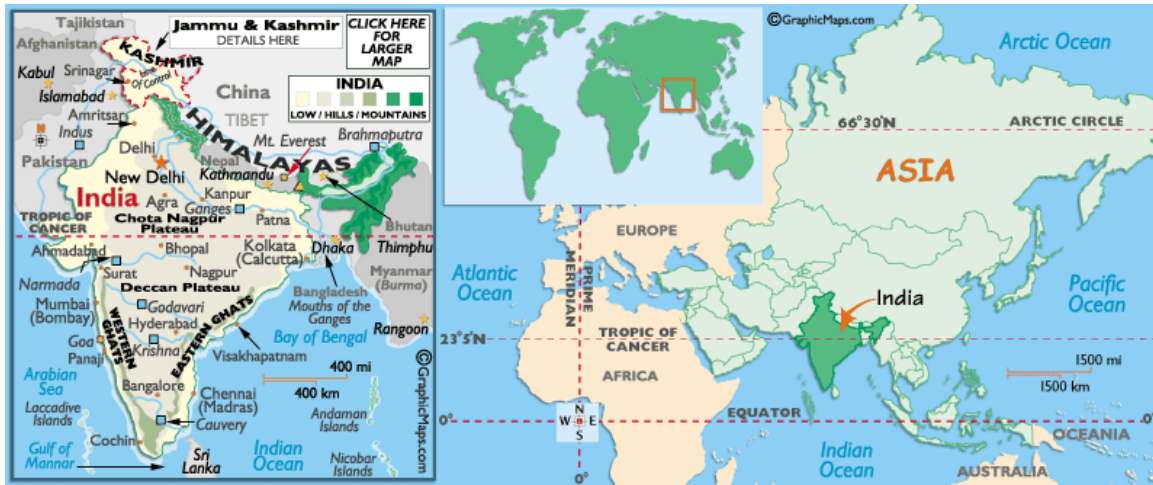


Where in the world is India?



Did you know?

Holy Cow!



Today, in Hindu nations like India, milk has a central place in religious customs. And in honor of their high status, cows often roam free. In some places, it is considered good luck to give one a snack, a bit of bread, or fruit before breakfast. Everyday, it's becoming a routine ritual on the crowded, colorful streets of Delhi to see a small group of men surround a wandering cow, attempting to persuade it on to a waiting truck for a trip to a suburban reserve. But the cow catchers need to be careful: To India's millions of Hindus, the cow is a holy animal that cannot be harmed. A citizen can be sent to jail for killing or injuring a cow.

Flag of India



The India flag was officially adopted on July 22, 1947, as the Indian subcontinent divided into India and Pakistan. The orange represents courage and sacrifice, green symbolizes faith and civility, and white idealizes peace and truth. The spinning wheel in the center is actually a Buddhist symbol.

India was colonized and controlled by Great Britain during much of the 1800s and into the 1900s. Then, in 1947, India declared independence and formed its own country.