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Dear all,

Subject: Request to speed up the process of approval to
"Proposal to encode Tulu Script in Unicode" submitted
by KTSA, Karnataka, India.

I have been informed that the Karnataka Tulu Sahitya Academy (KTSA), the official body which works for the development of Tulu Language and Culture at all levels has submitted a Proposal for encoding Tulu Script in Unicode. I have been sensitised about various discussions that are undergoing at Unicode Consortium. I could clearly get the gist of the process.

While thanking The Unicode Consortium for considering the "Proposal to encode Tulu Script in Unicode", submitted by KTSA, which represents Karnataka State Government for implementation of Tulu script in Unicode, I request all of you to speed up the process of the approval for the Tulu Script at the earliest.

I hereby refer the decision made by my predecessor, dated 17.07.2021, wherein he has not only approved the Tulu Unicode Script Chart made by KTSA but also had instructed the KTSA to take all necessary steps to revive the Tulu script, including the due process at Unicode Consortium.

KTSA has informed me that the revised documents will be submitted soon to accelerate the process of approving the script and naming it as "TULU" script. I have instructed KTSA to provide any more information required for closing this process at earliest.

It is my bounden duty to ensure Tulu Script gets the approval at Unicode Consortium for the benefit of Tulu people who form a major part of Karnataka State. This requirement is necessitated out of other important requirements as referred in India's New National Education Policy (NEP) which has stressed the need for deploying mother tongues in education.

Being the Minister for Kannada & Culture, I am making all out effort to develop not just Tulu, but all other four languages which have Academies similar to KTSA.

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India with its linguistic diversity has many similar scripts in certain geographical pockets, which were based on the need at those historical moments. While appreciating your efforts to allot code points to all the ancient scripts, I am bit anguished that Tulu Script approval is taking more time than expected. I am of the firm view that a Unicode mapping for a script connected with a live, vibrant and growing society needs to be taken on priority. Tulu Script is very much required, as Tulu speaking people are large in number, and their population is growing. As per our estimate there are more than 5 million Tulu speakers all over the world.

I hope you will take my request seriously and do the needful. An immediate response to this mail is highly appreciated.

Best Regards,


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