



India and Its Neighbors

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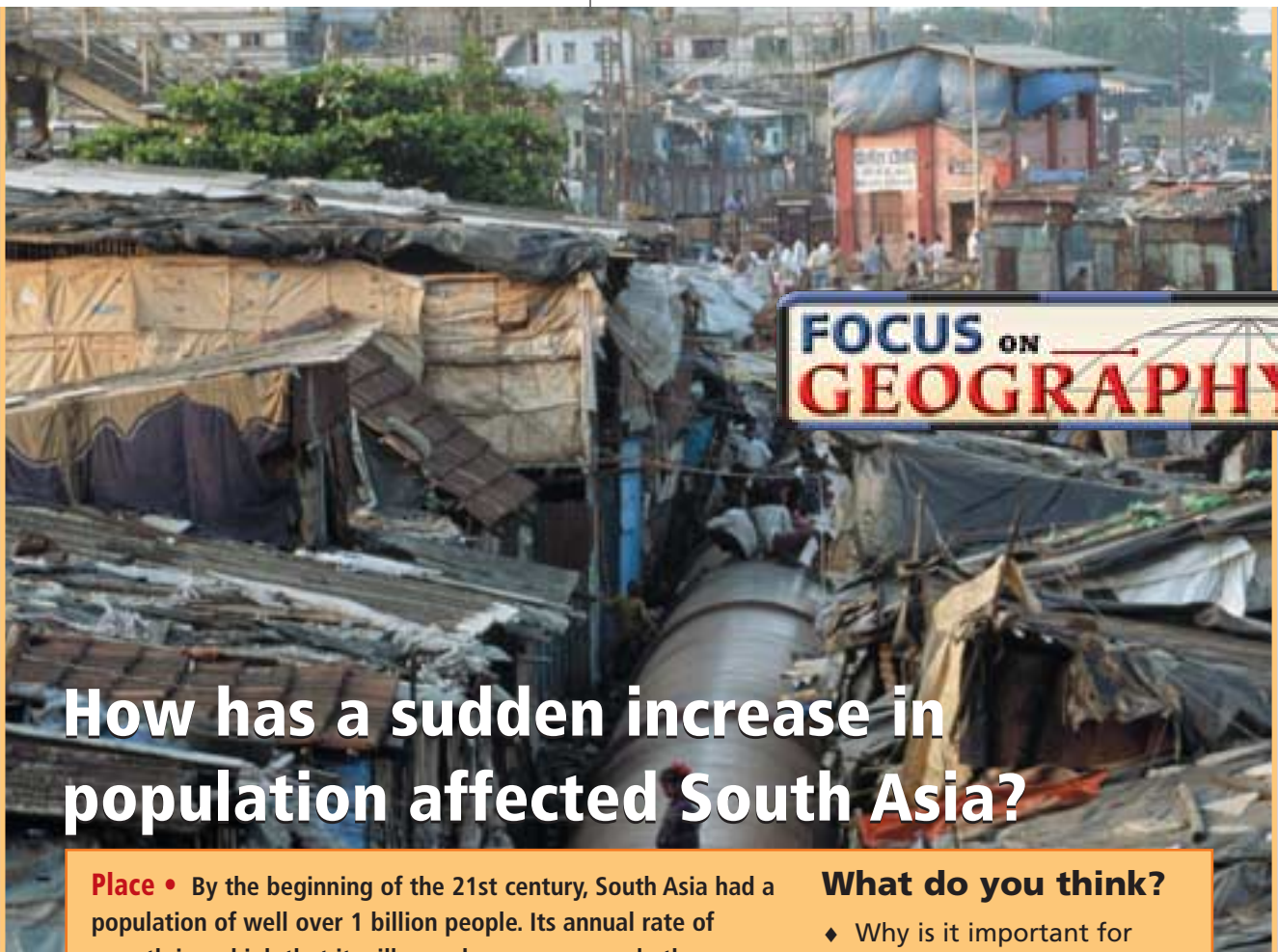
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Place Bathers descend steps called ghats to reach the Ganges River. To Hindus, it is the holiest river in India.



How has a sudden increase in population affected South Asia?

Place • By the beginning of the 21st century, South Asia had a population of well over 1 billion people. Its annual rate of growth is so high that it will soon have more people than China. Rapid population growth has put pressure on the region's resources and environment. There are not enough jobs for everyone. Many people live in poverty. India, which is the most heavily populated country in the region, struggles to feed its people. Farms are being overplanted in India. Its forests are disappearing as trees are cut down to create more farmland.

What do you think?

- ♦ Why is it important for countries to control population growth?
- ♦ How do you think continuing population growth will affect life in South Asia?



CHAPTER 14

READING SOCIAL STUDIES

BEFORE YOU READ

►► What Do You Know?

Before you read the chapter, consider what you know about India and its neighbors. Who was Gandhi? Have you ever seen a Bengal tiger? How high is Mount Everest? What spices go into curry? Where do *The Jungle Books* take place? Reflect on what you read in Chapter 13 and what you have seen or heard in the news about India, Pakistan, and other countries in South Asia.

►► What Do You Want to Know?

Decide what you know about India and its neighbors. In your notebook, record what you hope to learn from this chapter.



Place • Farmers in Afghanistan still use traditional methods. ▲

READ AND TAKE NOTES

Reading Strategy: Sequencing To sequence means to put events in the order in which they happened. Sequencing can help you understand how events lead to other events. Use the chart to the right to record key events in the histories of India and Pakistan and to note differences and similarities.

- Copy the chart into your notebook.
- As you read, look for dates and key events.
- In the top two boxes, record events and important details next to the dates.
- In the row of three boxes, record important details about India and Pakistan since 1947.

Before 1947		
1947		
India	Both	Pakistan



Place • The sitar is a popular instrument in India. ◀