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DPRK – FACT SHEET

Official Name:	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (ChosŏnMinjujuŭilInminKonghwaguk)
Capital:	Pyongyang
Area:	120,540 sq.km.(46,541 sq.mi.), slightly smaller than the size of Tamil Nadu.
Terrain:	About 80% of North Korea's terrain consists of moderately high mountain ranges and partially forested mountains and hills separated by deep, narrow valleys and small, cultivated plains. The most rugged areas are the north and east coasts. Good harbours are found on the eastern coast. Pyongyang, the capital, near the country's west coast, is located on the Taedong River.
Climate:	Long, cold, dry winters; short, hot, humid summers.
Provinces (with capitals):	9 provinces: Chagang (Kanggye), North Hamgyong (Chongjin), South Hamgyong (Hamhung), North Hwanghae (Sariwon), South Hwanghae (Haeju), Kangwon (Wonsan), North P'yongan (Sinuiju), South P'yongan (Pyongsong), Yanggang (Hyesan)
Province-level municipalities:	Pyongyang, Kaesong, Chongjin, Nampo
Free trade zones :	Sinuiju ,Rason, Kaesong
Other cities:	Hamhung, Chongjin, Wonsan, Nampo and Kaesong
Population (2012) est.:	24,895,000 (2013 Census) , 25,368,620 (2016 Est)
Currency:	Won
Rate of Exchange:	US Dollar 1 = Won 110 approx. for official transactions US Dollar 1= Approx8000 Won for normal transactions
Language:	Korean (100% monolingual)
Latitude/Longitude and time zone :	Latitude: 39° & 47° North Longitude: 124° & 131° East Standard time Zone: GMT + 9 hours
Government type:	single-party state; official state ideology of "Juche" or "national self-reliance
Constitution:	North Korean's Constitution of 1948, 1972, was revised in 1992,1998, 2016
Legislature:	Supreme People's Assembly (SPA) is the highest organ of state power. Its members are elected every four years. Usually, only two meetings are held annually, each lasting a few days. A standing committee (presidium) elected by the SPA performs legislative functions when the Assembly is not in session. In reality, the Assembly serves only to ratify decisions made by the ruling WPK.

	(election :last held on 10 March 2019)
Political party:	Workers' Party of Korea (Communist)
Supreme Leader (Head of State and Head of Government in real sense)	Marshal Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the DPRK .(New Term Started from April 2019). Eternal President is Kim Il Sung hence technically there is no Head of State.
President of Presidium of Supreme People's Assembly	Mr.ChoeRyongHae, President of Presidium of Supreme People's Assembly performs related duties of a ceremonial head such as receiving credentials of Ambassadors. He is also the First Vice- Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of DPRK .(From April 2019)
Premier of the Cabinet,	Mr.Kim Jae Ryong (from April 2019)
Minister of Foreign Affairs:	Mr.Ri YongHo
Central Bank :	Foreign Trade Bank of DPRK, Pyongyang
Membership of major multilateral and regional organizations:	ARF, FAO, G-77, ICAO, ICRM, IFAD, IFRCs, IHO, IMO, IMSO, IOC, IPU, ISO, ITSO, ITU, NAM, UN, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNWTO, UPU, WFTU (NGOs), WHO, WIPO, WMO
Agricultural Products:	Rice, corn, potatoes, soybeans, pulses; cattle, pigs, eggs
Mining and manufacturing:	Military products; machine building, electric power, chemicals; textiles, food processing, mining (coal, iron ore, etc.), metallurgy.
Trade:	Exports:US\$ 2.985billion (2016):minerals, metallurgical products, manufactures (including armaments); textiles and fishery products Imports: US\$ 3.752billion (2016): petroleum, coking coal, machinery and equipment; textiles, grain Major trading partners: China (85% to 90 %). Bilateral Trade with India has been reduced considerably due to the UNSC Sanctions.
GDP	US \$ 32.1 billion (2018 nominal) GDP per capita US \$ 1300 (2016 nominal) Growth rate 4.6% (2018 est)