

A HINDI READER

READINGS ON:

PEOPLES
AND
INSTITUTIONS
OF INDIA

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INTRODUCTION

This reader is for those advanced students of Hindi who find a need for the more Sanskritized vocabulary and scholarly style found in college texts. The material here is all chosen from one textbook, the work entitled **भारतीय समाज तथा सामाजिक संस्थाएँ** (subtitled, in English, "Peoples and Institutions of India"), by the sociologist Prakāshcandra Dīkṣit. I have merely excerpted whole units, changing nothing except obvious misprints, as I believe the approach to the material is as interesting as the material itself. The vocabulary glosses at the bottom of each page are contextual meanings, and they are only somewhat repetitive. This booklet should therefore be read in order. Quite a few words are of course not glossed, as this is a reader for students who have already built a basic vocabulary. A dictionary will most likely be an essential for all but the most advanced students, but specialized words and those of more unusual usage have all been glossed on the pages where those words first occur, and are even sometimes repeated if I deemed it necessary. I have left out most footnotes, and have not included notes on scholars mentioned by the author. Students of anthropology or sociology will probably know many of those names.

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ABBREVIATIONS

(adj)	adjective
(adj ph)	adjectival phrase
(adv)	adverb
(adv ph)	adverbial phrase
(conj)	conjunction
(exclam)	exclamation
(f)	feminine noun
(i)	intransitive verb
(indecl)	indeclinable
(indef pro)	indefinite pronoun
(m)	masculine noun
(part)	past participle
(PN)	proper noun
(pp)	postposition
(pres part)	present participle
(reflex)	reflexive pronoun
(rel pro)	relative pronoun
(t)	transitive verb
(voc)	vocative