

HINDI LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION IN INDIA

DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES

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Hindi is the second most spoken language in the world, after Chinese. About 500 million people speak Hindi in India and abroad, and the total number of people who can understand the language is near about 900 million. Hindi language has its roots in the classical Sanskrit language. The language acquired its current form over many centuries, and numerous dialectical variations still exist. Hindi is written in Dev Nagari script, which is common to several other Indian languages as well. Much of the vocabulary of Hindi comes from Sanskrit. Hindi has now become the second most spoken language of the world. Around 50 crores speak Hindi. Hindi has got official status in several Indian States.

The Constitution of India declares Hindi in the Dev Nagari script as the official language of the Union (Article 343(1)). Hindi is also enumerated as one of the twenty-five languages of the Eighth Schedule of the constitution of India. The Constitution of India has stipulated the usage of Hindi and English as the two languages of communication for the Central Government.

It was envisioned that Hindi would become the sole working language of the Central Government by 1965 (as per directives in Article 344(2) and Article 351). This is worth mentioning that there is a growing interest among our foreign counterparts to understand the rich Indian culture. That is why many foreign countries have established centres of learning to promote Indian studies. Research works are undertaken in these centres in Hindi language, on Indian Religion, history, culture apart from reading and writing works carried out in the related field of Hindi.

In different bodies units of State/Central Government in Hindi-speaking states, it is highly essential to work in the language. There are positions like manager (official language), Hindi Assistant, Hindi Translators, Hindi Officer in different department and units in State/Central Government.

There is a job opportunity in foreign countries for the Post Graduates in Hindi language, especially those who have completed their Ph.D. Scope of teaching Hindi language and linguistics in foreign Universities is increasing tremendously after it has been recognized as a language of business by some foreign countries. One can always choose the traditional option of teaching Hindi at schools, colleges and Universities as teacher and professor in India.