

The India Not In My Dreams...

For most Westerners, the images that India evokes in their imaginations is that of elephants, snake charmers and the Indian rope trick. And of course, of heat, dust and grinding poverty.

How many would know though that India's GDP in PPP terms at \$ 7 trillion is the third largest in the world after US & China? (World Bank, Sept 2015) – about 7 times the size of Poland and more than twice that of Germany.

With 155,015 post offices, it is the largest postal network in the world...

The 2011 Kumbh Mela was the largest gathering of pilgrims in the world (30 million on a single day, thrice the size of Hungary and 3/4th of Poland.). It was visible from outer space! And no deaths by stampede unlike...

125 million Indians speak English, making it the world's second largest English speaking country after US

India is the largest producer of milk – 140 million tons

2nd largest manufacturer of tractors – 2.5 million

2nd largest gross value addition in agriculture at US\$ 350 billion – US 180, China 850

Public debt of 50% of GDP compared to 54% for Poland, 73% for US, 79% for Hungary, 90% for UK, 161% for Greece and 214% for Japan.

2nd largest producer of wheat at 67 million MT after China, 87 & greater than US, 64 million MT

Largest producer of bananas, 11 million MT followed by Brazil 6.3 million MT

2nd largest producer of rice, 89 million MT after China, 118 million MT. For a 'vegetarian' country, India is the 2nd largest producer of beef after US! Balanced by the fact that India is the 2nd largest producer of vegetables in the world, US does not figure in the top 20!

India is the second largest producer of motorcycles/mopeds and scooters in the world.

The Mars Orbiter Mission of the Indian Space Research Organisation cost US \$ 74 million, (less than the production cost of US \$ 100 million of the Hollywood movie Gravity) compared to US \$ 671 million for the US Maven satellite

A million engineers graduate each year!

About the visit

In Goa we plan to visit ACGI which is a Tata group company manufacturing buses, Nestle, Cipla a large Indian pharma company and MRF a large Indian tyre manufacturer. In Bangalore we will visit Big Basket, an online retailer, an incubator, Taegutec, a Korean multinational cutting tool manufacturer owned by Berkshire Hathaway (Warren Buffet), Symphony, an outsourced product development company and an industrial design firm, as well as Infosys in Mysore.

Look forward to seeing you in India!

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