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12 fun facts about India

True, surprising and very shareable.

1. India is the world’s most populous country.
2. India’s constitution recognises 22 scheduled languages.
3. Chess grew out of an Indian game called chaturanga.
4. Snakes and ladders comes from an old Indian game about virtue and vice.
5. The word shampoo comes from the Hindi “champo”, a head massage.
6. Meghalaya’s living root bridges are grown from living trees.
7. Srinagar has a floating post office on Dal Lake.
8. India has 45 UNESCO World Heritage Sites (Sarnath joined in July 2026).
9. The Golden Temple’s kitchen feeds tens of thousands of people a day, for free.
10. India produces more milk than any other country.
11. Most of the world’s wild tigers live in India.
12. The whole of India runs on one time zone, IST.

Sources: Checked by India 4U editors; World Heritage count from the UNESCO list after the July 2026 session. Checked October 2026.
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