

Lesson Supplement

India: Economy and Development

This edition of “Practice Geography” provides three lesson plans on issues of economic and social development in India. They are designed for year 9–12 students in Advanced Placement Human Geography courses in the United States and bilingual Geography courses in year 9–12/13 students in European Higher Secondary Schools.

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India only occupies 2.4 % of the earth's surface, and yet it is home to 15 % of the world's population. Only China has a higher population than India. 40 % of India's population is under the age of 15 years. India's economy is changing and becoming more of a force in the global economy. India is a place with diverse cultures, languages, religions. It is a country with a variety of physical features, vegetation and climatic regions – a state that is changing to become more “modern” while still retaining its unique culture. What occurs in India will affect people around the world now and in the future.