

**Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations
New York**

Press Release

Commemoration of Hindi Diwas 2025 at the United Nations Headquarters

Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations (UN), New York organised the annual commemoration of Hindi Diwas at the UNHQ on 09 October 2025. The event was attended by the visiting delegation of Members of Parliament (MPs) from India, Permanent Representatives (PR), Deputy Permanent Representatives (DPR) and diplomats of Girmitya and friendly countries and several UN personnel.

2. Speaking at the event, leader of the Parliamentary delegation, Shri P. P. Chaudhary remarked that Hindi is not just a language; it symbolizes India's spirit, identity, and unity. Outlining Hindi's appeal across different countries and regions, he mentioned that the language is spoken by nearly 600 million people. Further, he also noted the instrumental role of Hindi in India's freedom struggle and outlined the current efforts undertaken by the Government of India to popularise the language in different parts of the globe.

3. PR of India, Ambassador P. Harish highlighted that Hindi Diwas is celebrated to commemorate adoption of Hindi as the official language of India, besides English. He stressed India's rich multilingual tradition and reiterated that India was one of the leading voices to support multilingualism in the UN. He recalled that India was also a co-sponsor of previous Resolutions on this subject. As regards the status of Hindi as a non-official language in the UN, India is popularising its use, including through financial support for the [Hindi@UN](#) project.

4. PR of Nepal, Ambassador Lok Bahadur Thapa highlighted the popularity of Hindi in his country and described its role in strengthening the social, cultural and linguistic linkages between the countries. PR of Suriname, Ambassador Sunil Algram Sitaldin mentioned that Hindi has been preserved for five generations in his country. In addition, he spoke about the seamless blending of Hindi into the local culture in his country.

5. PR of Mauritius, Ambassador Milan Meetarbhan reiterated the deep cultural and diaspora connection between the two countries and the central role of Hindi on these fronts. PR of Andorra, Ambassador Joan Rovina emphasised that India is a strong partner in efforts related to multilingualism in the UN. Both India and Andorra are jointly working together in this regard under the umbrella of Group of Friends on multilingualism.

6. PR of Trinidad and Tobago, Ambassador Neil Parsan described Hindi as being not just a language, but the voice of a nation; it is poetry, it is history and it is an emotion.
7. DPR of Guyana, Ms. Trishala Simantini Persaud outlined the deep imprint of Hindi on the daily lives of Guyanese people. DPR of Burundi Mr. Landry Sibomana, who was also an ITEC (Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation) alumnus, fondly recalled his days in India, which he described as his 'second home'. Speaking in Hindi, Mr. Sibomana highlighted that he was proficient in various Indian languages. DPR of Micronesia, Ms. Universe Lawrence projected the strong connections between her country and India.
8. Director, UN Department of Global Communications, Ms. Nanette Braun said that Hindi is a priority in UN's multilingual endeavours.
9. MPs from India felicitated winners of various Hindi competitions organised by the Permanent Mission of India and handed over certificates on the occasion.
10. The Parliamentary delegation led by Shri P.P. Chaudhary is visiting New York from 08-14 October 2025. Other members of the delegation are Shri N.K. Premachandran, Dr. Nishikant Dubey, Smt. Poonam Ben Maadam, Shri Vivek Tankha, Captain Brijesh Chowta, Shri Gaddam Vamsi Krishna, Shri Mathukumilli Sribharat, Shri Rajeev Rai, Smt. S. Phangnon Konyak, Dr. Medha Vishram Kulkarni and Shri Ujjwal Deorao Nikam.

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