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Vis-à-vis India: Past, Present & Future

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India...

- ~1.18 billion people
- Diversity also due to languages spoken
 - Various estimates suggest 415 to 1652 languages
 - 122 languages have more than 10,000 speakers
 - Of which, 29 languages have more than a million speakers
 - 22 languages in the eighth schedule of Indian constitution
 - Of which, 5 languages do not yet have an accessible Wikipedia



India...

- ... indisputably a subcontinent!
- Potential to learn mutually from the experiences of Asia, the continent due to similarities in issues
 - Issues in terms of literacy, IT literacy and access
 - Advocacy and Sponsors
 - Challenges in rendering and localisation: Of a different order vis-à-vis European languages
 - Challenges in keeping the community energized



Why India is an important piece of the Asia puzzle...

- Population
- Languages
- Market size
- Developer base
- Free speech: Administration and Governance
- Enduring links to Western Asia



Thank you

