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## MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION AND EMPOWERMENT OF LANGUAGES

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### ABSTRACT

After Independence, reorganisation of states on linguistic basis was a major exercise for the development of regional languages. However, in the absence of language planning institutions, official languages of various states in India could not be developed in a way that was expected. There is a close relationship between use of language as medium of instruction & development of that language as the language of knowledge. The disconnect between the two has immensely harmed Indian languages. With the onslaught of cultural globalisation & the hegemony of English, there is marginalisation of major Indian languages. It is therefore necessary to arrive at consensus & develop a comprehensive language policy where medium of instruction is considered an integral part of it. This panel intends to discuss challenges that medium of instruction in regional languages is likely to face under the mandate of new education Policy. Focus of discussion would also be language policy and theoretical developments that have taken place in this domain.

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