



Constitution of India in Santhali Language

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- **The Basics:** President Droupadi Murmu released the first-ever translation of the Constitution of India in the **Santhali language** using the **Ol Chiki script**.
- **Background:**
- **Santhali Language:** Included in the **8th Schedule** of the Constitution via the **92nd Amendment Act, 2003**. It is primarily spoken in Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, and Bihar.
- **Ol Chiki Script:** Created by **Pandit Raghunath Murmu** in 1925. The year 2025 marks the **centenary (100 years)** of the script.
- **Significance:** The move aims to deepen "Constitutional Awareness" among tribal communities, ensuring they understand their Fundamental Rights and Duties in their native tongue.
- **UPSC Insight:** Remember the linguistic details—Santhali belongs to the **Austroasiatic language family**.