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#40 Internet Revolution

The Internet revolution is yet to happen in India, like the way it has happened with cell phones andTV. While it's common to see everyone from auto drivers to seniorwith cell phones, you will rarely find an auto driver who visits a cyber cafe to check his email. This has to do with opportunity cost involved in spending time in cyber cafes and most importantly the lack of servicesto a large part of India. The Internet too largely uses American Standard Code for Information Interchange. Thismany communities from the boon of computers and Internet. The fact remains that most of India's billion people areaccess to the Internet — and not only because they don't have a connection or a computer. Therevolution is leaving them behind because they don't speak English, thelanguage of the Web. Even if there is room for further growth among English-language users in India, far greater growth could beHindi is the world's third or fourth most widely spoken language. Yet it is not even in the top 10 languages on the Internet. A recent trend of regional content isby more and more Internet users. It is recognized that thehas to be in a language that is understood by many users. In the Internet space, this is highly unbalanced currently. 12 out of 6,000 popular languages spoken globally account for 98% of web content, with English mostamong them.

#41 Polio

Fighting in Afghanistan and Pakistan meant that poliodid not go well in those countries in 2007, a World Health Organization report said last week. They are two of the last four nations that have notthe disease. In Afghanistan, most cases were in provinces under Taliban control. In Pakistan, many were inthe remote tribal border areas where Osama bin Laden is still being pursued and localare battling the government. Polio experts see the territory differently: as one "epidemiological block" with two transmission corridors, one in the mountainous north, where cases of the polioknown as Type 1 are common, and one in the flatter south, where Type 3 prevails. Tribes migrate east-west across the borders, following harvests,routes and jobs. Polio went as far southeast as Karachi, where there is no fighting, but immunization drives "remain

weak", the report said. Crowded and petty corruption disrupt efforts, an expert said. The report spoke of a in August when the Taliban started letting vaccinators work in their territory. "We dialogue with NATO and tell them, 'These are the days of our campaigns, these are our people — don't them!'" said Dr. Bruce Aylward, the campaign's director. Eradication requires mustering thousands of health workers every few months to visit homes and give drops to every child under 5. Both countries tried to vaccinate their whole four times in 2007, and each held seven regional drives.

#48 Space Exploration

There are few among us that did not wonder in about what it would be like to be an Space exploration will forever peak humanity's interest and curiosity. The prestige of visiting outer space belongs to a proud few, but as technology, more and more people will have the opportunity. The Federation Aeronautique Internationale states that a man or woman officially becomes an astronaut upon reaching an of over 100 miles. As of March 30, 2006, 443 people have crossed this imaginary line. Efforts to learn more about space are widespread. Since the astronaut Yuri Gagarin made his exit out of our atmosphere, men and women from 35 countries have joined his During the race to space in the early 1960s, The United States began Project Apollo, a campaign to compete with the efforts of Russian scientists and cosmonauts. With resources going into the Apollo spacecraft, Saturn Launch Vehicle, and details like mission-specific astronaut suits, the U.S. was finally successful when the Apollo astronauts reached the moon and returned in July of 1969. Since the infancy of human presence in space, 18 astronauts have died on missions, and 10 more from Despite this, our interests remain strong and our minds stay Find out more about astronauts, and space-related news in our archive of astronaut pictures, articles and features below.