

India



- **Name:** Republic of India or *Bharat Ganrajya* (in Hindi)
- **Government:** Democracy
- **Population:** 1.38 billion people
- **Language:** 22 official languages but Hindi is the most commonly spoken language
- **National symbols:** Lotus (national flower), tiger (national animal) and peacock (national bird).
- **National Anthem:** "*Jana Gana Mana*"



The mandala is a spiritual and ritual symbol in Hinduism and Buddhism, which both originated in India, representing the Universe. Traditionally, the mandala is a geometric pattern in a circular shape that has strong symmetry. The word "mandala" is from the Indian language of Sanskrit and means "circle." They can also represent wholeness and our connection to physical circles like the earth, sun and moon, and life circles of friends, family and community. Mandalas offer balancing visual elements, symbolizing unity and harmony. The meanings of mandala depends upon color, geometric elements and culture. The goal of the mandala is to serve as a tool on our spiritual journey as it symbolizes cosmic and psychic order.

