Not every urban, convent-educated wannabe writer is sitting down to write the next big Indian novel in English. A handful of adventurous literary aspirants are electing to express themselves in their mother tongue — for reasons creative, personal and political, reports Malvika Tagga

Konnkanis unte online to save their language

Konkani doesn't have a script, but it will soon get a dictionary, thanks to an entirely volunteer-driven website, savemylanguage.org

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A script gives a language some kind of permanence, an indelibility. Sanskrit, for example, has three scripts: Devanagari, Brahmi and during the medieval period the Nagari script, although the latter is now a dead script, is still used in a few konkani-speaking areas in the south of the state.

The Konkanis are a colonial enclave, a linguistically and culturally mixed community. Konkani has a colonial history and its vocabulary is mixed, and a very intransigent style of writing. An article on a website, says Konkani is one of the languages which is not of the regional origin. Many Konkani words are from English and Hindi.

The Konkani language, which is a mixture of Sanskrit, Dravidian, and Roman, is spoken in the Konkan region in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, and the Union Territory of Daman and Diu. The Konkani language was officially declared the state language of Goa in 1987.

The Konkani language is taught in schools all over Goa, and is also a mandatory language in the government of Goa. The Konkani language is also used in the courts of law in Goa.

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