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## C.I.I.L. WORKSHOP FOR SOURASHTRI VOCABULARY



**T**he Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore, in pursuit of one of their objectives to preserve endangered minor languages, of which 'Sourashtri' is one, organised a week long Workshop from November 26th to December 1st, 2018 at their Mysore campus. The invited ten 'Resource Persons' (of whom I was one) for finalising the Vocabulary of Sourashtri language.

The ten experts at the workshop consisted of Prof. T.R. Damodaran, Sri K.R. Sethuraman (both Sahitya Akademi awardees), Prof. L.R. Govardanan, Dr. T.S. Krishnam, Sri N.S. Viswanathan, Sri R.R. Sathyamoorthy, Sri Surya Ganeswar, Sri K.R. Ravindranath, Sri Konda Senthilkumar and myself. Each participant was allotted 600 words (in Tamil and English) and were asked to give Sourashtri equivalents (in Devanagari/Tamil scripts).

We did the job individually first and then held joint discussions to choose the most appropriate words. In six days 6000 words were completed. (As I had completed early, I was given 600 more words and I completed the same too, thus totalling 6600 words). These words for Vocabulary will be further scrutinised by

CIIL and published at the earliest.

At the inaugural session on 26th November, Prof. D.G. Rao, Director, Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, urged the Saurashtra community to encourage the younger generations to learn Saurashtri as a language and use it more often in their daily communication. He also said, unless the respective minority communities take steps to develop their languages through consistent effort, it could become difficult to save them from extinction.

It is upto our Sourashtra Madhya Sabha and other institutions of our language to take this up urgently.

Our community should be grateful to Prof. D.G. Rao, Director, Prof. Umarani Pappusamy and Prof. Perumalsamy (Deputy Directors), Sri C.K. Manikandan (Superintendent) and Dr. L.R. Premkumar, coordinator of the Vocabulary Workshop, for all their encouragement to protect and nourish a minority language that is facing extinction due to the onslaughts of regional and other major languages influencing it.

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