



Freemasonry in India

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Constitutions

- Four constitutions operating in India
 - English
 - Irish
 - Scottish
 - Indian



English Lodges

- Under the United Grand Lodge of England
- Three District Grand Lodges
 - District Grand Lodge of Bengal (the oldest District Grand Lodge in India)
 - District Grand Lodge of Bombay and Northern India
 - District Grand Lodge of Southern India



Irish Lodges

- Under the Grand Lodge of Ireland
- Governed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ireland in India



Scottish Lodges

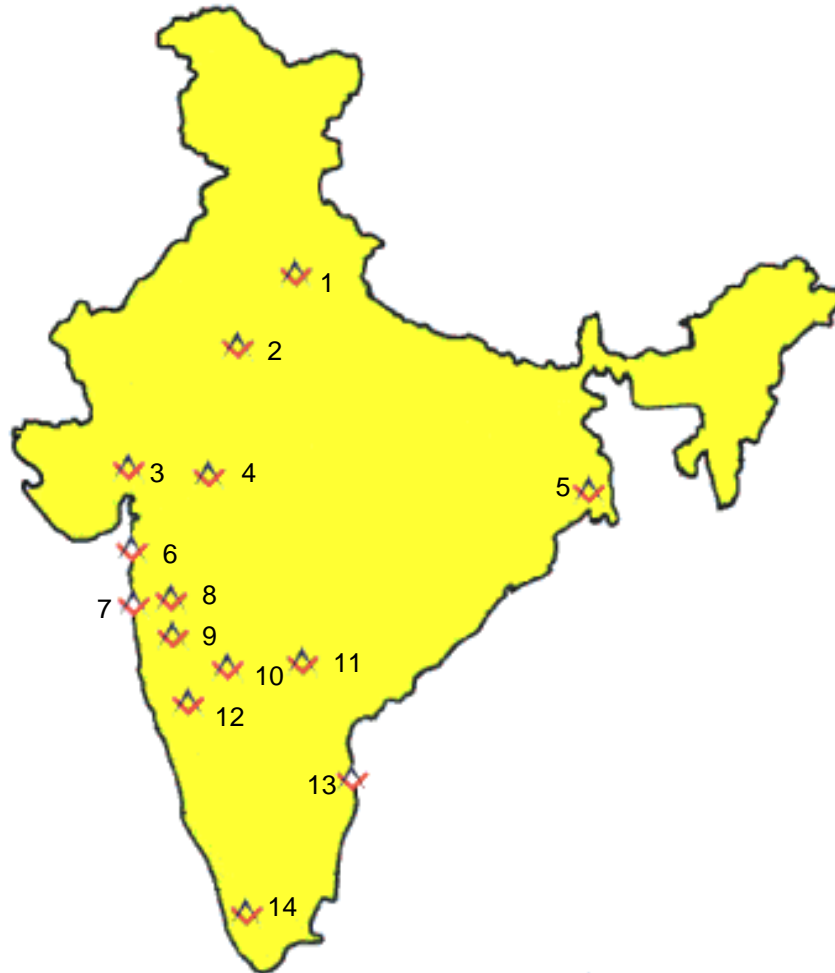
- Under the Grand Lodge of Scotland
- Governed by the District Grand Lodge of India (Scottish Constitution)



Indian Lodges

- The Grand Lodge of India is in New Delhi
- Under it are four Regional Grand Lodges
 - Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India
 - Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India
 - Regional Grand Lodge of Western India
 - Regional Grand Lodge of Eastern India

Scottish Lodges in India



1. Meerut (1 lodge)
2. Bandikui (1 lodge)
3. Ahmedabad (2 lodges)
4. Mhow (1 lodge)
5. Calcutta (2 lodges)
6. Udvada (1 lodge)
7. Bombay (14 lodges)
8. Lonavla (1 lodge)
9. Pune (1 lodge)
10. Sholapur (1 lodge)
11. Secunderabad (1 lodge)
12. Belgaum (1 lodge)
13. Madras (1 lodge)
14. Munnar (1 lodge)



Conventions

- Lodges open and close in the first degree
- Resolutions are moved and passed in the first degree
- Installation of the Master of the Lodge is done in a Board of Installed Masters
- Charity collections are made in every meeting before the Lodge is closed

Freemason's Hall, Bombay



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Sandhurst Temple, Bombay



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Organ, Sandhurst Temple, Bombay



The organ is behind the Junior Warden's chair, and operated by electric bellows.

Masonic Bodies in Bombay

Masonic Bodies	EC	IC	SC	GLI
Craft Lodges	12	5	14	33
Royal Arch Chapters	8	3	10	10
Mark Lodges	3	0	0	8
Royal Ark Mariner Lodges	3	0	0	6
Secret Monitor Conclaves	12	0	0	0
Allied Masonic Degrees Councils	1	0	0	0
Rose Croix	2	0	0	0
Roman Eagle Chapter	1	0	0	0



Scottish Royal Arch Chapter

- **Lodge of Mark Masters** (Mark Master)
- **Lodge of Excellent Masters** (Excellent Master)
- **Royal Arch Chapter** (Royal Arch Mason)
- **Royal Ark Mariner Lodge** (Royal Arc Mariner)
- **Council of Red Cross Knights** (Knight of the Sword, Knight of the East and Knight of the East and West)
- **Cryptic Council** (Royal Master, Select Master and Super-Excellent Master)



Other Orders

- Order of the Secret Monitor
- Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales



Other Orders

- Rose Croix
- Order of the Roman Eagle

Spice for the Indian Curry





Volumes of Sacred Law

- **The Bhagvad Gita** for the Hindus
- **The Qur'an** for the Muslims
- **The Avesta** for the Parsis (Zoroastrians)
- **The Bible** for the Christians (and the Jews)
- **The Granth Sahib** for the Sikhs



Further reading

- <http://www.geocities.com/dglinia/>
- http://www.freemasonsdglnmadras.com/DGL/225_years_of_glory.htm
- <http://www.masonindia.org/>
- <http://www.ecmason-bombay-ni.org/second1.html>
- <http://members.rediff.com/risingstar/newslet.htm>



Questions?

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