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Fun Facts ♡
♡ About India



Indian Flag

The Indian flag is made up of three colors. Orange represents sacrifice and courage; white stands for truth and purity and green means life and success.

The wheel in the center has 24 spokes and is called the Chakra which stands for the continuing progress of India.

The flag was adopted on July 22, 1947 after India gained independence from Great Britain.

Clothing

The saree is one of the traditional dresses of women. Over 6 yards of fabric is wrapped and tucked to form a skirt with fabric draped over the shoulder.

A saree is draped over a fitted short blouse and floor length skirt.

Traditionally men wear a long tunic type top that reaches just below the knees and is called a kurta.

Loose pants that are gathered at the ankles are much like American sweat pants made of thin fabric.



Animals



Bengal Tiger

The Bengal tiger is the national animal. These tigers measure 5-6 feet with a tail that is 2-3 feet and weight of 240-500 pounds.

Peacock

Peacocks are the national bird. Males are called peacocks and females are called peahens. Peacocks are the largest bird that can fly.



Cobra

These poisonous snakes measure up to 18 feet long. Their bite is so toxic that it can kill an elephant!

Snake charmers entertain people by playing music with a pungi made from a gourd. The snake in the basket rises up and follows the movement of the snake charmer's instrument.



Elephants

Elephants in India are slightly smaller than African elephants but still very large. Female elephants weigh up to 6000 pounds while males can weigh close to 12,000 pounds. Baby elephants weigh close to 200 pounds! With an adult diet that includes eating 300 pounds of food a day, no wonder elephants are so big!





Size & Population

Over 1.3 billion people live in India which is 4 times the population in the United States; yet, India is only a third of the land size of America.

New Delhi is the capital and is the location of the Good Samaritan School!

National Flower

The lotus is a very beautiful flower that grows in the water on a long stalk with the flower rising on top above the water. They grow 5-8 feet tall. Lotus flowers are pink or white with pink being the most common bloom.



7 Wonders of the World

Considered one of the 7 wonders of the world, the Taj Mahal is one of the most famous monuments in the world. This white marble building was built in memory of the emperor, Shah Jahan's wife Mumtaz Mahal, a Persian princess who died giving birth to their 14th child. Construction began in 1632 and took 20 years to complete.

