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In collaboration with

Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru

Venue: Rabindra Bhavan Seminar Hall, V. I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex,
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International School of Dravidian Linguistics is organizing a Three Day National Seminar on “India as a Linguistic Area – A Revisit” during 5-7 February 2025 in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru.

Acknowledgements have been sent to all whose abstracts are received till now. Abstracts which are not in conformity with the topic of the seminar could not be selected and the matter had been informed to the authors. Now full papers are being received.

As already stated in the previous communication, the topic of the seminar is “India as a Linguistic Area - A Revisit”. The theme and the related areas have been communicated to all through the announcement. We request one and all to kindly relate the papers to the topic.

We also request everyone to send the travel details to ensure accommodation. The mode of travel, date and time of arrival at ISDL and departure from ISDL may be clearly mentioned.

Registration : The last date of registration is over. But for those who do not require accommodation facility, the registration is extended upto 4th February 2025.

Accommodation: The accommodation for the participants is in the ISDL Campus or other guest houses in the vicinity. In the case of accommodation, we have some limitations and hence request the delegates for their kind co-operation.

Travel Grant: ISDL does not provide any travel grant. However, the CIIL, Mysuru may provide TA for a limited number of delegates. For that the delegates have to apply in the CIIL TA form along with the to and fro tickets

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52ND ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTS AND SYMPOSIUM ON NEP AND EQUIPPING MOTHER TONGUE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The 52nd All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists and Symposium on NEP and Equipping Mother Tongue for Higher Education will be held at Annamalai University under the auspices of the Centre for Advanced Studies in Linguistics at Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu during 19th - 21st June, 2025. Dr. Ramanathan Kathiresan, the Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Annamalai University and Prof. Shailendra Mohan, Director, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru will be the Chief patrons of the conference. Prof. K. Karunakaran, Chairman ISDL & Former, Vice Chancellor, Tamil University, Thanjavur, Prof. Bhaktavathsala Reddy, President, DLA and Former Professor of Folklore Studies & Dean School of Folk and Tribal Lore Telugu University, Warangal, Prof. Aranga Pari, Dean, Faculty of Indian Languages, Tamil Studies and Research, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar and Prof. G.K. Panikkar, Director ISDL & Dean, DLA will be the Patrons and Prof. R. Saranya, Director CAS in Linguistics, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar will be the Organizing Secretary. The areas to be deliberated upon at the Conference are as follows:

Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics, Applied Linguistics, Dravidian Linguistics, Historical & Comparative Linguistics, Language Contact, Computational Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Language Pathology, Linguistic Typology, Areal Linguistics, Language Teaching & Testing, Endangered Languages, Indo-Aryan and Austro-Asiatic Linguistic Studies, Writing Systems, Artificial Intelligence, Translation Studies, Cognitive linguistics, Psycholinguistics, Media linguistics, Forensic Linguistics, Field Linguistics, Indian Grammatical Tradition, Language Acquisition, Brain and Language, Clinical Linguistics, Speech Synthesis, Mathematical Linguistics, Semiotics, Stylistics, Neurolinguistics, Folkloristics, Tribal Studies, Cultural Studies, Lexicography, Corpus Linguistics, Manuscriptology and Palaeography, Archaic linguistics, Nostratic studies, Internet Linguistics, AI and Language science.

As in the previous years, during the 52st AICDL also, various awards and prizes will be distributed to scholars and students. In addition, there will be ten endowment lectures by eminent linguists.

Latest Publications: PAPERS IN LINGUISTICS Vol. II, Panikkar (Ed.), S. Abdul Samed, N. Muraleedharan Nair (Asst. Eds.), 2024, PB, Demmy 1/8, pp. 320, Rs. 650/- (US\$ 65/-) THE INFLUENCE OF SARASVATIKANTHABHARANA ON PRAKRIYASARVASVA, P. Visalakshy, 2024, PB, Demmy 1/8, pp. 216, Rs. 450/- (US\$ 45/-) ENGLISH BANGLA MALAYALAM BASIC VOCABULARY, Dhruvajyoti Das, 2024, PB, Crown 1/4, pp. 133, Rs. 450/- (US\$ 45/-) DRAVIDIAN TOWNS IN THE MAHAVASTU AND MILINDAPANHA A DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY, Bryan G. Levman, 2023, PB, Demmy 1/8, pp. 152, Rs. 350/- (US\$ 30/-) ELAMITE AND DRAVIDIAN : A REASSESSMENT, Filippo Pedron, 2023, PB, Demmy 1/8, pp. 264, Rs.450/- (US\$ 40/0) PAPERS IN LINGUISTICS, G.K. Panikkar (Ed.), Mary Susan, S. Abdul Samed, N. Muraleedharan Nair (Asst. Eds.), 2023, HB, Demmy 1/8, pp. 512, Rs.1000/- (US\$ 80/-)

A ONE-DAY NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INDIAN LANGUAGES AND NEP 2020



The International School of Dravidian Linguistics organized a one-day national symposium on "Indian Languages and NEP 2020" on December 20, 2024, at Rabindra Bhavan. The inaugural function commenced at 10:30 A.M. Prof. Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan, former director, ISDL, welcomed the professors, research scholars, and other attendees from different parts of India participated in the Seminar.

In his introductory address, Prof. G. K. Panikkar, the Honorary Director of ISDL, emphasized the importance of promoting and preserving Indian languages as highlighted in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Prof. K. Karunakaran, Chairman of ISDL and former Vice-Chancellor of Tamil University, Thanjavur, delivered the Chairman's Address. He underscored key strategies, such as using the mother tongue as a medium of instruction, developing pedagogical materials for regional languages, providing teacher training, and integrating Indian languages at all levels of education to foster linguistic diversity and cultural heritage.

Following the inaugural function, the panel discussion took place, which was chaired by Prof. M. Rama, former director of ISDL. Prof. N. Rajasekharan Nair, Mentor Professor, Bharathiar University, explained the core objectives of the policy, which aim to promote Indian languages through regular usage, encouraging local languages as the primary medium of instruction, and fostering a positive attitude towards all Indian languages. Prof. R. Saranya, Director, Centre for Advanced Studies in Linguistics, Annamalai University, spoke on the proposed three-language formula, where students learn their mother tongue, a regional Indian language, and English, tailored to different regions. She also explored the potential of technology in language learning, highlighting digital platforms and online resources to enhance language acquisition. Prof. M. Sreenathan, Former Senior Professor, Malayalam University, Tirur and other senior members actively participated in the discussions and pointed out the challenges such as the lack of qualified teachers in regional languages, the development of appropriate teaching materials, and ways to ensure quality education across different linguistic regions.

Finally, Prof. S. Kunjamma, Vice-President-Correspondent of DLA, provided a scholarly investigation into how NEP 2020 aims to integrate Indian languages into higher education, including research and scholarship in regional languages. The Symposium concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. N. Muraleedharan Nair, Senior Research Fellow, ISDL.

Arup Pandit



PROF. WARSI HONOURED

Prof. Mohammad Jahangir Warsi, Chairman, Department of Linguistics, Aligarh Muslim University has been honoured with an award from the Urdu Directorate, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Government of Bihar, Patna and District Urdu Language Cell, Darbhanga, for his valuable services in promoting Urdu language and linguistics. He was felicitated with the award at a ceremony by the District Magistrate of Darbhanga, Mr. Rajiv Roshan.

In his address, Prof. Warsi said that Urdu is one of the largest spoken languages in the world and the only mediating language to understand the nuances of Islamic civilization, common civilization and history in South Asia.

Prof. Warsi was awarded several international and national awards for his academic and research achievements, including the James McLeod Faculty Award given by the University of Washington.

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AN ACCOUNT OF BANGLA DISCOURSE PARTICLES, Rajat Ghosh, 2023, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. 142, Rs.300/- (US\$ 30/-) GLOSSARY OF GRAMMATICAL TERMS IN TRADITIONAL MALAYALAM GRAMMARS, C.S. Jayakumari Kunjamma, 2023, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. 232, Rs.450/- (US\$ 45/-) THE ART AND EDIFICE OF GENDERLECT, B. Sreedevi, 2023, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. 160, Rs.320/- (US\$ 32/-) A DICTIONARY OF SANSKRIT, PRAKRIT AND PALI WORDS IN TAMIL AND MALAYALAM, N. Gopinathan Nair, 2022, HB, Crown 1/4, pp. 988, Rs.2300/- (US\$ 230/-) . A SOCIO-CULTURAL, HISTORICAL AND LINGUISTIC STUDY OF THE PATHANS OF KERALA, S. Abdul Samed, 2022, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. 104, Rs.130/- (US\$ 13/-) MAPPILA MIGRANTS IN ANDAMANS - A SOCIO-LINGUISTIC STUDY, N. Muraleedharan Nair, 2022, PB, Demy 1/8, pp.225, Rs.260/- (US\$ 26/-). GRAMMAR OF RĀMACARITAM, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan, 2022, HB, Demy 1/8, pp. 395, Rs.500/- (US\$ 50/-). TAGORE'S GITANJALI, K. Jayakumar, 2022, PB, Demy 1/8, pp.95, Rs. 130/- (US\$ 13/-). ENDANGERED SPEECHES OF IDUKKI IN KERALA, V.R. Prabodhachandran Nayar & K. Velappan, 2021, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. 12+500, Rs. 660/- (US\$ 66/-). INDEX OF BHARATAMALA, R. Saraswathy Kutty Amma, 2021, HB, Demy 1/8, pp.892, Rs.1100/-(US\$ 110/-).

13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF TELUGU LINGUISTS' FORUM (TELF) CALL FOR PAPERS

The Department of Linguistics, Osmania University, Hyderabad & Telugu Linguists' Forum (TeLF) Hyderabad is organising the 13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF TELUGU LINGUISTS' FORUM (TELF) on 25th & 26th March 2025. The conference is in Hybrid mode.

Papers are invited from the scholars, who analyze Telugu language from linguistic point of view and also on the role and functions of Telugu in different domains.

The main focus of the conference is on classical language, Natural Language Processing (NLP) in addition to Machine Translation and the preparation of Electronic Dictionaries besides Teaching Telugu as First and/or Second language in other states of India with Special reference to our New Education Policy (NEP).

Telugu Linguists' Forum (TeLF), Hyderabad is formed to promote research on different areas of structure as well as functions of Telugu language. The forum has been encouraging research on Telugu besides other Indian Languages from the comparative point of view. In addition, TeLF propagates significantly for implementation of information technology and tools with reference to Telugu language.

The Conference papers are invited in the following areas:

1. Telugu Translation activities, issues and solutions 2. Telugu Language Policy - Monolingualism, Bilingualism and Multilingualism 3. Telugu and its use in Online : Social, Mass Media and Cyber Space 4. Preparation of Dictionaries : Glossaries and Word Nets 5. Telugu Dialect's Research 6. Telugu Modernization 7. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Language Technologies in Telugu 8. Telugu orthography & writing systems 9. Comparative study of Telugu and other languages 10. Telugu Language Teaching : Scientific, Sociological, Cultural, Historical, Political, Geographical and Economical Approaches. 11. Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics & Discourse Analysis (Telugu) 12. E-Learning MOOCS in Telugu 13. Telugu as Classical language 14. Teaching Telugu as second, third, foreign language in other states 15. Psycho Neuro Linguistics research in Telugu 16. Telugu Language & Cultural Expressions, Idioms, Proverbs, Folklores 17. New Education Policy (NEP) and Indian Languages 18. Recognition, Status and Implementation of Telugu language in different countries of the world.

Convener of the Conference : Dr. K. Susheel Kumar, Osmania University, Hyderabad
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Important dates:

Last date for submission of abstracts : 20-01-2025 Acceptance intimation to the presenters : 30-01-2025

Submission of full paper : 20-02-2025 Intimation to paper presenters : 10-03-2025

Confirmation of participation by paper presenters : 15-03-2025

**WILLIAM (BILL) LABOV PASSED AWAY**

William (Bill) Labov, the pioneer of variational sociolinguistics passed away on 17th December 2024. He was 97. Bill stressed the need to look at speech and language varieties at a time when the scene in linguistics was dominated by universal grammar. He not only laid a solid foundation for the empirical study of language through the collection of speech varieties of ethnic communities but also argued

that black English is a variety of English. He was influential in the emergence of variational sociolinguistic schools all over the world. He was in India twice, the first time to be part of seminar cum workshop on sociolinguistics at CIIL, Mysore in 1972 and the second time to deliver the keynote address at the inaugural conference of Asia-Pacific Language Variation at University of Delhi in 2011. This resulted in the emergence of a biannual conference and a journal, Asia-Pacific Language Variation, a Scopus journal published by John Benjamins.

Bill taught a fascinating two term course on Study of Speech Community which brought together insight from architecture, town planning, neighborhood interaction, social networks, interviewing, use of equipment and statistical analysis to understand change and variation in language use. His students' field work in the neighbourhoods of Philadelphia has resulted in a massive database of speech data of the city and is open for access to students who contributed to it. It is painful to realize that one of our mentors left the world permanently and nothing can fill the lacuna created by it. The Staff and Researchers of DLA, ISDL and IJDL pay homage to the eminent linguist who departed us. Let his soul rest in peace.

T.S. Satyanath

INDEX OF BHARATAMALA, R. Saraswathy Kutty Amma, 2021, HB, Demy 1/8, pp.892, Rs.1100/- (US\$ 110/). **COLLECTED PAPERS OF LV RAMASWAMI IYER**, G.K. Panikkar, K. Rangan & Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan (Eds.) 2021, HB, Demy 1/8, pp.826, Rs. 990/- (US\$ 99/-). **INDEX OF EARLY MANIPRAVALA WORKS**, N. Gopinathan Nair, 2021, PB, Crown 1/4, pp. 1086, Rs. 2240/- (US\$ 224/-). **INDEX OF RAMAKATHAPPATTU**, G. Sulekha, 2021, HB, Demy 1/8, pp. 1742, Rs. 1960/- (US\$ 196/-). **BANGLA AND OTHER INDIAN LANGUAGES: LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS**, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan & Dhruvajyoti Das (Eds.), 2021, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. viii + 483, Rs. 600/- (US\$ 60/-). **INDIAN STYLISTICS**, Desamangalam Ramakrishnan, 2020, PB, Crown 1/4, pp. 8 + 73, Rs. 170/- (US\$ 17/-). **MALAYALAM AS A CLASSICAL LANGUAGE**, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan (Ed.), 2020, PB, Crown 1/4, pp. xx+616, Rs. 1250/- (US\$ 125/-). **COLLECTED PAPERS OF V.I. SUBRAMONIAM**, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan (Ed.), 2020, HB, Crown 1/4, pp. 6+187, Rs. 450/- (US\$ 45/-). **EVOLUTION OF MALAYALAM**, Anantaramayyar Chandrasekhar, 2020, PB, Crown 1/4, pp. 8+216, Rs. 450/- (US\$ 45/-).



ANDREW RADFORD HAS LEFT US FOREVER

Andrew Radford (79 Yrs.) passed away on 16th December 2024. He was a renowned British linguist known for his work in syntax and child language. His first important contribution to the field was his 1977 book on Italian syntax, a revised version of his doctoral thesis. He achieved international recognition in 1981 for his book *Transformational Syntax*, which sold over 30,000 copies and was the standard introduction to Chomsky's Government and Binding Theory for many years; and this was followed by an introduction to transformational grammar in 1988, which sold over 70,000. He has since published several books on syntax within the framework of generative grammar and the Minimalist Program of Noam Chomsky, a number of which have appeared in the series Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics.

Radford was a pioneer of the maturation-based structure building model of child language, and the acquisition of functional categories in early child English within the principles and parameters framework. This research resulted in the publication of a monograph titled *Syntactic Theory and the Acquisition of English Syntax* in 1990, and numerous articles on the acquisition of syntax by monolingual, bilingual, and language-disordered children.

Radford began researching the syntax of colloquial English in 2010, using data recorded from unscripted radio and TV broadcasts. On this topic, he produced a research monograph and various articles, and pursued further research on syntax of relative clauses in colloquial English. From January 2014 until the time of his death, Radford was an Emeritus Professor of the Department of Language and Linguistics at the University of Essex. Prof. Andrew Radford's passing away is a great loss to the field of linguistics.

The staff, researchers and all members of the DLA, ISDL and IJDL express heartfelt condolence on the demise of Prof. Andrew Radford and also join the grief of the bereaved family.

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46TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF INDIA

Organised by
Department of Linguistics, University of Kashmir, Srinagar

(Continued from December issue)

3RD TECHNICAL SESSION : The third technical session comprises 4 parallel sessions. Parallel Session 1: Discourse Analysis, NEP & Historical Linguistics

This session was chaired by Dr. Musavir Ahmad, and focused on how discourse shapes political, social, and cultural narratives, the implications of NEP on language policies, and the historical evolution of languages. Eight papers were discussed in the session.

Parallel Session 2: Pragmatics, Morphosemantics & Morphology

This session was chaired by Prof. Pradeep Kumar Das, and focused on pragmatics, morphosemantics, and morphology, three core areas of linguistics that explore how meaning is constructed and interpreted in communication.

The eight presentations in this session addressed various aspects of meaning and word structure.

Parallel Session 3: on Syntax & Morphosyntax was chaired by Dr. Mimi Kevichusa Ezung, centered on syntax and morphosyntax, two essential areas of linguistics that explore sentence structure and the relationship between morphology and syntax.

The eight presentations in this session covered a wide range of topics.

Parallel Session 4: Phonetics & Phonology was chaired by Prof. Rajneesh Arora, focused on phonetics and phonology, two fundamental branches of linguistics that deal with the sounds of language. The session featured eight presentations that explored a range of phonetic and phonological phenomena. At the end of the day, the General Body Meeting of LSI was held in Gandhi Bhavan, University of Kashmir, which was presided over by the President LSI Prof. M J Warsi. Prof. Abhinav Kumar Mishra, Secretary LSI and Prof. Aejaz Mohammad Sheikh, Editor *Indian Linguistics* and Director ICOLSI-46 shared the dais with him. The President and the Secretary highlighted the work done by the incumbent LSI Office bearers since they took over. They welcomed suggestions from the General Body Members for the society's growth and future plans.

Day 3, Dated October 05

The first session of the Day 3 at ICOLSI-46 began with a plenary lecture by Prof. Shantanu Ghosh on 'The Integrative Role of Cognitive Science and Linguistics—The Road Ahead'. The session was chaired by Prof. M J Warsi, Chairman, Department of Linguistics, AMU, Aligarh and the President LSI. Prof. Ghosh's talk revolved around two major themes: the nature of linguistics as a discipline and the ways it should evolve to stay relevant in the 21st century, especially in the context of advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI) like ChatGPT.

The plenary talk was followed by a special session on the theme 'Kashmiri Language, Linguistics and Literature' which was attended by Prof. Shafi Shauq, Prof. Nazir Ahmed Malik, Prof. Nazir Ahmed Dhar, Prof. Shad Ramzan and Dr. Satish Vimal. The session was chaired by Prof. Salahuddin Tak, Dean, School of Arts, Languages and Literature.

THE DRAVIDIAN CULTURE AND ITS DIFFUSION, T.K. Krishna Menon, 2020, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. 58, Rs. 75/- (US\$ 7.50/-). **THE MOTHER GODDESS IN BENGAL AND IN KERALA**, T. Madhava Menon, 2020, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. vi + 463, Rs. 600 (US\$ 60/-). **INDEX OF KANNAṢṢA RĀMĀYAṆAM**, Puthuserry Ramachandran, 2020, HB, Demy 1/8, pp. 1122, Rs. 1930/- (US\$ 193/-). **COLLECTED PAPERS ON TAMIL**, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan (Ed.), 2019, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. x + 374, Rs. 400/- (US\$ 40/-). **TRIBUTES OF LOVE AND AFFECTION: REMINISCENCES OF PROF. V.I. SUBRAMONIAM**, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan, T.P. Sankarankutty Nair & C.S. Hariharan (Eds.), 2019, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. vi + 212, Rs. 300/- (US\$ 30/-). **THE RIDDLE THAT IS TAMIL**, R. Kothandaraman (Ed.), 2019, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. xxiii + 480, Rs. 750/- (US\$ 75/-). **STUDIES ON BANGLA LINGUISTICS**, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan (Ed.), 2019, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. viii + 385, Rs. 450/- (US\$ 45/-). **EVOLUTION OF A COMPOSITE CULTURE IN KERALA**, B. Padmakumari Amma, 2019, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. xiv + 341, Rs. 350/- (US\$ 35/-).



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The session ended with felicitation of Prof. Aejaz Mohammed Sheikh, Head, Department of Linguistics, by the faculty of the Department of Urdu on being given the additional charge of Head, Department of Urdu.

After this, the parallel sessions of the fourth technical session were started. Here's an overview of the sessions:

Session 1: Phonetics & Phonology

This session, chaired by Prof. Lina Mukhopadhyay, focused on phonetics and phonology, with an emphasis on the acoustic and phonological properties of various languages. The presentations explored how sound patterns are realized in different linguistic contexts, examining acoustic features, sound variation, and how these features contribute to our understanding of endangered and lesser-studied languages. There were eight presentations in this session.

Session 2: Morphosyntax was chaired by Prof. Adil Amin Kak, which mainly focused on morphosyntax, the study of how morphological and syntactic structures interact within languages. The presentations highlighted the grammatical organization of modifying clauses and nominal categories, providing insights into the morphosyntactic features of less-studied languages. The session provided a diverse array of seven presentations.

Session 3: Language Teaching, chaired by Prof. Vikay Kumar Koul, focused on language teaching, exploring methodologies and frameworks that enhance language education. The presentations addressed both theoretical and practical aspects of language instruction, examining how linguistic analysis can inform teaching practices and improve learner outcomes. Seven presentations were there in this session.

Session 4: Comparative Linguistics & Language Shift

This session, chaired by Dr. Sudheer R. Bhan, focused on comparative linguistics and language shift, exploring the relationships between different languages and the implications of language change in multilingual contexts. The presentations examined specific linguistic features across languages, as well as cognitive perspectives on language conceptualization. The session consisted of seven presentations.

The session was followed by the final plenary lecture of the conference, titled 'Debates in Critical Discourse Analysis: Deconstructing the Controversy'. The session was chaired by Prof. R.C. Sharma. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Rajneesh Arora, an expert in phonetics, phonology, and discourse analysis. The focus of the lecture was the long-standing debate between Norman Fairclough (F) and Henry Widdowson (W) regarding the validity and application of Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA).

VALEDICTORY SESSION

The valedictory session marked the conclusion of ICOLSI-46 at the University of Kashmir. The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Chief Guest Prof. Mohammad Mobin, Vice-Chancellor of Cluster University, Srinagar, and Guest of Honor Prof. Sharifuddin Pirzada, Dean of Academic Affairs. Prof. G Panikker, Prof. R C Sharma and Prof. Aejaz Mohammed Sheikh were also present on the occasion.

On this occasion, Dr. P.N. Kamala presented her books to the dignitaries on the dais and Dr. Suman Preet Virk donated 12 books to the library of the Department of Linguistics.

In his remarks, Prof. Aejaz formally welcomed the guests and expressed his honour at hosting the event. He reflected on the initial scepticism of hosting ICOLSI-46 but thanked his scholars, colleagues and the university administration for their unwavering support.

Prof. R.C. Sharma, Prof. M.J. Warsi and Prof. Shareef ud din Pirzada expressed their appreciation for the event.

Prof. Mohammad Mobin, the Chief Guest, and the Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Cluster University, shared personal experiences regarding the role of language in education. He emphasized the importance of translating educational materials into regional languages, such as Kashmiri, and supported the proposal for introducing a postgraduate linguistics program at Cluster University.

Prof. Aejaz Mohammad Sheikh delivered the vote of thanks, expressing his gratitude to all the dignitaries, linguists, committee members, teaching and non-teaching staff, media, transport services, and scholars. He officially declared the conference closed, and Prof. M.J. Warsi offered his closing remarks, bringing the ICOLSI-46 to a memorable and successful conclusion.

Aejaz Mohammed Sheikh

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