
HENSON HERALD

During the Summer we spend a lot of time in our caravan in Manorbier meeting friends and authors and growing the business which is Henson Editorial Services. The connectivity is good and online working feasible so much so that our first student from Pembrokeshire will be doing work experience online.

Before lockdown we were fortunate to use S4C in Carmarthen as a base but currently have an office in Dark Gate and I am on the lookout for a parttime office manager who speaks Welsh to develop the partnership. Pro-Print from Carmarthen have recently printed A book titled *The Welsh in North Staffordshire* by Stuart Haywood for us and it is locally stocked which is progress.

Summer School in publishing will run from mid-July to the end of August and students from Ukraine are attending virtually as a respite from the terrible war. I worked in Kyiv for some time and keep in touch with my friends daily via Facebook.

On the 22nd June we celebrated my wife's birthday with friends from Manorbier in the Castle Crypt and Elin Lloyd, a wonderful harpist, provided musical accompaniment. The vicar at St. James', Reverend Sharon Swain, Church in Wales, kindly gave a blessing at the end.

If you would like to learn more about us please use this link. <https://www.hensoneditorialservices.co.uk>

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AN INTRODUCTION TO NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE PRESS

North Staffordshire Press, founded by Malcolm Henson, is a small publishing firm situated in Keele University's smart innovation hub. The company allows writers to take the leap into the publishing world through giving publishing advice, looking over manuscripts and providing indexing services.

Henson editorial has published a variation of children's and adult's books ranging from fiction to non-fiction and in a plethora of genres.

Originally, the company was based off of its indexing services which were extremely popular for academic works. However, as the company has flourished it has been able to extend its services to helping budding authors to publish their own works as well as providing an introduction to those hoping to have a career in publishing.

Those who are eager to gain an insight into publishing can do so through summer school and work experience which is open for all ages and includes meetings with a variation of authors from different backgrounds and areas.

Henson editorial also produces their own newsletters which are specified for a variation of age groups. Sky Stoke is a monthly newsletter aimed at young adults which brings about further awareness of current global affairs as well as other articles produced by a diverse assortment of people.

If you would like to find out more about North Staffordshire Press don't hesitate to contact Malcolm Henson at:

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POEMS FOR JULY

'A Boat Beneath a Sunny Sky' – Lewis Carroll

A boat beneath a sunny sky,
 Lingering onward dreamily
 In an evening of July --
 Children three that nestle near,
 Eager eye and willing ear,
 Pleased a simple tale to hear --
 Long has faded that sunny sky:
 Echoes fade and memories die:
 Autumn frosts have slain July.
 Still she haunts me, phantom wise,
 Alice moving under skies
 Never seen by waking eyes.
 Children yet, the tale to hear,
 Eager eye and willing ear,
 Lovingly shall nestle near.
 In a Wonderland they lie,
 Dreaming as the days go by,
 Dreaming as the summers die:
 Ever drifting down the stream --
 Lingering in the golden dream --
 Life, what is it but a dream?

'Answer July' – Emily Dickinson

Answer July—
 Where is the Bee—
 Where is the Blush—
 Where is the Hay?

 Ah, said July—
 Where is the Seed—
 Where is the Bud—
 Where is the May—
 Answer Thee—Me—

 Nay—said the May—
 Show me the Snow—
 Show me the Bells—
 Show me the Jay!

 Quibbled the Jay—
 Where be the Maize—
 Where be the Haze—
 Where be the Bur?
 Here—said the Year—

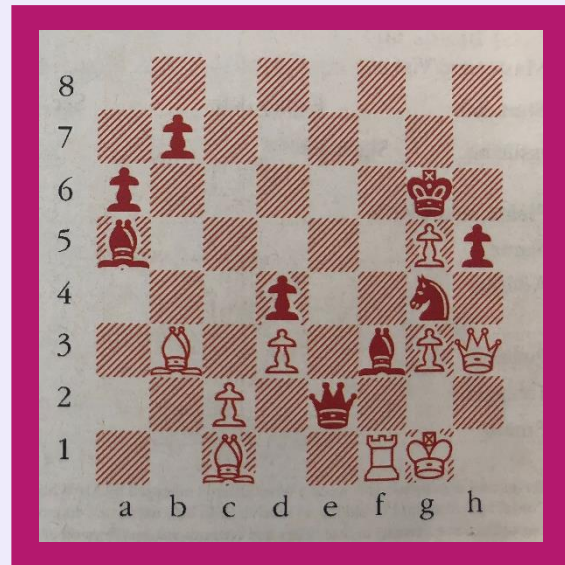
CHESS PUZZLE

Puzzle No. 707

White to play. Trent-Carlstedt, Hamburg 2022.

Lawrence Trent spotted a way to deliver a quick mate.

Which move did he play?



THE LINK LANGUAGE ISSUE IN INDIA

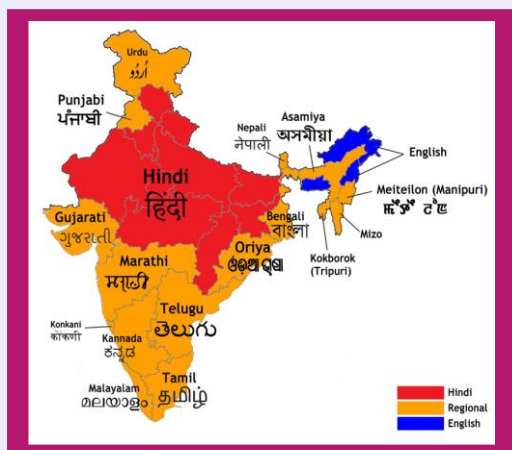
English rather than Hindi is more beneficial as the link language in India.

My earliest encounter with Hindi imposition and agitation was in 1965. I was then a student in Grade 11 in a private higher secondary school in a small town near my native village. I remember learning Hindi as a language from Grade 6 and liking it, going through the motions of learning a language and just that. After nearly five years of learning it, the Hindi agitation of Tamil Nadu in 1965 put some hundreds of thousand students off, turning us into diehard protestors because the then Government at the Centre, in New Delhi, thought that Hindi could be a link language for the entire country and insisted that it should be the language of communication between the states of the Indian Union.

No one has been against Hindi as a language, then and now. But the dispensation at the Centre now is trying to impose Hindi as a link language between the states and the Centre. It is



this imposition that the people of non-Hindi speaking states are vehemently against. More



than half a century ago, we were against Hindi because it was imposed by the Centre, and we are against it for the same reason.

Hindi is an Indo-Aryan language. There are 425 million native speakers, and if you count the Hindi speakers of other languages speakers, there are about 545 million speakers. It is the main language used in the northern, western and central states of India. It is one of the two official languages of the Government of India, along with the English language. It is an official language in 9 States and 3 Union Territories and an additional official language

Languages spoken in India:
Hindi as an 'umbrella language'
and others as mother tongues

in 3 other States. It is also one of the 22 scheduled languages of the Republic of India.

People of 12 states of the 35 states and Union Territories of India, according to the Census of India 2011, preferred Hindi as their first choice of language for communication. But 'Hindi' is an umbrella term encompassing 56 mother tongues such as Bhojpuri, Rajasthani, Hindi and Chattisghari. While only 26 per cent of the Indians speak Hindi as their mother tongue, nearly 43 per cent of the Indians speak Hindi for their languages fall within the group of languages that are more similar to Hindi, although in many ways different.

The Governments at the Centre have long been promoting Hindi as a link language and as the 'language of India', with Hindi as an alternative to English.

The argument pushing Hindi as an alternative to English is that it is spoken by the majority (is 43 per cent a majority?). But it is not tenable because it is a majoritarian one. This brings us to the question: which language would be beneficial for the people who seek better lives, Hindi or English?

And, would native Hindi speakers benefit from learning English? Or should Hindi be imposed on non-Hindi speakers, a real majority of Indians – 57 per cent of them?

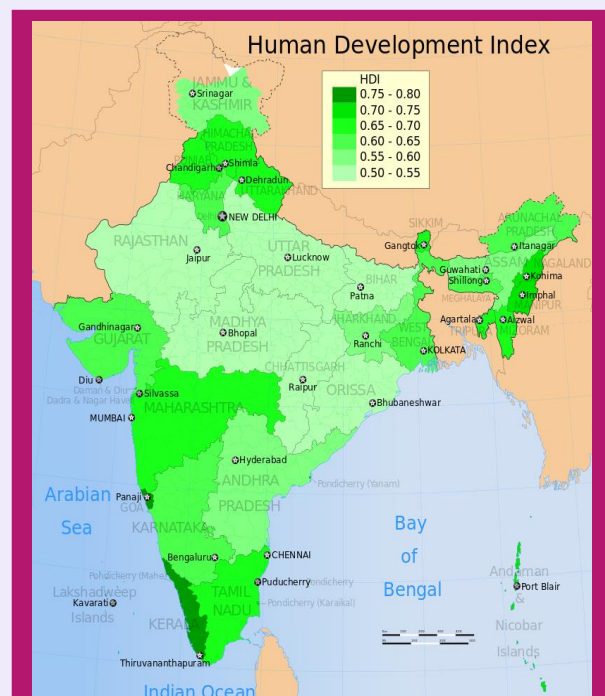
When comparing languages spoken in India and the Human Development Index (HDI), there comes an interesting finding that is worth noting:

1. The States and Union Territories with a higher share of English speakers also have higher HDI scores.
2. The States with a higher share of Hindi speakers have relatively low HDI scores.

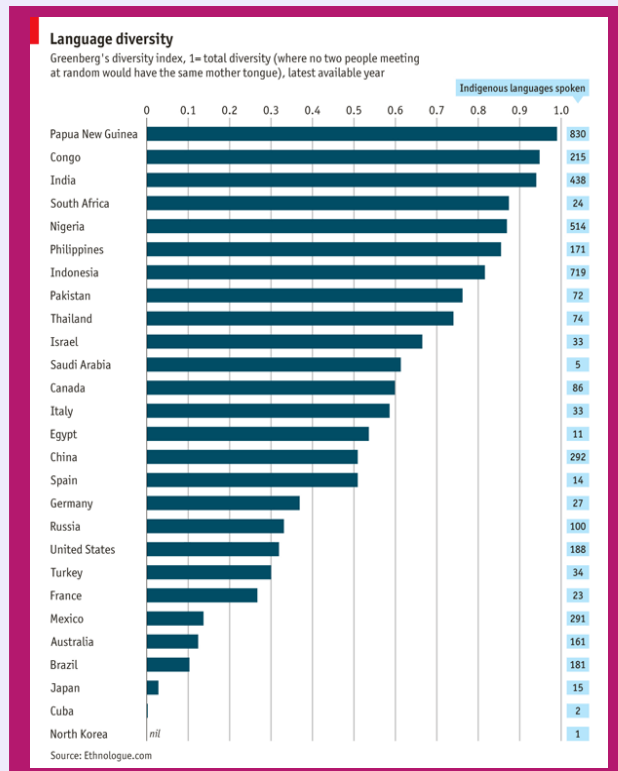
This suggests that there is a positive correlation between a higher standard of living and a higher share of English speakers.

Migrant statistics in India show that more people from the Hindi speaking states have been migrating to the non-Hindi speaking

regions, for example, from North Indian states to South Indian states, particularly to the Dravidian states, namely, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Census of India 2011 also shows that net in-migration to Hindi speaking states,



where at least half the population speaks Hindi, is negative. This means that the migrant outflow is higher than the migrant inflow in these states.



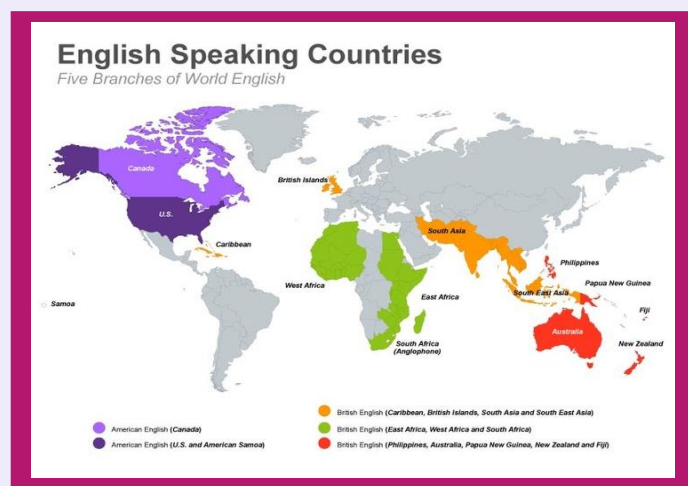
Conversely, the states that recorded high out-migrant flows are also the states that have a high share of Hindi speakers.

As for language diversity in the world, India is third (438 indigenous languages spoken) after Papua New Guinea (830 indigenous languages) and Congo (215 indigenous languages). Besides 22 scheduled languages and several hundred mother tongues, English is widely spoken in India. India has nearly 130 million English speakers, second only to the US. It is roughly 10 per cent of the Indian population.

The inference is that it is English, not Hindi, which is more beneficial as the link

language between the states of India and the Centre. Data on human development index scores and migrant in- and out-flows suggest that there is a stronger case for English as the link language and hence English should be promoted as the link language in India.

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