

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah's Message on Hindi Diwas

A golden period of renaissance of Indian languages and culture is going on under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji

On Hindi Diwas, Union Home Minister said, Hindi and other Indian languages should become the axis of technology, science, justice, education and administration

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In this era of Digital India, e-governance, artificial intelligence and machine learning, Modi government is making Indian languages capable for the future

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Dear fellow citizens,

Heartiest greetings to all of you on Hindi Diwas.

Our India is fundamentally a language-oriented nation. Our languages have been a powerful medium for carrying forward culture, history, traditions, knowledge, science, philosophy, and spirituality from generation to generation. From the heights of the Himalayas to the vast beaches of the South, from the desert to the rugged forests and village chaupalas, languages have shown the way to man in every situation to stay organized and move forward unitedly through communication and expression.

“Walk together, think together, and speak together” has been the core mantra of our linguistic-cultural consciousness.

The greatest strength of India’s languages is that they have provided every class and community with an opportunity for expression. The songs of Bihu in the Northeast, the voice of Oviyalu in Tamil Nadu, the songs of Lohri in Punjab, the verses of Vidyapati in Bihar, the hymns of Baul saints in Bengal, Kajri songs, and Bhikari Thakur’s ‘Bidesia’—all these have kept our culture vibrant and welfare-oriented.

I firmly believe that languages, by becoming companions of one another and bound in the thread of unity, are moving forward together. Saint Thiruvalluvar is sung with as much devotion in the South as he is read with interest in the North. Krishnadevaraya was as popular in the South as he was in the North. The patriotic compositions of Subramania Bharati ignite national pride in the youth of every region. Goswami Tulsidas is revered by every Indian, and the couplets of Saint Kabir are found in translations in Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam. Surdas’s poetry remains prevalent in the temples and musical traditions of South India even today. Srimanta Sankardeva and Mahapurush Madhavdeva are known to every Vaishnav, and Bhupen Hazarika’s songs are hummed even by the youth of Haryana.

Even during the difficult period of slavery, Indian languages became the voice of resistance. Our languages played a significant role in making the freedom movement a nationwide endeavor. Our freedom fighters connected the languages of the regions and villages with the freedom struggle. Along with Hindi, poets, litterateurs, and playwrights of all Indian languages strengthened the resolve for independence among every age group, class, and community through folk languages, folktales, folk songs, and folk plays. Slogans like ‘Vande Mataram’ and ‘Jai Hind’ emerged from our linguistic consciousness and became symbols of pride for independent India.

When the country gained independence, our Constitution makers extensively deliberated on the potential and importance of languages and, on September 14, 1949, adopted Hindi written in the Devanagari script as the official language. Article 351 of the Constitution assigns the responsibility of promoting and spreading Hindi to make it an effective medium of India’s composite culture.

In the last decade, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, a golden era of renaissance for Indian languages and culture has emerged. Whether it is the platform of the United Nations, the G-20 summit, or addressing the SCO, Modi Ji has enhanced the pride of Indian languages by communicating in Hindi and other Indian languages.

In the ‘Amrit Kaal’ of independence, Modi Ji has taken the ‘Panch Pran’ (five pledges) to free the country from the symbols of slavery, in which languages have a significant role. We must adopt Indian languages as the medium of communication and interaction.

The official language Hindi has completed 76 glorious years. The Department of Official Language, having completed 50 golden years of its establishment, has done remarkable work in making Hindi the language of the masses and public consciousness.

Since 2014, the use of Hindi in government work has been continuously promoted. In 2024, on Hindi Diwas, the Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag was established with the aim of ensuring seamless translation between all major Indian languages. Our goal is to ensure that Hindi and other Indian languages become not just a medium of communication but the cornerstone of technology, science, justice, education, and administration. In this era of Digital India, e-Governance, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, we are developing Indian languages as future capable, relevant and a driving force in making India a leader in global technological competition.

Friends, language is like a drop of monsoon, which washes away the sorrow and depression of the mind and gives new energy and vitality. From unique stories created from the imagination of children to lullabies and tales of grandmothers, Indian languages have always given the society the mantra of survival and self-confidence.

Mithila’s poet Vidyapati ji rightly said:

“Desil bayana sab jan mittha”

means, one's own language is the sweetest.

On this occasion of Hindi Diwas, let us respect all Indian languages including Hindi and move forward towards a self-reliant, self-confident and developed India.

Once again, heartiest greetings to all of you on Hindi Diwas.

Vande Mataram.

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