

# A 21st-century Diamond

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*A land that lived the rags-to-riches story. That started out as a third-world nation, relying on other countries. That is now a globally respected nation churning out some of the world's most productive citizens. India began as a diamond in the rough, uncut and unpolished, but harboring great potential. It has taken the first steps to becoming a brilliant gemstone by focusing on individual facets of its identity. In the 21st century India will continue to shine brighter as it gains more power.*

*India is on its way to becoming a political superpower. Its population makes up a sixth of the world and it has peacefully maintained the world's largest democracy for centuries. It has made huge strides in quality of life for its citizens, becoming an almost self-sufficient country. The ability to govern masses of people will become increasingly important due to the exponential population increase. Other countries will turn to India to guide them through the complications of presiding over a massive society. India will be able to govern itself without problems also.*

*India is in a unique linguistic situation too. Each state speaks a different language, so the most common language nationwide is English. English has been acknowledged as the "language of the future;" fluency in English will soon be considered one of a person's valuable assets. Since the Indian population speaks English relatively well, it will be extremely precious to the rest of the world. India will enjoy a glowing reputation in the 21st century as an Asian country proficient in English.*

*India is also one of the most rapidly growing industrial countries. The remainder of the globe depends heavily on India for information services as of today. In an increasingly technological 21st century, these services will become even more important and India will be given even more power. Entrepreneurs abound in the nation as new industries sprout each day. Businesses dealing in areas as diverse as architecture and medical tools are erupting rapidly. India's sudden boom in business will generate enormous amounts of revenue, making it an immensely important country in the 21st century.*

*India is one of the world's strongest nations in education, particularly math and science. Even Obama's second State of the Union address pointed out the fact that India is succeeding in subjects that will be vital in the future. In today's world, a strong work ethic is necessary for success. Indian people are known for their motivation and drive to achieve - even in today's American high schools, students of Indian ethnicity are excelling regularly. Clearly India is a nation with the potential to rise to the top in education, producing a generation of intelligent, ambitious citizens.*

*Evidently, India will continue to grow, becoming a better country throughout the 21st century. It will play a vital role in this century's innovations. It will achieve superpower status as it maintains its newly cut, brilliantly polished facets. India will come into full glory as a diamond of the 21st century.*