

Project ELLORA (Enabling Low Resource Languages)

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Why in news?

- Microsoft researchers under this project have been working toward creating **digital ecosystems for Indian languages** that do not have enough presence online,
- **The main goal of the Project?** To impact underserved communities through enabling language technology by creating economic opportunities, building technological skills, enhancing education and preserving local languages and cultures for future generations.
- Microsoft Research (MSR) has chosen to focus on three languages namely; **Gondi, Mundari and Idu Mishmi**.

Key facts about Gondi, Mundari and Idu Mishmi Language

Gondi Language

- **Language family:** Gondi is a South-Central Dravidian language.
- **Script:** The Gondi script is perhaps the only script in the country besides Urdu which is written **right to left**.

- In northern and central India, it is the only language, barring Gujarati, which has a **script of its own**. All other north and central Indian languages use the Devnagri script.
- **Dialects:** Gondi, is heavily influenced by the other local languages spoken in the respective states.
- This is spoken by close to three million speakers in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Mundari Language

- Mundari (Mundari) is a Munda language of the **Austroasiatic language** family spoken by the **Munda tribes** in the eastern Indian states of Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal.
- Mundari Bani, a script specifically to write Mundari, was invented by **Rohidas Singh Nag**.

Idu Mishmi

- The Idu Mishmi language is a small language spoken by the Mishmi people in the Dibang Valley district, of the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh speakers in China 1994.
- It is considered an endangered language.

Q1) What is a classical language?

A classical language is any language with an independent literary tradition and a large and ancient body of written literature.

Source: [How Microsoft's Project ELLORA is helping small languages like Gondi, Mundari become eloquent for the digital world](#)

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