

**Permanent Mission of India
New York**

Press Release

Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations organised the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Hindi Diwas on 22 November 2024 in New York. The day marks adoption of Hindi as an official language in India, on 14 September 1949.

2. The visiting delegation of Members of Parliament from India, consisting of Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya, Shri Pradan Baruah, Smt Sushmita Dev, Shri Akshay Yadav, Smt. Sandhya Ray, Shri Tejasvi Surya, Kum. Bansuri Swaraj, graced the event. The event was also attended by Permanent Representatives (PR) and Deputy PRs of over 40 countries, senior officials of the UN, Academics, Diaspora Members and award winners of competitions.

3. Speaking on the occasion, MP Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya said that Hindi is growing at a rapid pace in the 21st century in different parts of the world and added that the heightened global stature of Hindi is increasingly making it a medium in international polity and diplomacy. He commended the addition of Hindi under the ambit of Multilingualism Resolution of the UN in September 2024. PR of India, Ambassador P. Harish noted that the importance of Hindi as a bridge language is reinforcing national integration, given India's multilingual and multicultural background.

4. PR of Mauritius highlighted Hindi was a bridge to preserve culture, tradition, and identity. PR of Nepal underlined that Nepali and Hindi share common linguistic roots and Hindi is widely understood and spoken in Nepal. Deputy PR of Guyana spoke about Hindi's remarkable contributions towards enriching the cultural fabric of her country and noted that Hindi is very popular in her country. Charge d'affaires of Suriname mentioned that Hindi is part of school curriculum in Suriname. Director of

Global Communications commended the initiative of Government of India in establishing the Hindi Project at UN.

5. Mission organised competitions in Essay Writing, Poetry, and Recital in Hindi, and the Winners were awarded prizes.

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