

INDIA

India has the fastest growing economy among the world's democracies -- with an annual growth rate of about 9.2 percent (AC Nielsen Survey/The Economic Times). India is currently the 12th largest consumer market in the world (The Times Group).

THE SIMPLE FACTS

- 5,000 year-old ancient civilization
- 18 official languages
- Largest English speaking nation in the world
- 3.28 million square kilometers in total area
- 7,516 kilometers in total of coastline
- Parliamentary form of government
- World's largest democracy
- World's 4th largest economy
- 2nd largest pool of scientists and engineers in the World
- World-class recognition in IT, biotechnology and space



THE ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- Population (2010 estimate): 1.180 billion
- GDP at market prices (2006-07): USD\$1.01 trillion
- GDP at PPP (2006-07): USD\$4.16 trillion
- Per capita income (2006-07): USD\$1,000

THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

- The 2nd largest producer of rice and wheat in the world
- One of the largest producers of sugar, sugarcane, peanuts, jute, tea, and an assortment of spices
- Also a producer of coarse cereals, oilseeds, non-food grains, groundnut, sesamum, rapeseed/mustard, coconut, coffee, fruits and vegetables, rubber, and cotton

BEYOND BOLLYWOOD: FOOD & FASHION

- Indian food brands are increasingly popular and selling well in Europe & U.S.
- India exports about USD\$6 billion worth of garments annually.