

UGC grants new Centre for Endangered Languages in CUJ



Ranchi, Jan 22: The University Grants Commission (UGC) has granted sanction for setting up of a new Centre for endangered language in Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ), a feat the varsity achieved with its continued commitment to the study of tribal society in methodical and scientific manner.

The new establishment would be known as 'Centre for Preservation and Promotion of Endangered Languages', Prof B P Sinha, Dean of Languages of CUJ, also in charge of Vice Chancellor, today said on his return from New Delhi in this regard.

Prof Sinha said the diversity of India has been facing a serious challenge and the proposed Centre is aimed at looking into the whole gamut of issues concerning

endangered languages adding an expert committee constituted by the UGC found that the role of Universities becomes all the more important to serve as effective agents for preserving and promoting the endangered languages.

The scheme would be launched under the XII plan, he said adding two other universities in Chattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh respectively have been identified for the job.

The objectives include undertaking interdepartmental and interdisciplinary research, fieldwork, analysis, archiving and documentation of smaller indigenous /endangered languages using state-of-art speech and language technologies, to publish and produce grammar, monographs and various others courses required for the programme.

Recently, the University Grant Commission approved of establishment of prestigious Babu Jagjivan Ram Chair under General Development Assistance (Plan) at the CUJ.

The CUJ since its inception in 2009, has identified the School for the Study of Culture as thrust area akin to culturally rich state of Jharkhand. The School has now four Centres: Centre for Indigenous Culture Studies, Centre for Tribal and Customary Law, Centre for Tribal Folklore Language and Literature, Centre for Music and Performing Arts.

In a major recognition, the Supreme Court recently referred a case to Centre for Tribal and Customary Law directing the parties concerned to arrive at an amicable settlement.

In the past two consecutive years the University has held festivals with tribal culture as exclusive theme titled "Akhra" in which seven foreign countries took part. Besides more than 40 teams across the country participated in the festival that continued for three days.

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