

Re: New pronunciation of Bangalore

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Oh, and Indian English is a language of India, at this stage.

A comparatively new one, whose spoken version doesn't have much prestige outside of India. That brings us back to the native question (about which probably the less I write the better).

Sure, but no European country has to deal with 216 languages spoken by 10,000 or more.

No, but there's no rational reason that the various state languages (which average the number of speakers of major European Union) languages couldn't be used for just about everything within the states.

Off topic but not so much maybe, one of my language learning regrets is (so far) never becoming very fluent in an Indian language. I did a couple of years of home study of Hindi but the handbook was awful (based on Sanskrit grammar which makes only minimal sense in Hindi). Being more interested in dravidian (I liked southern indian music and food better than northern) I later spent some time on Tamil but the degree of diglossia there is deeply depressing for an outsider. I'd like to try Malayalam someday (partly because of the reputed relatively close match of colloquial and formal forms) and was hoping there'd be more beginners info on the net.

Kannada, language of Bangalore (and Karnataka state) seems interesting culturally to me as it's the original language of one of my favorite Indian movies (the Forest) and my favorite Indian novel (Samskara).

–michael farris

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