# India

## Information for applicants

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India is the most populous country in the world. It is colourful, and home to a wide diversity of languages, ethnicities, and natural environments. India stretches from the summits of the Himalayas down to the coast of the Indian Ocean. Its economic ascendancy over recent years means India is now an emerging nation and has strengthened its role as a global player through its G20 presidency in 2023. India stands for high tech, a fast-growing film industry and extreme wealth, but also for extreme poverty, and all this brings with it.

### Climate and sights

India's climate is predominantly monsoon-dependent. From July to September, it rains heavily in many part of the country. April to June is hot in the plains, while northern India experiences strong seasonal changes.

India's size means it has an incredible amount to offer: In the north, there are the monuments of the Mughal Empire, such as the Red Fort in Delhi and the enormous mosque of Jama Masjid, not forgetting the famous mausoleum of Taj Mahal in Agra. Pilgrims can bathe in the Ganges at Varanasi. The city of Rishikesh is a globally popular yoga centre and starting point for treks in the Himalayas.

### Medical care

Medical care is very good in India. In case of emergencies, the German Embassy in New Delhi and the Consulates-General in Bangalore, Chennai, Calcutta and Mumbai each have a list of doctors and hospitals for their respective cities. In Delhi there is a German embassy doctor.

Germany's Federal Foreign Office (AA) recommends checking and updating standard vaccinations in line with the current immunisation schedule for children and adults issued by the Robert Koch Institute.

Particulate air pollution in the big cities is a major issue. GIZ India is taking concrete measures to reduce the burden on its employees. Diarrheal diseases are common throughout the year everywhere in the country. It is therefore advisable to pack a medical first aid kit with appropriate treatments. When it comes to cooking food, the adage still applies: Cook it, peel it, or forget it.

### Accommodation and quality of life

India's housing market is exceptionally varied and expat accommodation is often well equipped and spacious. Professional estate agents are available to help you search for flats or houses.

A maximum of 50% of one month's rent is covered for real estate agent fees, and there are a number of real estate agencies with which the regional office collaborates that are familiar with this policy. This means that real estate agent fees generally do not exceed 50% of one month's rent. It is therefore advisable to contact the regional office before your assignment begins and request the relevant real estate agent contacts.

In general, you can also make use of the services offered by the Relocation Service. Please note, however, that only the costs of arranging an agent through the Relocation Service are covered—NOT the actual agent's fee. This must be paid privately by the employee. Here, too, GIZ will cover a maximum of 50% of one month's rent.

## Shopping and services

The big international supermarkets in the larger cities stock everything you need – although products imported from Europe are sometimes disproportionately expensive. Indian cuisine is fantastic and there are good restaurants in nearly every city. In the bigger cities, there are also international eateries and restaurants. Whether in supermarkets or street-side in rural areas: fresh fruit and vegetables are much cheaper than in Germany and always regionally available. India also offers a variety of digital services that make shopping even faster and easier.

## Accompanying partners and children

Accompanying partners are issued a visa. However, this does not entitle them to work.

**Schools**: After twelve years of schooling – primary through secondary – it is possible to acquire a school-leaving certificate that qualifies the holder to study at university. India has 818 universities and some outstanding higher-learning institutions, such as the Institutes of Technology. Working hard to accommodate its growing population and to redress the social and regional imbalances, the Indian Government is implementing numerous programmes, especially in the primary school sector. Expats in New Delhi have the choice between a German, British, an American, and a French school, for example.

**Childcare:** Families are important in India and children are always welcome wherever you go. There are some good international pre-schools.

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