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## Regional Samvaad at RGU

**ITANAGAR, Sep 23:** The Tata Steel today organized a 'Regional Samvaad' today at Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) campus where 110 participants from 31 tribes attended.

The 'Samvaad' covered topics like preservation of tribal languages and solutions to climate change through the indigenous way of life. The dialogue also highlighted the tussle between some tribal traditions (hunting) and contemporary views on biodiversity.

Professor Tomo Riba, belonging to the Galo tribe from the university demonstrated the intricacies and overlaps between a few tribal languages with an interactive presentation.

Emerging out of the rigorous discussions were suggestions on collecting data from older generations that could be passed on to the youth, mapping of tribes scattered in different locations, creating online dictionaries and translations to make the languages more accessible, using cartoons to introduce the languages to children at young ages, advertising tribal songs or alphabets on placards.

Outlining an important role of education in promoting tribal languages, the participants also suggested creating community schools in villages and towns to teach folk songs and converting the same into a nursery rhyme.



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