



## INDIA

### Glossary

India	to bedevil	to outsource
to begin	to rise	to be home to
to add	to prove	to modernize
to enjoy	to struggle	to go mobile
to become	to aim	to restructure
to take on	country of contrasts	drought
flood	farmers	slum dwellers
back office	the net	the next knowledge superpower
the first signs	carbon dioxide	electricity supply
the paradox	infrastructure	continued growth
citizens	the gulf	spending power
the well-off	the place to be	cutting-edge research
space program	foreign support	pharmaceutical industry
the third	in short	right on the mark
yet	steady	although
apparent	despite	thriving

And now a dialogue between Wentworth and Sarah...

**Wentworth:** Today, we'll talk about a country of contrasts, a place bedeviled by drought and floods, a place of poor farmers and slum dwellers, but where most of Western banks and companies outsource their back offices. In short, the next knowledge superpower, which is?

**Sarah:** India?

**Wentworth:** Right on the mark, Sarah. India. So, to begin, the first sign that India was rising came about eight years back. It has the world's 11th largest economy, yet it is home to more than a quarter of the world's poorest people. It is also the sixth largest emitter of carbon dioxide, yet hundreds of millions of Indians have no steady electricity supply. Would you like to add something, Sarah?

**Sarah:** Yes. I read that India has more than 250 universities, yet 39% of adult Indians can't read or write.

**Wentworth:** This proves that the paradox of a country which needs to modernize its infrastructure and education system if it is to enjoy a continued growth. Do you know that although India is still struggling to find food and water for millions of its citizens, millions of Indians go mobile every day?

**Sarah:** Yes, I did. The Gulf and spending power between the poor and the well-off has never been more apparent.



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Wentworth: And despite its situation of extreme poverty, India is becoming the place to be for cutting-edge research. And its space program aims to soon be completely independent of foreign support.

Sarah: I know. It also has a thriving pharmaceutical industry which is restructuring to take on the world. So if India gets everything right, it will have the third largest economy in the world by 2050, after the US and China.