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Will India Become a Superpower?

For most of its history as an independent nation, India was regarded as an unnatural nation and an unlikely democracy. It was said that it was too diverse to survive as a single political unit; and too poor to be ruled other than by the military or a single-party dictatorship. Now, however, we hear altogether different tunes being sung. We are told, not that India is going down the tube, but that it is one of the rising powers of the twenty-first century. This lecture will ask and answer the question—how realistic are these anticipations of India's imminent rise to greatness?

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