

EVENT REPORT

OBSERVANCE OF HINDI PAKHWADA – 2026

(Period of Observance: 16th September, 2026 to 30th September, 2026)

Venue: NEC Auditorium, North Eastern Council Secretariat, Nongrim Hills, Shillong

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1. Introduction

The North Eastern Council (NEC) Secretariat observed Hindi Pakhwada–2026 with the objective of promoting the use of **Official Language Hindi** in official work and fostering greater awareness, interest and enthusiasm towards Hindi among the officers and staff of the Secretariat. The programme was organised under the guidance of the **Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC)**, NEC.

During the observance, a series of competitions, an OLIC meeting, a Hindi workshop and a closing ceremony were organised. Officers and staff members were encouraged to participate actively and to make greater use of Hindi in day-to-day official work, including correspondence, noting and drafting, e-mails, office notes and other official communications

2. Objectives

- Promoting the use of Official Language Hindi in the day-to-day functioning of the NEC Secretariat.
- Creating greater awareness and interest in the use of Hindi among officers and employees.
- Encouraging the use of Hindi in official correspondence, noting and drafting, e-mails and office communications.
- Promoting the use of Hindi in official meetings, workshops, discussions and interactions wherever feasible.
- Encouraging Hindi typing, Unicode and Hindi-enabled digital facilities in official work.
- Providing opportunities to enhance Hindi language skills through competitions and interactive activities.
- Encouraging active participation of officers and staff members in programmes related to Official Language.

3. Programme-Wise Report

3.1 Inaugural Ceremony – 16 September 2026

The Inaugural Ceremony of Hindi Pakhwada–2026 was held on 16 September 2026 at the NEC Auditorium. The ceremony was inaugurated by the Planning Adviser and Chairman, NEC Official **Language Implementation Committee (OLIC)**. The programme also included the reading of the Message of the Hon'ble Home Minister, marking the formal commencement of the Hindi Pakhwada observance at the NEC Secretariat.



3.2 Hindi Speech Competition – 17 September 2026

A Hindi Speech Competition was organised on 17 September 2026 with participation from both Hindi-speaking and non-Hindi-speaking employees. A total of **10 participants took part**, comprising **3 Hindi-speaking and 7 non-Hindi-speaking** participants. The competition provided participants an opportunity to demonstrate their Hindi-speaking skills and encouraged greater confidence in the use of Hindi.



3.3 Hindi Writing Competition – 18 September 2026

The Hindi Writing Competition was conducted on 18 September 2026 for non-Hindi-speaking participants. A total of **33 participants** took part in the competition, encouraging participants to develop their written communication skills in Hindi.



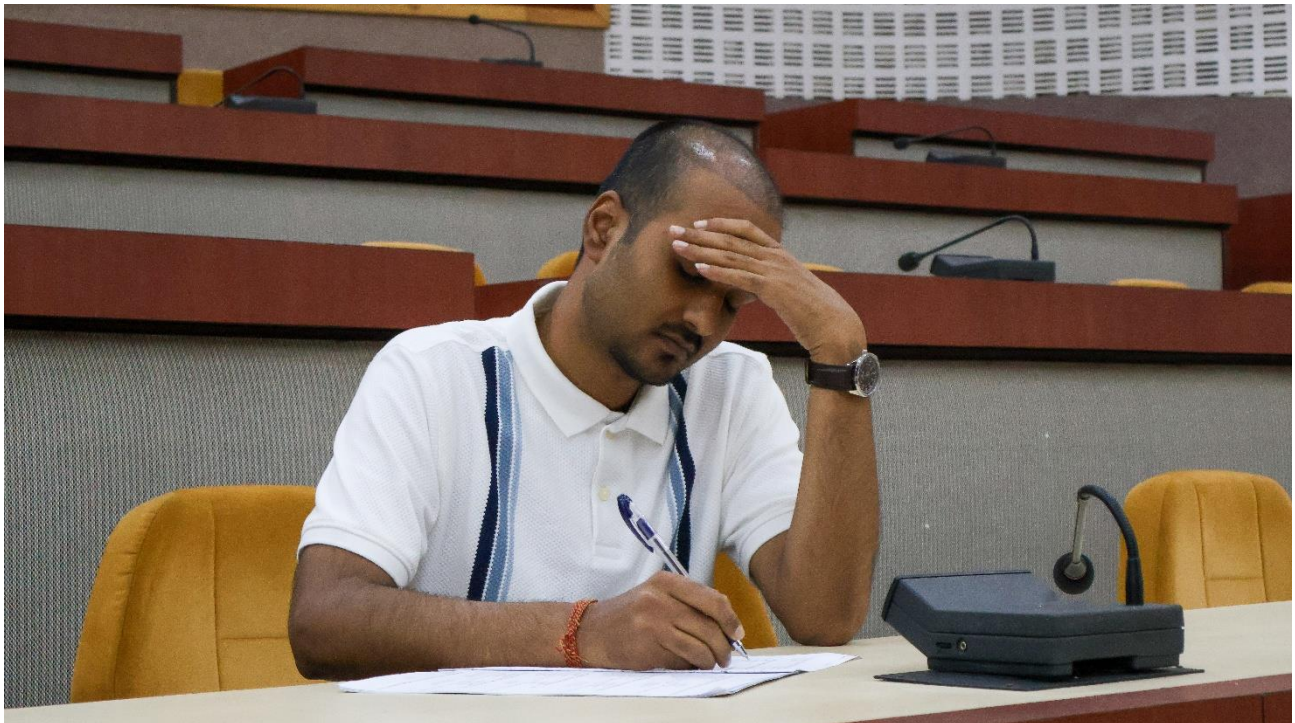
3.4 Hindi Dictation Competition – 18 September 2026

A Hindi Dictation Competition was organised on 18 September 2026 for non-Hindi-speaking participants. A total of **17 participants** participated. The activity focused on improving familiarity with Hindi vocabulary, spelling and written comprehension.



3.5 Hindi General Knowledge Competition – 21 September 2026

The Hindi General Knowledge Competition was held on 21 September 2026 for Hindi-speaking participants. A total of **8 participants** took part. The activity combined general knowledge with the use of Hindi in an informative and interactive manner.



3.6 Hindi Essay Writing Competition – 22 September 2026

The Hindi Essay Writing Competition was conducted on 22 September 2026 with participation from Hindi-speaking and non-Hindi-speaking employees. A total of **32 participants** participated, comprising **10 Hindi-speaking** and **22 non-Hindi-speaking participants**. The competition encouraged participants to express their ideas and perspectives in Hindi while improving written communication skills.



3.7 OLIC Meeting – 23 September 2026

An **Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC)** Meeting was held on 23 September 2026 to review the use of Official Language Hindi in the NEC Secretariat. Efforts by various divisions to promote Hindi in official noting, bilingual correspondence and other office work were reviewed and appreciated. The meeting was attended by the Chairman and Members of the Committee.

3.8 Hindi Noting and Drafting Competition – 24 September 2026

The Hindi Noting and Drafting Competition was organised on 24 September 2026 for Hindi-speaking and non-Hindi-speaking participants. A total of **22 participants** took part,



comprising **8 Hindi-speaking** and **14 non-Hindi-speaking** participants. The competition encouraged practical skills in Hindi noting and drafting for official work.

3.9 Hindi Song Competition – 28 September 2026

A Hindi Song Competition was held on 28 September 2026 with joint participation from Hindi-speaking and non-Hindi-speaking employees. A total of **7 participants** took part. The programme added a cultural and recreational dimension to the Hindi Pakhwada celebrations.



3.10 Hindi Workshop – 29 September 2026

A Hindi Workshop was conducted on 29 September 2026 by **Shri S. K. Singh, Assistant Director (Language), Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs**. The workshop focused on the correct use of Hindi alphabets and matras and was attended by more than **40 officers** and employees of the NEC Secretariat.



3.11 Closing Ceremony – 8 October 2026

The Closing Ceremony of Hindi Pakhwada–2026 was organised at the NEC Auditorium on 8 October 2026 from 3:00 PM onwards. The ceremony commenced with the arrival and welcome of the Secretary, North Eastern Council, followed by the playing of Vande Mataram and the National Anthem. The Rajbhasha Adhikari presented a brief report on the programmes and activities conducted during Hindi Pakhwada–2026, followed by distribution of certificates to the winners of various competitions.





3.12 Cultural Performances during the Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony featured performances by various participants from 3:25 PM to 3:45 PM:

- Shri Aizaz Ahmad – Poem Recitation
- Shri Aryan Singh – Stand-up Comedy
- Miss Neha – Solo Song

- Shri Biplab – Solo Song
- Shri Abhijeet & Friends – Group Song



The cultural segment was followed by an address by the dignitaries on the dais. The Secretary, North Eastern Council, subsequently addressed the gathering from 3:55 PM to 4:05 PM. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks, followed by High Tea and Refreshments from 4:10 PM onwards.

4. Summary of Participation

Sl. No.	Programme/Competition	Date	Participants
1	Inaugural Ceremony of Hindi Pakhwada	16.09.2026	—
2	Hindi Speech Competition	17.09.2026	10
3	Hindi Writing Competition	18.09.2026	33
4	Hindi Dictation Competition	18.09.2026	17
5	Hindi General Knowledge Competition	21.09.2026	8
6	Hindi Essay Writing Competition	22.09.2026	32
7	OLIC Meeting	23.09.2026	Chairman & Members of OLIC
8	Hindi Noting & Drafting Competition	24.09.2026	22
9	Hindi Song Competition	28.09.2026	7
10	Hindi Workshop	29.09.2026	40+
11	Closing Ceremony	08.10.2026	Officers & Staff

5. Key Outcomes

- Increased awareness about the importance of Official Language Hindi.
- Encouraged participation among both Hindi-speaking and non-Hindi-speaking employees.
- Improved confidence in Hindi speaking and writing.
- Developed practical skills in Hindi noting and drafting.
- Strengthened familiarity with Hindi spelling, alphabets and matras.
- Encouraged the use of Hindi in official correspondence and office work.
- Reinforced the objectives of the Official Language Implementation Committee.
- Created a positive and participatory environment for the promotion of Hindi within the Secretariat.

6. Overall Outcome

The observance of Hindi Pakhwada–2026 at the NEC Secretariat provided a comprehensive platform for promoting the use of Hindi through official language activities, competitions, practical language exercises, cultural programmes and capacity-building initiatives. The participation of both Hindi-speaking and non-Hindi-speaking officers and employees in the various competitions demonstrated an inclusive approach towards promoting Hindi within the Secretariat.

The OLIC Meeting provided an institutional mechanism for reviewing the use of Hindi in official work, while the Hindi Workshop provided practical guidance on the correct use of Hindi alphabets and matras. The Closing Ceremony brought together the official, competitive and cultural aspects of the fortnight through the presentation of certificates and cultural performances.

7. Conclusion

Hindi Pakhwada–2026 at the North Eastern Council Secretariat was marked by active participation in a diverse range of competitions, an OLIC review meeting, a Hindi language workshop and a concluding cultural programme. The observance provided officers and employees with opportunities to engage with Hindi in both formal and creative formats and successfully combined Official Language implementation with employee participation, learning and cultural expression.

The programme reaffirmed the commitment of the NEC Secretariat towards encouraging the effective use of Official Language Hindi in official work and creating greater awareness and enthusiasm towards its continued use.