

Resume of work done by the Institute in connection with the implementation of the Official Language Policy, highlighting the achievements and outlining the future plans

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1. Brief Introduction of the Institute

G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development was established in 1988 during the birth centenary year of Bharat Ratna Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant, as an autonomous Institute of the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MOEF), Govt. of India. The Institute is mandated for research and development for environmental conservation and socio-economic development of the entire Indian Himalayan region through its HQs at Almora, Uttarakhand and four regional Units and the Mountain Division at MoEF, New Delhi. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Memorandum No. 15/39/2015 - C.S.-I Dt. 6 June 2016 upgraded the Institute as National Institute- "G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development".

2. Implementation of the Official Language Policy : Major Efforts

- To encourage the officers/employees of the Institute to work more and more in Hindi, providing time-to-time directions, making the Institute website bilingual, ensuring availability of Hindi software in office computers, enhancing purchase of Hindi books in Library, making available dictionaries (Hindi-English and English-Hindi) and technical glossaries (prepared by the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology) to scientists and researchers, issuing the agenda/minutes of the meetings in Hindi and English, regular organization of Hindi workshops/conferences, observing Hindi fortnight (14-28 September) and distribution of cash prize as an incentive to the winners of various competitions, and regular publication of Rajbhasha magazine, "Himprabha" since 2008, are among the major efforts.

3. Implementation of Official Language Policy : Highlights of the Achievements

- Adequate follow-up actions were undertaken by the Institute on the assurances of first Official Language Inspection held on 22.6.2013. In this context, this organization has been notified under Notification No. 1582 New Delhi, 8 July, 2013 Office Order 2075 (A) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi.
- As per the status of 31.03.2017, the Institute has 70 officers/employees (excluding Group 'D' and equivalent employees). Out of these, 59 (84.3%) are proficient in Hindi and the remaining 11 (15.7%)

possess working knowledge of Hindi. Among the proficient/working knowledge in Hindi officers/employees, 30 perform their work in Hindi to the extent 51-75%, and 36 officers/employees work over 76% in Hindi. Thus, as compared to the status of 2013; 37% more officers/employees are performing over 76% of their work in Hindi.

- During 2016-17 the Institute communicated 92.8%, 92.9% and 71.2% letters in Hindi to the Ministries and offices of Central Govt. located in A, B and C regions, respectively. Therefore, as compared to the status in 2013 ['A' region (64.2), 'B' region (0.0%) and 'C' region (49.6%)] Institute has made significant increase in this direction. Also, during 2016-17, 76.1% noting on files were written in Hindi, and we are making further efforts to achieve the 100% target.
- In the last three years, out of the total library expenditure, the Institute spent 55.7% on purchase of Hindi books. This amount has been progressively increasing from 2014-15 (49.8%), 2015-16 (54.27%) and 2016-17 (63.9%).
- The Director of the Institute and members of the Official Language Committee ensure participation in the Town Official Language Implementation Committee, Almora. In spite of the absence of any regular officer/employee in the Institute for the implementation of Official Language Policy and Hindi translation, the Institute is making every efforts to achieve 100% target to comply with the Official Language Policy, and as follow-up of first inspection by the Committee of Parliament on Official Language in June 2013 we have made significant progress in achieving the goals.

4. Official Language Implementation : Future Plans

- Towards achieving 100% target of the Implementation of Official Language Policy, this Institute will organize Hindi workshops, quarterly meetings/conferences, publication of Hindi magazine (Himprabha), observe Hindi fortnight (14-28 September) and organize several competitions and prize distribution to the winners, publication of Hindi/bilingual booklets and training materials. Special efforts will be made to encourage scientists and researchers to publish their research findings in Hindi.
- Efforts will be made to increase use of Hindi is dissemination of research findings to the common people to create interest towards nature science among the students, and to encourage researchers for promoting use of Hindi, the Institute will organize trainings, workshops and nature camps using Hindi as communication medium.

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