



## 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**.

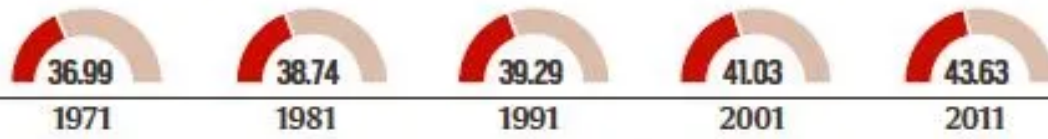
- The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation released a commemorative postage stamp to mark the completion of 75 years of Hindi as an official language.
- On 14<sup>th</sup> September 1949, the **Constituent Assembly** designated Hindi in Devanagari script as the official language of the Union of India.
- The **Munshi-Ayyangar formula**, a compromise between **K M Munshi and N Gopaldaswamy 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.

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# A giant among 121 languages

**CHART 1**

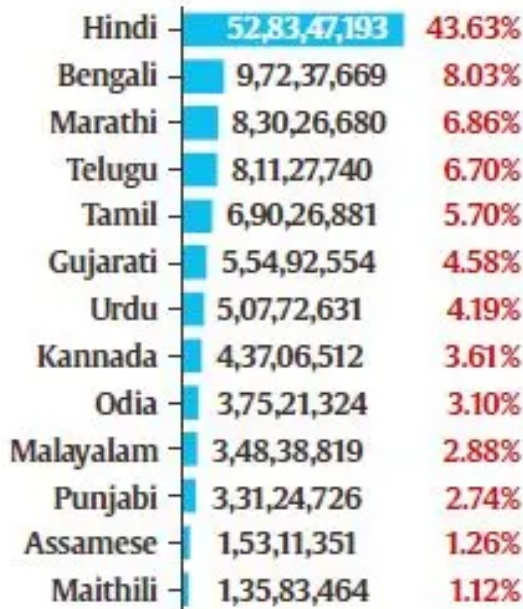
## GROWTH OF HINDI AS MOTHER TONGUE (% OF POPULATION)



**CHART 2**

## MOTHER TONGUES BY SPEAKERS, 2011 Minimum 1 cr

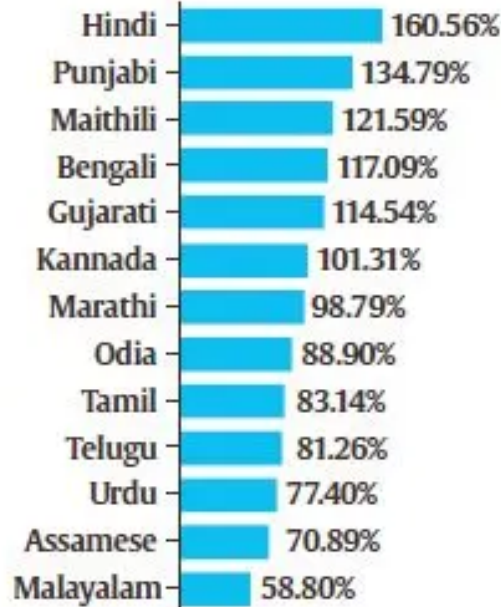
Figures on the right are % of population



**CHART 3**

## GROWTH OF HINDI vs OTHER MOTHER TONGUES, 1971-2011

% growth in number of speakers



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