

## India – a country of contrast

### Worksheet 1 Teacher's notes

1. Complete the basic information chart about India:

OFFICIAL NAME	The Republic of India
CAPITAL	New Delhi
CURRENCY	rupee
POPULATION	1,166,000,000
LANGUAGE	15 official languages
POLITICAL SYSTEM	a <u>federal</u> parliamentary <u>democratic republic</u>
HEAD OF STATE	the President of India
HEAD OF GOVERNMENT	the Prime Minister of India
TIME ZONE	GMT + 5:30
SURFACE AREA	3,290,00 square km

2. Look at the map of India



<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2014/chapter-3-infectious-diseases-related-to-travel/travel-vaccines-and-malaria-information-by-country/india>

Mark on the map these cities: Mumbai, Calcutta, New Delhi, and Bangalore, The Himalaya mountains and Kanchenjunga, Ganges river.

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3. India is the country of great contrasts, great culture and immense beauty. In groups prepare short presentations about those topics closely connected with India:

- Ghandi and Satyagraha
- call centres
- Bollywood
- arranged marriages
- Indian cuisine
- religions in India
- street children
- caste system

*students' own answers*

<http://www.studentsoftheworld.info/sites/country/india.php>

<http://www.facts-about-india.com/Geography-facts-about-india.php>

<http://www.livescience.com/28634-indian-culture.html>

<http://www.culturalindia.net/>

<http://www.incredibleindia.org>

4. Look at these Indian words : *karma* -Your actions have consequences. Karma is the **invisible power** that balances the universe. We have all taken a different path in life but somehow we are all linked. You created your destiny. Your fate is sealed, unless you change, *sari- national dress of Indian women, yoga- exercise and meditation, curry- typical Indian dish*. Do you know what they mean ?