


INDIA

It has a population of 1.2 billion people, it's the second biggest country in the world.

NEW DEHLI  is the capital city, it's in the north

MUMBAI : is the largest city. (in the west)

Landscapes:

- In the north – west there is the **Thar** desert
- In the south – west there are **rainforests** and **jungles**
- In the north and east there is the Ganges **Plain**
- In the north there are **Himalayas**.

In India live a lot of different species (65,000) such as : lions, tigers, rhinos, snakes, tropical birds,.....

Population : Millions of Indians live in bad conditions, in poverty, in **overcrowded** cities.
But a lot of wealthy people live in modern cities.

India's economy has changed very fast: for example Bengaluru is called " the Silicon Valley of India", because it has become a very important centre for IT and electronic companies.

GANDHI


Gandhi known as Mahatma (that means "great soul") was born in India in 1869.
He went to work in South Africa and here he was shocked by the treatment of Indian immigrants.

Back in India (which was part of the British Empire) he decided to adopt a **policy of peaceful non-cooperation** with the British Empire.




- Indians **boycotted** British goods and institutions.

But the British authorities reacted and arrested thousands of people and at **Amritsar** (in 1919) British troops killed hundreds of peaceful Indian protestors.

In 1930  Gandhi led a march to the sea, also called "**The salt march**", to protest against the British taxes on salt.

Gandhi lived a frugal and simple life. He usually wore a simple garment and a pair of sandals.
In 1931 he went to **London to press for the INDIPENDENCE of India**, here he slept on the floor in a community centre.

In 1947  India became independent and was divided into 2 new independent states: INDIA and PAKISTAN.

In 1948 Gandhi was assassinated in Delhi.