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## Incredible India

### Learning Objectives

To enable the student understand and learn about

- political divisions of India
- physical features of India
- states and UTs

India is located in south Asia. It stretches from Jammu and Kashmir in the north to Tamil Nadu in the south and from Gujarat in the west to Arunachal Pradesh in the east. India is the seventh largest country in the world. In terms of population, India is the second most populated country in the world.

The southern part of India is a **peninsula**. It is surrounded by the Arabian Sea in the west, Bay of Bengal in the east and Indian Ocean in the south. China, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Maldives are the neighbouring countries of India.

India got its independence on 15 August, 1947. This day India got liberated from British rule.

### Physical Features of India

India is a vast country with varied landforms. Our country has mountains, plains, deserts, plateaus and islands. The Himalayas, stretch over the northern borders of India.

### Did You Know?

Peninsula is a piece of land surrounded by water from three side and connected to mainland on the fourth side.

### Activity

India's flag was adopted on 22 July, 1947. What does the white colour in this flag stand for?

Bharatpur, Sariska and Ranthambore are some wildlife sanctuaries located in this region.

Jaisalmer is famous for its numerous havelis. Jaipur is also called the Pink City. It is also the capital city.



A tiger in Sariska



Jaisalmer fort

Many animal fairs are held here. Cattle fairs are held at Pushkar and Jaisalmer. Even though life is tough and harsh. The people are hardworking and fun loving. There are many folk tales about the bravery of the people living in the desert.

## GLOSSARY

- Oasis** : Fertile area in a desert where water is available  
**Sand dunes** : Sand hills formed by wind

## POINTS TO REMEMBER

- The Great Indian Desert lies towards the west of the Northern Plains.
- The desert remains hot and dry throughout the year.
- Date palm trees, babool and keekar grow well here.
- The Indira Gandhi Canal provides water for drinking and other farming activities.
- The people of Rajasthan wear colourful clothes. They are hardworking and fun loving.