

STATE OF LANGUAGE

BY THE END OF THE CENTURY, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE CLAIMING HINDI AS MOTHER TONGUE GLOBALLY MAY MATCH ENGLISH. PEOPLE'S LINGUISTIC SURVEY OF INDIA HIGHLIGHTS INDIA'S 10 POPULAR LANGUAGES, NUMBER OF SPEAKERS, AND PROPORTION OF PEOPLE SPEAKING THEM

% of speakers in total popln

41.03

8.11

7.19

6.99

5.91

5.01

1 HINDI

Uttar Pradesh	35.9%
Bihar	14.4%
Madhya Pradesh	12.47%

2 BANGLA

West Bengal	82%
Assam	2.6%
Tripura	0.6%

3 TELUGU

Andhra Pradesh	86.4%
Karnataka	4.9%
Tamil Nadu	4.8%

4 MARATHI

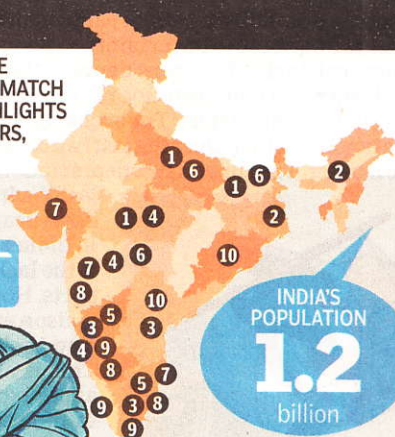
Maharashtra	92.6%
Karnataka	2.6%
Madhya Pradesh	1.8%

5 TAMIL

Tamil Nadu	91.8%
Karnataka	3.1%
Puducherry	1.4%

6 URDU

Uttar Pradesh	25.8%
Bihar	18.4%
Maharashtra	12.8%



% of speakers

4.48

3.69

3.21

3.21

7 GUJARATI

Gujarat	92.8%
Maharashtra	5%
Tamil Nadu	0.4%

8 KANNADA

Karnataka	91.9%
Maharashtra	3.3%
Tamil Nadu	2.8%

9 MALAYALAM

Kerala	93.2%
Karnataka	2.1%
Tamil Nadu	1.7%

10 ORIYA

Odisha	92.6%
Chhattisgarh	2.5%
Andhra Pradesh	1%

TOWER OF BABEL

States where the highest number of languages are spoken

Arunachal Pradesh	90 or more
Assam	55 or more
Gujarat	53 or more
Odisha	42 or more

LITTLE SPEECH

States where the least number of languages are spoken

Haryana	8 or more
Punjab	12 or more
Chhattisgarh	16 or more
Bihar	18 or more

The use of Portuguese in Goa and French in Puducherry is declining. This is bad news because the two languages are necessary to understand local history