

# **NSS TRAINING COLLEGE CHANGANACHERRY**

## **Languages of Himachal Pradesh**

**The people of the state of Himachal Pradesh are multilingual and converse in several languages. The official state language of Himachal Pradesh is Hindi. The other most popular language of Himachal Pradesh is Pahari. Other than these Punjabi, Dogri, Kangri and Kinnauri language is also used in Himachal Pradesh.**

**Hindi is declared as the official state language of Himachal Pradesh. The language of Hindi is an old derivative of the Sanskrit language. It is spoken in the country in several dialects. Hindi language is also used in the state of Himachal Pradesh as a mode of interaction among people. The government has inculcated the study of Hindi in the academic curriculum and also encourages the use of the language in professional spectrum. The people of the state prevalently use the Pahari language. The Pahari language is derived from the ancient language of Sanskrit and Prakrit. The language is divided into three forms. These are Northern Pahari, Eastern Pahari and Western Pahari. The Western Pahari form is predominantly used in the state of Himachal Pradesh. The Pahari dialects of Sirmauri and Keonthali are spoken in the region of Simla. Some of the other Pahari dialects spoken in Himachal Pradesh are Chambiali, Churahi, Mandeali, Himachali and Kuluhi.**

**The use of language in Himachal Pradesh depends also on the various communities that have settled in the hilly terrain. The different communities use other languages to communicate as well. The use of Punjabi language is popular. The languages Dogri, Kangri and Kinnauri are prevalently used by the local people of the state.**