With a view to ensuring adequate propagation and development of Official Language (O.L.) Hindi in Official business besides proper implementation of O.L. Policy of the Government, the Institute hold various activities/ programs in Hindi during the year 2008-09 in the perspective of Annual Program for the year 2008-09 issued by the Department of Official Language. In order to comply with the instructions issued by the Ministry of Water Resources regarding implementation/compliance of O.L. Policy of the Government and to achieve the target fixed by the Department of Official Language, the Institute drawn its own action plan to implement various provisions contained therein. As a first step in this regard, most of the correspondences with Central and State Government organizations were made in Hindi.

Apart from the day-to-day official works in Hindi, the following Hindi activities were organized in the Institute with utmost motivation and encouragement.

Hindi Week Celebrations

The Institute celebrated Hindi Week during September 15-19, 2008 with great zeal and enthusiasm. Several programmes/competitions were held for the propagation and development of Official Language "Hindi". Dr. Yogendra Nath Sharma "Arun" former Professor & Member Executive Board, H. N. Bahuguna Garhwal University and Member, Kendriya Sahitya Academy, New Delhi inaugurated the Hindi Week on September 15, 2008. On this occasion the chief guest released the 15th issue of Institute's annual Hindi magazine "Pravahini".

Qaumi Ekta Week

The week from November 19-25, 2008 was celebrated as Qaumi Ekta Week by the Institute. Keeping in view the objectives of this, i.e. to foster the spirit of patriotism and national integration, on November 19, 2008 the National Integration pledge was administered by Director, NIH to all members of staff of the Institute.



Shri R D Singh, Director, NIH presenting the momento to the Chief Guest, Dr. Yogendra Nath Sharma "Arun" during Hindi Week Celebrations - September 15-19, 2008



A view of the dais of valedictory function during Hindi Week Celebrations - September 15-19, 2008

During the week, several Hindi competitions viz. Essay writing, Poem recitation, Shorthand, Quiz, Typing, debate and Likhit Prashnottari (for non-Hindi speaking employees) were held. Valedictory function of Hindi Week was organized on September 19, 2008. Shri Madan Kaushik, Hon'ble Minister for Education, Excise and Sugarcane, Uttarakhand was the chief guest of this Valedictory function. On this occasion, the chief guest gave away prizes to the winners of various competitions held during the week

Publications in Hindi: Publications brought out by the Institute during the year 2008-09 are as under:-

Annual Report 2007-2008: Hindi version of Institute's Annual Report for the year 2007-08 has been published.

Pravahini: 15th Edition of Institute's Annual Hindi magazine "Pravahini" was brought out wherein articles in Hindi were contributed by the employees of the Institute and their family members. Few articles contributed by the guest authors were also included in the magazine. Five authors were given awards for their best adjudged articles.

Inspection carried out by Ministry of Water Resources

Ministry of Water Resources carried out inspection of various Hindi works being done by NIH. For the purpose, Director (O.L.) from MOWR visited NIH on November 17, 2008 and reviewed the progress of on-going activities of Hindi in NIH. The inspecting Officer rendered some useful advice to the Institute in order to achieve the targets fixed by the Department of Official Language, New Delhi.

Town Official Language Implementation Committee

The Institute has regularly been taking part in the various activities being organized by T.O.L.I.C. Hardwar. Participation in the following activities/programs were ensured by the Institute during the year 2008-09:

- Director NIH, Senior Administrative Officer, Officer-in-Charge Hindi Cell and Senior Translator attended the 7th Half yearly meeting of TOLIC Hardwar on January 28, 2009 at BHEL, Hardwar.
- Three Officials of the Institute dealing with Hindi Implementation works attended Rajbhasha co-ordinators meet organized by TOLIC Hardwar on March 18, 2009 at BHEL, Hardwar.
- Four employees of the Institute participated in Hindi noting/drafting and translation competitions organised by TOLIC Hardwar on March 20, 2009 at BHEL, Hardwar.

Rajbhasha Karyanvayan Samiti

During the year 2008-09, one meeting of Official Language Implementation Committee was held on February 27, 2009. Besides reviewing progress of ongoing Hindi activities, several decisions in order to ensure proper implementation of O.L. policy in the Institute, were taken. An action plan was also prepared for the activities for implementation of directives for use of Hindi during the ensuing quarters.

Hindi Workshop

In order to impart Hindi training to the employees of NIH and to encourage the use of Hindi, the Institute organized Hindi workshop on March 26, 2009. A total of 23 employees participated and received training in the Workshop. Shri N.K. Gupta, Additional General Manager (Human Resources) BHEL Hardwar and Secretary T.O.L.I.C. Hardwar and Shri Srinivas Joshi, Senior Hindi Officer, BHEL, Hardwar were the guest lecturers who besides imparting training on the various issues related to O.L. implementation, delivered very useful lectures on the topics "Sangh ki Rajbhasha neeti" and "Rajbhasha Neeti Karyanvayan" respectively.



A view of dais of Hindi Workshop held on March 26, 2009 at NIH Roorkee