UNTERRICHTS MATERIALIEN

Englisch Sek. II



The many faces of India

Aktuelle Materialien zu Geschichte, gesellschaftlicher Struktur, Wirtschaft und Kultur des Landes

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Survey of topics and methods

Main focus	Listening comprehension	Working with the text	Vocabulary	Working with the diagram	Comment	Language	Further activities	Material
■ India as a global player ■ The political, cultural and economic ties between India and the USA	•	•					•	Topic 1 ■ Speech by Barack Obama: *Address to the People of India*
■ India's rise during the reign of the Moguls and the arrival of the Europeans		•						Topic 2.1 ■ Text: "From the Indus Valley Civilisation to the beginning of British colonial reign"
■ India under British rule ■ India's independence		•	•				•	Topic 2.2 ■ Text: "From British colony to independent state" ■ Map of the British Empire in 1921
■ The Indian caste system ■ The role of women in India ■ Arranged marriages		•		•	•	•	•	Topic 3 ■ Text: "India's social structure" ■ Diagram: "Wife's pre-marriage contact with husband"
■ The rise of India's economy and its consequences		•				•	•	Topic 4 ■ Text: "India's economy"

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Notes on the material

The teaching material presented introduces the students to salient aspects of the Republic of India. It can be used in connection with work in the field of cultural studies, current political and social developments, e.g. globalisation, colonialism, post-colonial experience, the British Empire and the Commonwealth.

Topic 1 focuses on India's relations with the USA, as seen by former President Barack Obama on his second visit to the country in 2015. In his speech, he emphasises the importance of **India as a global player**. Obama stresses the political, cultural and economic ties between India, the emerging economy, and the USA, the world's most powerful industrial nation. Students train their **listening comprehension** skills by listening to a recording and completing a transcript of this speech. They answer questions on its contents and conduct research on some people and aspects mentioned in the speech.

The speech can be **downloaded from the online archive** (www.archiv.raabe.de/englisch-sek2) or watched via the following link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQdAmVrzgIQ&feature=youtu.be&t=242 (minutes 4:02–7:40).

Topic 2 offers detailed information about **Indian history**. It is split into two parts, the first covering the country's rise during the reign of the Moguls and the arrival of the Europeans, the second focusing on India under British rule and the country's eventual independence. Students answer true/false/not in the text questions, extend their vocabulary by matching words with their synonyms and **work with a map** illustrating the extent of the British Empire.

Topic 3 familiarises students with aspects of **India's social structure**, primarily the caste system and the often deplorable role of women even in our day. Students **analyse a diagram** on pre-marital contact of spouses in India and relate it to the text. They are asked to write a comment on the topic of arranged marriages as well as the issue of sexual violence in India and its correlation with negligent parenting. Exercises on word families and word fields help students to improve their language competence.

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And nobody _____ this progress and this sense of possibility more than our young people. Empowered by technology, you are connecting and _____ like never before – on Facebook and WhatsApp and Twitter. And chances are, you're talking to someone in America – your friends, your cousins. The United States has the largest Indian _____ in the world, including some three million proud Indian-Americans. And they make America stronger, and they tie us together – _____ of family and friendship that allow us to share in each other's success. For all these reasons, India and the United States are not just natural partners. I believe America can be India's best partner. I believe that. […] *(754 words)*

From: Barack Obama, Address to the People of India, delivered 27 January 2015, Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi, India.
http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/barackobama/barackobamaindia2015.htm.

Annotations

1 Swami Vivekananda (1863–1902): Indian Hindu monk, who introduced the Indian philosophies of Vedanta and Yoga to the "Western World"
2 India's first lunar probe was launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation in October 2008. Spacecraft Mangalyaan, launched on 5 November 2013, has been orbiting Mars since 24 September 2014.

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