

Re: New pronunciation of Bangalore

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Michael Farris wrote:

Aidan Kehoe napisal(a):

Sure, but no European country has to deal with 216 languages spoken by 10,000 or more.

No, but there's no rational reason that the various state languages (which average the number of speakers of major European Union) languages couldn't be used for just about everything within the states.

No rational reason, but for reasons other than rational, the Central (i.e., Federal) government didn't allow* Tamilnadu to establish universities with Tamil as the medium of instruction. Tamilnadu isn't even allowed to require all schools in Tamilnadu to teach Tamil. I have a cousin who has learnt only English and French in school.

* <http://www.geocities.com/TamilTribune/99/0903.html>

Engineering Education in Tamil

Many students in Tamil Nadu find it difficult to study engineering with English as medium of instruction. It would be easier to study the basic concepts and procedures at the undergraduate level in Tamil. (Experience in technologically advanced nations like Germany, France, Russia, Japan and China where engineering education is in one's mother tongue proves the point.) With this in mind, the state government of Tamil Nadu developed a curriculum and books for undergraduate engineering education in Tamil. Many highly qualified engineers and professors participated in this effort over several years; many of them volunteered their time, for the love of Tamil. An expert panel reviewed the curriculum, books and availability of lecturers and professors, and certif