

India - Land of 19,500 Languages



According to figures released by the Indian government, over 19,500 languages and dialects are spoken in India.

The 2011 national census of India pegs this figure at 19,565 languages.

Some Indian languages are only spoken and do not have an individual script.

India is also home to over 780 languages that have scripts. Some of these languages and dialects are on verge of extinction because the number of their native speakers is dwindling.

This phenomenon is triggered due to the dumping of the native language by certain communities in favour of English, Hindi and others.