

## **North East Tribal Dialects in Universities**

Mother tongue is the first personal, social and cultural identity of an individual. We are a Democratic Republic and every citizens are equal. Basic qualities of a person in a Democratic country is to respect each other in toto respecting ones own dialect and respecting each other.

At present however Universities in the country we have Department to teach foreigh languages like French, Russian, Italian, German, etc. But no university has a Department in a chair for teaching tribal dialects. Learning another language gives the ability to step inside the mind and heart of a person. Intercultural understanding begins with individuals who have language abilities and this strengthen & motivate individual which is the need of the hour in our North East.

Shri P B Acharya, Governor had initiated the study of North Eastern Tribal Dialects in other universities. Infact even before becoming a Governor as a social and political worker of Mumbai University he tried his level best to introduce tribal dialects in different universities. Now as a Governor he has already inaugurated tribal dialect at Nitte University in Mangaluru (his hometwon) on 12th August, 2016 where about 20000 are studying in this skill based university. Nitte University will be offering certificate programme in four tribal languages, Assamiya, Mao, Meiteilon, and Khasi. Governor has received information on 15th August, 2016 that Mumbai University has also introduced study on tribal dialect. Six more university are to follow - Manipal, Mangalore, ALVA college at Mangaluru, SNTD in Mumbai, Symbiosis and Karve in Pune. Incidentally Mangalore /Udupi is the birth place of Honourable P B Acharya. The present Vice Chancelor of Manipal University are the first batchmate of the Univeristy.

The Governor appeals all the people of Nagaland and in particular the students to learn other languages. As the world comes closer together, it is even more imperative to be proficient in other languages