

# 18. Promoting Use of Hindi

The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has been taking steps for progressive use of Hindi (as the Official Language) in order to implement the provisions of the official language as per guidelines issued from time to time by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs. The Rajbhasha Section at the NIOS Headquarters looks after matters related to progressive use of Hindi in academic and administrative work. This section develops and disseminates guidelines for progressive use of Hindi, monitors implementation of the programme and assists various constituents of the NIOS in matters related to the official language.

During 2006-07, the Rajbhasha Section took steps to implement the official language rules as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The main activities performed are as follows:

## 1. Translation

- During the year 2006-07, Press Releases related to different seminars, conferences and other programmes conducted by NIOS were translated into Hindi and published in all leading Hindi and English newspapers all over the country.
- The Annual Report of NIOS for the year 2005-06 was translated into Hindi.
- The Prospectus (Academic Courses) as well as the Prospectus (Vocational Education Courses) was translated into Hindi.
- Annual Accounts of NIOS and Annual Audit Report were prepared bilingually.
- NIOS Website was developed on internet. It's Hindi version was also developed so that students and others may have easy access to the information pertaining to NIOS through internet.
- Different official forms were translated in Hindi.

- "NIOS-At A Glance" was prepared in Hindi as well as in English.

## 2. Implementation Activities

### Hindi Fortnight

The Hindi Fortnight was celebrated from 14 to 28 September, 2006 with enthusiasm. During this fortnight, the staff of NIOS participated in the following competitions :

- (i) Official Language Competition
- (ii) Computer based Hindi Knowledge Competition
- (iii) Mono-Acting Competition
- (iv) Story Writing Competition
- (v) Quiz Competition
- (vi) Extempore Speech Competition

About 125 NIOS officials participated in different competitions, and prizes of Rupees 500, 400, 300 and 200 were given to I, II and III winners. The Regional Centres of NIOS also participated in the competitions.

### Meetings

During 2006-07, several important decisions were taken regarding correspondence and noting in Hindi and about overall use of Hindi. Important decisions which were carried out for promotion of Hindi are as follows:

- (i) Reply of Hindi letters were sent in Hindi.
- (ii) More Noting and Drafting were done in Hindi.
- (iii) Most of the Headings on the file covers were made in Hindi.
- (iv) Hindi software was put up in every computer .

- (v) Many Nameplates, Signboards, Rubber Stamps were prepared bilingually.
- (vi) Quarterly reports are being sent to MHRD regularly.

## Training

### Computer Training :

The new Hindi Computer Software developed by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry was made available and provided to the Departments at NIOS Headquarters and the Regional Centres of NIOS.

### Inspection :

Several Sections in the constituents of NIOS were inspected to ascertain the actual position of use of Hindi and finding possibilities of promotion of Hindi at different levels.

### Organisation in Conferences :

A one day Workshop on Hindi was organised at Kochi on 15th November, 2006 and was attended by the Coordinators of the study centre of NIOS of Kochi Region and NIOS officials to promote Hindi language in non-Hindi areas.



## Publications

During 2006-07, several study materials as well as other documents in Hindi language were printed and supplied to the students enrolled for Secondary, Senior Secondary and Vocational Education courses. Certain other important publications, reports and journals printed in Hindi are as follows.

- ◆ Annual Report, Prospectus (Academic Courses), Prospectus (Vocational Education Courses), 'Open Learning' Magazine (Bilingual), 'Open Schooling' News Bulletin (Bilingual), Almanac, Annual Accounts and Audit Report, Answer Books, Certificates and Mark Statements.

The NIOS purchased bilingual computers only and Hindi software was installed in all computers in various constituents of NIOS.

Several programmes related to incentives for promotion of Hindi were initiated and facilitation material was distributed. Books in Hindi were also purchased for the NIOS library. Steps were taken to get Quarterly Progress Reports on Progressive Use of Hindi, getting Name Plates prepared bilingually and writing of selected words and thoughts on the Notice Boards. All official language rules and regulations have been distributed to staff members for the implementation in day to day work. Steps have been taken to implement Annual Report of Rajbhasha.

