

48th ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTS

at

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTICS CAMPUS

Menamkulam, Thiruvananthapuram

24 – 26 June 2021

We were unable to hold the **48th All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists** as scheduled earlier at the Department of Linguistics, Punjabi University, Patiala in June 2020 due to Covid pandemic. Now it is decided to hold the **48th All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists** at the International School of Dravidian Linguistics campus, Menamkulam, Thiruvananthapuram, the details of which are as follows:

OFFICE BEARERS OF THE 48th AICDL: Chairman – Prof. G.K. Panikkar (Founder-Member, DLA); Organizing Secretary – Prof. Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan (Hon. Director, ISDL & Dean, DLA); Joint Secretaries – Smt. Salini V.R., Smt. Greeshma C.; Treasurer – Dr. S. Abdul Samed.

Conveners: Accommodation Committee – Dr. Krishnakumar K.; Hospitality – Smt. Sreekumary T.S.; Academic Committee – Dr. N. Muraleedharan Nair; Publications Committee – Harikumar Basi.

REGISTRATION: The registration fee for the conference for participants is as follows: (1) Delegates from India and other SAARC countries ₹ 3000/-, (2) For Ph.D. Researchers with Fellowships ₹ 2000/- and (3) ₹ 1500/- for life-members of the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India and students without fellowships. The registration fee for delegates from other countries is US \$ 300/-. Bona fide students and research scholars have to produce a certificate from the respective Heads of Departments stating their student status to avail the concessional registration. The registration fee includes food and accommodation. Accompanying person, if any, has to be registered by paying ₹ 3000/- or US \$ 300/- as the case may be. Participants are requested to fill up the **registration form** and send it along with the registration fee to the Treasurer, Dravidian Linguistic Association of India, V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex, St. Xavier's College P.O., Thiruvananthapuram - 695 586, Kerala by **30th May 2021**. The details of the modes of payment are given in the registration form.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR ABSTRACTS / PAPERS: The abstract may be sent to the Organizing Secretary of the 48th AICDL by **15th April 2021**. The full paper may be sent by **15th May 2021**. **The email id to which the abstract and paper are to be sent is *dlatvm@gmail.com***. Since delegates from different parts of India and abroad participate, the abstract and the paper may please be in English.

ACCOMMODATION: Accommodation, to the extent possible, will be provided in the ISDL campus. Some of the delegates may have to be provided accommodation outside the campus. Please note that the accommodation provided by the organizers will have only minimum essential facilities.

TRAVEL GRANTS: The organizers are unable to provide TA/DA to the participants. Since it is a prestigious conference of Linguists, the participants (both teachers and research scholars) may get sponsorship from their respective universities / institutions. Hence, please try to avail travel grants from the respective Institutions and Universities of the registrants. However, if any funding agency provides financial assistance for the same, T.A. will be given to the special invitees and deserving delegates as per the direction of the funding body.

AWARDS & PRIZES: As the 48th AICDL could not be held as scheduled earlier, in 2020 June, due to Corona pandemic, the presentation of awards and prizes, which are usually given during the Conference, could not be done then. Hence now, the awards and prizes (except for (i) ***Best Paper in the Conference*** and (ii) ***Dr. P.C. Ganeshsundaram Award***) will be given for two years i.e., 2020 and 2021.

The last date of entry for awards/prizes for books, dictionaries, monographs, research papers etc., with relevant materials for assessment is **30th April 2021**. All entries or recommendations should be sent to the Secretary-DLA, ***48th All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists***, V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex, St. Xavier's College P.O., Thiruvananthapuram – 695 586, Kerala.

List of Awards

1. **Mrs. Katre Memorial Prize** for M.A. topper in Linguistics, of ₹ 2000/-. (The Universities and Heads of Departments are requested to forward mark lists of eligible candidates.)

a. For 2017-2019 batch

b. For 2018-2020 batch

2. **Award for the Best Paper in the Conference** by a young full-time student or research scholar, of ₹ 2000/-. (Only bona fide students and full-time research scholars, who have produced certificates from their respective Heads of Departments stating their student status, can take part in the competition.)

3. **Prof. K. Anbazhakan Award** for Translation of *Tolkappiyam* in any international language, of ₹ 3000/-. The book should have been published within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2020* (for 2020) and before *26th April 2021* (for 2021).

4. **Award for the Best Monograph on Dravidian Tribes**, of ₹ 3000/-. It should have been published within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2020* (for 2020) and before *26th April 2021* (for 2021).

5. **Shri. C. Achutha Menon Prize** for the Best Article or Book published on 'Computer and Language', of ₹ 3000/-. It should have been published in an Indian journal and by an Indian, within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2020* (for 2020) and before *26th April 2021* (for 2021).

6. **Dr. George Jacob Award** for the Best Monograph on Dravidian Linguistics in any Indian language other than Dravidian, of ₹ 3000/-. It should have been published within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2020* (for 2020) and before *26th April 2021* (for 2021).

7. **Prof. K.M. Venkataramaiah Award** for the Study on Language, Culture and other Linguistics-related Topics, of ₹ 3000/-. The publication for this award should be within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2020* (for 2020) and before *26th April 2021* (for 2021).

8. **Dr. Hermann Gundert Endowment Award** for the Best Dictionary, Lexicon or Encyclopaedia on any major Dravidian Language or any Dravidian Tribal Language, of ₹ 3000/-. It should have been published within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2020* (for 2020) and before *26th April 2021* (for 2021).

9. **The Phonetic Society of India Endowment Award**, of ₹ 3000/-, for a book on Phonetics in general or on Phonetics of any Indian language. It should have been

published within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2020* (for 2020) and before *26th April 2021* (for 2021).

10. Dr. Panneerselvam & Smt. Thavamani Panneerselvam Award for the Translation of a Book from Tamil to Kannada or vice versa. The award amount is ₹ 5000/-. The book should have been published within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2020* (for 2020) and before *26th April 2021* (for 2021).

11. Dr. K.N. Kuppuswamy Award for a Lecture / Comparative Study of a Grammatical Text of Tamil, Sanskrit, Prakrit or Pali. The award amount is ₹ 3000/-. For Comparative Studies, only those published before *1st May 2020* (for 2020) and before *26th April 2021* (for 2021).

12. Dr. P.C. Ganeshsundaram Award of ₹ 2500/- to a Voice Researcher and to a Machine Translator, in alternate years, by evaluating their published articles or books.

13. Prof. Susheela P. Upadhyaya Award, of ₹ 5000/-, for a young researcher below 40 years who has produced a good monograph or Ph.D. research thesis or a good article on any branch of Modern Linguistics, within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2020* (for 2020) and before *26th April 2021* (for 2021). Joint authorship will also be considered but in that case, the award amount will be equally shared by the authors.

A person who has already received one of the above awards/prizes earlier will not be considered for the same award again.

Special Lectures

- 1. Professor V.I. Subramoniam Memorial Lecture**
- 2. Professor Nagamma Reddy Memorial Lecture**
- 3. Professor Shivendra K. Verma Memorial Lecture**
- 4. Professor Karunasindhu Das Memorial Lecture**
- 5. Professor Chekuri Rama Rao Memorial Lecture**
- 6. Professor A. Chandrasekhar Memorial Lecture**

NO POSTPONEMENT TO 48TH AICDL

We were getting many queries on holding the 48th AICDL in the light of the second wave of the pandemic COVID-19. Accordingly, the Governing Council of the International School of Dravidian Linguistics and the Managing Committee of the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India had a combined meeting on 27th April 2021 at ISDL Complex, Thiruvananthapuram. For the information of all intended delegates and members of the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India, the decisions taken in this regard are given below:

1. The 48th AICDL may be held as scheduled by observing the COVID protocols suggested by the State and Central Governments.
2. The Conference sessions and all official meetings of ISDL and DLA scheduled from 24th to 26th June 2021 will be held as online for outstation members and as offline (abiding the number restriction if any) for local members. This is applicable for all the Office-bearers of the DLA, IJDL and ISDL and also for the delegates to the 48th AICDL.
3. No accommodation will be provided to the delegates or any of the Office-bearers by the sponsors either in the ISDL campus or outside.
4. It is decided to reduce the Conference registration fee to Rs. 1000/- for citizens of India and other SAARC countries. The life-members of DLA and students are eligible to have 50% concession in the registration fee.
5. It is also decided to refund the excess amount, if any, remitted towards registration fee to all those who have already registered for the Conference.

6. The Presidential address and all endowment lectures will be delivered only through online. If the copies of the Presidential address and endowment lectures are obtained sufficiently early, we will upload them in our website www.ijdl.org so as to enable both online and offline participants to download them.

The winners of the Prizes and Awards will be declared at the Conference. The Certificates and Prize-money will be handed over as per the instructions of the recipients.

We hope that we could clarify the doubts if any regarding the conduct of the 48th AICDL. If any further clarification is required, please contact Dr. Muraleedharan Nair (phone: 8301907098, email: nair.m3@gmail.com).

Along with all of you, we are extremely sorry for our inability to celebrate the Golden Jubilee year of the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India originally planned to commence from 13.8.2020 to 12.8.2021. So also, our plan to hold the 48th AICDL at Thiruvananthapuram in a grand way too was jeopardized due to factors beyond our control. Let us hope for the best. We will fight together in this critical juncture for the progress of DLA, ISDL, IJDL and ultimately of our nation and of all humanity.

The Office-bearers of the DLA and ISDL beg your pardon for all the inconveniences caused to you.

Expecting your active cooperation in making the 48th AICDL a grand success from the academic point of view.