

# ‘RNI Report’ an Important Index of Print Media: Smriti Zubin Irani

## Press in India Report Presented to I&B Minister

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“Press in India 2016-17” an Annual Publication of the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) was presented by Principal Director General Shri Ganeshan to Minister for Textiles and Information & Broadcasting Smt Smriti Zubin Irani in the presence of Shri N.K. Sinha, Secretary, along with other senior officials of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting here today.



Speaking on the occasion, Smt Irani said, the publication was an important document to map the progress of the Indian newspaper industry in the last one year. The report gave a comprehensive analysis of the contours of the growth for the industry specially the growth amongst regional language publications. She further said that in this digital era the report has a seminal importance and assumes importance for the student community as well. She emphasized on the need to release this report digitally. She suggested that data in the report should be categorized genre wise. She said that data on publications in Regional language should be analysed, for its growth and dispersal.

The highlights of this year's report includes, 4007 New Publications registered during 2016-17, Registered publications witnessed a growth rate of 3.58%, UttarPradesh(UP) topped the list of largest number of registered publications followed by Maharashtra, the largest number of publications registered in any Indian language is Hindi followed by English.

### Background:

RNI is mandated under Section 19 (G) of the PRB Act, 1867 to submit an Annual Report to the Government every year on or before 31st December.

The Report is a compilation of the data available with RNI and the details submitted in the Annual Statements filed online by the publications across the country for the Financial year 2016-17. Press in India presents an indicative picture of facts and trends in the Indian Print Media. The report is of keen interest to print media, media analysts and research scholars.

**The Highlights of the Indian Press in 2016-17(As on 31st March, 2017)**

<b>1</b>	<b>The Total Number of Registered Publications</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>1,14,820</b>
	<b>i) Newspaper category (Daily, Tri/Bi-weekly periodicities)</b>		<b>16,993</b>
	<b>ii) Periodicals category (other periodicities)</b>		<b>97,827</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>The number of new publications registered during 2016-17</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>4,007</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Number of publications ceased during 2016-17</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Percentage of growth of total registered publications over the previous year</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>3.58 %</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>The largest number of publications registered in any Indian language (Hindi)</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>46,587</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>The second largest number of publications registered in any language other than Hindi (English)</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>14,365</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>The State with the largest number of registered publications (Uttar Pradesh)</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>17,736</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>The State with the second largest number of registered publications (Maharashtra)</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>15,673</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>The number of publications which submitted Annual Statements (This figure includes 1,472 Misc. publications)</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>31,028</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>The total claimed circulation of publications during 2016-17</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>48,80,89,490</b>
	<b>i) Hindi Publications</b>		<b>23,89,75,773</b>
	<b>ii) English Publications</b>		<b>5,65,77,000</b>
	<b>iii) Urdu Publications</b>		<b>3,24,27,005</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>The largest number of publications that submitted Annual Statements in any Indian language (Hindi).</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>15,596</b>

12	The second largest number of publications that submitted Annual Statements in any language (English).	:	2,317
13	The largest circulated Daily: “Ananda Bazar Patrika”, Bengali, Kolkata.	:	11,16,428
14	The Second largest circulated Daily: “The Times of India” English, Delhi.	:	9,56,054
15	The largest circulated Hindi Daily: “Punjab Kesari”, Jalandhar	:	7,14,888
16	The largest circulated Multi-edition Daily: “Dainik Bhaskar”, Hindi. (46 editions)	:	47,36,785
17	The second largest circulated Multi-edition Daily: “The Times of India”, English. (33 editions)	:	42,68,703
18	The largest circulated Periodical: “The Sunday Times of India”, English/Weekly edition, Delhi.	:	8,35,269
19	The largest circulated Periodical in Malayalam: “Vanitha”, Malayalam/Fortnightly edition, Kottayam.	:	6,47,104
20	Total Title Applications Received	:	20,555
	i) Titles Approved	:	9,278
	ii) Titles Deblocked	:	6,506

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