KIRTADS Website Redesign Project – Report

During the financial year **2022–23**, administrative sanction was accorded for the **redesign of the KIRTADS website** in order to update it in line with contemporary requirements and to make it available in **English, Malayalam, and Paniya languages**. An amount of **₹2,68,000** was sanctioned for the purpose. C-DIT submitted an invoice of **₹2,15,940** for the development of the multilingual website.

A note was issued to the Deputy Directors to suggest modifications and new additions required for the website. Subsequently, **50% of the sanctioned amount was released to C-DIT as the first installment**, and the preliminary works on the website commenced.

A **committee** was constituted with the **Director as Chairperson** and **AO, FO, DDs, JS, and CO** as members to decide on the content, design, and additions to be incorporated in the website.

Data Collection Activities

- To collect detailed information on 36 Scheduled Tribal communities, a proforma prepared by **Dr. Shashi Kumar S.K.** was used. Officers designated for the task included **Smt. Smitha Sivadhasan, Shri. Shashikumar S.K., Shri. Nelson, Smt. Seema, Smt. Sandhya Shekhar, and Smt. Nina**.
- Interns appointed in department submitted SC community-related data accordingly. The compiled data was verified and finalized with corrections by **Research Assistant Shri. Suresh K.P.**
- Additionally, Deputy Directors submitted details of activities under respective wings.

Paniya Language Workshop

To prepare the department website in **Paniya language**, the Training Division under the leadership of the Deputy Director organized a **workshop from 13–17 March 2023**.

- In this workshop, all available information intended for publication on the website was translated into Paniya.
- Members of the Paniya community from Wayanad, namely **Prasad K., Gopalan P.P., Manoj P.M., and Ayyappan K.**, actively participated.
- The translated content was also **recorded in Paniya language** for inclusion on the website.

Finalization of Information

- For finalizing the information related to Scheduled Tribes, **Shri. Sajith Kumar S.V., Shri. Jeevan Kumar H., Smt. Vishnupriya P., Smt. Rajani R.V., Smt. Deepa S., and Smt. Neena V.** were entrusted with the task, while **Dr. Shashikumar** was assigned to consolidate the details.
- **Cartographer Smt. Reshmiprabha U.P.** prepared maps showing the distribution of ST settlements for inclusion on the website.
- For finalizing Scheduled Caste community details, **Dr. Pradeepkumar K.S., Smt. Sandhya Shekhar, and Shri. Subhash V.S.** were entrusted, with **Dr. Sona** responsible for consolidation.
- For the Malayalam translation of the finalized data: **Dr. Lijisha A.T. (Scheduled Tribe data)** and **Dr. Indu V. Menon (Scheduled Caste data)** were assigned.

Inauguration

After the committee's review and necessary modifications, the updated **trilingual website in Malayalam, English, and Paniya** was officially inaugurated by **Honourable Minister for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes, Shri. O.R. Kelu**.