

# Delhi

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Delhi is the capital of India. The President of India, the Prime Minister and other ministers of the Central Government work from here.

Ambassadors from other countries have their offices over here. It is a metropolitan and cosmopolitan city.

People from all over India and even abroad come to work and live here. All

the languages of India are spoken over

here. English, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu

are the main languages spoken in Delhi. Almost all the religions of the world are represented here.



Delhi, the Political capital of India



Map of Delhi

It is a big manufacturing and business centre. Delhi is densely populated and almost every place is over crowded. Result is that it is a highly polluted city. Climate of Delhi is hot in summer and cold in winter. It gets about 650 mm of rains during rainy season.



India Gate

**Delhi has common boundaries with Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.**



Qutub Minar



Lotus Temple-Bahai's House of worship



Lal Quila (Red Fort)

Delhi is a very old city. The present site and nearby area had been made capital by various kings many times. Yudhistir, the eldest of Pandava brothers from the Mahabharata was the first to settle down here. Then its name was Indraprastha.

The name Dilli had come from Raja Dhilu who ruled it in first century BC. Present Delhi was built by King Sahajahan in 17th Century. Then it was known as Sahajahanabad. British shifted here in 1911. They built New Delhi.

Delhi has many old buildings like Qutub Minar, Red Fort, Jama Masjid and many more. Amongst many new buildings are Rastrapati Bhavan, India Gate and many more.

Mahatma Gandhi and Indira Gandhi were assassinated over here. Their Samadhi are here.

Delhi is a very Colourful Metropolitan city.

### **Things to Remember**

- Delhi is the capital of India
- The President, Prime Minister and other ministers work from here
- Ambassadors of other countries work from here
- It is a big industrial and commercial centre
- It is a very old city. It has many buildings of historical importance
- Delhi has people from all over India and many languages are spoken over here
- English, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu are the dominant languages