

To

The President

Assam Sahitya Sabha.

Sahitya Sabha bhawan Guahati

Assam. Guwahati

Subject: **Request to Protect, Preserve and Promote (PPP) Adivasi Languages in Assam.**

Honorable Sir,

[Greetings from Adivasi Sahitya Sabha Assam!](#)

We the members of **Adivasi Sahitya Sabha: Assam** would like to bring some very important points for your kind consideration and kind action.

**Adivasi Sahitya Sabha: Assam (ASSA)** which is formed in 1998 at Shillong 12 October. From its formation the organization has been trying to Protect, Preserve and Promote the Adivasi Languages in Assam. We believe Languages are rich resource of human Knowledge and source of ancient history, Science, Art & Culture. Therefore, it should be protected and preserve. Adivasi languages are the most primitive and connected with human evaluations. It contents the knowledge of more than six thousand years of human history and thus a great knowledge store. Therefore, it should not be neglected and leave it to die.

**Adivasi languages are mainly Austroasiatic and Dravidian group of languages<sup>1</sup>.**

**Adivasi Languages includes** Korkū, Santhālī, Muṇḍārī, Bhumij, Ho, Khaṛiā , Juāng, , Sora (Savara), . Kurdmi etc

We also like to bring a very important aspect of development of our children that it can improve and accelerate the education of our Adivasi children if they are taught in their mother tongue. Many researches has shown that mother tongue education at early stage is very important for imparting education. Adivasi Sahitya Sabha: Assam has itself started few schools on mother tongue and find that it is very effective in reducing drop out of Adivasi children and imparting education. We have started MTB MLE Schools (Mother tongue based Multi- lingual Schools) and found very beneficial for our children. It gives very effective way of Luring **Assamese Language** through Mother tongue. Mother tongue to Assamese transition starts from beginning. After 3<sup>rd</sup> standard the children will be completely smoothly change to Assamese medium of instructions.

Therefore, we request you to look in to our Languages so that we can contribute to the development of Assam.

We don't Agree with the Tea Tribe intellectuals decision which was decided that Assamese will be the language for their children. We prefer both the language our mother tongue as well as Assamese to be taught in Schools.

1. <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Munda-languages> pg. 1

We request Govt of Assam through your good office that Adivasi community should be granted Adivasi Development council through which the MTB MLE Schools are to establish and Adivasi children should Learn both the Language.

Kurukh, Santhali, Mundari, Sovra, Kariya , and Lanfranc Adivasiya(Sadri) have already primers and MTB MEL school materials we can very easily introduce them.

We hope you will kind enough to look into our languages and make good suggestion to government of Assam,

Thank you for your kind support to Adivasi community.

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President

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Munda-languages>