Report on Institutional interaction (Department of Computer Science and Engineering) visited "Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL)

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The Department of Computer Science and Engineering visited **"Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL)**, Department of Higher Education, Language Bureau Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India located at Manasagangothri, Hunsur Road, Mysore 570006 on 14th November 2019.

Central Institute of Indian Languages which comes under Department of Higher Education, Language Bureau Ministry of Human Resource Development and Government of India was founded in 1969. CIIL has grown from a fledgling institution to a global centre of activity in various areas of science.

Last 32 years in existence, this Institute has worked in a number of diverse disciplines. For these disciplines that are traditionally known to be often hostile to one another- CIIL has acted as a catalytic force responsible for convergence of different ideas.

Aims and Objectives of CIIL:
- Advises and Assists Central as well as State Governments in the matters of language.
- Contributes to the development of all Indian Languages by creating content and corpus.
- Protects and Documents Minor, Minority and Tribal Languages.
- Promotes Linguistic harmony by teaching 15 Indian languages to non-native learners.

CIIL hopes to attract the best researchers from around the country to organize and participate in programs that stimulate progress in linguistics. It is also involved in high level education and training and in reaching out to the larger society by serving as a node for scientific information and values.

The **activities** at CIIL fall under the following broad categories
1. In-house research.
2. Short term and long term training Programs
3. Internship programs.

Agenda of the Visit:

To visit the different labs of CIIL namely: Linguistic Data Consortium for Indian Languages (LDC-IL), SCHEME FOR PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF ENDANGERED LANGUAGES (SPPEL), National Translation Mission (NTM) and Language Lab.

Outcome of the visit:

- Students came to know about the different activities performed in CIIL by different sessions conducted by various staff of corresponding labs in CIIL seminar hall.
- Students verified few grammars generated by CIIL for tribal languages of Karnataka.
- Students viewed the CIIL handbook released this year which contains a glossary of various local languages of India.
- About 45 CSE students participated in the visit. The students were accompanied by Dr V. Nagaveni Professor - Main Coordinator, Dept of CSE and Mrs. Latharani T R Assistant Professor - Dept of CSE for the Visit.

Student's feedback:
- **CIIL is working hard to save the Indian languages especially tribal language in the form of scripts which helps the next generation to have a basic means of communication among people.**
- **20 students were interested to take up the internship and the CIIL has promised the same.**