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KIRIBATI – FACTSHEET

GENERAL	
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\$ 0.6759 (February 2024) AU\$1 = Rs. 56.497 (February 2024)
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		
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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