

India – Construction Day Rates

1 Indian Rupee (IR) = \$0.12 US Dollar - March 2023
Add 50% to 100% to rates to capture Site In-Directs, Overhead & Profit.



City	Unskilled Worker	Semi-Skilled Worker	Skilled Trade Worker	Avg. Day Rate in IR	Avg. Day Rate \$
Bengaluru (Bangalore)	560	575	585	573	6.88
Bhopal	525	535	545	535	6.42
Chennai	425	490	545	487	5.84
Delhi	715	720	880	772	9.26
Hyderabad	450	495	515	487	5.84
Jamshedpur	425	485	560	490	5.88
Kolkata (Calcutta)	430	500	570	500	6.00
Kochi (Cochin)	420	485	540	482	5.78
Mumbai	695	725	755	725	8.70
Vadodara	525	545	570	547	6.56

Is India Now the New China?

India is experiencing a construction boom and is forecast to see annual growth in its construction sector of 8% to 11% in 2023 and 2024. Ten years ago, the majority of major US & European industrial / manufacturing companies were directing their CAPEX capital investments into China. However, with all the recent political posturing, territorial disputes, and COVID-related shutdown issues, China has experienced a slowdown in capital investment.

We are seeing more US and Western European capital investment shifting into India. India is now viewed as the place to build new manufacturing / production facilities by many large international companies.

India is set to overtake China as the world's most populated country in 2023, with a population of 1.425 billion. India is attempting to pull ahead of China and become the world's low-cost manufacturing center in the next (5) years. Numerous new infrastructure, manufacturing facilities & commercial/residential type construction projects in the pipeline will be constructed in India in the next couple of years. India's construction costs are 60% to 70% lower than North American & European costs. The following is a listing of Indian labor rates that might give some insight into why many large companies are interested in India.

