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PRESS RELEASE

An unverified and mala fide news report was published on 23 September 2021 by Star of Mysore, an evening daily published from Mysuru with the following headline ***“Classical Kannada Centre to be shifted out of Mysuru?”*** and the following sub-heading: ***“Central Government to merge Classical Kannada Centre with Bharatiya Bhasha Vishwavidyalaya at Nagpur”***.

Further, in the body of the news report, the following is stated:

Mysuru-based Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), set up over 50 years ago to promote Indian languages, will be upgraded to a Central University and will be a part of Bharatiya Bhasha Vishwavidyalaya to be set up at Nagpur in Maharashtra. Also, the Indian Institute of Translation and Interpretation (IITI) will be housed at the present CIIL building in Mysuru.

It is clarified in no uncertain terms that the letter that this new item has quoted does not talk anything about the Bharatiya Bhasha Vishwavidyalaya. Rather, it concerns the actionable items of New Education Policy (NEP 2020) on which CIIL, Mysuru and CICT, Chennai are advised to take action.

Therefore, the news report is FALSE, IRRESPONSIBLE and MISCHIEVOUS. The said news items may be discarded on the following grounds:

1. The information concerning proposal to set up Bharatiya Bhasha Vishwavidyalaya (BBV) at **Nagpur** is totally incorrect. No official communication is available regarding this. Also, there isn't any discussion about establishing BBV at Nagpur.
2. Based on the above misinformation and conjecture, it assumes that the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) will be shifted out of Karnataka and established at Nagpur. There is no basis to draw this conclusion, especially in view of the fact that the four classical languages (Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, and Odia) that are functioning under CIIL are all placed in their respective states.

The letter they are referring to does not talk anything about shifting the Classical Language Centres. Rather, it aims to strengthen them and expand their activities. The letter is particularly intended to set out the action items to ensure that all languages of India are strengthened following the goals of NEP 2020.

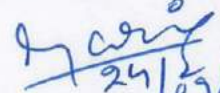
By publishing fake news on an issue that is very sensitive to the people of Mysuru and Karnataka, the said media house has scope for disturbing peace and harmony, it has instigated emotional reactions and it has also tried to flare community tensions. This unverified news item has misinformed its readers and created a chaotic situation. It has affected the image of the Central Institute of Indian Languages negatively while it also has the potential to further cause

enmity and bias against the current officials at this Institute. The Institute disassociates itself from this fake news report and its circulation. The Institute will soon initiate legal/remedial action against the media house and persons involved in this fake news item.

It is again stated that as of now there is no move to establish BBV at Nagpur and certainly there is no move to shift Classical Kannada or any other Classical Language Centres (e.g. Telugu, Malayalam or Odia) from their respective states.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Sincerely,


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