

LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL FIELD DOCUMENTATION OF THE TANGAM & KHAMBA COMMUNITY: The Centre for Endangered Languages (CFEL) carried out its first field trip from February 2016 to Kuging village, located in Paindem circle under Upper Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh to document the language, folk narratives and the cultural practices of the critically endangered Tangams (Adi) community.

The linguists were able to frame a basic grammatical sketch of the Tangam language. Basic word list of 1000 words and around 550 basic sentences were collected. The Audio-Visual data consists of total number of 1,000 photographs, about 4 hours of video recordings and 7.5 hours of audio recording.

A preliminary work was also initiated in Khamba language by the research team in Tuting. Language data containing 1000 basic word list (ICDS wordlist) and Basic sentence list were collected by consulting three native speakers Michung Khamba, Dolma Lhamu and Gimey Thempi. An audio-visual documentation of a ritual of the Khambas for world peace was carried



out which is of 21 minutes. The duration of sessions of language data collection is of 10 minutes of video recording and 5 hours of audio recording.



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