

## India – a country of contrast

### Worksheet 1 Teacher's notes

1. Complete the basic information chart about India:

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| 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 ?