India – The Diverse Nation

7th largest country

2nd largest population

>50% below 25 years

>65% below 35 years

780 dialects spoken,
86 scripts used

2nd largest pool of
scientists and engineers

75+% teledensity
920+ million subscribers

Internet users
- **2nd** largest
- 300 million

↓ Poverty rate

1994	45%
2012	22%

Mix of contemporary and traditional

Largest democracy

India elections 2014

815 million voters

Som Mittal

Key Healthcare Challenges in India

Inaccessibility

- **Rural vs Urban Divide**
  - <70% of India's 1.2 billion population still lives in rural areas.
- **Skewed Doctor-Patient ratio.**
  - Specialist doctors are restricted to the metro and class-A cities
- **Lack of awareness**
  - Vast variations in literacy causing & disease burden

Lack of one-point Patient Record

- **Paper systems appear more reliable**
  - Fear of technology failing.
- **Lack of national standards**
  - Reluctance of medical, nursing levels and other staff to change.

Disease Management

- **Rise in chronic & lifestyle-based conditions.**
  - Low emphasis on disease prevention
- **Absence of a system that seeks to manage the chronic condition patients as a group**