

## Name the Neighboring Countries of India

There are **nine neighbouring countries of India**, information about them is provided in the table below. It is important to know these details while preparing for the General Awareness section of the Defence exams because it is observed that questions in the GK section come from this topic as well along with other subject areas.

Country	Border Length	Bordering States
Afghanistan	106 Km	Jammu & Kashmir (PoK)
Bangladesh	4096.7 Km	West Bengal, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura & Assam
Bhutan	699 Km	West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh & Assam
China	3488 Km	Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim & Arunachal Pradesh
Myanmar	1643 Km	Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram & Manipur
Nepal	1751 Km	Bihar, Uttarakhand, UP, Sikkim & West Bengal
Pakistan	3323 Km	Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan & Gujarat
Sri Lanka	Sea Border	Separated from India by Gulf of Mannar
Maldives	Sea Border	Lies in the south-west of India below the Lakshadweep Island

Note that, India has the third-largest international border in the world after Russia and China. Download the Neighbouring countries of India PDF from the direct link as follows:

## Neighbouring Countries of India and their Capitals

The capitals of all neighbouring countries of India are listed below. It is a piece of vital information that one must know before checking the other details about the neighbouring countries of India. Apart from these 7 countries which share the land border, Maldives and Srilanka share the sea border with India. The capital of Maldives is Male, and the Legislative and Executive capital of Srilanka is Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte and Columbo respectively.

Country	Capital
Afghanistan	Kabul
Bangladesh	Dhaka
Bhutan	Thimphu
China	Beijing
Myanmar	Yangon
Nepal	Kathmandu

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Pakistan	Islamabad
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## Neighbouring Countries of India: Important Details

Till now, you have read about the neighbouring countries of India and their capitals, borders, and border length. Now, let us talk about other important information about these countries one by one including their president, currency, languages, etc.

## India and Afghanistan

Talking about the first neighbouring country of India, we have Afghanistan India has its boundaries shared. The overview of Afghanistan is as follows:

About Afghanistan	
President	Office abolished
Official language	Dari and Pashto
State/Provinces	34 Provinces
Capital	Kabul
Currency	Afghan afghani
National Sport	Buzkashi
Border	Durand Line

The Bilateral relations between India & Afghanistan have been strong. India has always supported Afghanistan. It has been a strong protector of the Taliban & has helped Afghanistan financially in improving its economy. India has built more than 200 public and private schools, sponsors over 1,000 scholarships, hosting more than 16,000 students from Afghanistan.

India has also built various infrastructure projects such as the Salma Dam, popularly known as Afghan-India Friendship Dam. With the induction of the Chabhar port & Trans-Afghanistan Pipeline (TAPI), the mutual cooperation between the two countries is expected to be strengthened.

## India and Bangladesh

The next neighbouring country of India is Bangladesh which has 8 provinces. The overview of the country is as follows:

About Bangladesh	
President	Abdul Hamid
Official language	Bengali
State/Provinces	8 Provinces

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Capital	Dhaka
Currency	Bangladeshi Taka
National Sport	Volleyball
Border	Radcliffe Line

India & Bangladesh are interlinked culturally & Socially. The 1971 war between India and Pakistan led to Bangladesh's creation. Since the mid-1970s, however, relations have deteriorated as Bangladesh developed closer ties with Islamic nations, participated in the Islamic Conference Organization and emphasized Islamic identity over the ethnolinguistic roots of the country.

There are many disputes some of which are - Farraka Barrage, Tin Bigha Corridor & Illegal immigration. The Bilateral trade between both countries is \$10 Billion. In 2018, Bangladesh - India Friendship pipeline was inaugurated by the leaders of both countries to supply 4 lakh metric tons of diesel to Bangladesh.

## India and Bhutan

Another country from the **list of neighbouring countries of India** is Bhutan. It has 20 states and shares its border with India. The overview of Bhutan is as follows:

About Bhutan	
Name of King	Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
Official language	Dzongkha
State/Provinces	20 states
Capital	Thimphu
Currency	Ngultrum
National Sport	Archery

Traditionally, the ' bilateral relations between Bhutan, the Himalayan Kingdom and the Republic of India have been close, and both countries share a ' special relationship, ' making Bhutan a protected, but not a protectorate, Indian state which was signed in 1949. Bhutan has always been a strong supporter of India, as it has supported India in Non-Aligned Movement & they unanimously stood against China during the Doklam Standoff in 2017.

A 2,000-strong Indian Military Training Team (IMTRAT) is permanently based in West Bhutan to train the Royal Bhutan Army while other units cooperate regularly with the Royal Bhutan Army.

## India and China

China is another neighbouring country of India which has a lot of trade business with our country. It has 26 states. The overview of China is as follows:

About China
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President	Xi Jinping
Official language	Mandarin
State/Provinces	26 Provinces
Capital	Beijing
Currency	Yuan
National Sport	Table Tennis
Border	McMahon line

Although the relationship between India & China has been cordial, border disputes and economic competition between the two countries have sometimes led to strained relationships. Culturally both the countries were connected by the silk road and the exchange of Buddhism religion.

There have been 3 conflicts between India & China -1962 War, the Chola incident of 1967 & 1987 Skirmish. The 2017 Doklam standoff also led to some bitterness. Both India & China have a strong stance diplomatically as China is constantly stopping the entry of India into the UNSC. On the other hand, India does not support China's One Belt One Road Initiative. The bilateral trade between India & China is \$ 89.6 billion.

## India and Myanmar

The next neighbouring country of India is Myanmar. The official language of Myanmar is Burmese. The overview of Myanmar is given below:

About Myanmar	
President	Myint Swe
Official language	Burmese
Capital	Naypyidaw
Currency	Burmese Kyat
National Sport	Cannibal

Since 1993, bilateral relations between Myanmar and India have significantly improved, overcoming the tensions surrounding drug trafficking, the suppression of democracy and the rule of the military junta in Myanmar. India is Myanmar's 4th largest export market, buying goods worth around US\$ 220 million in 2000; India's exports to Myanmar amounted to US\$ 75.36 million.

With infrastructure projects like India-Thailand-Myanmar Highway Road & Kaladan Multi-modal project, both countries will get an economic push. India and Myanmar have agreed to establish a 4-lane, 3200 km triangular highway linking India, Myanmar and Thailand. The route would run from the northeastern states of India to Myanmar.

The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project will connect Kolkata with Sittwe's seaport in Myanmar by sea; it will then connect Sittwe to Lashio in Myanmar via the Kaladan riverboat route and then from Lashio to Mizoram in India by road.

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## India and Nepal

Nepal is another neighbouring country of India which has 7 provinces and many religious places that are often visited by Indians. The overview of Nepal is given below:

About Nepal	
President	Bidhya Devi Bhandari
Official language	Nepali
State/Provinces	7 Provinces
Capital	Kathmandu
Currency	Nepalese rupee
National Sport	Volleyball

Despite the close linguistic, marital, religious and cultural ties between Indians and Nepalese people, since the end of 2015, political issues and border disputes have strained relations between the two countries. The disputes such as Kalapani and the Madhesi have led to anti-Indian sentiments in Nepal.

Nepal also supports the OBOR of China which further is a major cause of concern for India.

## India and Pakistan

Another neighbouring country of India is Pakistan. Pakistan has been a part of India only for a long time before it was separated and declared a different country. There are 4 provinces in the country. The overview of Pakistan is as follows:

About Pakistan	
President	Arif Alvi
Official language	Urdu, English
State/Provinces	4 Provinces
Capital	Islamabad
Currency	Pakistani Rupee
National Sport	Field Hockey
Border	Radcliffe Line

Due to a number of historical and political events, relations between India and Pakistan have always been complex and largely hostile. The two countries have fought three major wars since their independence, one undeclared war and participated in numerous armed skirmishes and military standoffs.



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Numerous attempts have been made to improve the relationship—notably the Shimla summit, the Agra Summit, and the Lahore Summit. The 2016 Pathankot attacks, Uri attacks & the recent 2019 Pulwama attacks have further escalated tension between the two countries.

## India and Sri Lanka

The next neighbouring country of India is Sri Lanka which is an island close to the country. Sri Lanka has 9 states. The overview of Sri Lanka is as follows:

About Sri Lanka	
President	Ranil Wickremesinghe
Official language	Sinhale, Tamil
State/Provinces	9 states
Capital	Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
Currency	Sri Lankan Rupee(LKR)
National Sport	Volleyball

Relations between India and Sri Lanka are generally positive, with only 4% of Sri Lankans claiming to have a negative view of India - the lowest of all according to a report. There have been deep-seated cultural ties between India & Sri Lanka by the spread of Hinduism & Buddhism religions.

The economic ties of India have been around \$ 3.6 Billion as of 2015 with the ratification of the South Asia Free Trade Agreement.

## India and Maldives

Another neighbouring country of India is the Maldives which shares the sea borders with India and has been close allies in terms of strategic, economic and military cooperation. The Maldives enjoys India's protection in case of external aggression or armed rebellion.

India provided extensive economic assistance and participated in infrastructure, health, civil aviation, telecommunications and labour resources development programmes. In terms of Military too, the two nations share good relations as both undergo military exercises. India also has gifted many ships and aircraft to the Maldivian National Defence Force.

About Maldives	
Border	Sea Border
Capital	Male
Currency	Maldivian Rufiyaa
Official Language	Dhivehi

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State/Province	1
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## International Organisation of Neighbouring Countries of India

There are some international organisations in which the neighbouring countries of India take an active part. These were formed for mutual benefit and cooperation.

Organisation	Neighbours
BRICS	China
BIMSTEC	Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka
SAARC	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan
SCO	China, Pakistan
IORA	Bangladesh
G-20	China
Mekong-Ganga Cooperation	Myanmar
ACD	China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal

## Neighbouring countries of India Map

The map of the neighbouring countries of India is shared here in which one can easily identify the neighbouring countries without much effort.



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