India's ever-expanding megacities

India looks set to overtake China as the world's most populous country within 20 years. Its rising population, currently at 1.21 billion, is hindering economic growth as rapid urbanisation leads to huge demands for healthcare, education, resources and jobs

MOST POPULATED INDIAN CITIES

Bar chart (in millions, scale 0 3 6 9 12 15 million):

City	2011 census results (provisional)
Mumbai	12,478,447
New Delhi	11,007,835
Bangalore	8,425,970
Hyderabad	6,809,970
Ahmadabad	5,570,585
Chennai	4,681,087
Kolkata	4,486,679
Surat	4,462,002
Pune	3,115,431
Jaipur	3,073,350

2011 census results (provisional)   **2001 census results**

Map labels: CHINA, INDIA, New Delhi, Jaipur, Ahmadabad, Surat, Mumbai (Bombay), Pune, Kolkata (Calcutta), Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai (Madras), Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal

400km / 250 miles