

For XAT , CMAT , SNAP , MAT , IIFT Exam

INDIA-SIZE AND LOCATION

- India is the seventh largest in terms of area (3287263 Km^2) and second most populous nation after china, accounting 2.4 percent of total area
- The Indian peninsula is separated from mainland Asia by the Himalayas. The Country is surrounded by the Bay of Bengal in the east, the Arabian Sea in the west, and the Indian Ocean to the south.
- India has 6100 Km of mainland coastline (Total including Lakshadweep, and Andaman and Nicobar are 7516.6 km) and share 15200 km land border with nations
- India sharing border with Pakistan (3310 km), China(3917 km), Nepal (1752 km), Bhutan(587 km), Bangladesh(4096 km)
- India's longest border is with Bangladesh (4156 km)while the shortest border is with Afghanistan.(106 km)
- The Tropic of Cancer ($23^\circ 30'N$) divides the country into almost two equal parts
- Tropic cancer passes through the eight states of India (Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Tripura and Mizoram)
- Great channel separates India from Indonesia
- Sri Lanka is separated from India by a narrow channel of sea formed by the Palk strait and the Gulf of manner
- The Ten Degree Channel is separates the Andaman Islands and Nicobar Islands from each other in the Bay of Bengal
- India extends from $8^\circ 4' N$ to $37^\circ 6' N$ latitudes and $68^\circ 7' E$ to $97^\circ 25' E$ longitudes. Hence India is located of the north Eastern hemisphere
- Indian subcontinent was originally part of Gondwana Continent
- The southernmost point of main land of India is Cape Comorin (Kanniyakumari)

- The southernmost point of the country is Pygmalion Point or Indira Point (6°45'N latitude) located in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- The north-south extent of India is 3,214 km and it extends from Indira Col in Jammu and Kashmir in the north to Kanniyakumari in the south
- The east-west extension is 2933 km and it stretches from Rann of Kutch (Gujarat) in the west to Arunachal Pradesh in the east
- Standard Meridian of India (82°30'E) passing through Mirzapur (in Uttar Pradesh) is taken as the standard time for the whole country

LIST OF INDIAN STATES SHARE INTERNATIONAL BORDER WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

- 17 states of India have the common land borders with neighboring countries.

Country	Indian states having common borders	Number of states having common borders
Pakistan	Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir	4
Afghanistan	Jammu and Kashmir	1
Nepal	Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh ,Bihar, Sikkim and West Bengal	5
Myanmar	Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland , Manipur and Mizoram	4
Bhutan	Sikkim, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam	4
Bangladesh	West Bengal , Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and Assam	5
China	Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh	5