



# BRICS NATIONS

The Language Scenario

# Brazil

- 210 languages – 80 Amerindian and 130 immigrant.
- Portuguese is the official language.  
Indigenous official language is Nheengatu.
- The Tupi people and Tapuias (non-Tupi people)
- Portuguese
- Disappearing languages  
Amerindian & African
- European: German, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Ukrainian
- Asian: Japanese, Chinese (Mandarin & Cantonese)
- Bilingual media: newspapers & magazines, Radio & TV, Churches
- Language lessons: printed & online

# Indo-Brazilian Friendship



# Russia

- 35 official languages and 100 + minority languages
- Medium of instruction: Russian
- Endangered and near-extinct languages
- 15% of Russians know at least one foreign language (English, German)
- Read, speak, translate with a dictionary
- Bilingual magazines and newspapers
- Moscow radio - Tamil programs
- New Century Book House - Russian books in Tamil
- Hindi films “Mera Naam Joker” & “Chintuji” (Video)
- Language lessons in printed media

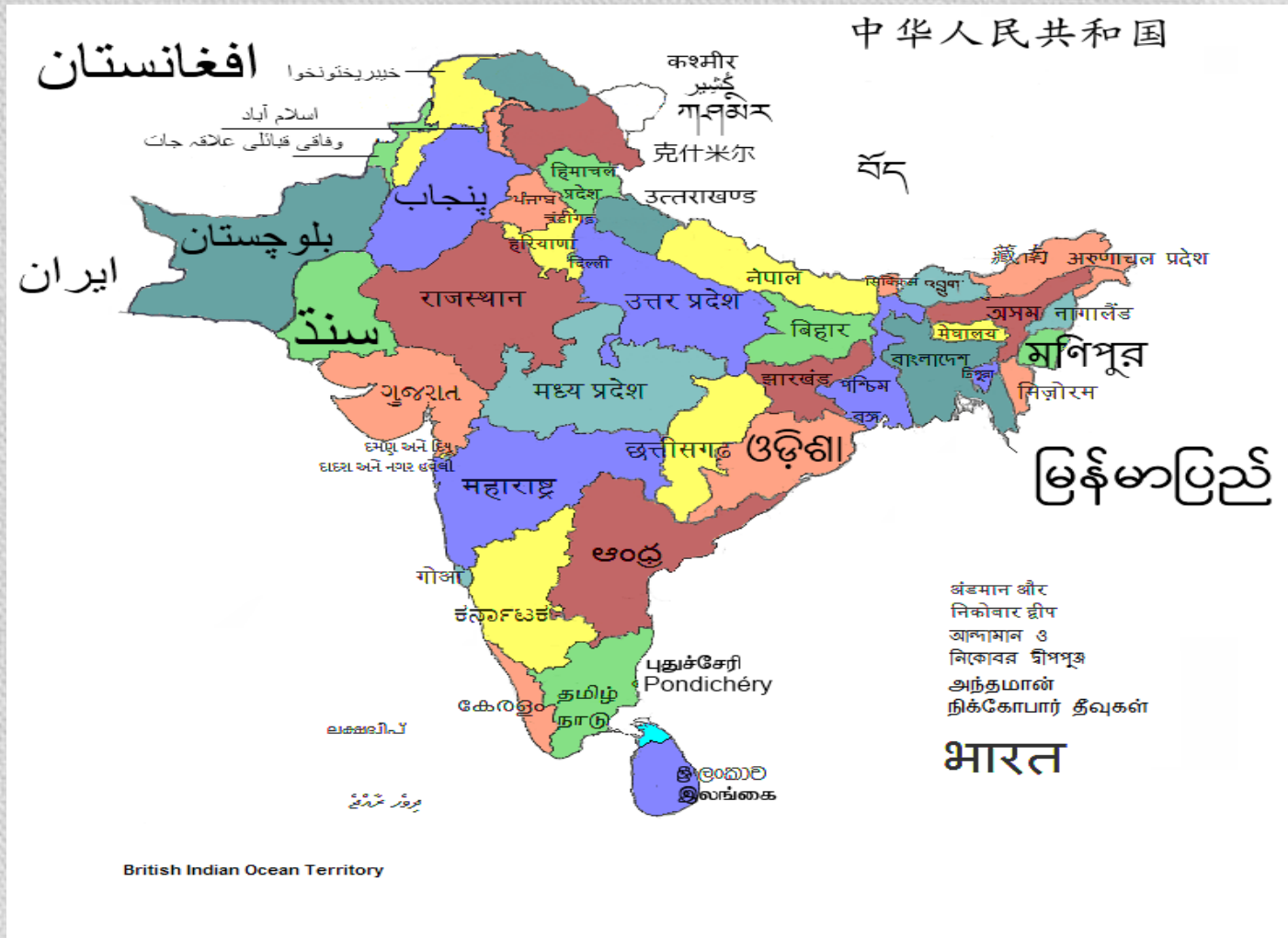
# Indo-Russian Friendship



# India

- Indo-Aryan language family
- Dravidian language family
- Austro-Asiatic languages
- Tibeto-Burman
- Minority languages (Great Andamanese)
- Communication: Persian, Hindi, English
- North Indian: Hindi, Punjabi, Gujarati, Marathi, Bengali, Assamese, Oriya
- South Indian: Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Tulu
- Dialects & Tribal languages

# Language Map of India



# China

- Chinese travellers Fa-hien and Hiuen –Tsang
- Translation of Buddhist Texts into Chinese
- Chinese ships in Ancient Tamilnadu
- Little China in Kolkata
- Chettiars travelled to China
- Chinese ceramic pottery





# Indo-China Friendship



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# South Africa

- Eleven official languages

Two West Germanic languages (English & Afrikaans)

Nine Bantu languages

Nguni: Zulu, Xhosa, Swazi, Ndebele

Sotho-Tswana: Northern & Southern Sotho, Tswana

Tsonga & Venda

- Gandhi Ji in South Africa
- The Sidis of Junagadh
- Tribal features
- D'Hut

# Indo-South African Friendship

