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## 52<sup>ND</sup> ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTS AND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON NEP AND EQUIPPING MOTHER TONGUE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

19<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 2025

**T**he registration for the 52<sup>nd</sup> AICDL, an important assemblage of linguists in India scheduled to be held on **19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2025** at Annamalai University, Annamalainagar, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu is fast progressing. Scholars who wish to participate in the AICDL and remain unregistered are requested to register at the earliest. This will help the organizers to make proper arrangements for the conference including accommodation and other amenities for the participants. In the case of online paper presenters considerable reduction in registration fee will be given (for details see p.3). **PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY THE REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PRESENT THE PAPER AT THE CONFERENCE.**

**Last date for Registration : 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2025**

For registration, visit our website [www.ijdl.org](http://www.ijdl.org)

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One can download the pdf registration form from our website ([www.ijdl.org](http://www.ijdl.org)). The mode of payment details are given in the registration form. The requisite registration fee can be remitted in person, by post or by bank transfer. **Please send the filled-up registration form to the Secretary-DLA by post or by e-mail to [dlavis1971@gmail.com](mailto:dlavis1971@gmail.com) on or before 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.**

### AWARDS AND PRIZES - 52<sup>ND</sup> AICDL

Last date of Nomination for Awards :

**27<sup>th</sup> May, 2025**

**Publications for assessment may please be sent to  
The Secretary, Dravidian Linguistic Association of  
India, V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex,  
St. Xavier's College P.O.,  
Thiruvananthapuram - 695 586.  
E mail : [dlavis1971@gmail.com](mailto:dlavis1971@gmail.com)**

### 52<sup>ND</sup> AICDL : 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 avail of sponsorship from their respective universities. However, if any funding agency provides financial support, T.A. will be given to the special invitees and deserving delegates as per the direction of the funding body. Also Please make sure to book the tickets through authorized agencies like IRCTC/ Balmer Lawrie /Ashok Travels and Tours (ATT).

**AWARDS, PRIZES**

In connection with the 52<sup>nd</sup> AICDL various awards and prizes are announced by the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India. The nominations for the same (other than item no. 2, 15b, 16, 17, 18) along with supporting documents need to be submitted on or before 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**List of Awards**

1. **Mrs. Katre Memorial Prize** for M.A. topper in Linguistics (2022-2024 batch)

Prize amount : ₹ 2000/-

(The Universities and Heads of Departments are requested to forward mark lists of eligible candidates.)

2. **Award for the Best Paper in the Conference** by a young full-time student or research scholar.

Award amount : ₹ 2000/-

Only bonafide 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.

Award amount : ₹ 3000/-

The book should have been published within a period of 3 years before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

4. **Award for the Best Monograph on Dravidian Tribes**

Award amount : ₹ 3000/-

It should have been published within a period of 3 years before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

5. **Shri. C. Achutha Menon Prize** for the Best Article or Book published on 'Computer and Language'.

Award amount : ₹ 3000/-

It should have been published in an Indian journal and by an Indian, within a period of 3 years before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

6. **Dr. George Jacob Award** for the Best Monograph on Dravidian Linguistics in any Indian language other than Dravidian.

Award amount : ₹ 3000/-

It should have been published within a period of 3 years before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

7. **Prof. K.M. Venkataramaiah Award** for the Study of Language, Culture and other Linguistics-related Topics.

Award amount : ₹ 3000/-

The publication for this award should be within a period of 3 years before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

8. **Dr. Hermann Gundert Endowment Award** for the Best Dictionary, Lexicon or Encyclopaedia on any major Dravidian Language or any Dravidian Tribal Language

Award amount : ₹ 3000/-

It should have been published within a period of 3 years before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

9. **The Phonetic Society of India Endowment Award**

Award amount : ₹ 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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

10. **Dr. Panneerselvam & Smt. Thavamani**

**Panneerselvam Award** for the Translation of a Book from Tamil to Kannada or vice versa.

Award amount : ₹ 5000/-

The book should have been published within a period of 3 years before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

11. **Dr. K.N. Kuppuswamy Award** for a Lecture / Comparative Study of a Grammatical Text of Tamil, Sanskrit, Prakrit or Pali.

Award amount : ₹ 3000/-

Only those which are published within a period of 3 years before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 will be considered.

12. **Dr. P.C. Ganeshsundaram Award**

Award amount : ₹ 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**

Award amount : ₹ 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, published within a period of 3 years before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025. Joint authorship will also be considered but in that case, the award amount will be equally shared by the authors.

14. **Shri. C. Subramoniam Memorial Award**

For the best book in Medicine in Dravidian on Ayurveda, Siddha or Allopathy.

Award amount : ₹ 2000/-

Published in any of the Dravidian language within a period of 3 years before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

15. **Telugu Award**

(a) For the best book or research article in any study related to Telugu Linguistics, Folklore, Culture and such other related fields published with in a period of 3 years before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

Award amount : ₹ 5000/-

(b) For the best paper in Telugu Linguistics presented in the 52<sup>nd</sup> AICDL.

Award amount : ₹ 2000/-

16. **Colin P. Masica Award**

Award amount : ₹ 2500/-

For the best paper in the field of 'India as a Linguistic Area' or 'Pedagogical Linguistics' from among the papers presented in the 52<sup>nd</sup> AICDL.

17. **Vennelakanti Prakasam Award**

Award amount : ₹ 2500/-

for the best paper on systematic functional Linguistics (Phonology, Lexicogrammar, Semantics and Pragmatics) from among the papers presented in the 52<sup>nd</sup> AICDL.

18. **Manikkam & P.N. Kamala Award**

Award amount : ₹ 3000/-

for the best paper on Tamil presented in the 52<sup>nd</sup> AICDL

A person who has already received any one of the above awards/prizes earlier will not be considered for the same award again. For deciding the recipients of awards, the last date for submitting books, dictionaries, monographs, research papers etc., with relevant materials for assessment is 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.

We request all concerned to submit their nomination for the awards and prizes to [dlavis1971@gmail.com](mailto:dlavis1971@gmail.com). Please attach relevant documents and publications along with the mail or through courier service or by post. The hard copy for the consideration of award can be sent to the Secretary, DLA, 52<sup>nd</sup> All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists, V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex, St. Xavier's College P.O., Thiruvananthapuram – 695 586, Kerala.

**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/-)

## REGISTRATION FORM

### 52<sup>nd</sup> All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists

The Centre for Advanced Studies in Linguistics, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu  
(19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025)

Name (Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms.) :  
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(Residence) :

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Accommodation Needed : YES ☐ NO ☐  
Mode of participation : Online ☐ Offline ☐  
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(a) Students & Research Scholars without Fellowships	₹. 1500/-
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(b) Life Members and Research Scholars with fellowship	₹.2000/-
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(c) All others	₹. 2500/-
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#### Offline Participants

	India/Other SAARC countries	Non- SAARC countries
Life-members of DLA & Research Scholars with Fellowships	₹. 2500/-	US\$ 250/-
Students and Research Scholars without Fellowships	₹.2000/-	US\$ 250/-
Local students	₹.1500/-	
Other categories of delegates	₹. 3500/-	U \$ 350/-

\* Payment of **registration fee** is to be made to: Treasurer-DLA, 52<sup>nd</sup> AICDL, V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex, St. Xavier's College P.O., Thiruvananthapuram - 695 586.

The application forms for life-membership and institutional membership of the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India and also for the 52<sup>nd</sup> AICDL can be downloaded from [www.ijdl.org](http://www.ijdl.org)

The filled-up registration form should reach the Secretary, Dravidian Linguistic Association of India on or before 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.

➤ Only those registrants who participate offline are eligible for conference kit.

➤ Online participants will be issued only the soft copy of the certificate

Date :

Signature



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Dravidian University, Kuppom)

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**Dr. Sayeegeetha** (Head, Dept. of Humanities, Nitte Deemed to  
be University, Mangalore)

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**Prof. A. Usha Devi** (Retd. Professor of Linguistics and  
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**10. DR. PARSO GIDWANI & LACHHMI JESSARAM MEMORIAL LECTURE**

**Prof. K. Karunakaran** (Former VC, Tamil University,  
Thanjavur)

**CALENDAR OF DLA / ISDL MEETINGS**

ISDL Governing Council

19/06/2025 4.00 PM

DLA Managing Committee

19/06/2025 5.15 PM

IJDL Managing Committee and

Editorial Board

19/06/2025 5.45 PM

DLA General Body Meeting

20/06/2025 5.30 PM

**LOCATION OF ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY,  
ANNAMALAINAGAR**

Annamalai University is situated at Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram. The distance to Chidambaram is approximately 240 km from Chennai towards South. It is well connected by road and rail. Buses frequently ply from Koyambedu & KCBT, Kilambakkam. Train facility is available from Egmore & Tambaram. Hi-Tec deluxe bus services are also available from Chennai. The Annamalai University campus is situated at the East of Chidambaram town, 3 km from Bus stand and 2 km from Railway station. Accommodation will be arranged in the University guest house and Private hostels.

**All queries regarding abstracts, full paper etc., for  
the 52<sup>nd</sup> AICDL may please be made to  
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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/-)

**ISDL FELLOWSHIPS**

Applications are invited for preparing a panel of candidates to be appointed for the award of Senior Research Fellowship and Junior Research Fellowship as and when vacancies arise. Those who wish to apply may please send the CV to the following e mail id : [isdltvm@gmail.com](mailto:isdltvm@gmail.com) or directly to the Office of the ISDL. **Last date for the submission of application is 27.05.2025.**

**Qualifications**

1. Senior Research Fellowship: Ph.D in Linguistics or related subjects or M.A. with minimum 5 years of research experience.
2. Junior Research Fellowship: Post Graduate degree in Linguistics or related subjects. Please note that retired persons will also be considered for the award of Senior Research Fellowship.

**THE CENTENARY OF  
PROF. V.I. SUBRAMONIAM**

We are honoured to announce the 100<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Late Prof. V.I. Subramoniam, the founder of DLA, ISDL and IJDL comes on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The ISDL and DLA jointly decided to celebrate the centenary year 2026 as a tribute to Prof. V.I.S. In this connection the following decisions are taken.

1. To bring out a special volume of IJDL in 2026.
2. To organize an International Seminar on linguistics during February 2026.
3. To publish a centenary volume comprising articles of reputed scholars from India and abroad.

Anybody who wish to contribute article for the centenary volume, may please send it to the Director, ISDL on or before 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in the following e mail address.

E mail : [isdlseminar@gmail.com](mailto:isdlseminar@gmail.com)

**FORMER PRESIDENT OF DLA  
PADMA SHRI PROFESSOR B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY PASSED AWAY**

Professor Bandi Ramakrishna Reddy, a distinguished scholar in the field of linguistics, passed away on 23/04/2025. He served as a Professor in the Department of Linguistics at Osmania University and Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University. He was also the founding registrar of the Dravidian University in Kuppam and served as president of the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India. Recognizing his exceptional contributions to Indian linguistics, particularly in studying endangered Dravidian tribal languages, the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune awarded him honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.). In 2023. The Government of India honored him with the Padma Shri for serving endangered languages through his devoted service over five decades of his lifetime.



At a time when field linguistics in India is in decline, his commitment to revitalize tribal languages and the communities who speak them had inspired young linguists across the country. Prof. Bandi Ramakrishna Reddy is considered one of the prominent second-generation linguists among India's researchers in modern

linguistics. In academic circles, he is affectionately known as BRK.

**Education and Research Journey of Prof. Bandi Ramakrishna Reddy:** He was born on August 12, 1942, in a small village of Rentālachēnu in Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh, as a lone child to Shrimati Bakkamma and Shri Yarrama Reddygārulu. After completing his M.A. in Hindi Language and Literature from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, and after a short stint as a Hindi tutor at Annamalai University, he pursued a postgraduate degree in linguistics at Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute in Pune. In 1972, he received the prestigious Commonwealth Scholarship from the Association of Commonwealth Universities in London to pursue doctoral studies in linguistics. He and his wife, Prof. Nagamma Reddy (1947–2008), completed their doctoral programs under the supervision of the renowned linguist and expert in Dravidian languages and literatures, Prof. Ronald E. Asher, at the University of Edinburgh, UK, from 1972 to 1976. His Ph.D. dissertation, *Locative Studies in Telugu Grammar*, was published in 1986.

**Early Career and Tribal Language Research:** Besides his mother tongue, Telugu, Prof. Reddy was fluent in English, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, and several Dravidian tribal languages. He began his professional career in the

**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/-). **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 MANIPRAVĀLA WORKS**, N. Gopinathan Nair, 2021, PB, Crown 1/4, pp. 1086, Rs. 2240/- (US\$ 224/-). **INDEX OF RĀMAKATHAPPĀṬṬU**, 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/-).

late 1960s as a Hindi tutor at Annamalai University in Tamil Nadu. From 1970 to 1972, he worked as a Research Assistant at the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) in Mysore. During this time, he conducted significant fieldwork on the Kui language, spoken by tribal communities in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, which was classified as "definitely endangered" by UNESCO. His notable works from this period include Kui Phonetic Reader (co-authored with S.P. Upadhyay and Joy Reddy), Kui-Oriya-English Dictionary (co-authored with Joy Reddy and B.P. Mahapatra, 1995), and Kui Folklore (translated into Oriya and English, 2000). His other work, South Indian Tribal Folklore (2004), made tribal life accessible to the outside world, focusing primarily on the Gadaba and Irula tribes.

**Research on the Manda Language and Other Achievements:** He showed deep interest in the Manda language, another South-Central Dravidian tribal language spoken in Odisha and classified by UNESCO as severely endangered. He published several papers explaining its unique linguistic features. In 2009, he published the Manda-English Dictionary and Manda Folklore.

He was working on a forthcoming title, A Comprehensive Grammar of Manda. He identified rare features in Manda, such as verb-object agreement, that are atypical in Dravidian languages and suggested these features may have been borrowed from neighboring Munda languages. Besides his work on Kui, Manda, and Gadaba, he also identified a lesser-known Dravidian language called "Indi" or "Ave," spoken in the Rayagada district of Odisha.

**Language Contact, Convergence and Linguistic Area:** Alongside his research and teaching on tribal languages, Prof. Reddy focused on language contact and convergence. Following eminent linguists like M.B. Emeneau (1904–2005), he studied contact situations between Dravidian and other language families in India. Based on his research in Eastern-Central India, he proposed the idea of a "micro-linguistic area" in that region. He identified South-Central Dravidian languages' unique word formation (morphology) as a valuable area

for comparative syntactic research across language families. He contributed significantly to this through his edited volume Agreement in Dravidian Languages (2003), published by the International Institute of Tamil Studies in Chennai.

At Dravidian University, Kuppam, he organized numerous national conferences and edited two major volumes: Dravidian Folk and Tribal Lore (2001) and Word Structure in Dravidian (2003). These works are widely cited as authoritative references. His field-based writings sparked extensive discourse among Indian linguists on the threat facing tribal languages.

**Teaching, Legacy, and Personal Life:** Prof. Reddy was unmatched as a teacher. He was a compelling speaker who was direct and candid in expressing opinions and correcting students' mistakes. Young researchers often preferred to present their papers in sessions attended by BRK. He believed that the respect and affection he received from his students were his most prestigious honors.

After completing his degree, he married Nagamma (later Prof. Nagamma Reddy). Though she hadn't finished high school then, he encouraged her to complete her M.A. and Ph.D. Her research at the University of Edinburgh, titled 'An Instrumental Study of Consonants and Vowels in Telugu', was a landmark in Telugu phonetics. She served as a Professor of Phonetics at the Center for Applied Linguistics at Osmania University. They have one daughter, Padmini, who lives with her family in Denmark. I always recall having the best opportunity to be his student and listen to his lectures in the classroom.

Prof. Ramakrishna Reddy was a close associate of Prof. V.I. Subramoniam and played a significant role in establishing the Dravidian University at Kuppam. So also, he was deeply involved in the activities of the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India and the International School of Dravidian Linguistics.

Members of DLA, ISDL, IJDL and the linguistic fraternity pay homage to the great Dravidian Linguist who departed us forever.

*Uma Maheshwar Rao G.*

## MINI SUMMER COURSE

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru is conducting a four day mini summer course on "Essentials of Generative Grammar" on 11 - 14 June, 2025 at IC & SR, IIT Madras, Chennai.

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## ETERNAL REST FOR HISTORIAN PROF.M.G.S. NARAYANAN (20/8/1932 - 27/4/2025)

Former Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research and former Professor and Head, Department of History, Calicut University was laid to rest on the 27th April 2025 at the age of 92. He was Visiting Professor in Mangalore and M.G. Universities besides holding a Visiting Professorship in London, Moscow, Tokyo and Mexico Universities. He was also a recipient of British Commonwealth Fellowship.

During MGS's early academic phase 1970-90 he was active in Indian History Congress and he rose to become its Secretary twice and a sectional President (Ancient India) once. On the eve of his retirement he joined ICHR as Member Secretary and worked there for a short tenure.

Due to his eminence, Government of India appointed him as the Chairman of ICHR. He relinquished the chairmanship after two years. Subsequently he joined the Centre for Heritage Studies (2011-14) Government of Kerala as its Director General. During the last one decade MGS was totally concentrating in academic matters and more than a dozen books were published shedding light on Kerala History and Culture. He exposed the pseudo historical research carried on by some scholars and they were compelled to revise their studies.

The lasting contribution of M.G.S. Narayanan is his Perumals of Kerala a Ph.D. dissertation in History from the Kerala University (1972) which was treated as enough to a D. Litt by the examiner Historian Prof. A.L. Basham of Australian National University. This study based on epigraphical and numismatical sources enabled him to rewrite the ups and downs of medieval Chera History from 800 AD to 1124. He revised some of the conclusions of his senior Professors like

K.V.Krishna Iyer, Elamkulam Kunjan Pillai and Padmabhushan Sreedhara Menon. He treated the hundred years war in Kerala History as a myth.

He was able to synchronise the period of Jainism, Buddhism, Devadasi System, Jenmi System, Matrilineal system etc. in Kerala shedding light on its genesis, growth and development based on newly discovered epigraphical and Tamil literary sources. Foundations of India, Cultural Symbiosis, Aryanization of Kerala, Reinterpretations of South Indian History and Culture, Zamorins of Calicut, Malabar History, History of Kozhikode are all but fresh studies which threw a flood of light on early and medieval Chera History. Infact he redrew the map of early Kerala History in its diversities and vitalities and this could not be altered by any one easily for want of more proof. From temples and palaces he unearthed unexplored sources with which he stabilised and created a panorama of logical Kerala History.

Born (20-8-1932) and brought up in Ponnani (his paternal home) and Parappanangadi (maternal home) MGS was a product of Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai. His first Rank in MA History from the Madras University secured for him a lecturer's post in Zamorins College, Kozhikode and later when the Calicut University sprang up in 1967 he became Reader, later Professor and Dean of Social Sciences. In 2010 he was presented Prof.A.Sreedhara Menon Memorial Award. On his navathy in 2022 a festschrift entitled "Some Perspectives on Indian History and Culture" (edited by Prof.TPS Nair) was presented to him consisting of over eighty articles. The members of the DLA, ISDL and IJDL pay homage to the distinguished historian of India.

*T.P. Sankarankutty Nair*

## CONDOLENCE MEETING

The International School of Dravidian Linguistics and the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India held a condolence meeting on the sad demise of the eminent linguist Prof. B. Ramakrishna Reddy at 11.00 AM on 24-04-2025 in the C.D. Room of ISDL. Prof. G.K. Panikkar, Director, ISDL remembered his contribution to the field of linguistics and to the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India. Prof. Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan, Hon. Professor, ISDL and Dr. S. Abdul Samed, Treasurer, ISDL expressed their deep condolences. The fellows and staff of DLA, ISDL and IJDL pay homage to Prof. B. Ramakrishna Reddy and expressed their grief to the bereaved family.

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### TELF PAYS TRIBUTES TO PADMASHREE PROF. B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

Telugu Linguists' Forum, Hyderabad organized a condolence meeting on the demise of Prof. B. Ramakrishna Reddy through virtual mode on 27/05/2025. The Telugu Linguists' Forum office bearers and many prominent linguists from all over India joined the meeting and expressed their condolences whole heartedly to his daughter Mrs. Padmini and to all his family members.

### ISDL RESEARCH FORUM

30-04-2025	<i>Palaeolinguistics of Sanskrit by Semantic Etymology in Yaska's Tradition : Impact on Awareness of India as a Linguistic Area (Part I)</i> Dr. V.N. Bhattathiri
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