

High Commission of India

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KIRIBATI – FACTSHEET

| GENERAL | |
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| Official Name | Republic of Kiribati |
| Capital | Tarawa |
| Area | 811 sq. kms. |
| Current Weather | Maximum temperature: 31 °C Minimum temperature: 26 °C |
| Population | 119,438 (2020) – [Source : Kiribati National Statistics Office] |
| Independence Day | 12 July |
| Languages (<i>with %age of speakers, if available</i>) | I-Kiribati, English (official) |
| Religions (<i>with %age, if available</i>) | According to 2010 government statistics, Christian groups form about 96% of the Kiribati population by census counts, most of whom are either Catholic or members of the Kiribati Uniting Church. Persons with no religious affiliation account for about 0.05% of the population. Members of the Catholic Church are concentrated in the northern islands, while Protestants are the majority in the southern islands. |
| Ethnic Groups | I-Kiribati – 96.2%, I-Kiribati/mixed – 1.8%, Tuvaluan – 0.2%, other 1.8%. |
| Tourist Arrivals | 12,000 (2019), |
| Currency Exchange rate with US\$ & INR | Australian dollar AU\$ 1 = US\$ 0.68 (April 2023) AU\$1 = Rs. 55.73 (April 2023) |
| Political Structure | Parliamentary System; Single chamber House of Assembly or 'Maneaba ni Maungatabu', with 44 elected members for four years term. |
| Head of State (President) | His Excellency Taneti Maamau |
| Head of Government | His Excellency Taneti Maamau |
| Minister for Foreign Affairs | His Excellency Taneti Maamau |

| ECONOMIC INDICATORS | | |
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| Economy | A remote country of 33 scattered coral atolls, Kiribati has few natural resources and is one of the least developed Pacific Islands. License fees paid by Foreign Vessel for fishing in the vast EEZ is a major source of income to the country. Copra and fish now represent the bulk of production and exports. Economic development is constrained by a shortage of skilled workers, weak infrastructure, and remoteness from international markets. The country is particularly seen as vulnerable to effects of rising sea levels. | |
| GDP | US\$180.9 mn (2020) * | |
| GDP per capita | US\$ 1,514.6 (2020) * | |
| GDP Growth Rate | - 0.5 % (2020) * | |
| | * World Bank [https://data.worldbank.org/country/kiribati] | |
| Total Trade | AU\$ 148.34 mn (2018) | |
| Imports | AU\$ 137.39 mn (2018) | |
| Exports | AU\$ 10.96 mn (2018) | |
| | [Source : Kiribati National Statistics Office] https://nso.gov.ki/statistics/economy/trade/ | |
| Bilateral Trade | US\$ 1.68 mn (2021-22) | |
| Imports from India | US\$ 1.64 mn (2021-22) | |
| Exports to India | US\$ 0.04 mn (2021-22) | |
| | [Source : Ministry of Commerce, Government of India] | |
| INDIA SPECIFIC INFORMATION | | |
| Indian Origin/ Permanent Resident | Total: About 50 (Almost all Fiji Indians) | |
| Indian Expatriates | Total: Two | |
| Indian Organizations | PSUs | Nil |
| | Government Organizations | Nil |
| | Others | Nil |

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