

15 Snippets of Indian Trivia

The capital of India is New Delhi, but the largest city is Mumbai

Yoga originated in India over 5,000 years ago

Hindus believe in one God, Brahman - known as the Creator - although most also have a personal God or Goddess like Krishna, Lakshmi, Shiva to whom they pray regularly.

Cows are sacred animals in India - nobody eats beef, and most people are vegetarians. Cows even have a Bill of Rights!

The Game of Chess originated in northern India in the 6th century AD.

Snakes & Ladders is an ancient Indian game created by Saint Gyandev in the 13th century AD. Originally, Ladders representing virtues and Snakes representing vices.

The number 'zero' was invented by an Indian scientist called Aryabhata.

The Indian railway system has over 1.4 million employees, making it one of the world's largest employers.

India became an independent nation in 1947 after ending British rule that began in 1858. Once British rule was over, India was split into the Republic of India and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Later, an area between India and Pakistan became the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Many different languages are spoken in India. The main ones are Hindi, Bengali, Telugu, Marathi, Tamil, and Urdu.

The most popular sport in India is cricket, with the Indian team being the first to win the Cricket World Cup on home soil when they were victorious in 2011.

The national symbol of India is the endangered Bengal Tiger.

One of the most important Hindu festivals is Diwali, also called the 'festival of lights'.

Women in India wear saris, and men wear dhotis. Both are long pieces of cloth draped around the body in a certain way.

Bollywood is the largest film industry in the world.