

INDIA, MORE THAN A COUNTRY

We usually like to simplify this, if someone gives us a word we try to understand what it means but thinking only about the simplest part. If we are told "India", we immediately think: Bollywood, Yoga, Gandhi, castes, Ganges, curry, Calcutta, Bombay, etc.

And yet this is a country so large that it looks like a whole continent. With more than 1,240 million inhabitants and an area of more than 3 million square kilometers, it is difficult to understand everything in India, to understand its great diversity and the tremendous differences between some areas.

Although Hindi is the official language throughout the country, English is also used as an "official associated language" and there are more than 1652 dialects throughout India. This gives us an idea of the cultural richness in more than one hundred ethnic groups that populate this country located in South Asia. A country with important cultural traditions dating back to the year 2000 BC, the Indian civilization has proven to have much to contribute to the world in today's globalization. Every day Yoga and meditation are more widespread, but this is also the country considered the cradle of modern pacifism with Mahatma Gandhi as the greatest exponent.

Since the 16th century, several European powers established strong trade ties and tried to establish colonies in the country. By the year 1845 the whole of India was under British control. It was not until 1947 that the country gained independence from the British Empire. The almost 100 years of domination did not end with its millenary history and culture, but the British influence is clear today in many areas of life, from the usual use of English, especially in cities, or the fact that vehicles are driven on the left side of the road.

In order to organize the most populous democracy on the planet, the country is divided into 29 different states, each one of them with a high degree of autonomy and in some cases with great cultural and idiomatic differences. Although they have a strong common identity, states are often so large and populated that many of the people who inhabit them have never left their own state.

Kamda is a small town located in the state of Jharkhand, in the east of the country. It was created in the year 2000 from territories that belonged to other states. Ranchi is its capital; it is 80 kilometers from Kamda, but the conditions of the roads extend the journey to more than 2 and a half hour.

NAMASTE

"Namaste", he said, smiling, while saying goodbye with a slight nod, palms open and joined together, to the chest, in a position of prayer.

Surely you know the gesture, and yet its meaning is much deeper than that of a simple greeting or a farewell. Its literal translation is "I bow before you," and means: "the divinity that dwells in me bows before the divinity that dwells in you." It seeks to express deep respect by invoking the idea that all people share the same divine essence, the same energy, the same universe. All people are sacred.



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