



Regional Official Language Conference

Why in News?

Recently, a **joint regional official language conference** was **organized in Jaipur**.

Key Points

- **About the conference:**
 - This conference was **organised by the Official Language Department of the Home Ministry** .
 - About 3000 people from **Central Government offices, Nationalized Banks, Public Sector Undertakings** and **Town Official Language Implementation Committees** participated in the conference .
 - The best performing institutions were also honoured for promoting greater use of Hindi in government work .
- **Objective:**
 - The objective of this conference was to **promote the use of Hindi** in government departments .

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Hindi Language

- **Introduction :**
 - **Hindi is an Indo-Aryan language**, spoken mainly in **the Indian subcontinent** .
 - **It is the official language of India** according to **the Indian Constitution** , and it holds an important place in **Indian society , culture and literature** .
 - It is **the third most widely spoken language in the world** and one of the ten official languages of **the UNESCO General Conference**.
- **History :**
 - **Hindi** evolved from **Sanskrit** and **has** been spoken in **the Indian subcontinent since ancient times**. **Over time, Hindi** has also adopted words from **Persian , Arabic , and English** , especially during **the Mughal Empire and British rule** .

- **Script :**
 - The script of **Hindi is Devanagari** , which is developed from **the Sanskrit script**. **It has 11 vowels and 33 consonants** . **Devanagari script** is used not only for **Hindi** but also for many other Indian languages.
- **Linguistic Diversity :**
 - **Hindi** language has many dialects, such as **Awadhi , Bhojpuri , Braj , Haryanvi , Marwari** etc.
- **Expansion :**
 - **Hindi** is spoken not only in **India** but also in **Nepal , Pakistan , Malaysia , Thailand , Fiji and other countries**.
- **Place in the Constitution :**
 - **Hindi** has been accepted as **the official language** of the **Union** under **Article 343 of the Indian Constitution**.
 - **Apart from this, Hindi** has been recognized as one of **the 22 scheduled languages** listed in **the Eighth Schedule**.

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