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Good News is Spreading Joy in the Air

The bells are ringing and good news is spreading joy in the air; Christmas is knocking at the door. God has blessed SIL International Bangladesh by enabling them to start work on orthography with Kurux speakers. SIL Bangladesh had been trying to arrange this discussion for the past couple of years, but it was not happening for many different reasons. But finally that day has come and, after a long waiting period, SIL International Bangladesh got the opportunity to start work on orthography with Kurux language speakers. Any language community that wants to establish their language needs to go through this orthography process. The definition of orthography is a system of spelling a language or a description of the sounds of a language using writing or symbols. It is the part of grammar that studies the correct way of writing letters, accents, capitalization, and auxiliary signs of writing. Orthography is the set of symbols and set of rules that describe how to write pelling, pronunciation, stress, and capitalization. Kurux is a language of the Oraon community, and most Kurux speakers live in northern Bangladesh. This orthography journey started in August 2021 and, for the first time, SIL Bangladesh arranged a workshop with Kurux speakers online due to the pandemic situation. During that workshop, they chose the Bangla script for their language's written form and together developed a guide of spelling rules. To continue that process, SIL Bangladesh arranged another workshop to discuss their experiences about following these spelling rules in their writing and developed some educational materials for future use. They shared their feelings during the workshops. Members shared about their encounters related to the Kurux dialect enhancement.

Special Comments



“If we don't work on the preservation of our Mother Tongue, our next generation will blame on us.”

Babul Toppo
Kurux Community Member

Highlights



Learning Circle Group of Naogaon Sombhupur has learned about 'Unity' and working together to establish unity in their areas and got the result of it. They are also working together to lessen alcoholism from their families and village.

Key Dates

December 21: Usoi Orthography Discussion and Material Development Workshop.

December 21: Generation Next Leaders Training with Koch and Hajong Community.

December 21: Celebrating the 100th Birth Anniversary of the Father of the nation.

December 21: Pre-Christmas Celebration.

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A few of them shared that these Kurux orthography and materials development exercises are great for their future. They think it could be an opportunity to recover the old Kurux words and protect them. Moreover, they said that other vital steps can be taken with little effort to create materials, since the Kurux alphabet has been decided on and spelling rules have been created. So not only children, but also grown-up Kurux speakers can effortlessly learn and utilize these alphabet sets to write their dialect. They have realized that it is their responsibility to pass this language and culture on to their next generation. To assist them to fulfill their responsibility, SIL Bangladesh has helped them to take this initial step and very soon is going to start a Multilingual Education program in Rangpur district. The objective of this program will be to make children fluent in reading and writing in their mother tongue (Kurux language). SIL International Bangladesh's only desire is to help the Oraon community to establish the Kurux language and preserve their culture so that future generations can feel proud of their diversity, and this language can live thousands of years into the future.

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Local Feeds of November

Staff Capacity Building



Online Training Course on MEAL (Monitoring Evaluation Accountability and Learning) has received by the SIL BD program staff as Capacity Building.

Research Data Collection



Research Data Collection through Case study method has completed with the six communities.

Seed –Distribution



Beneficiaries from Naogaon (155hhs) and Chapainowabgonj (45hhs) got Paddy seeds for livelihood initiatives.

Chicken– Distribution



Chicken distribution among 350 Families of Naogaon and Sherpur with Mahle, Oraon , Koch and Hajong Communities.

Community Awareness



Community awareness session is continuing with Oraon Community on Unity and Gender Equality.

Field Monitoring Visit



A team has visited the field activities (Learning Circles, Adolescent Health Care Groups and Learning Centers of Naogaon and Chapainowabgonj areas.

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