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As you are aware, South Asia is an enormous landmass, almost as large as the United States. Separated from Central Asia and China by the sky-scraping Himalayas and Pamirs, and criss-crossed by meandering rivers, the region enjoys a temperate climate and endless resources. It is the cradle of an ancient civilization, dating back to more than 4000 B.C, and a crucible of cultures.

The region possesses unbounded resources, both human and material, all waiting to be tapped. Today, South Asia is home to about one fifth of the world's population and stands poised for a giant leap in this century. However, even with all the development, the region still remains virgin, yet to be fully discovered and explored.

In view of South Asia's geographical importance, a monthly magazine - **SouthAsia** - was launched in 1977. Since then, it has been providing one of the best analytical previews and reviews of events and trends to decision-makers in the region and beyond.

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