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Government

Country Name:	Conventional long form: Republic of India Conventional short form: India Local long form: Republic of India/Bharatiya Ganarajya Local short form: India/Bharat
Government Type:	Federal republic
Capital:	Name: New Delhi Geographic coordinates: 28 36 N, 77 12 E Time difference: UTC+5.5 (10.5 hours ahead of Washington, DC during Standard Time)
Administrative Divisions:	28 states and 8 union territories*; Andaman and Nicobar Islands*, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh*, Chhattisgarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu*, Delhi*, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir*, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Ladakh*, Lakshadweep*, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry*, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal Note: Although its status is that of a union territory, the official name of Delhi is National Capital Territory of Delhi
Independence:	15 August 1947 (from UK)
Constitution:	26 January 1950; amended many times
Suffrage:	18 years of age; universal
Political Parties and Leaders:	Aam Aadmi Party or AAP [Arvind KEJRIWAL] All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam or AIADMK [Edappadi PALANISWAMY, Occhaathevar PANNEERSELVAM] All India Trinamool Congress or AITC [Mamata BANERJEE] Bahujan Samaj Party or BSP [MAYAWATI] Bharatiya Janata Party or BJP [Amit SHAH] Biju Janata Dal or BJD [Naveen PATNAIK] Communist Party of India-Marxist or CPI(M) [Sitaram YECHURY] Indian National Congress or INC [Rahul GANDHI] Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) [Ram Vilas PASWAN] Nationalist Congress Party or NCP [Sharad PAWAR] Rashtriya Janata Dal or RJD [Lalu Prasad YADAV] Samajwadi Party or SP [Akhilesh YADAV] Shiromani Akali Dal or SAD [Sukhbir Singh BADAL]

Shiv Sena or SS [Uddhav THACKERAY]
 Telegana Rashtra Samithi or TRS [K.
 Chandrashekar RAO]
 Telugu Desam Party or TDP [Chandrababu
 NAIDU]
 YSR Congress or YSRC [Jagan Mohan REDDY]
Note: India has dozens of national and regional
 political parties

Political Pressure Groups and Leaders:

All Parties Hurriyat Conference in the Kashmir
 Valley (separatist group)
 Bajrang Dal (militant religious organization)
 Jamiat Ulema-e Hind [Mahmood MADANI]
 (religious organization)
 Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh or RSS [Mohan
 BHAGWAT](nationalist organization)
 Vishwa Hindu Parishad [Pravin TOGADIA](militant
 religious organization)
Other: Hundreds of social reform, anti-corruption,
 and environmental groups at state and local
 level; numerous religious or militant/chauvinistic
 organizations; various separatist groups seeking
 greater communal and/or regional autonomy

International Organization Participation:

ADB, AfDB (nonregional member), Arctic Council
 (observer), ARF, ASEAN (dialogue partner),
 BIMSTEC, BIS, BRICS, C, CD, CERN (observer),
 CICA, CP, EAS, FAO, FATF, G-15, G-20, G-24, G-5,
 G-77, IAEA, IBRD, ICAO, ICC (national
 committees), ICRM, IDA, IFAD, IFC, IFRCS, IHO,
 ILO, IMF, IMO, IMSO, Interpol, IOC, IOM, IPU,
 ISO, ITSO, ITU, ITUC (NGOs), LAS (observer),
 MIGA, MINURSO, MONUSCO, NAM, OAS
 (observer), OECD, OPCW, Pacific Alliance
 (observer), PCA, PIF (partner), SAARC, SACEP,
 SCO (observer), UN, UNCTAD, UNDOF, UNESCO,
 UNHCR, UNIDO, UNIFIL, UNISFA, UNITAR,
 UNMISS, UNOCI, UNWTO, UPU, WCO, WFTU
 (NGOs), WHO, WIPO, WMO, WTO

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