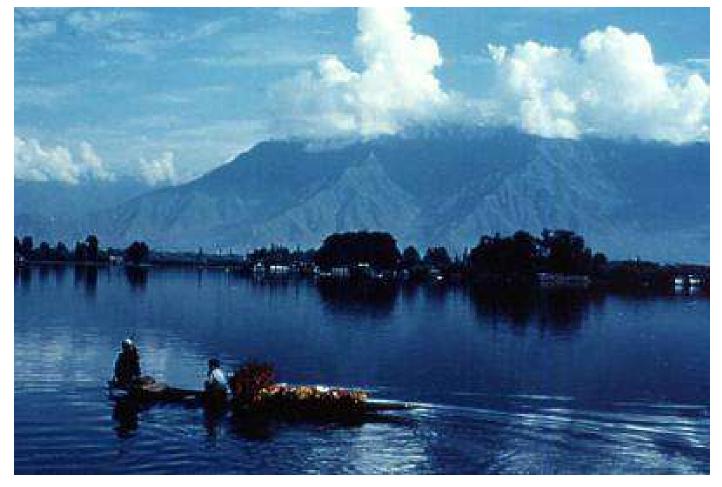




Boat House, KASHMIR







Tal Lake, KASHMIR





Taj Mahal, AGRA One of Seven Wonders of the World







Parliament House, NEW DELHI



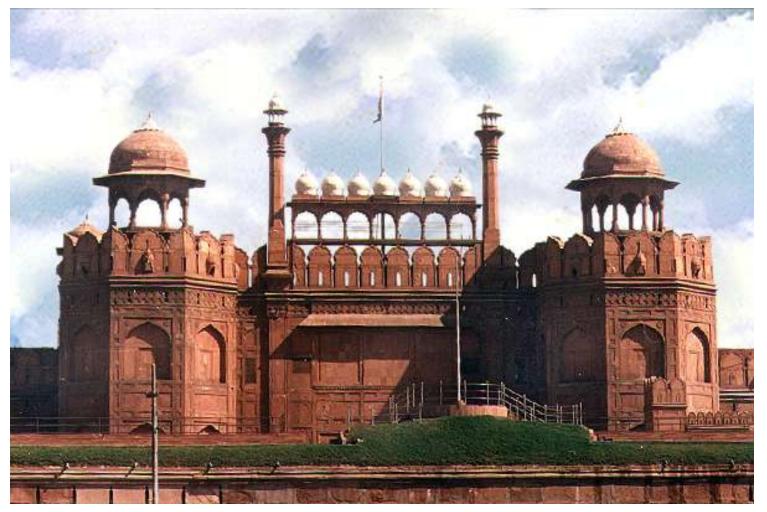




India Gate, NEW DELHI







Red Fort, NEW DELHI



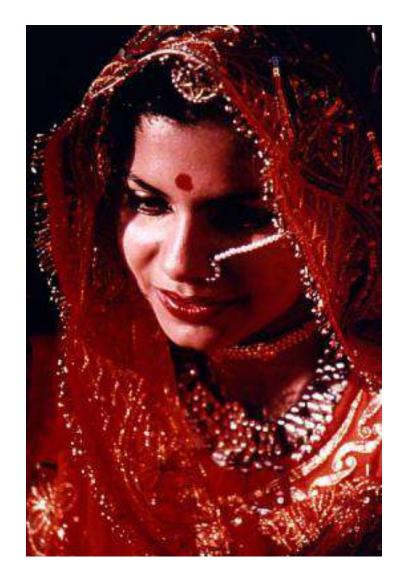




Lotus temple, New Delhi



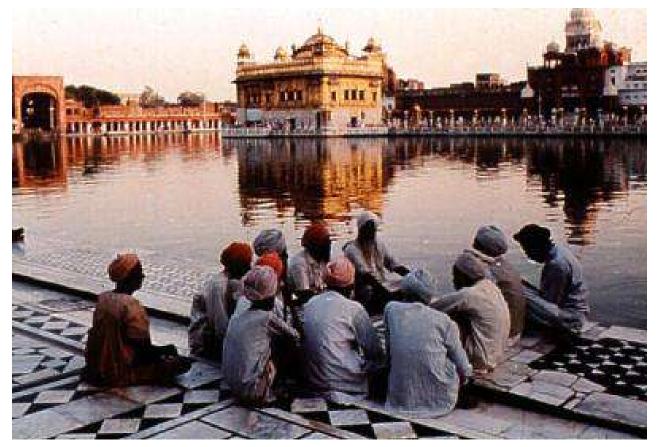




Bride costume in North India



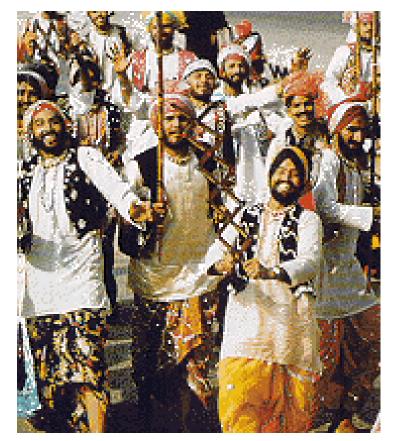




Golden Temple, PUNJAB







Bhangra - Punjabi Dance



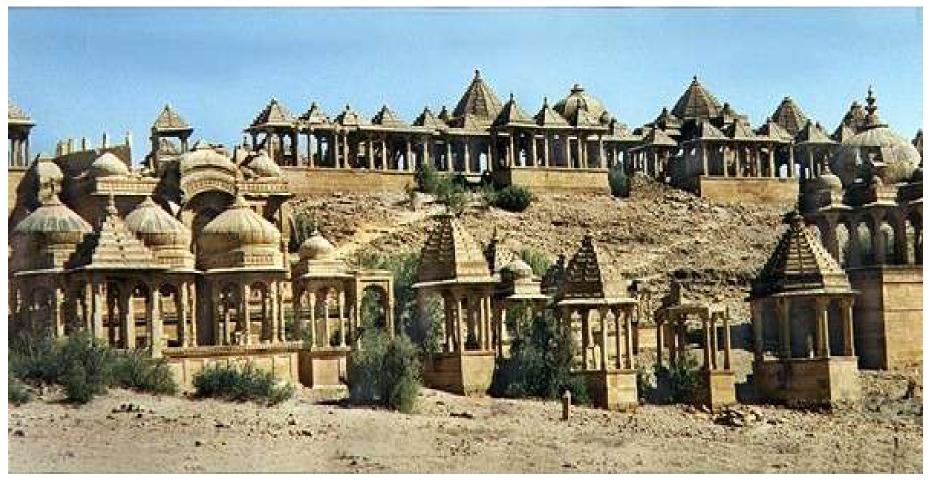




Thar Desert, RAJASTHAN







Sand Fort, RAJASTHAN



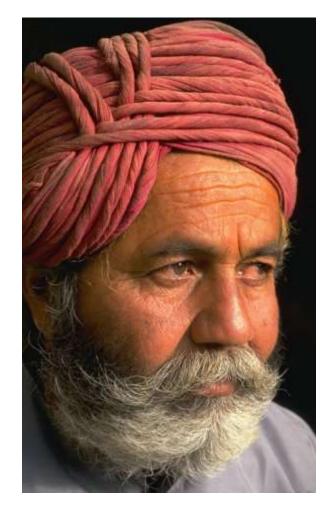




Palace of Wind, RAJASTHAN







Rajasthan man





East India





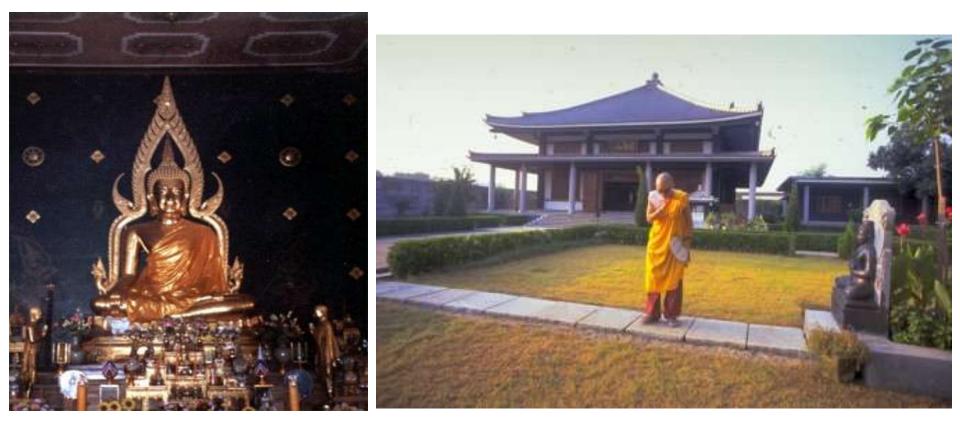




Buddhist Monastries







Buddhist Temples in North-East India



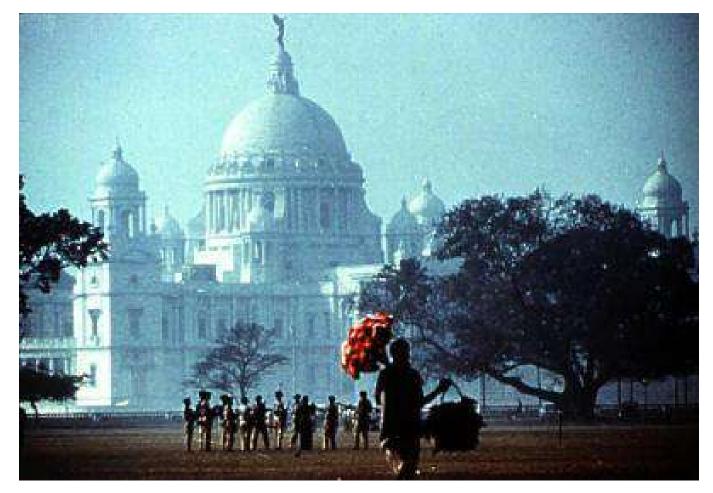




Manipuri Dance







Victoria Mahal, KOLKATA









Hang Gliding Over Gangetic plains

River Rafting in Ganga River







Religious Procession, ORISSA







Sun temple, Konark - ORISSA





West India





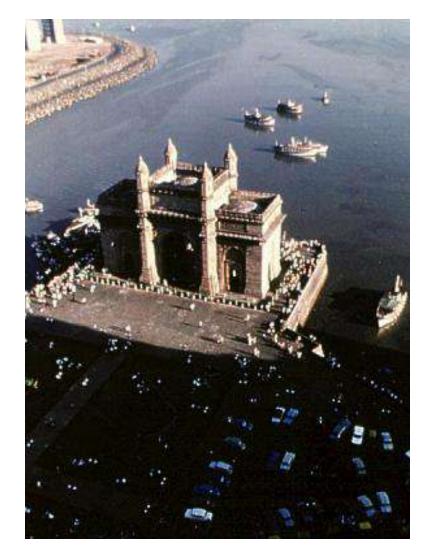




Religious Procession, MUMBAI (Bombay)



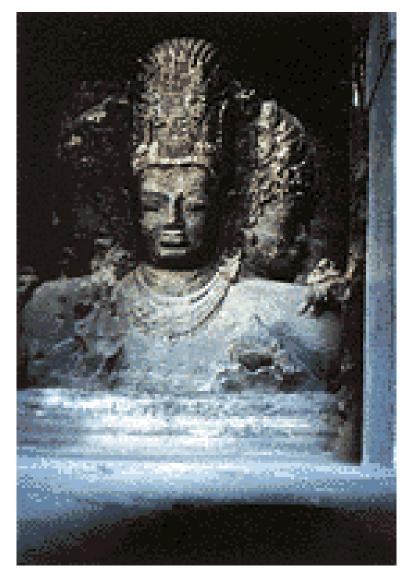




Gateway of India, MUMBAI







Ellora caves, MAHARASTRA



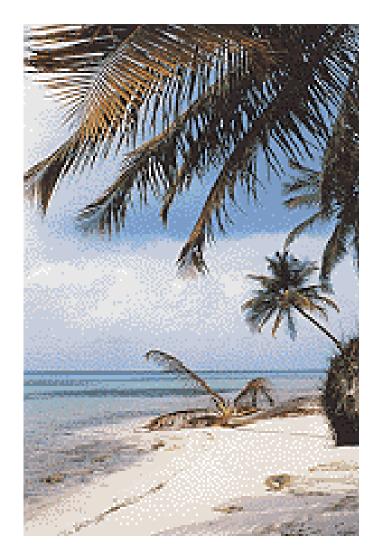




Colva Beach, GOA





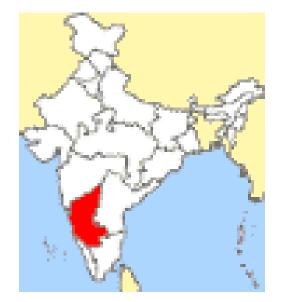


Palolem Beach, GOA





South India









Jog falls, KARNATAKA







Brindavan Gardens, KARNATAKA







Kalaripayattu -Martial art, KERALA



Kathakali, KERALA







Beaches, KERALA







Backwater Locations, KERALA







Backwater Locations, KERALA







Snake Boat-Sport festival, KERALA



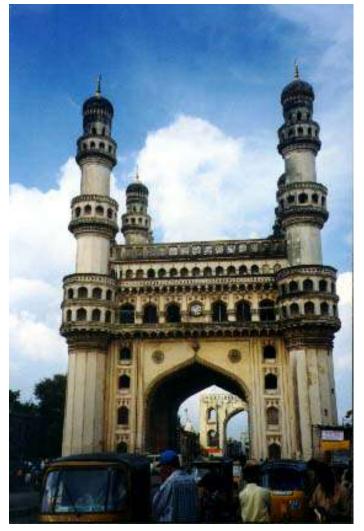




Onam festival, KERALA







Charminar House, HYDERABAD







Villages: TAMIL NADU & ANDRA PRADESH







Jallikattu – Bullock chase sport, Part of Harvest Festival, TAMIL NADU



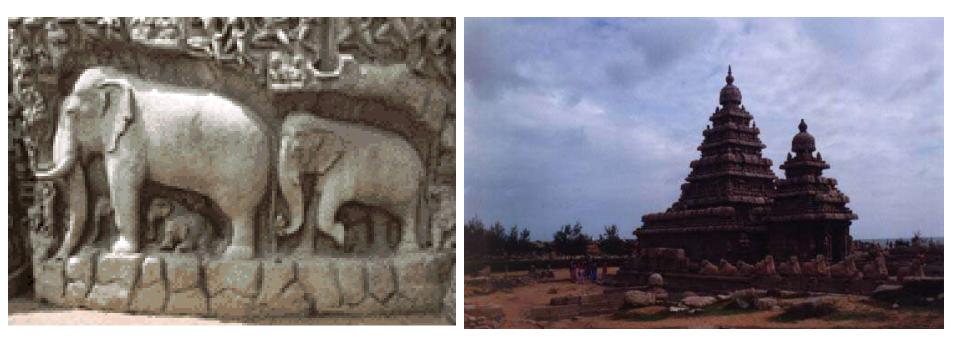




Elephant safari, Mudhumalai (TAMILNADU)



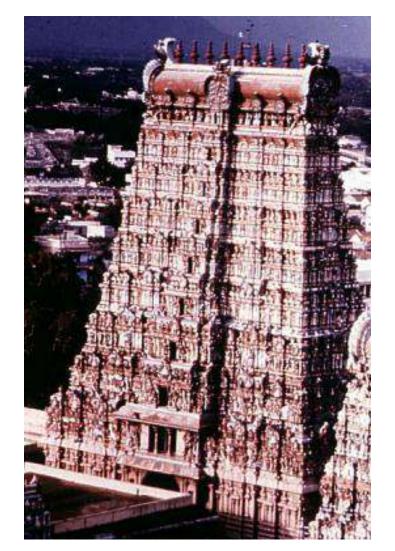




Mahabalipuram, TAMIL NADU





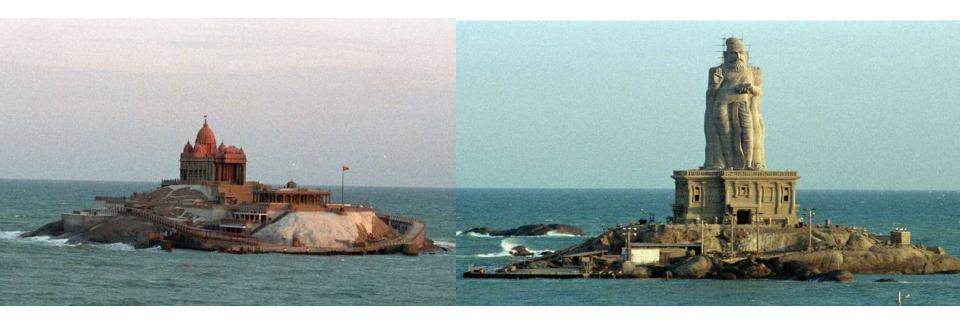


Madurai Temple, TAMIL NADU





Glimpses of India



Kanyakumari, TAMIL NADU Southern tip of INDIA





We owe a lot to the Indians, who taught us how to count, without which no worthwhile scientific discovery could have been made.

- Albert Einstein





If there is one place on the face of earth where all the dreams of living men have found a home from the very earliest days when man began the dream of existence, it is India.

- French scholar Romain Rolland





India is, the cradle of the human race, the birthplace of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of legend, and the great grand mother of tradition. Our most valuable and most instructive materials in the history of man are treasured up in India only.

- Mark Twain, Historist





India conquered and dominated China culturally for 20 centuries without ever having to send a single soldier across her border.

- Hu Shih, former Ambassador of China to USA



Although modern images of India often show poverty & lack of development, India was the richest country on earth until the time of British invasion in the early 17th Century.

♂ Christopher Columbus was attracted by India's wealth.



♂ The World's first university was established in <u>Takshila</u> in 700BC. More than 10,500 students from all over the world studied more than 60 subjects.

♂ The <u>University of Nalanda</u> built in the 4th century BC was one of the greatest achievements of ancient India in the field of education.



^ሪ India invented the Number System. Zero was invented by <u>*Aryabhatta*</u>.

 $m \circ$ The largest numbers the Greeks & the Romans used were 106 whereas Indians used numbers as big as 10^{53} with specific names as early as 5000 BC.



 \bigcirc The value of "pi" (π) was first calculated by <u>Budhayana</u>, and he explained the concept of what is known as the Pythagorean Theorem. He discovered this in the <u>6th</u> <u>century</u> long before the European mathematicians.

Bhaskaracharya calculated the time taken by the earth to orbit the sun, hundreds of years before the astronomer
 Smart. Time taken by earth to orbit the sun: (<u>5th century</u>)
 365.258756484 days.



♂ The place value system, the decimal system was developed in India in 100BC.

 \bigcirc The earliest reservoir and dam for irrigation was built in <u>Saurashtra</u>.

^d The art of Navigation was born in the river 'Sindh' 6000 years ago. The word Navigation is derived from the Sanskrit word NAVGATIH. The word navy is also derived from Sanskrit 'Nou'.



Ayurveda is the earliest school of medicine known to humans. <u>Charaka</u>, the father of medicine consolidated Ayurveda 2500 years ago. Today Ayurveda is fast regaining its rightful place in our civilization.

Sanskrit is the mother of all the European languages.
Sanskrit is the most suitable language for Computer
Software.

් Chess (*Shataranga* or *AshtaPada*) was invented in India.



Sushruta is the father of surgery. 2600 years ago he & health scientists of his time conducted complicated surgeries like cesareans, cataract, artificial limbs, fractures, urinary stones and even plastic surgery & brain surgery.

상 Usage of anesthesia was well known in ancient India. Over 125 surgical equipment were used.



According to the Gemological Institute of America, up until 1896, India was the only source for diamonds to the world.

♂ USA based IEEE has proved what has been a century old suspicion in the world scientific community that the pioneer of wireless communication was <u>Prof. Jagdeesh</u> <u>Bose</u> and not Marconi.





Past - India

- Being influenced by all sorts of invasion and conquering, India has undergone tremendous changes – but fresh from Originality.
- ✓ Gained experiences from all these influencing factors.
- ✓ World looked India as wealthy treasure and exploited Her.
- ✓ Past is now in HISTORY.





Today INDIA is...

- Aiming for Permanent seat in United Nation Organisation.
- Testing Her Scientific & Technical skills for the human welfare.
- Fighting against terrorism & spreading world peace.
- Preparing Herself for the future with current world changes.





Future - India

- With huge Human Resources, She will work for the Prosperous and Peaceful World.
- Will continue Her peace keeping effort with Time.
- Looking ahead of Time & Space for the Oneness of the World.





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Thanking You...

