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India's Digital Transformation: What Fuels It and Sets It Apart?

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What's behind India's digital transformation—and what sets it apart? This talk dives into the forces fueling India's rapid digital rise. At the heart of it is India Stack, a groundbreaking digital public infrastructure that has redefined access to essential services. Every day, a billion people tap into India Stack to make instant mobile payments, open bank accounts, sign documents, and access government services using just a smartphone and an internet connection. By drawing global comparisons, this talk reveals how India's bold, population-scale, lowcost approach is propelling it to the forefront of the digital world.

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