

PUBLIC SCHOOL DARBHANGA



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INDIA OUR COUNTRY

Our Beautiful Country

South Asia

Afghanistan

Pakistan

Nepal

Bhutan

India

Bangladesh

Sri Lanka

Maldives



Size and Location

- India is a vast country. It is a land of vast plains, beautiful hills, high mountains, extensive plateaus.
- It has a long coastline.
- India is located in the southern part of the Asia continent.
- It is the seventh largest country in the world in area and the second largest in population.
- India stretches for about 3,214 kilometres from north to south and for about 2,933 kilometres from east to west.



- The southern part of India is a peninsula.
- In the north, India is protected by very high mountain ranges.
- In the western part of India lies desert.
- India is surrounded by Arabian Sea in the west, the Bay of Bengal in east and the Indian Ocean in the south.
- The land frontier of India is about 15,200 kilometres.

- The coastline of the mainland is about 6,100 kilometres long.
- The total length of the coastline including island is 7,500 kilometres.

India's neighbouring countries

- India share it's boundaries with Pakistan, Afganistan, China, Nepal,Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar.

- Our neighbours across the sea are the island nations of Sri Lanka and Maldives.

Political division

- India became an independent country on 15 August 1947.
- Today India is a union of 28 states and 9 union territories.
- The offices of the Government are based in New Delhi

States and Union territory

- Union territory is an administrative division of India ruled directly by the Central Government.
- States have their own elected governments.

Largest and smallest states in term of area

- Rajasthan is the largest state in terms of area.
- Goa is the smallest state in area in India.

Physical features

India can be divided into the following physical divisions.

- The Northern Mountains
- The Northern Plains
- The Western Desert
- The Southern Plateaus
- The Coastal Plains and the Islands