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Abstract: English fulfils important intra- and international functions in twenty-first-century India. However, the country's size in terms of area, population, and linguistic diversity means that completely uniform developments in Indian English (IndE) are unlikely. Using sophisticated corpus-linguistic and statistical methods, this Element explores the unity and diversity of IndE by providing studies of selected lexical and morphosyntactic features that characterise Indian English(es) in the twenty-first century. The findings indicate a degree of incipient 'supralocalisation', that is, a spread of features beyond their place of origin, cutting through the typological Indo-Aryan versus Dravidian divide.

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