

CHAPTER – 8

LANGUAGE-WISE STUDY OF THE PRESS

8.1.1. This chapter is an analysis of the progress of Indian language publications in terms of both numbers and circulation. It has been ascertained that Indian languages maintained their dominance over the English Press both in circulation as well as in numbers. “*Press in India*” comprises of publications in multiple languages. Annual Statements giving circulation details were received from publications of these languages.

8.1.2. The Hindi press maintained its lead in the Indian press. There were 16,274 publications in Hindi having filed Annual Statements during 2020-21: Marathi retained the second place with 2,683 publications; English with 2,434 publications ranked third followed by Telugu with 2,252; Gujarati with 1,834; Urdu with 1,698; Kannada with 1,151; Tamil with 885; Bengali with 537; Odia with 442; and Malayalam with 317 publications. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.1*)

8.1.3. 4,349 Dailies of Hindi publications filed their Annual Statements during the year 2020-21, which were the highest among all languages, followed by Urdu (1,107); Telugu (1,083) English (820); Marathi (617); Kannada (560); and Gujarati (369). (*Chapter 3, Table 3.1*)

8.1.4. Circulation of Hindi Press during the year was 18,93,96,236 compared to 20,14,33,695 copies in the previous year, registering a decrease of 5.98 percent, i.e., 1,20,37,459 copies per publishing day. While in case of English Press, a decrease of 34.36 percent i.e., 1,82,81,058 copies per publishing day was reported as compared to previous year’s claim. The total circulation of English Press during 2020-21 was 3,49,27,239 copies, as compared to previous year claim of 5,32,08,297 copies per publishing day. Urdu claimed a circulation of 2,61,14,412 copies in 2020-21 as compared to 2,62,41,593 copies in the previous year, registering a decrease of 0.48 percent. (*Chapter 4, Table 4.2*)

8.1.5. The total circulation of daily publications including Bi/Tri weekly in all the languages was 22,63,75,955 copies per publishing day while other Periodicals claim was 16,01,06,418 copies per publishing day in 2020-21. (*Chapter 4, Table 4.1*)

THE PRINT MEDIA IN PRINCIPAL LANGUAGES

1. ASSAMESE

8.2.1. During 2020-21, the number of newspapers/periodicals in Assamese language which filed Annual Statements online was 65. Out of these 65 publications, 25 Weeklies; 20 were Dailies; 1 Fortnightly; 12 Monthlies; 2 Quarterlies; and 5 Other. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.1*)

8.2.2. Out of 65 publications, 60 publications were brought out from Assam, 2 from Delhi and 1 each from Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand and West Bengal. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.3*)

8.2.3. The circulation figure as supplied by Assamese press noted a decrease of 31,325 copies per publishing day from 9,29,685 during 2019-20 to 8,98,360 copies in 2020-21. (*Chapter 4, Table no. 4.2*)

8.2.4. Circulation Pattern: Out of 65 publications that supplied circulation data, 0 in ‘Big’, 12 were ‘Medium’ and the rest 53 were ‘Small’ category publications. (*Table 8.1*)

8.2.5. Circulation Level: As per the Annual Statement filed by the Publishers in 2020-21, “*SADIN*”, Assamese/Weekly, from Kamrup Metropolitan/ GUWAHATI, in Assam State had a claimed circulation of 69,371 copies per publishing day.

8.2.6. Oldest Newspaper: “Janambhoomi”,* a Weekly, published from Jorhat was the oldest newspaper in the state, which was started in 1947.

2. BENGALI

8.3.1. The Bengali Press in 2020-21 comprised of 537 publications. Out of these, 72 were Dailies; 130 Weeklies; 178 Fortnightlies; 103 Monthlies; 26 Quarterlies; 23 other Periodicals; and 5 Annuals. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.1*)

8.3.2. The largest numbers of Bengali publications (455) were published from West Bengal. Other States which published Bengali publications were Tripura (41); Assam (22); Delhi (5); Jharkhand and Kerala (03) each; and U.P., Bihar, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, and Andaman & Nicobar Island (01) each. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.3*)

8.3.3. The claimed circulation of Bengali Press decreased by 14,36,740 copies per publishing day from 90,45,870copies in 2019-20 to 76,09,130copies in 2020-21.

8.3.4. Circulation Pattern: From the 537 Bengali publications which supplied the circulation figures, 15 were ‘Big’, 40 were ‘Medium’ and remaining 482 were of ‘Small’ category publications. 10 Dailies/Tri-Bi-weeklies and 4 Periodicals had a circulation of more than 1,00,000 copies per publishing day each. (*Table 8.2*)

8.3.5. Circulation Level: As per the Annual Statement filed by the Publishers in 2020-21, “*Ananda Bazar Patrika*” Bengali/Daily, from Kolkata had a claimed circulation of 7,68,134 copies per publishing day.

8.3.6. Oldest Newspaper: “*Murshidabad Hitaishi*”,* a Weekly from Murshidabad started in 1893 and “*Chinnaria Bartabha*”*, a Weekly from Hooghly also started in 1893, were the oldest existing Bengali publications in West Bengal.

3. BODO

8.4. The Bodo Press had only 3 publications that submitted Annual Statements for the year 2020-21. They had a total circulation of 89,824 copies per publishing day. (*Chapter 8, Table 8.3*) All newspapers were published from Assam (*Chapter 3, Table 3.3*). “*Bodosa*”, a Daily from Kokrajhar claimed a circulation of 37,866 copies per publishing day.

4. DOGRI

8.5. No Dogri publication submitted Annual Statements for the year 2020-21.

5. GUJARATI

8.6.1. During the year 2020-21, the number of Gujarati publications which filed Annual Statements was 1,834. It included 369 Dailies; 944 Weeklies; 228 Fortnightlies; 258 Monthlies; 13 Quarterlies; 3 Annuals; and 19 of other periodicities. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.1*)

8.6.2. The largest number of publications in Gujarati (1,746) was published from Gujarat, followed by Maharashtra (68). Gujarati newspapers were also published from Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (9); Delhi (5); Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh (2) each; Kerala and Uttarakhand (1) each. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.3*)

8.6.3. The total circulation as has been claimed by Gujarati Press during the period 2020-21, has gone to 1,74,92,344 copies per publishing day. Dailies along with Bi/Tri-weeklies commanded

a circulation of 89,86,167 copies, whereas the Periodicals had a circulation of 85,06,177 copies per publishing day. (Table 8.5)

8.6.4. Circulation Pattern: Among the 1,834 Gujarati publications that supplied circulation data for 2020-21, 24 were 'Big', 69 were 'Medium' and rest 1,741 were 'Small' category publications. 15 Dailies and 2 Periodicals had a circulation of more than 1,00,000 copies each. (Table 8.5)

8.6.5. Circulation Level: As per the Annual Statement filed by the publisher in 2020-21, Among Dailies, "*Sharooat*", had a claimed circulation of 4,68,563 copies per publishing day.

8.6.6. Oldest Newspaper: "*Bombay Samachar*",* a Daily from Mumbai, started in 1822.

6. HINDI

8.7.1. The Hindi Press maintained its leading position both in number and circulation in 2020-21 too. The number of Hindi publications which filed Annual Statements were 16,274 during the year. (Chapter 3, Table 3.1)

8.7.2. The Press in Hindi comprised of 4,349 Dailies; 6,430 Weeklies; 1,551 Fortnightlies; 3,534 Monthlies; 302 Quarterlies; 18 Annuals; and 90 of other periodicities. (Chapter 3, Table 3.1)

8.7.3. The largest number of Hindi publications continued to be published from Madhya Pradesh (5,046) followed by Uttar Pradesh (4,745); Uttarakhand (1,694); Rajasthan (1,480); Delhi (1,142); Maharashtra (561); Chhattisgarh (496); Haryana (296); Bihar (148); Gujarat (136); and Jharkhand (117). (Chapter 3, Table 3.3)

8.7.4. The circulation of Hindi Press decreased by 2,84,92,784 copies per publishing day during the year from 20,14,33,69 copies in 2019-20 to 18,93,96,236 copies in 2020-21. Dailies and Bi/Tri-weeklies had a total circulation of 10,36,75,538 copies, whereas other Periodicals had a circulation of 8,57,20,698 copies per publishing day. (Table 8.6)

8.7.5. Circulation Pattern: Among the 16,274 publications, which furnished Annual Statements for 2020-21, 292 were 'Big' 989 were 'Medium' and rest 14,993 were 'Small' category publications. Among the 'Big' publications, 171 Dailies, Tri/Bi-weeklies and 11 Periodicals had circulation of more than 1,00,000 copies per publishing day each. (Table 8.6)

8.7.6. Oldest Newspaper: "*Jain Gazette*",* a Weekly from Lucknow, started in 1895.

7. KANNADA

8.8.1. During the year 2020-21, the number of Kannada publications which filed Annual Statements was 1,151. It includes 560 Dailies; 134 Weeklies; 181 Fortnightlies; 260 Monthlies; 10 Quarterlies; 01 Annual; and 5 other periodicities. (Chapter 3, Table 3.1)

8.8.2. The largest number of Kannada publications, i.e., 1,125, were published from Karnataka. The remaining publications were brought out from Delhi and Maharashtra (7) each; Tamil Nadu and Kerala (3) each; Andhra Pradesh (2); and (1) each from Rajasthan, Punjab, Gujarat and Uttarakhand. (Chapter 3, Table 3.3)

8.8.3. The overall circulation of the Kannada Press was 85,95,196 copies per publishing day in 2020-21. The circulation of the Kannada Dailies/Bi/Tri-Weeklies during the year was 70,78,403 copies & 15,16,793 copies per publishing day of Periodicals. (Table 8.7)

8.8.4. Circulation Pattern: Among the 1,151 Kannada publications that supplied circulation data, 13 were 'Big' 52 were 'Medium' and rest 1,086 were of 'Small' category publications. Only from Daily/Tri/Bi-Weekly 12 publication had a circulation of more than 1,00,000 copies. (Table 8.7)

8.8.5.Circulation Level: As per the Annual Statement filed by the Publisher in 2020-21, publication in Kannada language “*Lavala VK*”, a daily published from Bangalore had a circulation of 438496 copies per publishing day, followed by “*Jana Rajya*”, a daily published from Bangalore Rural with a circulation of 4,02,850 copies per publishing day.

8.8.6. Oldest Newspaper: “*Subodh Chandrika*”,* a monthly from Dharwar, started in 1907.

8. KASHMIRI

8.9. There were only 03 Kashmiri publications that submitted Annual Statements for the period 2020-21 claiming a circulation of 30,317 copies per publishing day. (Table 8.8) All 3 were published from J&K. “*Kahwat*”, a Kashmiri Daily from Srinagar had a circulation of 18,000 copies per publishing day.

9. KONKANI

8.10. 4 publications of Konkani Language submitted their Annual Statements online for 2020-21 claiming a circulation of 11,267 copies per publishing day. (Table 8.9) Out of them, 2 publications were brought out from Karnataka and (1) each from Goa and Maharashtra. “*Jesuchi Suvarth*”, a Monthly from Dakshina Kannada, had a claimed circulation of 7,667 copies per publishing day. (Table 8.9)

10. MAITHILI

8.11. Maithili Press had only 3 publications that submitted Annual Statements online for the year 2020-21 and claimed a circulation of 1,200 copies per publishing day. (Table 8.10) “*Maithil Punarjagaran Prakash*”, a Quarterly published from Nashik had a claimed circulation of 1,000 copies per publishing day.

11. MALAYALAM

8.12.1 317 Malayalam publications furnished Annual Statements online for the period 2020-21. The Malayalam Press comprised of 119 Dailies; 30 Weeklies; 16 Fortnightlies; 135 Monthlies; 6 Quarterlies; 7 Annuals; and 4 with other periodicities. (Chapter 3, Table 3.1)

8.12.2 Out of 317 publications, as many as 298 were published from Kerala. Other States from where Annual Statements were received online for 2020-21 were Tamil Nadu (5), Delhi, Maharashtra and Karnataka (4) each and (01) each from Punjab & Uttarakhand. (Chapter 3, Table 3.3)

8.12.3. The overall circulation of the Malayalam Press was 1,04,60,621 copies per publishing day in 2020-21. The circulation of Dailies and Bi/Tri-weeklies was 6392513 copies while that of Periodicals was 40,68,108 copies per publishing day. (Table 8.11)

8.12.4. Circulation Pattern: Annual Statements were filed online by only 317 publications. Out of these 41 were ‘Big’, 69 were ‘Medium’ and rest 207 were ‘Small’ category publications. Among ‘Big’ publications, 27 (19 Dailies and 8 Periodicals) had a circulation of more than 1,00,000 copies per publishing day. (Table 8.11)

8.12.5. Circulation Level: The publication in Malayalam language was reported as “*Malayala Manorama*”, a Daily published from Kochi had a claimed circulation of 3,08,350 copies per publishing day.

8.12.6. Oldest Newspaper: “*Deepika*”,* a daily from Kottayam, started in 1887.

12. MANIPURI

8.13.1. The number of Manipuri publications that furnished Annual Statements in 2020-21 were 07 publications. (Table 8.12)

8.13.2. All 07 publications were published from Manipur. (Chapter 3, Table 3.3)

8.13.3. Circulation claimed by these 07 publications accounted for 1,93,905 copies per publishing day. (Table 8.12) As per the Annual Statement filed by the publisher for 2020-21, "**The Sangai Express**", a daily from Imphal had claimed circulation of 64,195 copies per publishing day.

13. MARATHI

8.14.1. The number of Marathi publications that submitted Annual Statements was 2,683 in 2020-21. These comprised of 617 Dailies; 1,633 Weeklies; 90 Fortnightlies; 261 Monthlies; 25 Quarterlies; 39 Annual; and 18 of other periodicities. (Chapter 3, Table 3.1)

8.14.2. Out of 2,683 publications, 2,635 were published from Maharashtra. Other places of Marathi publications were Gujarat (13); Goa and Karnataka (9) each; Delhi (5); Madhya Pradesh (4); and Andhra Pradesh, Dadra Nagar & Haveli and Daman & Diu, Kerala, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh (1) each. (Chapter 3, Table 3.3)

8.14.3. The overall circulation of the Marathi Press was 3,15,90,611 copies per publishing day in 2020-21. The circulation of Dailies and Bi/Tri-weeklies was 2,07,99,324 copies and that of Periodicals were 1,07,91,287 copies per publishing day. (Table 8.13)

8.14.4. Circulation Pattern: Out of 2,683 Marathi publications, 80 were 'Big', 108 'Medium' and rest 2,495 were 'Small' category publications. 58 Dailies/ Tri-Bi-weeklies and 9 Periodicals had a circulation of more than 1,00,000 copies each. (Table 8.13)

8.14.5. Circulation Level: As per the Annual Statement filed by the publisher for 2020-21, "**Kalnirnay**", a Marathi/Annual from Mumbai had a claimed circulation of 11,89,973 copies per publishing day.

8.14.6. Oldest Newspaper: "**Belgaum Samachar**",* a weekly from Belgaum, started in 1863.

14. NEPALI

8.15.1. Nepali Language Press has 14 publications which reported their circulation claim for the period 2020-21, comprising 6 Dailies, 3 Weeklies and 5 Monthlies. (Chapter 3, Table 3.1)

8.15.2. Out of the 14 Nepali publications, 6 were published from Sikkim, 03 from Maharashtra, 02 from Uttarakhand and 01 each from Delhi, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal. (Chapter 3, Table 3.3)

8.15.3. The total circulation claimed by Nepali language publications was 1,17,498 copies in 2020-21. (Table 8.14) As per the Annual Statement filed by the publisher in 2020-21, "**Himalaya Darpan**", a Daily from Siliguri, had a claimed circulation of 28,671 copies per publishing day.

15. ODIA

8.16.1. 442 publications of Odia Press filed their Annual Statements in 2020-21. These were 132 Dailies; 140 Weeklies; 66 Fortnightlies; 84 Monthlies; 14 Quarterlies; 1 Annuals; and 5 other periodicities. (Chapter 3, Table 3.1)

8.16.2. Odisha has the largest number of Odia publications with 427 publications, followed by Delhi (3), West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Gujarat and Puducherry (2) each. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.3*)

8.16.3. The overall circulation of the Odia Press was 93,11,427 copies per publishing day in 2020-21. Dailies and Tri/Bi-Weekly claimed a circulation of 55,54,591 copies while remaining 37,56,836 copies were claimed by Periodicals. (*Table 8.15*)

8.16.4. Circulation Pattern: Out of the 442 publications, 18 were 'Big', 38 were 'Medium' and rest 386 were 'Small' category publications. 13 Dailies and Tri/Bi-weeklies had a circulation of more than 1,00,000 copies per publishing day in 2020-21. (*Table 8.15*)

8.16.5. Circulation Level: As per the Annual Statement filed by the publisher in 2020-21, "**Prameya**", a Daily published from Khurda had claimed circulation of 4,79,248 copies per publishing day.

8.16.6. Oldest Newspapers: "Samaj",* a daily from Cuttack, started in 1919.

16. PUNJABI

8.17.1. The number of Punjabi publications which submitted their Annual Statements was 166 in 2020-21. Out of these, 73 were Dailies; 43 Weeklies; 16 Fortnightlies; 32 Monthlies and 02 Quarterlies. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.1*)

8.17.2. The largest number of newspapers were published from Punjab, i.e. (118), followed by Delhi (31), Chandigarh (10), Haryana (3), Uttar Pradesh (2), and (01) from Uttarakhand and Tamil Nadu each. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.3*)

8.17.3. The overall circulation of the Punjabi Press was 29,64,609 copies per publishing day in 2020-21. Dailies and Bi/Tri-weekly claimed a circulation of 20,23,902 copies while remaining 9,40,707 copies were claimed by Periodicals. (*Table 8.16*)

8.17.4. Circulation Pattern: As per circulation data received from 166 publications, 7 were 'Big', 21 were 'Medium' and rest 138 were 'Small' category publications. (*Table 8.16*)

8.17.5. Circulation Level: As per the Annual Statement filed by the publisher for 2020-21, "**Supreme Times**", a Punjabi/Fortnightly published from Faridkot had a claimed circulation 3,04,167 copies per publishing day.

8.17.5. Oldest Newspaper: "Khalsa Samachar",* a weekly from Amritsar, started in 1899.

17. SANSKRIT

8.18.1. There were 24 Sanskrit publications, which furnished Annual Statements in 2020-21. Among them 10 were Dailies; 5 Weeklies; 3 Fortnightly; 5 Monthlies; and 1 Quarterly. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.1*). Out of which, 7 from Madhya Pradesh, 4 each were from Delhi and Gujarat; 3 from Uttar Pradesh; and 02 from Uttarakhand; 1 each from Bihar, Dadra Nagar and Haveli, Daman & Diu, Maharashtra, Puducherry. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.3*)

8.18.2. The 24 publications that furnished the circulation data claimed a circulation of 2,22,794 copies per publishing day for the year 2020-21 (*Table 8.17*). As per the Annual Statement filed by the publisher in 2020-21, "**Brahmastra**", a Daily from Ujjain had claimed circulation of 99,144 copies per publishing day.

8.18.3. Oldest Newspaper: "Sanskrit Sahitya Parishad",* a monthly published from Kolkata, is the oldest existing newspaper, which was started in 1919.

18. SANTHALI

8.19. Only 3 publications in Santhali Language filed their Annual Statements for the year 2020-21 claiming a circulation of 26,375 copies per publishing day. (Table 8.18)

“*Khobor Kagoj*”, from Jamshedpur with claimed circulation of 15,225 was largest circulated Daily in Santhali Language.

19. SINDHI

8.20.1. There were 18 publications in the Sindhi Language which furnished Annual Statements in 2020-21, comprising 8 Dailies, 6 Weeklies, and 4 Monthlies. (Chapter 3, Table 3.1)

8.20.2. Rajasthan was the largest publisher of Sindhi publications with 7 publications followed by Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh (4) each, and Maharashtra (3). (Chapter 3, Table 3.3)

8.20.3. 18 publications had provided data for 2020-21, claiming 2,66,178 copies per publishing day. As per the Annual statement for 2020-21 “*Bharat Bhumi*”, a daily from Ajmer had claimed circulation of 36,790 copies per publishing day. (Table 8.19)

8.20.4. Circulation Pattern: As per circulation data received from 18 publications, 5 were ‘Medium’ and rest 13 were ‘Small’ category publications. Dailies and Bi/Tri-Weeklies circulated 1,85,228 copies while for Periodicals it was 80,950 copies per publishing day. (Table 8.19)

8.20.5. Oldest Newspaper: “*Shram*”,* a Weekly from Pune, started in 1938.

20. TAMIL

8.21.1. A total number of 885 Tamil publications furnished their Annual Statements in 2020-21. Of these, 180 were Dailies; 67 Weeklies; 97 Fortnightlies; 523 Monthlies; 8 Quarterlies; 1 Annual; and 9 other Periodicals. (Chapter 3, Table 3.1)

8.21.2. A total of 818 Tamil publications came out from Tamil Nadu, followed by Puducherry (43); Delhi (7); Maharashtra (6); Kerala (5); Karnataka and Andaman & Nicobar Islands (2) each; and Uttarakhand & Punjab (1) each. (Chapter 3, Table 3.3)

8.21.3. 885 publications, which gave their circulation data, claimed a circulation of 80,60,512 copies per publishing day in 2020-21. The share of Dailies and Bi/Tri-weeklies’ circulation was 49,05,385 copies while Periodicals’ circulation was 31,55,127 copies per publishing day in 2020-21. (Table 8.20)

8.21.4. Circulation Pattern: Out of the 885 publications that furnished circulation data, 18 were ‘Big’, 46 ‘Medium’ and rest 821 were of ‘Small’ category publications. 11 Dailies/Tri-Bi-weeklies and 1 Periodicals had a circulation of more than 1,00,000 copies each. (Table 8.20)

8.21.5. Circulation Level: As per the Annual Statement filed by the publisher for 2020-21, “*Dina chethi*”, a Tamil/Daily from Chennai had a claimed circulation of 8,28,854 copies per publishing day.

8.21.6. Oldest Newspaper: “*Tirunelveli Diocesan Magazine*”,* a Tamil Monthly from Tirunelveli, started in 1849.

21. TELUGU

8.22.1. 2,252 publications in the Telugu Language submitted their Annual Statements in 2020-21. These included 1,083 Dailies; 149 Weeklies; 194 Fortnightlies; 803 Monthlies; 14 Quarterlies; and 9 other Periodicals. (Chapter 3, Table 3.1)

8.22.2. As many as 1,658 Telugu publications were published from Andhra Pradesh followed by Telangana (567); Tamil Nadu (9); Delhi (6); Kerala (3); (2) each from Karnataka Gujarat, and Puducherry; and (1) each from, Punjab, Maharashtra and West Bengal. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.3*)

8.22.3. 2,252 publications that gave their circulation data claimed a circulation of 2,32,73,892 copies per publishing day in 2020-21. The share of Dailies and Bi/Tri-weeklies' circulation was 1,47,89,526 copies while Periodicals' circulation was 84,84,366 copies per publishing day. (*Table 8.21*)

8.22.4. Circulation Pattern: Out of the 2,252 publications that supplied circulation data, 17 were 'Big', 126 were 'Medium' and rest 2,109 were of 'Small' category publications. 7 Dailies and 1 Periodicals claimed a circulation of more than 1, 00,000 copies each during the reporting year. (*Table 8.21*)

8.22.5. Circulation Level: The highest circulated publication in Telugu as per circulation figures claimed was "*Telugu Rekha*", a Daily from Karimnagar with 2,86,917 copies per publishing day.

8.22.6. Oldest Newspaper: "*Yuddha Dhavani*",* a Monthly from Chennai was started in 1897.

22. URDU

8.23.1. 1,698 Urdu publications submitted their Annual Statements in 2020-21. It had 1,107 Dailies; 416 Weeklies; 73 Fortnightlies; 84 Monthlies; 10 Quarterlies; 2 Annual; and 6 Others. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.1*)

8.23.2. Uttar Pradesh published the largest number of Urdu publications (757) followed by Delhi (182); Telangana (155); Jammu & Kashmir (127); Bihar (101); Maharashtra (93); Andhra Pradesh (76); Madhya Pradesh (59); Uttarakhand (44); West Bengal and Jharkhand (27) each; Karnataka (18); Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and Assam (5) each; Rajasthan (4); Haryana Odisha,, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu (2) each; and (1) each from Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Goa. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.3*)

8.23.3. 1,698 publications that gave their circulation data, claimed a circulation of 2,61,14,412 copies per publishing day in 2020-21. The share of Dailies and Bi/Tri-weeklies' circulation was 2,18,14,294 copies while Periodicals' circulation was 43,00,118 copies per publishing day. (*Table 8.22*)

8.23.4. Circulation Level: As per the Annual Statement filed by the publisher for 2020-21, "*The Siasat*", a Urdu/Daily from Hyderabad had a claimed circulation of 4,40,029 copies per publishing day.

8.23.5. Circulation Pattern: Out of the 1,698 Urdu publications that gave the circulation figures, 36 were 'Big', 238 'Medium' and rest 1,424 were 'Small' category publications.

8.23.6. Oldest Newspaper: "*Musheer-e-Deccan*",* a daily from Hyderabad, started in 1884.

23. ENGLISH

8.24.1. The total number of Annual Statements filed online by English publications were 2,434 in 2020-21. The press in English comprised of 820 Dailies; 471 Weeklies; 124 Fortnightlies; 622 Monthlies; 154 Quarterlies; 30 Annuals; and 213 other Periodicals. (*Chapter 3, Table 3.1*)

8.24.2. The largest number of English publications were published from Delhi (509), followed by Maharashtra (368); Uttar Pradesh (197); Jammu & Kashmir (181); Andhra Pradesh (161); Tamil Nadu (140); and Karnataka (107). (*Chapter 3, Table 3.3*)

8.24.3. The total circulation, as has been claimed by English Press during the period 2020-21, was 3,49,27,239 copies per publishing day. The Dailies along with Bi/Tri-weeklies claimed a total

circulation of 2,05,68,591 copies while claim of Periodicals was 1,43,58,648 copies per publishing day for 2020-21. (Table 8.23)

8.24.4. Circulation Pattern: The English Press that provided the circulation data comprised of 71 'Big', 209 'Medium' and rest 2,154 'Small' newspapers/Periodicals. Among the 'Big' newspapers/Periodicals, 50 had a circulation of more than 1,00,000 copies each per publishing day. (Table 8.23)

8.24.5. Circulation Level: As per the Annual Statement filed by the publisher for 2020-21, "*Eastern Sentinel*", a English/Daily from Itanagar had a claimed circulation of 7,65,941 copies per publishing day.

8.24.6. Oldest Newspaper: "*The Times of India*",* English Daily from Mumbai, started in 1838.

24. BI-LINGUAL

8.25. There were 1,615 Bilingual publications that submitted Annual Statements during 2020-21 claiming a circulation of 12537788copies per publishing day. Out of these 1,615 publications, 13 were 'Big', 44 were 'Medium' and rest 1,558 were 'Small' publications. (Table 8.24)

25. MULTI-LINGUAL

8.26.221 Multilingual publications submitted their Annual Statements claiming a circulation of 1445048 copies per publishing day during 2020-21. Of these 1 was 'Big', 12 were 'Medium' and rest 204 were 'Small' publications. (Table 8.25)

26. OTHER LANGUAGES

8.27. In addition to the principal languages, circulation data were also furnished by some other Indian and Foreign language publications, which are not included in the list of scheduled languages. These languages are: Afrikan, Ao Naga, Arabic, Bhojpuri, Braille, Chhattisgarhi, Finnish, French, Garhwali, Garo, German, Halbi, Italian, Karbi, Kharia, Khasi, Khortha, Kokborok, Kumauni, Meeteilon, Mizo, Lushai, Naga, Prakrit, Rajasthani, Santhali, Sindhi, Devnagri, Sinhali, Tenyidie, Thangkhul and Tulu.

***Present status of the oldest publications mentioned in the report is not known due to non-submission of Annual Statements.**

Table No. 8.1
Circulation Pattern of Assamese Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/TriWeeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	0	0	9	7632	9	7632
	2001 to 5000	4	13039	7	23433	11	36472
	5001 to 15000	6	58707	20	164024	26	222731
	15001 to 25000	4	77085	3	59577	7	136662
Medium	25001 to 50000	7	251406	3	107643	10	359049
	50001 to 75000	1	66443	1	69371	2	135814
Big	75001 to 99999	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100000 to 2500000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		22	466680	43	431680	65	898360

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.2
Circulation Pattern of Bengali Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	11	12422	194	213313	205	225735
	2001 to 5000	4	14328	73	238719	77	253047
	5001 to 15000	17	150738	148	1269144	165	1419882
	15001 to 25000	12	231430	23	436844	35	668274
Medium	25001 to 50000	17	614843	13	432632	30	1047475
	50001 to 75000	7	422382	3	172491	10	594873
Big	75001 to 99999	0	0	1	78879	1	78879
	100000 to 2500000	10	2174508	4	1146457	14	3320965
Total		78	4E+06	459	4E+06	537	7609130

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.3
Circulation Pattern of Bodo Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Tri/Bi Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2001 to 5000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5001 to 15000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	15001 to 25000	1	18625	0	0	1	18625

Medium	25001 to 50000	2	71199	0	0	2	71199
	50001 to 75000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big	75001 to 99999	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100000 to 2500000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		3	89824	0	0	3	89824

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.4
Circulation Pattern of Dogri Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Tri/Bi Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2001 to 5000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5001 to 15000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	15001 to 25000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medium	25001 to 50000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	50001 to 75000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big	75001 to 99999	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100000 to 2500000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.5
Circulation Pattern of Gujarati Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	42	60208	309	364506	351	424714
	2001 to 5000	11	37040	161	621277	172	658317
	5001 to 15000	136	931476	916	5596971	1052	6528447
	15001 to 25000	108	1976073	58	1140093	166	3116166
Medium	25001 to 50000	41	1461129	13	398294	54	1859423
	50001 to 75000	12	712877	3	199364	15	912241
Big	75001 to 99999	7	577519	1	75536	8	653055
	100000 to 2500000	15	3229845	1	110136	16	3339981
Total		372	8986167	1462	8506177	1834	17492344

Source: Annual Statement 2020-2021

Table No. 8.6
Circulation Pattern of Hindi Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	528	673020	2947	3975686	3475	4648706
	2001 to 5000	267	836607	1782	5636352	2049	6472959
	5001 to 15000	1079	8209374	5441	39754284	6520	47963658
	15001 to 25000	1466	25925992	1483	25657858	2949	51583850
Medium	25001 to 50000	580	19741080	232	7229872	812	26970952
	50001 to 75000	160	10084416	17	1029000	177	11113416
Big	75001 to 99999	102	8641003	9	737418	111	9378421
	100000 to 2500000	171	29564046	10	1700228	181	31264274
Total		4353	103675538	11921	85720698	16274	189396236

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.7
Circulation Pattern of Kannada Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	351	568495	510	759157	861	1327652
	2001 to 5000	45	133263	39	123091	84	256354
	5001 to 15000	79	763794	29	261115	108	1024909
	15001 to 25000	27	515307	6	118285	33	633592
Medium	25001 to 50000	37	1305317	5	204519	42	1509836
	50001 to 75000	9	514694	1	50626	10	565320
Big	75001 to 99999	1	75250	0	0	1	75250
	100000 to 2500000	12	3202283	0	0	12	3202283
Total		561	7078403	590	1516793	1151	8595196

Source: Annual Statement 2020-2021

Table No. 8.8
Circulation Pattern of Kashmiri Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2001 to 5000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5001 to 15000	1	6867	1	5450	2	12317
	15001 to 25000	1	18000	0	0	1	18000
Medium	25001 to 50000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	50001 to 75000	0	0	0	0	0	0

Big	75001 to 99999	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100000 to 2500000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		2	24867	1	5450	3	30317

Source: Annual Statement 2020-2021

Table No. 8.9
Circulation Pattern of Konkani Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	1	867	2	2733	3	3600
	2001 to 5000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5001 to 15000	0	0	1	7667	1	7667
	15001 to 25000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medium	25001 to 50000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	50001 to 75000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big	75001 to 99999	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100000 to 2500000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		1	867	3	10400	4	11267

Source: Annual Statement 2020-2021

Table No. 8.10
Circulation Pattern of Maithili Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Tri/Bi Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	1	0	2	1200	3	1200
	2001 to 5000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5001 to 15000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	15001 to 25000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medium	25001 to 50000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	50001 to 75000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big	75001 to 99999	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100000 to 2500000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		1	0	2	1200	3	1200

Source: Annual Statement 2020-2021

Table No. 8.11
Circulation Pattern Of Malayalam Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	11	7816	74	73203	85	81019
	2001 to 5000	2	8361	25	89007	27	97368
	5001 to 15000	12	104933	36	327017	48	431950
	15001 to 25000	28	612678	19	366104	47	978782
Medium	25001 to 50000	29	1099335	19	652077	48	1751412
	50001 to 75000	11	714263	10	625262	21	1339525
Big	75001 to 99999	8	698245	6	517060	14	1215305
	100000 to 2500000	19	3146882	8	1418378	27	4565260
Total		120	6392513	197	4068108	317	10460621

Source: Annual Statement 2020-2021

Table No. 8.12
Circulation Pattern of Manipuri Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2001 to 5000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5001 to 15000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	15001 to 25000	2	31753	2	38630	4	70383
Medium	25001 to 50000	2	59327	0	0	2	59327
	50001 to 75000	1	64195	0	0	1	64195
Big	75001 to 99999	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100000 to 2500000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		5	155275	2	38630	7	193905

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.13
Circulation Pattern of Marathi Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	110	144187	946	1158764	1056	1302951
	2001 to 5000	147	553075	664	2110701	811	2663776
	5001 to 15000	134	1123325	316	3115938	450	4239263
	15001 to 25000	85	1702186	93	1752469	178	3454655
Medium	25001 to 50000	58	2012085	24	775587	82	2787672
	50001 to 75000	19	1147140	7	397109	26	1544249
Big	75001 to 99999	12	1017007	1	90250	13	1107257
	100000 to 2500000	58	13100319	9	1390469	67	14490788
Total		623	20799324	2060	10791287	2683	31590611

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.14
Circulation Pattern of Nepali Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	0	0	7	6976	7	6976
	2001 to 5000	1	3600	1	2267	2	5867
	5001 to 15000	1	5200	0	0	1	5200
	15001 to 25000	2	45465	0	0	2	45465
Medium	25001 to 50000	2	53990	0	0	2	53990
	50001 to 75000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big	75001 to 99999	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100000 to 2500000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		6	108255	8	9243	14	117498

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.15
Circulation Pattern of Odia Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	16	24168	90	127065	106	151233
	2001 to 5000	2	8830	9	32719	11	41549
	5001 to 15000	23	259795	98	1134459	121	1394254
	15001 to 25000	51	1052315	97	1873703	148	2926018
Medium	25001 to 50000	21	806624	12	409836	33	1216460
	50001 to 75000	2	116162	3	179054	5	295216
Big	75001 to 99999	5	401788	0	0	5	401788
	100000 to 2500000	13	2884909	0	0	13	2884909
Total		133	5554591	309	3756836	442	9311427

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.16
Circulation Pattern of Punjabi Newspapers

Category	Range Number	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
	0 to 2000	16	27620	53	65078	69	92698
Small	2001 to 5000	2	8242	11	43179	13	51421
	5001 to 15000	4	37861	10	92354	14	130215
	15001 to 25000	28	597165	14	261193	42	858358

Medium	25001 to 50000	15	518732	3	123827	18	642559
	50001 to 75000	2	127138	1	50909	3	178047
Big	75001 to 99999	1	91566	0	0	1	91566
	100000 to 2500000	5	615578	1	304167	6	919745
Total		73	2023902	93	940707	166	2964609

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.17
Circulation Pattern of Sanskrit Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	5	9400	5	5755	10	15155
	2001 to 5000	0	0	1	4000	1	4000
	5001 to 15000	2	14700	7	40400	9	55100
	15001 to 25000	2	33400	1	15945	3	49345
Medium	25001 to 50000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	50001 to 75000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big	75001 to 99999	1	99194	0	0	1	99194
	100000 to 2500000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		10	156694	14	66100	24	222794

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8. 18
Circulation Pattern of Santhali Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	0	0	1	300	1	300
	2001 to 5000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5001 to 15000	1	10850	0	0	1	10850
	15001 to 25000	1	15225	0	0	1	15225
Medium	25001 to 50000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	50001 to 75000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big	75001 to 99999	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100000 to 2500000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		2	26075	1	300	3	26375

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.19
Circulation Pattern of Sindhi Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	0	0	4	2712	4	2712
	2001 to 5000	2	6635	0	0	2	6635
	5001 to 15000	0	0	4	26773	4	26773
	15001 to 25000	2	34443	1	15175	3	49618
Medium	25001 to 50000	4	144150	1	36290	5	180440
	50001 to 75000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big	75001 to 99999	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100000 to 2500000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		8	185228	10	80950	18	266178

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.20
Circulation Pattern of Tamil Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	73	77140	549	769624	622	846764
	2001 to 5000	14	45206	53	178429	67	223635
	5001 to 15000	34	313345	57	540573	91	853918
	15001 to 25000	19	410165	22	426864	41	837029
Medium	25001 to 50000	14	523002	15	584884	29	1107886
	50001 to 75000	12	701179	5	309360	17	1010539
Big	75001 to 99999	5	421560	1	84560	6	506120
	100000 to 2500000	11	2413788	1	260833	12	2674621
Total		182	4905385	703	3155127	885	8060512

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.21
Circulation Pattern of Telugu Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	216	345861	295	422631	511	768492
	2001 to 5000	60	212629	125	518497	185	731126
	5001 to 15000	392	3199147	647	5043005	1039	8242152
	15001 to 25000	294	5291368	80	1451035	374	6742403

Medium	25001 to 50000	98	3333064	18	611678	116	3944742
	50001 to 75000	8	500356	2	108250	10	608606
Big	75001 to 99999	8	671492	1	85000	9	756492
	100000 to 2500000	7	1235609	1	244270	8	1479879
Total		1083	14789526	1169	8484366	2252	23273892

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.22
Circulation Pattern of Urdu Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	198	297223	205	289613	403	586836
	2001 to 5000	53	179259	77	232789	130	412048
	5001 to 15000	186	1346137	178	1310019	364	2656156
	15001 to 25000	415	7422884	112	1939549	527	9362433
Medium	25001 to 50000	182	5972118	15	455671	197	6427789
	50001 to 75000	40	2481950	1	72477	41	2554427
Big	75001 to 99999	20	1766714	0	0	20	1766714
	100000 to 2500000	16	2348009	0	0	16	2348009
Total		1110	21814294	588	4300118	1698	26114412

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.23
Circulation Pattern of English Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	119	148491	927	702554	1046	851045
	2001 to 5000	76	248787	195	639351	271	888138
	5001 to 15000	181	1417733	272	2359869	453	3777602
	15001 to 25000	268	5119923	116	2147867	384	7267790
Medium	25001 to 50000	116	4137085	53	1806919	169	5944004
	50001 to 75000	27	1633730	13	778152	40	2411882
Big	75001 to 99999	15	1258060	6	507445	21	1765505
	100000 to 2500000	28	6604782	22	5416491	50	12021273
Total		830	20568591	1604	14358648	2434	34927239

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.24
Circulation Pattern of Bilingual Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	45	38558	726	831257	771	869815
	2001 to 5000	22	73048	217	712035	239	785083
	5001 to 15000	43	345439	344	2866404	387	3211843
	15001 to 25000	44	850933	117	2116051	161	2966984
Medium	25001 to 50000	15	599851	26	856735	41	1456586
	50001 to 75000	0	0	3	181370	3	181370
Big	75001 to 99999	1	84725	2	176630	3	261355
	100000 to 2500000	9	2289047	1	515705	10	2804752
Total		179	4281601	1436	8256187	1615	12537788

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.25
Circulation Pattern of Multilingual Newspapers

Category	Range	Dailies, Bi/Tri Weeklies		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	5	5600	120	142250	125	147850
	2001 to 5000	1	4542	25	71243	26	75785
	5001 to 15000	2	16400	40	329865	42	346265
	15001 to 25000	4	70229	11	197538	15	267767
Medium	25001 to 50000	5	169651	5	169550	10	339201
	50001 to 75000	0	0	2	116097	2	116097
Big	75001 to 99999	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100000 to 2500000	1	152083	0	0	1	152083
Total		18	418505	203	1026543	221	1445048

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21

Table No. 8.26
Circulation Pattern of Others Newspapers

Category	Range	Daily, Bi/Tri Weekly		Periodicals		Total	
		Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation	Number	Average Circulation
Small	0 to 2000	3	2060	28	22126	31	24186
	2001 to 5000	3	10101	4	11300	7	21401
	5001 to 15000	6	48901	6	37410	12	86311
	15001 to 25000	4	85637	5	85670	9	171307

Medium	25001 to 50000	3	106500	8	285885	11	392385
	50001 to 75000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big	75001 to 99999	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100000 to 2500000	0	0	1	150000	1	150000
Total		19	253199	52	592391	71	845590

Source: Annual Statement 2020-21