Bhashita's article – English Assistant from India!

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What is the relation between India and Great Britain?



Who is her ?

Our English assistant is Bhashita, she is 22 years old.

In India, she comes from <u>New Delhi</u>. She has 1 brother and 1 sister. She gratuated in commerce and she learned the French language.

In France, she lives in Villefranche-sur-Saône. She cames to share her Indian culture.



Animals



Humans are in harmony with animals, they are holy, very important ! *Tigers, dolphins and peacocks are symbols in India.* They also have monkeys, cows, elephants,... We are French students in European section, in the high school Aiguerande. We are lucky to have an English assistant from India.

We will present you her, her culture and not only the English culture on the indians but also the impact of colonisation on India.



WHAT ABOUT INDIA ?

India is located in the south of Asia, it is the largest country in the subcontinent. India is a democracy, Indians have a President : RAM NATH KOVIND and a Prime Minister : NARENDRA MODI. For most people, life is hard, because of poverty but if you are rich you are comfortable !

The capital city is New Delhi, located between the north and the centre of India. There are 18 000 000 people whereas there are 12 000 000 in Paris.





The orange color represents « courage », The white color represents « peace », The green color represents « progress », And there is a blue wheel in the centre representing the Ashoka chakra.

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INDIA IS WONDERFUL ! IT'S DIFFERENT FROM NORTH TO SOUTH !

- It's very religious : there are many religions, hinduism is majority in the country however there are jainism, islam, christianity...
- In this huge agricultural country, there are varied landscapes with cities, mountains, forest, rivers...
- > Indians have diverse foods or dishes according to their regions.

In contrary, they all wear everyday clothes as jeans, t-shirt, dresses,... but on special occasions (weddings, festivals) they wear their traditional clothes : the saree for women and the kurta (long shirt) for men. The sikh men wear a turban because they have long hair.



There are many activities to try or to see :

- holy festivals like **Holi** « Festival of colours » or **Diwali** « Festival of lights » ;
- old classical dances with varied stories from each regions (mythological) ;
- monuments like the Indian Gate, a war memorial, or the Hawa Mahal « Palace of the Winds »;
- arts on the floor (influence of religion), family garding, yoga...

There is no national language...

but many diverse languages and the official language is English!

English is found in the education, in the administration and even in jobs.

In New Delhi, we can see the India Gate, a war memorial where there are names of Indians soldiers dead for the british army during the 1st World War.



Why all of this ?



India was a British colony for 200 untill 1947. The East India Company came to India for trade and slowly took over the country. In 1947 India became independant and a lot of indian immigrated to Great Britain and they brought their culture and traditions.