

Akademi to focus on Saora language

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Bhubaneswar: Saora language will be documented by Sahitya Akademi, national academy of letters, for further promotion and propagation. It is not a recognised language of the country despite being one of the oldest tribal languages of the state. More than five lakh Saora or Savara people are living in Odisha.

K Sreenivasarao, secretary of Sahitya Akademi, said they want to preserve and promote unrecognised languages of the country. "Every year we promote four such languages. This year we have chosen Saora language from Odisha. We do not want any language to go extinct," he added.

Sahitya Akademi and Odisha Sahitya Akademi are jointly organising the Saora Language Convention here to deliberate on literature, oral tradition, culture, stories, poetry, music and other things related to this language. "We will find out where it is spoken geographically, how many speakers are there and what kind of literature has been written. We will also see research publications on the language and newspapers or magazines in this lang-

NCERT committee to ready Kui, Desia learning materials

Bhubaneswar: The NCERT has formed a 10-member committee to prepare learning and teaching materials in Kui and Desia languages, which are spoken by different tribal communities of the state. It committee will work in collaboration with the Central University of Odisha, Koraput and develop learning-teaching material to facilitate the learning process of the Kui and Desia-speaking students. TNN

uage," he added.

After the end of this two-day convention, the Akademi will prepare a consolidated report on the language and submit it before the Language Development Board of the Akademi. Later, the board may decide whether it will get Bhasha Samman.

The Akademi gives away Bhasha Samman to promote the unrecognised languages. It is equal to the Sahitya Akademi award. Apart from that, the board also recommends publication of books pertaining to rare and unrecognised languages like Saora.