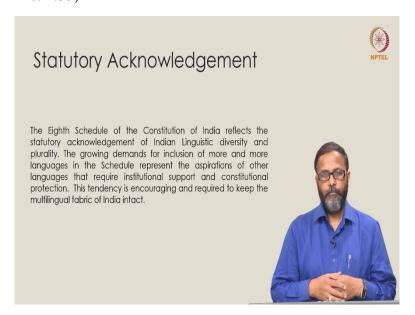
Fundamental Concepts in Sociolinguistics Professor. Dr Om Prakash School of Humanities and Social Sciences Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida Schedule and Non-Schedule Languages Census of India 2011

Welcome to our class. Today, we are going to talk about scheduled and non-schedule languages in India.

Now, what do we mean by schedule languages? Why they are called scheduled? As discussed earlier, if you look at the Constitution of India, Part 17 eighth Schedule has listed some languages as official languages and there are 22 of them.

So, because these languages are listed in schedule 8, they are also termed or known as scheduled languages, and other languages which are not listed in schedule 8 of the Indian constitution are known as non-scheduled languages. And today, we are going to learn about scheduled and non-scheduled languages with reference to the Census of India 2011 as is the latest census data.

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On twenty-sixth January 1950, we adopted our constitution, and at the time of adoption of the Constitution, we had 14 scheduled languages and later on 8 more languages were added to the list. Thus we have today 22 languages listed as scheduled languages in the Constitution of India.

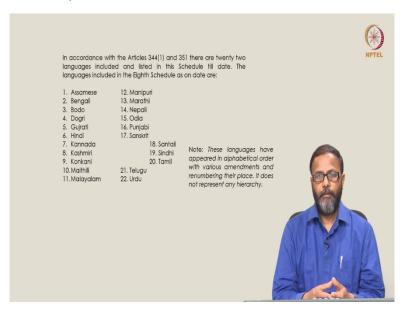
And this is a unique feature of India as many countries across the world, like Europe, do not acknowledge multilingualism. For example, in France, French is the only official language.

Look at the United States, it has not declared any language to be the official language of the country. De facto, English is the official language of the United States, but de Jure is constitutional, there is no provision for any official language.

But we are a young country, which got independence from colonial forces in 1947 and adopted our constitution in 1950, and now we have 22 scheduled languages and official languages. Thus, schedule 8 of the Constitution of India is a remarkable, constitutional provision, which acknowledges the statutory position of Indian linguistic diversity and plurality.

And the growing demands for the inclusion of more and more languages in the schedule represent the aspiration of other language speakers that require institutional support and constitutional protection. This tendency is very positive and encouraging that after the adoption of the Constitution of India on 26, January 1950, we have added so far 8 more languages to it, the process is continuing, and there are more demands and applications for more languages to be included, which ushes belief in our democratic system.

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And if you look at articles 344, 1 and 355, there are 22 languages included in the list, as we saw earlier in previous chapters. They are objectively put in alphabetical order. And what are the languages? Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Malayalam Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santali, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu. And these languages are used for local governance in

different provinces or states of the country. For official purposes including the legislature, executive and judiciary wings of governance.

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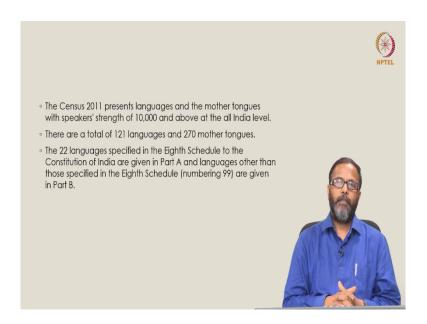


And as I told you, the demand for inclusion in the Eighth schedule is very high, and several languages are contesting to be included in the list. And why do they want to be included in the list? Because the moment they are scheduled or listed in the Eighth Scheduled of the Indian Constitution, they get institutional support for growth and sustenance. And that is why, all other languages, which are not so far listed in the Eighth Schedule are contesting for their share in that list.

There are 38 more languages, other than scheduled languages, that are contesting for inclusion in the list. They are currently the non-scheduled languages, and they are contesting for being scheduled or listed in the Eighth schedule.

And what are these languages? Angika, Banjara, Bazika, Bhojpuri, Bhoti, Bhotia, Bundelkhandi, Chattisgarhi, Dhatki, English, Garhwali, Gondi, Gujari, Ho, Kachachhi, Kamtapuri, Karbi, Khasi, Kodava or Coorg, Kok Barak, Kumaooni, we also call it Pahadi, Kurak, Kurmalil, Lepcha, Limbu, Mizo, also known as Lushai, Magahi, Mundari, Nagpuri, Nicobarese, Pahadi or Himachali popularly known. Pali, Rajasthani, Sambalpuri or Kosali, Shaurseni or Prakrit, Siraiki, Tenyidi, and Tulu.

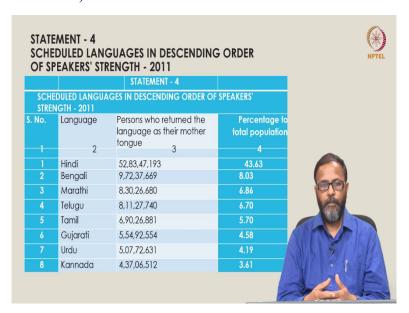
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And there are many non-scheduled languages. The total number of non-scheduled languages according to Census 2011 is 99. Out of 121 languages, we have 22 scheduled languages scheduled, 38 aspiring languages to be enlisted which come under the 99 non-scheduled languages. It is worth remembering that the Census 2011 presents languages and mother tongues that have speakers over 10,000, a criterion fixed for listing as a separate mother tongue in the Census survey.

There is a total of 121 languages listed in the Census in 2011 and 270 designated mother tongues. 22 languages, which are scheduled languages are specified in statement 1 Part A, and the remaining 99 languages are specified in Part B of the Census of India.

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If you go by the speakers, speakers' strength of scheduled languages is in descending order, before we go through this, as we have already discussed in the previous class about language families. We now know that the Indo-Aryan language family is the largest language family followed by the Dravidian languages family, and Austroasiatic and Tibeto-Burmese. We have representation of all four families in the eighth schedule.

And if you go by the strength of speakers of these scheduled languages in descending order, we have Hindi at the top, 43.63 per cent of the total population of the country speaks Hindi, as their first language. Then 8.03 per cent speaks Bengali, as their mother tongue or first language, 6.86 Marathi; with 52,83,47,193 Hindi speakers, 9,72,37,669 Bengali speakers and 8,30,26,680 Marathi speakers respectivel; and Telugu speakers at 6.70 per cent of the total population with 8,11,27,740 speakers.

Then we have 6,90,26,881 Tamil speakers, who account for a total percentage of 5.70 of the total population of India; 5,54,92,554 Gujarati speakers who stood at 4.58 per cent of the total population. Followed by 5,07,72,631 Urdu speakers at 4.19 per cent of the total population; 4,37,6512 Kannada speakers, accounting for 3.61 per cent; 3,75,21,324 Odia speakers, accounting for 3.10 per cent.

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11	Punjabi	3,31,24,726	2.74	
12	Assamese	1,53,11,351	1.26	
13	Maithili	1,35,83,464	1.12	
14	Santali	73,68,192	0.61	
15	Kashmiri	67,97,587	0.56	
16	Nepali	29,26,168	0.24	
17	Sindhi	27,72,264	0.23	
18	Dogri	25,96,767	0.21	
19	Konkani	22,56,502	0.19	
20	Manipuri	17,61,079	0.15	
21	Bodo	14,82,929	0.12	
22	Sanskrit	24,821	N	

Punjabi speakers accounted for 2.74 per cent of the total population with 3,31,24,726 speakers. Then we have Assamese, 1,53,11,351 and they account for 1.26 per cent of the total population; Maithili speakers, 1,35,83,464 account for 1.12 per cent of the total population. Followed by languages with a lesser number of speakers like Santali, 37,68,192, Kashmiri 67,97,587, Nepali 29,26,168, Sindhi, 27,72,264, Dogri, 25,96,767, Konkani, 22,56,5002, Manipuri, 17,61,079 speakers and Bodo, 14,82,929. Interestingly Sanskrit speakers, we have 24,821 and the percentage is negligible.

Of the 22 scheduled languages, only Sanskrit has less than, Sanskrit is the smallest language with only 24,000, but more than 10,000 speakers compared to Santali, Kashmiri, Nepali, Sindhi, Dogri, Konkani, Manipuri, and Bodo, which has less than 1 crore speakers.

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These are the numbers. It is interesting to see, that under each language of the 22 Scheduled languages we have several other languages listed or grouped. Hindi, for example, has the largest group.

As you, Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, and you can see, many languages are listed under this. So, you have languages like Avadhi, Braj, Bhojpuri, Angika, Bajika, Maithili, Chhattisgarhi, Churahi, Garhwali, Kulwi, Kumaoni, Malvi, Marwadi, Mewadi, Mewati, and several languages are listed under Hindi.

And the total number comes up to 52,83,47,109Assamese, 1,48,16,404 and other languages grouped under Assamese, other minor languages grouped under Assamese account 4,94,937 and the list continues.

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You can see, for example, Konkani, you have Konkani, Kudubi, Malvani, Nevaitand others. Under Kashmiri, Dardi, Kashmiri, Kishtwari, Siraji and others. In Punjabi for example, you have Bagdi, Bhateali, Bilaspuri, Punjabi and others.

So, each of these languages 22 languages has many languages clustered under them, and they account for a huge population size.

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10	BHUMIJ	27,508
	Bhumij	10,190
	Others	17,316
	BISHNUPURIYA	79,646
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	Others	5,577
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12	CHAKHESANG	19,846
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13	CHAKRU/CHOKRI	91,216 91,216
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14	CHANG	66,852
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15	COORGI/KODAG	1.13.857
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	Kodava	96,918
	Coorai/Kodaau	16,939
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17	DIMASA	1.37.184
- 17	Dimasa	1,37,164
	Others	3,857
18	ENGLISH	2,59,678
	English	2,59,678
19	GADABA	40,976
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18,46,	93 TULU	20,154	87 TAMANG
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	Others		
		1,87,276	88 TANGKHUL
42,	94 VAIPHEI	1,87,263	Tangkhul
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59,	95 WANCHO	38,624	89 TANGSA 7
	Wancho	10,234	Iutcha
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83,2	96 YIMCHUNGRE		
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56,	Yimchungre	2,226	Others
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		1,82,685	91 TIBETAN
63,	97 ZELIANG	93,500	Purkhi
63,	Zeliang	83,779	Tibelan
		5,406	Others
50,	98 ZEMI		
50,	Zemi	10,11,294	92 TRIPURI
	Others	9,17,900	Kokbarak
		58,539	Reang
26,	99 ZOU	33,138	Tripuri
26,	ZOU	1,717	Others



Then we have the non-scheduled languages, and the total number of non-scheduled languages is??? 99. And under each of these languages, we have several other languages.

Thus, 22 scheduled plus 99 non-scheduled languages sum up to 121 major language groups in India. Apart from this, 270 mother tongues are designated mother tongues according to Census 2011.

We have Adi, Afghani, Anal, Angami, AO, Arabic, Balti, Bhili, and so many languages under Bhili, Bhotia, Bhumij, Bishnupriya, Chakhesang, Chang, Coorg, Devri, Dimasa, English, Gadaba, Gagte, Garo, Gondi, Halabi, Halam. Languages like Hmar, Ho, Jatapu, Juang, Kabui, Karbi or Mikir Karbi, Khandeshi, Khariya, Khasi, Khezha, Khond, Kinauri, Kisan, Language like Koch, Koda, Kolami, Kom, Konda, Konyak, Korku, Korawa, Koya, Kui, Kuki, Kurukh or Oraon, Ladakhi, Lahauli.

Languages like Lahnda, Lakher, Lalung, Lepcha, Liangmei, Limbu, Lotha, Lushai or Mizo, Malto, Mao, Maram, Maring, Miri, Mishing, Mishmi, Mogh, Monpa, Munda, Mundari, Nicobarese, Nissi or Dafla, Nocte, Parji, Pavi, Rai, Rengma, Sangtam, Savara, Sema, Sherppa, Shina, Tamang, Tankhul, Tangsa, Thado, Tibetan, Tripuri, Tulu, Vaiphei, Wancho, Yimchungre, Zeliang, Zemi and Zou. These are 99 non-scheduled languages. And under each of these languages, we have several other mother tongues clustered.

The list is not exhausted and there are a lot of debates and discussions and scope for more inclusivity and change. If you recall, we discussed in the mother tongue lecture that the aspiration of speakers is overwhelming. And it was a huge number that was returned as a designated mother tongue by the respondents. And that number recorded initially was 19,569.

After clustering, re-clustering and applying linguistic scrutiny to do the classifications, Census arrives at 1,369 mother tongues designated mother tongues, and again undertook grouping and regrouping to deduce the numbers for easy understanding and administrative purposes. It is important to note that it is after extensive levels of grouping and clustering and linguistic scrutiny, that we arrived at 121 languages and 270 mother tongues.

Now we windup for today's lecture on scheduled and non-scheduled languages with some last-minute deduction. So, we learned today that, Scheduled languages are those languages, which are listed in the Eight Schedule of the constitution and they get statutory acknowledgement and institutional support for the growth and sustenance according to the

provisions of the constitution. This has attracted demand by more than 38 languages now, for inclusion in scheduled eight to be called schedule languages.

As of now, officially we have 22 scheduled languages and 38 languages waiting to be scheduled which come under the 99 non-scheduled. Thus we wind up this chapter today, with the Census data of 121 languages, 22 scheduled and 99 non-scheduled languages and their significance.

In the next class, we will talk about minor languages and endangered languages.

UNESCO report says that there are 197 languages endangered and on the verge of extinction. Our Census survey also does not record those languages, which have less than 10,000 speakers. So, which are these languages? And what is their fate?

We shall discuss the minor languages and endangered languages in the next class in another video. Thank you very much.