Pakistan reaches from the Himalayan mountains to the Arabian Sea. Urdu (ur-doo) is the official language. Pakistan means "land of the pure" in Urdu.

Nepal is home to Mount Everest, the tallest mountain above sea level in the world. Tourists from all over the world travel to Nepal to climb the beautiful mountains and experience the culture.

Bhutan (boo-tahn) is actually called the "kingdom of Bhutan." Most of the people there are Buddhists, and many Buddhist monks travel to Bhutan for training.

India is the largest country in South Asia. Some of India's cities are very big and very crowded. Most people in India are either Hindu or Muslim. Very few people follow Jesus.

Bangladesh has many interesting animals, like tigers and elephants. Sometimes these animals wander the streets! It is very rainy and some people will ride elephants to stay out of the flooded roads.

Sri Lanka is nicknamed "Pearl of the Indian Ocean" and "Teardrop of India." Though it is a small country, they grow and sell tea and cinnamon to many other countries.

Maldives is an island that was settled by an Indian prince. Swimming and scuba diving are very popular sports. Education is very important to the people of this small country.

