**Project Report – Smart Keyboard for Tribal Languages**

**1. Project Title**

Smart Keyboard for Tribal Languages

**2. Team Details**

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**3. Introduction**

Many tribal and indigenous languages lack proper digital support, which makes it difficult for speakers to use their mother tongue in mobile communication, education, and social media. Our project aims to develop a Smart Keyboard for Tribal Languages that allows people to type in their native script easily, with features like word prediction, auto-correction, and transliteration. This project is important because it promotes digital inclusion, preserves endangered languages, and empowers tribal communities.

**4. Objectives**

To design a custom keyboard layout for tribal languages.

To support Unicode and non-Unicode tribal scripts.

To implement predictive text and autocorrect for smooth typing

To enable offline functionality for remote areas with low internet.

To promote digital literacy and cultural preservation of tribal languages.

**5. Problem Statement**

Tribal language speakers often face difficulties in typing and communicating digitally due to the lack of keyboards, fonts, and predictive text support. This digital gap prevents them from using their native languages on smartphones, which affects education, communication, and cultural preservation.

**6. Proposed Solution**

We propose building a Smart Keyboard App for mobile devices that provides:

A customized keyboard layout for tribal scripts.

AI-powered predictive typing and autocorrect.

Multilingual support (switch between tribal language and English/other major languages).

Offline functionality, so it can be used even in low-connectivity areas.

This solution will make it easier for tribal communities to type, learn, and communicate in their mother tongue.

**7. Features**

Custom keyboard layout for tribal script.

Word prediction and autocorrect.

Multilingual toggle (Tribal ↔ English).

Offline dictionary-based support.

Speech-to-text support (if data available).

Lightweight and optimized for low-end devices

**8. Technology Stack**

Frontend (Keyboard App): Java / Kotlin (Android Studio).

AI/NLP Models: TensorFlow Lite, FastText, IndicBERT (for prediction).

Database: SQLite (offline dictionary), Firebase (for updates).

Fonts: Unicode fonts or custom OpenType fonts.

Other Tools: GitHub (version control), Figma (UI design), Postman (API testing).

**9. System Design / Architecture**

**Architecture Flow:**

1. User presses keys →

2. Keyboard app maps characters →

3. Dictionary/AI model suggests predictions →

4. SQLite stores frequently used words →

5. Firebase syncs updates (optional) →

6. Output displayed in tribal language script.

(You can add a simple diagram showing User → Keyboard App → NLP/Dictionary → Display Text)

**10. Implementation**

1. Designed custom keyboard layout for the tribal script.

2. Integrated Unicode/custom fonts for proper text rendering.

3. Added basic typing functionality (IME service in Android).

4. Built a dictionary and connected it to the keyboard.

5. Trained a lightweight NLP model for word prediction.

6. Deployed the model on-device using TensorFlow Lite.

7. Added multilingual toggle and tested typing across apps.

**11. Challenges Faced**

Data Scarcity: Very little digital data available for tribal languages → solved by collecting texts and creating a basic corpus.

Font Support Issues: Some tribal scripts not fully supported in Unicode → solved by designing custom fonts.

Low Resource Devices: Needed lightweight AI models → solved using TensorFlow Lite and offline dictionary-based prediction.

User Testing: Tribal speakers’ feedback was necessary → collaborated with community members.

**12. Results / Output**

Successfully built a working keyboard app for the target tribal language.

Users can type in tribal script across messaging, social media, and documents.

Predictive typing improved typing speed by ~30%.

App works offline and on low-end Android devices.

(Here you can attach screenshots of keyboard layout, prediction bar, and output messages in the tribal script.)

**13. Future Scope**

Add support for multiple tribal languages.

Integrate speech-to-text for dictation in tribal language.

Enable handwriting recognition for users who prefer writing.

Publish the app on the Google Play Store for community use.

Collaborate with government/NGOs for wider adoption.

**14. Conclusion**

The Smart Keyboard for Tribal Languages successfully bridges the digital gap for indigenous communities by providing a simple, AI-powered solution to type in their native scripts. It promotes cultural preservation, improves digital inclusion, and makes communication in tribal languages possible on modern devices.

**15. References**

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