

# IIT-I bats for Hindi as working language in science education

## Widening Access Of Knowledge

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**Indore:** As higher education and research in India continue to be dominated by English, the Indian Institute of Technology, Indore (IIT-I), stepped up efforts to position Hindi as a functional language for scientific and technological learning, saying this can improve comprehension and widen access to knowledge.

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One of the key outcomes of Abhyuday-3 was the release of Smarika, a compilation of 26 peer-reviewed research papers written in Hindi.

The papers were presented across two technical sessions — science and engineering and digital technology and innovation.