



Hindi Diwas 2024

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India celebrated [Hindi Diwas](#) on **14th September 2024**, marking the **75th anniversary of Hindi's adoption as the official language of the country**.

- The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation released a commemorative postage stamp to mark the completion of 75 years of Hindi as an official language.
- On 14th September 1949, the [Constituent Assembly](#) designated Hindi in Devanagari script as the official language of the Union of India.
- The **Munshi-Ayyangar formula**, a compromise between **K M Munshi and N Gopalaswamy Ayyangar**, resulted in [Article 343 of the Constitution](#) adopting **Hindi in the Devanagari script as the official language of the Union**, while allowing English to continue for official purposes for fifteen years.
 - As the 15-year period ended, protests over the fear of [Hindi imposition](#) led to the **Official Languages Act 1963**, which upheld English as an official language alongside Hindi.
- **Articles Related to Hindi: Article 210 states that the language to be used in the legislature can be the official language of the state, Hindi, or English.**
 - [Article 351](#) states that it shall be the **duty of the Union to promote the spread of the Hindi language**, to develop it so that it may serve as a medium of expression for all the elements of the composite culture of India.
- Hindi is one of the 22 languages listed in the [eighth schedule](#) of the Constitution of India and It is **not a classical language**.
 - The language is named after the **Persian word 'Hind'** meaning '**land of the Indus River**' and is a descendant of Sanskrit.

A giant among 121 languages

CHART 1

GROWTH OF HINDI AS MOTHER TONGUE (% OF POPULATION)

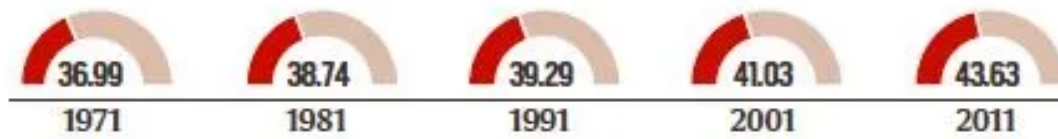


CHART 2

MOTHER TONGUES BY SPEAKERS, 2011

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Figures on the right are % of population

Hindi	52,83,47,193	43.63%
Bengali	9,72,37,669	8.03%
Marathi	8,30,26,680	6.86%
Telugu	8,11,27,740	6.70%
Tamil	6,90,26,881	5.70%
Gujarati	5,54,92,554	4.58%
Urdu	5,07,72,631	4.19%
Kannada	4,37,06,512	3.61%
Odia	3,75,21,324	3.10%
Malayalam	3,48,38,819	2.88%
Punjabi	3,31,24,726	2.74%
Assamese	1,53,11,351	1.26%
Maithili	1,35,83,464	1.12%

CHART 3

GROWTH OF HINDI vs OTHER MOTHER TONGUES, 1971-2011

% growth in number of speakers

Hindi	160.56%
Punjabi	134.79%
Maithili	121.59%
Bengali	117.09%
Gujarati	114.54%
Kannada	101.31%
Marathi	98.79%
Odia	88.90%
Tamil	83.14%
Telugu	81.26%
Urdu	77.40%
Assamese	70.89%
Malayalam	58.80%

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