

The People's Linguistic Survey of India (PLSI) is a rights – based movement for carrying out a nationwide survey of Indian Languages as people perceive them, to identify, document and understand them; especially languages of fragile communities such as nomadic, coastal, island, hill and forest communities.

The PLSI is a non-hierarchical, public consultation and appraisal, intended as an aid to cultural impact assessment of development, and as an acknowledgement of the self-respect and sense of identity of all, especially the endangered speech communities of India.

The PLSI has been carried out by scholars, writers and activities in partnership with members of different speech communities.

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