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Important Facts for Prelims (1st September 2018)

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Meeting of Department of Official language

The Union Home Minister chaired the first review meeting of the Department of Official Language to discuss the functioning and issues related to implementation of Hindi language in official work.

- **Article 351** of the Constitution deals with the directive to **promote the use of Hindi for the official purposes of the Union**, hence the Department of Official Language was set up in 1975 as an independent Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs to accelerate the **progressive use of Hindi** for the official purposes of the Union.
- The department has developed a computer software called “**Kanthasth**” for **translating the all kinds of official files from English to Hindi and vice versa** to make the translation work simpler and quicker.
- **Lila Mobile App** has been developed for making the learning of Hindi language easier, which was launched on the **occasion of Hindi Diwas** on 14th September 2017.
- An E-learning platform called the “**Pravah**” is also being developed by the department for use in 16 Indian languages including English. It will be launched on Hindi Diwas on 14th September, 2018. Anybody can learn Hindi through his mother tongue with the help of this E-learning platform.