

Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme

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The Union Budget 2025-26 has announced Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme to provide digital-form Indian language books for students.

About Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme

- It is a new initiative aimed at making learning more accessible by **offering digital textbooks and study materials in various Indian languages.**
- Under the Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme, **students in schools and universities** will be able to **access textbooks and learning resources in digital formats.**
- The scheme is designed to benefit students from different linguistic backgrounds by **providing study materials in regional languages.**
- The initiative aims to bridge the gap in educational resources for students from diverse linguistic groups.

- This initiative also **complements the government's** previous steps to enhance educational infrastructure, such as the **ASMITA (Augmenting Study Materials in Indian Languages through Translation and Academic Writing)** initiative.

Key Facts about ASMITA Initiative

- It is an initiative to **develop 22,000 books in Indian languages** in the next **five years**.
- It is a collaborative effort of the **UGC and the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti**, a **high-powered committee under the Ministry of Education**.
- The primary objective of this initiative is **to promote and integrate Indian languages** more deeply **into the education system**, thereby enriching the learning experience and making it more inclusive.
- This project is seen as part of a broader strategy to enhance the accessibility and quality of educational materials across various Indian languages.
- Thirteen nodal universities have been identified to lead the project, along with member universities from various regions.
- The UGC has also created a **standard operating procedure (SOP) for the book-writing** process in each assigned language.
- The SOP includes the identification of nodal officers, authors, allocation of title, subject, and programme, writing and editing, submission of the manuscript, review and plagiarism check, finalisation, designing, proofreading and e-publication.

Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme FAQs

Q1. How many languages have been recognized by the Indian Constitution ?

Ans. The Indian Constitution recognizes 22 languages under the Eighth Schedule.

Q2. What is the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti

Ans. It is a High Powered Committee for Promotion of Indian Languages constituted by the Ministry of Education, Government of India in 2021.

Q3. What is the University Grants Commission (UGC)?

Ans. UGC came into existence on 28th December, 1953 and became a statutory Organization in 1956, for the coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in university education.

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