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India

Priorities

In 2014 we celebrate ten years of EU-India Strategic Partnership. Diplomatic relations were established more than fifty years ago, in 1962. The relations were strengthened in 1994 with the Cooperation Agreement and have since evolved through annual Summits and regular meetings at political and experts' levels. At the 2005 Summit, leaders adopted the EU-India Joint Action Plan.

The plan defines common objectives and identifies a wide range of joint activities in areas such as security, human rights, migration and mobility, trade and development, research and innovation, environment and energy. Negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement, started in 2007, are ongoing.

Top 3 Facts

The EU is India's largest trading partner; trade volumes increased considerably over the past fifteen years. Total EU-India trade turnover was € 75.8 billion in 2012, down from € 80.2 billion in 2011.

After an average GDP growth of 7% **between 2003 and 2012**, India's GDP was \$1.8 trillion in 2012, making it the 10th largest economy in the world.

EU funds for cooperation with India amounted to **€365 million in the period 2007 to 2013**. India, an emerging economy, is now considered a 'graduated' country and therefore bilateral development aid is being phased out. Cooperation on focused regional and thematic areas as well as under the EU's 'Partnership Instrument' will continue.

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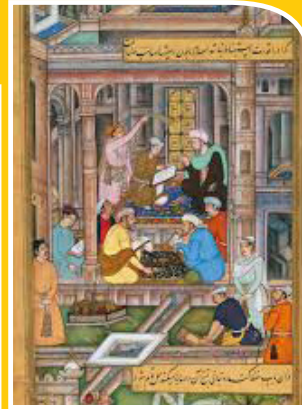
India is the largest democracy in the world, the 2nd most populous, the 7th largest country in the world and one of the most ancient civilizations.

India is, regarding its nature, one of the seventeen mega countries in the world for its diversity of ecological habitats such as forests, grasslands, wetlands, coastal, marine and desert ecosystems. It is among the richest countries for bird diversity, accounting for **nearly 1300 species** out of a **total of more than 9000 known worldwide**.

The Indian flag has three horizontal bands of colour: **saffron for courage and sacrifice, white for truth and peace, and green for faith, fertility, and chivalry**. A Buddhist dharma chakra, or wheel of life, is in the centre of the white band.

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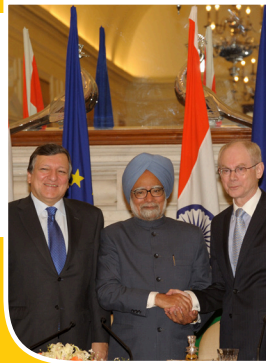


Moghul:

Scribes and artists
in the Mughal court,
1590-1595.

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Architecture:

Taj Mahal in March.

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