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### 50™ ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTS AND INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON CURRENT TRENDS IN LINGUISTICS Report

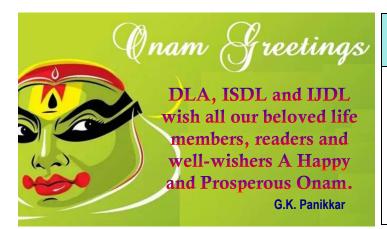
# (Continued from the July issue)

#### SESSION-WISE REPORT The second day of the 50<sup>th</sup> All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists and International Seminar on Current Trends in Linguistics organized by the Department of Linguistics, University of Kerala, in collaboration with the Dravidian Linguists Association of India, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, and Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, commenced at 9 AM in the smart classroom, School of Distance Education, University of Kerala, Karyavattom campus. The second day opened with Professor Chekkuri Rama Rao Memorial lecture (online) delivered by Professor K V Subbarao on *Telugu relative clauses*. The session was chaired by Prof. Aejaz Muhammed Sheikh. The lecture was highly informative for young scholars. The participants interacted with the speaker and that made the session highly useful. The technical sessions started at 9.45 AM at the four allotted venues of the conference viz., Main Venue Smart Classroom, School of Distance Education, University of Kerala; Multimedia Classroom, Department of Linguistics; Researchers' Hall, Department of Linguistics and Prof. V.I. Subramoniam Memorial Conference Hall, CeLK, Department of Linguistics. Prof. K. Karunakaran chaired the first Technical session in

the Smart Classroom. Five research papers were presented in the session. Prof. Deenathayali presented the paper on Verse Rhythm-Style in Tolkapiyar's Poetics. Th paper discussed the Verse Rhythm-Style in Tolkaappiar's poetics and explained twen verse rhythm-styles with examples. Prof. L.. Ramamoorthy presented Tolkappiyar Conceptualization of Grammar. He explained how fundamental concepts like time an space are used in the construction of grammar, how Tolkkappiyar categorizes even aspect of the universe and how they are related to grammar. The roles of the eight case in the conceptualization are studied to understand the conceptualization of grammar b Tolkappiyar. Dr. Niranjan Uppoor presented his paper on Coordination in the South Asia Languages: Typology and Diachrony. He discussed the typological features of South Asian languages - Dravidian, Indo-Iranian and Munda languages and explained the co ordination strategy observed in the context of nominals and other word categories. D P.N. Kamala presented a paper on Nookku- A Rhetoric Element in Tolkappiyam. Noma Tahir & Prof. M.J. Warsi presented a combined paper on Long Distance Agreement with reference to conjunct verbs. This paper was an analysis of the phenomenon of Lon Distance Agreement between the infinitival object of a conjunct verb and a matrix verb Hindi-Urdu. (to be continued--S. Prema

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## VISIT OF ARUN S. TO ISDL

Mr. Arun S. (Son of Prof. V.I. Subramaniom, the founder of ISDL, DLA and IJDL) paid a courtesy visit to International School of Dravidian Linguistics on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023. He was accompanied by his wife Suba Durairajan and his daughters Retna Arun and Ravena Arun. They along with the members of the staff and researchers of ISDL visited the Smrithi Mandapam of Prof. V.I.S and paid floral tributes. He had a discussion with the staff and Research Fellows of ISDL and went around and saw the campus facilities. When visited the library, Mr Arun and family donated thirteen mementoes and awards, ninety eight books and four photo albums of Prof. V.I. Subramaniom. He promised his and his family's support for the future activities of ISDL. They met each and every member of the staff and Research Fellows of ISDL and DLA.

## PROF. P. SOMASEKHARAN NAIR MEMORIAL LECTURE

Prof. P. Somasekharan Nair Memorial Lecture for the year 2023-24 will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at ISDL Complex, Menamkulam. Prof. K. Nachimuthu, École française d'Extrême-Orient, Centre de Pondichéry, 16 & 19, Dumas Street, Puducherry - 605001 will deliver the lecture on the topic "Grammatical Meaning in Lexical Semantics and Lexicons". All are invited.



Floral Tribute at the Smrithi Mandapam of V.I.S.

### **ISDL ONLINE LECTURE SERIES**

Prof. Tej K. Bhatia, Professor of Linguistics & Forensic Sciences and Director, South Asian Languages, Syracuse University, New York, USA will deliver his recorded speech on the topic "Tracing and Decoding the Oldest Grammatical Tradition of Hindi-Hindustani" on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023. DLA members who wish to participate through online mode may register without any further delay. Last date of registration is 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

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## OSMANIA LINGUISTICS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (OLAA)

Prof. C.S. Swathi, Head of the Department of Linguistics, Osmania University has informed that Osmania Linguistics Alumni Association (OLAA) of the department of Linguistics, Osmania University is formed. She has requested all former linguistics students of the Osmania University to become members of this association. Prof. C.S. Swathi has further informed that OLAA is open for ex-faculty, ex-students, current faculty, current students, exresearch scholars and current research scholars. The link for the registration is given below:

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#### TRAINING CUM WORKSHOP ON LINGUISTICS FOR MALAYSIAN TAMIL STUDENTS

#### **REPORT**

The Department of Linguistics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore is conducting a Training cum Workshop on Linguistics for the Malaysian Tamil students at the university campus during 4-19, August-2023. It is an intensive programme in which the expert linguists of various fields deliver lectures through Tamil and English media. This programme aims to provide practical and theoretical training to the Malaysian Tamil students so as to enable them to take up Tamil linguistic researches at higher level. The current trends of General Linguistics and Applied Linguistics are to be presented in the lectures. Apart from classroom lectures the students will also explore historically and linguistically significant areas in and around Coimbatore. A two-day tribal field visit to the various areas of the Western Ghats is also a part of this programme.

The inaugural function was held at the Department of Linguistics, Bharathiar University on 04.08.2023.

In the Inaugural address Prof. Dr. Lovelina Little Flower, Vice-Chancellor's committee member, Bharathiar University welcomed the students and the faculty members of the University of Malaya who were present in the Bharathiar University campus and wished them a fruitful and comfortable stay. She appreciated the Department of Linguistics for organizing this international workshop.

Prof. Dr. K. Karunakaran, former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University in his Key note address elaborated the role of linguistics in the overall development of human race. He recalled his long term association with the Department of Linguistics, University of Malaya. He advised the students who are from Malaysia to benefit out of the training which they are going to get from Bharathiar University.

Prof. L. Ramamoorthy, Head, Department of Linguistics, Central University of Kerala, in his special address spoke about the importance of the study of Linguistics. The interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary nature of linguistics was highlighted by him. He wanted the Malaysian students to make use of the stay profitably in the Bharathiar University campus. Dr. Malarvizhi Sinayah, Head, Department of Malaysian Language and Applied Linguistics, University of Malaya in her Felicitation address expressed her happiness for getting the association of the Department of Linguistics, Bharathiar University. She hoped that these students who also study B.A. Tamil Linguistics course in Malaysia will get excellent exposure in Bharathiar University. As part of the programme these students will be taken to certain Tamilnadu Villages where they can have direct interaction with the natives.

On this occasion the monthly News Letter of the Department of Linguistics, Bharathiar University "Voice of Linguistic Novices" was released by Prof. K. Karunakaran and the first copy was received by Prof. Dr. Lovelina Little Flower.

The role of Prof. K. Karunakaran, Prof. V. Thayalan (Former Head)and Dr. Elanttamil (Malaysia) in organizing the earlier programmes involving the students of Malaysia was mentioned by the speakers. Dr. C.M. Elanttamil, Dr. Malarvizhi Sinayah, Dr. Dhanalakshmi, and Dr. Selvajothi faculty members from the Department of Malaysian Language and Applied Linguistics, University of Malaya accompanied the students.

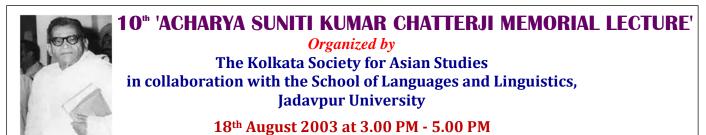
Dr. V.M. Subramanian, Head, Department of Linguistics, Bharathiar University welcomed the gathering and narrated the earlier similar programmes which took place for the past ten years and briefed the key points on the importance of exchange programmes across the countries. Dr. S. Sundarabalu, Associate Professor, proposed the Vote of Thanks.

> N. Rajasekharan Nair Mentor Professor in Linguistics Bharathiar University

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The Welcome address will be delivered by Professor Indranil Dutta, Former Director, School of Languages and Linguistics, Jadavpur University. Suniti Kumar Chatterji Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Professor Arun Kumar Ghosh. Retired Professor, Department of Bengali, The University of Burdwan, India. The topic of his lecture is 'Pranta Janer Ruddha Sangīt : Prasanga Munda Bhasagostī'. The lecture will be delivered in Bengali.

Professor Krishna Bhattacharya, Retired Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Calcutta & Executive Body Member, KSAS, will preside over the meeting.

Venue: PROFESSOR RANAJOY KARLEKAR MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM Subarno Jayanti Bhawan, 4th floor, Room no 504, Jadavpur University, Gate No.4 Raja S.C. Mallick Rd, Kolkata - 700032.

## FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS **OF SAIVA PRAKASA SABHA**

Trivandrum "Saiva Prakasa Sabha", a leading organization of Trivandrum Tamils has celebrated its founder's day in memory of "Isai Chelvar T. Lekshmanan Pillai" with a music concert on Sunday, the 30th July 2023 at Saiva Prakasa Sabha Community Hall, Killipalam, Thiruvananthapuram.

Famous musicians Smt. Sithara Krishnamoorthy (Vocal), Sri Kadanad V.K. Haridas (Violin), Prof. Kadakkavur G.S. Rajeshnath (Mridangam) and Trivandrum R. Rajesh (Ghatam) have participated in the concert.

## **FELICITATION TO PROF. B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY**

The Osmania Linguistics Alumni Association (OLAA) felicitated Padma Shri Prof. B. Ramakrishna Reddy for his outstanding contributions in linguistics and for getting Padma Shri Award. The felicitation function was organized along with the inaugural function of the Osmania Linguistics Alumni Association on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at the Osmania University Campus, Hyderabad.

# **45<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF** THE LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF INDIA (ICOLSI-45)

Department of Linguistics, Aligarh Muslim University, India will be hosting the International Conference of the Linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI-45) during November 20-22, 2023. The Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of India (LSI) is the premier gathering of linguists, academicians, professionals, scholars, and students worldwide.

Details of the conference including registration can be found at:

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## PARAMĀRA DYNASTY AND PAŢANĀRĀYAŅA STONE INSCRIPTION

Between the 9th and 14th centuries, the Malwa and adjacent regions of west-central India were under the control of the Paramāra Dynasty. They belong to Paramāra clan of the Rajputs. They are also known by the name; Garodās, Luhāras, Kolīs etc. In the early years, having been hard pressed by the Rastrakūtas, surrendered Malwa to their control, which was thereafter entrusted to the charge of Upendra, the founder of the Paramāra Dynasty. In the early part of the 10<sup>th</sup> century A.D., the Paramāras reconquered Malwa and established sovereignty over the greater portion of Northern India. The kingdom extended up to the foot of the Himalava on the north. North Bengal on the east, the Narmada on the south, Saurāstra, Sind, and the Punjab on the west. In the middle of the



Royal Emblem of Paramāra

10<sup>th</sup> century A.D., this vast empire collapsed, and was divided between a number of independent ruling dynasties. The regal insignia of Paramāra is the garuda in human form. This dynasty reached its pinnacle under the reign of Munja's nephew, Bhoja, whose realm extended from Vidisha in the east to Sabarmati in the west and from Chittor in the north to Konkan in the south. The oldest surviving Paramāra inscription, which was written by the 10th-century ruler Siyaka, has been found



Harsola Grant A, 949 CE

in Gujarat. Around 972 A.D., Siyaka conquered the Rastrakūta capital Manyaketa and established Paramāra as a soveregin state. The original inscription was found in the Pațanārāyaņa temple near Girvar located 4 miles west of Madgusudana in Sirohi State. The inscription consists of 39 lines covering a space of 2ft. 6 inches broad by 1 ft.11 inches high. The character depicted in the inscription are nagari. The language is Sanskrit, lines 1-35 are written in verses (nos. 46). Lines from 35 to the end are in prose. The inscription is well maintained. The inscription is of great importance in connection with Paramāra history.

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