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

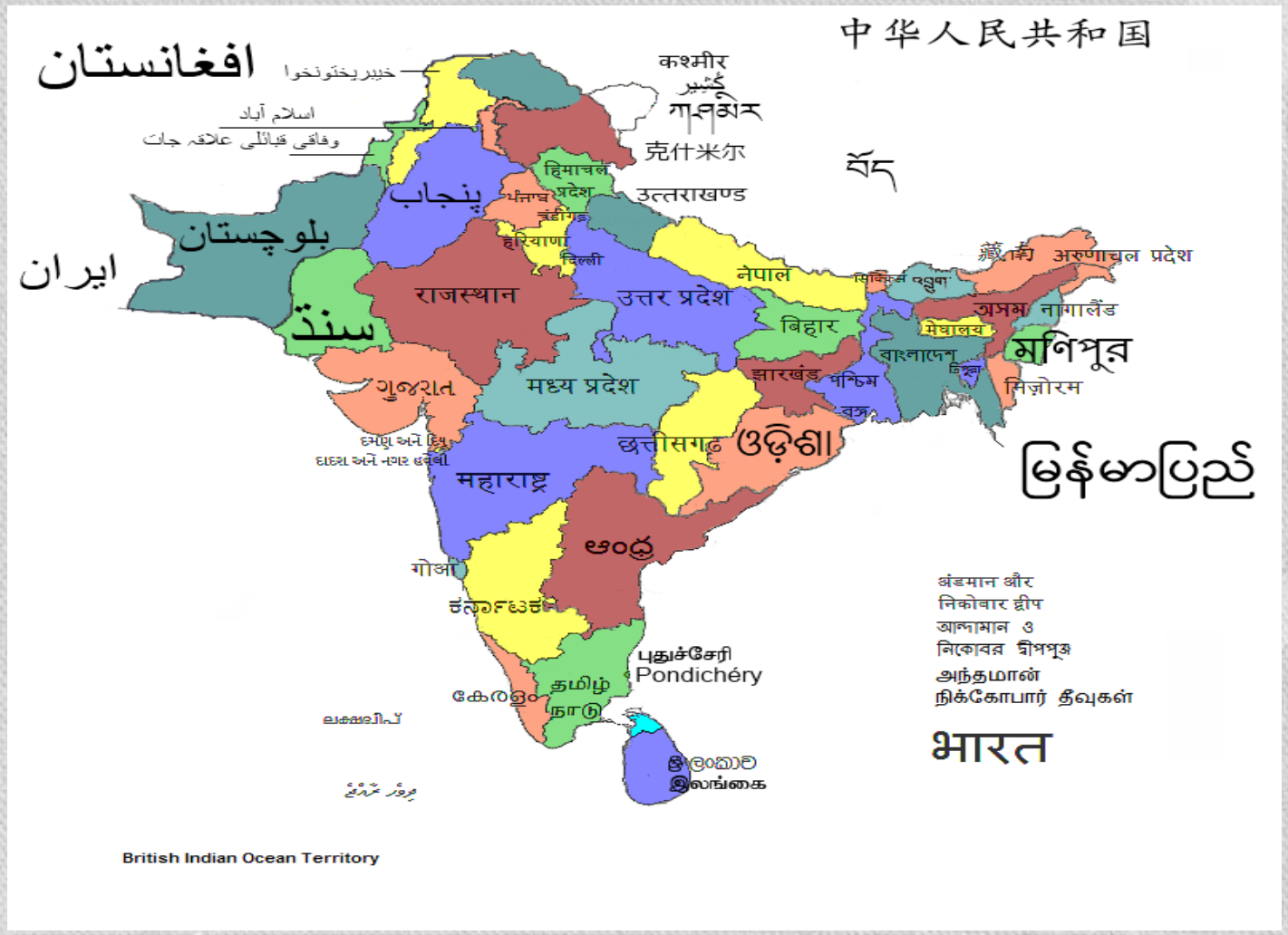
- 35 official languages and 100 + minority languages
- Medium of instruction: Russian
- Endangered and near-extinct languages
- 15% of Russians know at least one foreign language (English, German)
- Read, speak, translate with a dictionary
- Bilingual magazines and newspapers
- Moscow radio - Tamil programs
- 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

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