



# Vocabulary

**Millennia:** plural of millennium.

**Sultanate:** a state or country that is ruled by a **sultan**.

**Lentils:** a high-protein pulse which is dried and then soaked and cooked prior to eating.

**Leavened:** fermented dough or bread made to rise by adding a leavening, usually yeast.

**Savoury:** (of food) belonging to the category which is salty or spicy rather than sweet.

**Chowder:** a rich soup containing vegetables or fish.

**Embroidery:** (in this context) patterns or pictures that consist of stitches **sewn** directly onto cloth.

# Geographic and Demographic Facts

India is a vast South Asian country with a diverse terrain—from Himalayan peaks to Indian ocean coastline—and history reaching back 5 **millennia**.

- **Country** : India/Hindustan
- **Area**: 3.287 million sq.km
- **Flag** : Tricolour
- **Number of states**: 29
- **Population** : 1.324 billion

