

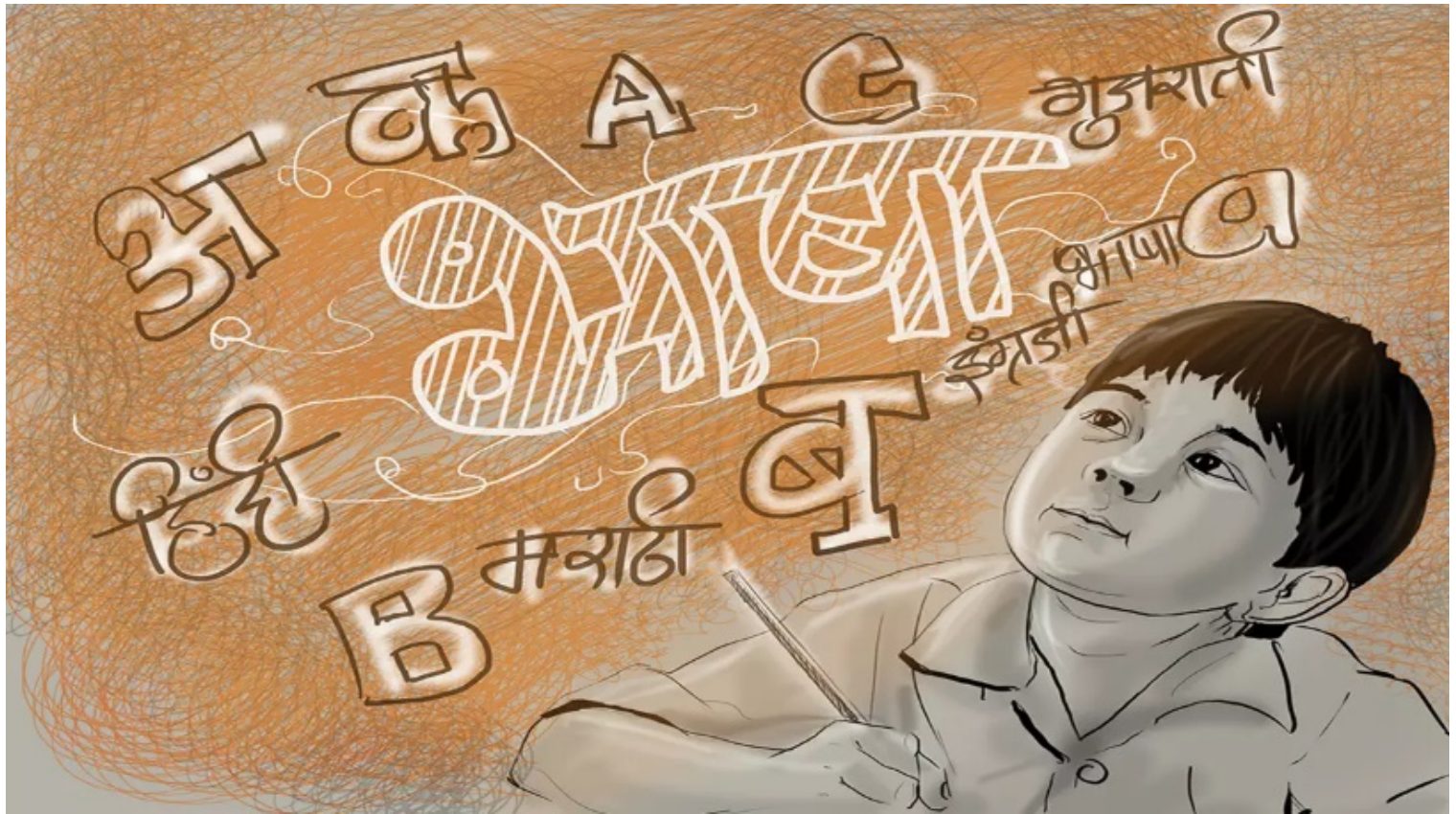
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The speakers of Tulu and Kodava have opposed the draft of the Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Bill, 2022, which aims to ensure the “extensive use and propagation” of Kannada.



Major Provisions of the Bill:

- The Bill aims for the **effective implementation of Kannada as the official language of the state** with **English** being the **second communication language**.
- The bill envisages **reservation of jobs for Kannadigas** both in the government and private organisations.
 - It also has the **provision to deny incentives** such as tax holiday, tax rebate or exemption and discount in land procurement to the private companies, **which do not provide reservation for Kannadigas in employment**.
 - The bill does not specify the quantum reservation on jobs and education or the ranks of the posts to be coming under the purview of reservation.
- **All communications**, notifications **from the state government** will be mandated to be **in Kannada**.
- The bill **envisages imposing a fine** of Rs 5,000 for any violation if the offence is for the first time.

- Tulu is a **Dravidian language** whose speakers are concentrated in **Dakshina Kannada** and the southern part of Udupi in Karnataka and in the **northern parts of Kerala**.
 - The **native speakers** of Tulu are referred to as **Tuluva or Tulu people** and the geographical area is unofficially called **Tulu Nadu**.
- Tulu has several **features not found in Tamil–Kannada**.
 - For example, it has the **pluperfect and the future perfect**, like French or Spanish, but formed without an auxiliary verb.

- The various **medieval inscriptions** of Tulu from the 15th century are **in the Tulu script**.
 - **Two Tulu epics** named **Sri Bhagavato** and **Kaveri** from the 17th century were also written in the same script.
- The Tulu language is known for its **oral literature** in the **form of epic poems called pardana**.
 - The **Epic of Siri and the legend of Koti and Chennayya** belong to this category of Tulu literature

Kodava Language:

- The Kodava is an **endangered Dravidian language** and it is **spoken in Kodagu district in Southern Karnataka, India**.
- The Kodava language is not only the **primary language** of the Kodavas but also of many other **castes and tribes** in Kodagu.
- The language has **two dialects: Mende** (spoken in Northern and Central Kodagu, i.e. outside Kodagu's Kiggat Naadu) and **Kiggat** (spoken in Kiggat Naadu, in Southern Kodagu).
- It is traditionally written using the Kannada script which is an abugida.