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## 60 indigenous community members from Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute, Adviasi Study Centre visit CIIL, Mysuru

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**Mysuru:** A delegation of 60 members, comprising indigenous community representatives, students and faculty from the Karnataka Tribal Research Institute (KSTRl) and Adivasi Study Centre, Kergalli, Mysuru, visited the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru on Friday.

The visit was organised as part of KSTRl's ongoing five-day "Skill Development Training Camp on Traditional Knowledge and Present Livelihood of Indigenous Communities."

This programme is specifically designed for 12 forest-based indigenous communities from Karnataka to enhance their understanding of sustainable livelihood opportunities and empower them with traditional knowledge.

The primary objective of the visit was to provide participants with insights into linguistic research, language preservation initiatives, and CIIL's significant contributions to the research, promotion and development of Indian languages.

The delegation, representing 12 indigenous communities of Karnataka, was warmly welcomed by Prof Shailendra Mohan, Director of CIIL, Dr P R Dharmesh Fernandez, Professor cum Deputy Director, CIIL Dr Pankaj Dwivedi, Assistant Director (Admin.), CIIL and Dr Aleendra Brahma, Lecturer-cum-Junior Research Officer, CIIL.

During the visit, the participants were briefed about CIIL's mission, vision, and ongoing projects by resource persons Dr Nagaraj, Dr Sulochana Singh and Dr Murali Mohana N

Special emphasis was given to the activities of the Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages (SPPEL) and the Orthography Development for Languages of North East India (ODNEIL). Dr Krishnamurthy K V, Research Officer at the Centre for the Study of Indigenous Peoples, was also present on the occasion.

The CIIL team provided comprehensive briefings on the institute's initiatives, particularly those aimed at supporting tribal and regional languages.

The visit highlighted CIIL's innovative resources and tools developed to safeguard indigenous languages in tribal and rural settings.

Participants were introduced to various digital and print resources designed to document, preserve, and promote endangered languages, ensuring their survival for future generations.

This visit marks a significant milestone in strengthening the partnership between CIIL and indigenous communities living in tribal hamlets and areas. It reflects a shared commitment to preserving India's linguistic diversity and ensuring that tribal languages continue to thrive as vital components of the nation's cultural heritage.

The indigenous community members and students expressed happiness for the opportunity to learn about CIIL's efforts in language preservation and development.

They appreciated the institute's dedication to empowering indigenous communities through linguistic research and resource development.

The visit concluded with a renewed sense of collaboration and a shared vision for the future of India's indigenous languages.

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