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Welcome to the 51ST ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTS

27th to 29th June, 2024

Organized by

Tamil University, Thanjavur, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru
Dravidian Linguistic Association of India and
the International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram

The organizers of the 51st All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists warmly welcome the AICDL delegates to Thanjavur, the famous temple city of Tamil Nadu. Thanjavur was the capital of the Great Chola King Rajaraja, who commissioned the city's magnificent Brihadeeshwara Temple which is also known as the Rajarajeswara Temple after the king who built it at the beginning of the 11th century CE. The temple was dedicated to the Hindu God Shiva. It is the tallest temple structure in India measuring to a height of 63 meters. Over the centuries many more temples were constructed in the area making Thanjavur one of the most important and most visited historical sites in India. It is listed as a World Heritage site by UNESCO in the year 1987. Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library located at Thanjavur is one of the oldest libraries in Asia which was established during the 16th century. The Thanjavur Maratha Palace constructed by the Thanjavur Nayak is now converted into Royal Palace Museum. It consists of a splendid collection of Chola bronzes.

Tamil University, Thanjavur was established in the year 1981. It is intended for the research and development of the Tamil language. It is the first University in India meant for the research and development of a regional language. The first Vice-Chancellor of the Tamil University, Prof. V.I. Subramoniam, an eminent Indian linguist and Tamil Scholar is the founder of DLA, ISDL and IJDL. Thus the Tamil University is intimately connected to the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India from its very inception.

The 51st AICDL organized by the Tamil University Thanjavur in collaboration with CIIL Mysuru, ISDL and DLA will commence on the forenoon of 27th of June 2024 (Thursday). Most of the eminent linguists

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of India and a few from abroad are expected to take part in this event. The awards declared in the 51st AICDL will be distributed in the inaugural function followed by the releasing of new publications of ISDL.

After the inaugural function two important memorial lectures viz., Prof. V.I. Subramoniam Memorial Lecture and Prof. Suniti Kumar Chatterji Memorial Lecture will be delivered. The speakers for the lectures are Prof. K. Rangan (Retd. Professor, Tamil University, Thanjavur) and Prof. K. Karunakaran (Former Vice Chancellor, Tamil University, Thanjavur) respectively. The rest of the memorial lectures will be delivered at different intervals from 27th afternoon to 29th.

There will be five parallel sessions on every day from 27th - 29th June 2024. About 120 scholars are expected to participate in the conference deliberations. **The spot registration will commence at 8.30 AM on 27th June 2024 at the Tamil University, Thanjavur, where facilities will be available for the enrolment to DLA membership.**

The organizers, once again welcome all the delegates of the 51st All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists to the holy campus of Tamil University which is blessed with the invisible presence of late Prof. V.I. Subramoniam. For the Dravidian linguists it is a centre of sanctity as a place where the holy ashes of V.I. Subramoniam is kept.

WINNERS OF THE DLA AWARDS & PRIZES

- Prof. K.M. Venkataramaiah Award* : **Dr. Devina Krishna**
(Assistant Professor, Patna Women's College, Patna)
'*Syllable Structure and Word Stress in Dogri*'
- Prof. Susheela P. Upadhyaya Award* : **Dr. Filippo Pedron** (University of Naples, "L'Orientale", Italy)
'*Elamite and Dravidian: A Reassessment*'
- Dr. K.N. Kuppuswami Award* : **Dr. Bryan G. Levman** (University of Toronto, Canada)
'*Dravidian Towns in the Mahāvastu and Milindapañha
A Demographic Study*'
- Shri. C. Achutha Menon Prize* : **Dr. Rajendran Sankaravelayuthan**
(Retd. Professor, Tamil University, Thanjavur)
'*Semantic Change and Semantic Extension of Tamil Verbs*'
- Dr. George Jacob Award* : **Dr. Thennarasu S.** (Associate Professor, CUK, Kasaragod)
'*Digital Archives for Documentation of Low- Resourced
Languages*'

WINNERS OF THE AWARDS & PRIZES INSTITUTED BY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTICS

- Telugu Award* : **Dr. Viswanatha Naidu**
(Assistant Professor, CALTS, University of Hyderabad)
'*A Qualitative Study of Actual and Non-Actual Motion Expressions in
Telugu and its Implication for Some South Asian Languages*'
- Mrs. S.M. Katre Memorial Prize* : **Ms. Pooja B. Pradeep**, University of Kerala
(M.A. Topper in Linguistics, 2021-2023 batch)

MEMORIAL LECTURES**List of Memorial Lectures organized by the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India**

Prof. V.I. Subramoniam Memorial Lecture	:	Prof. K. Rangan
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Prof. Karunasindhu Das Memorial Lecture	:	Prof. K. Suryanarayana
Prof. S.K. Verma Memorial Lecture	:	Prof. E. James Daniel
Prof. A. Chandrasekhar Memorial Lecture	:	Prof. T.B. Venugopala Panikkar
Prof. Chekkuri Ramarao Memorial Lecture	:	Prof. M. Sampath Kumar
Prof. H.M. Maheswaraiah Memorial Lecture	:	Prof. C. Ramaswamy
Prof. K. Mahadeva Sastri Memorial Lecture	:	Prof. P. Kusumakumari

List of Memorial Lectures organized by the International School of Dravidian Linguistics

Prof. Suniti Kumar Chatterji Memorial Lecture	:	Prof. K. Karunakaran
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PROF. ANVITA ABBI ENDOWMENT LECTURE

Professor Satish Abbi has offered Rs. 5 lakh to Dravidian Linguistic Association of India for creating a new endowment lecture in the name of Prof. Anvita Abbi, a renowned linguist and recipient of Padmasree award. Prof. Anvita Abbi endowment lecture will commence from the 52nd AICDL.

REGISTRATION FORM
51st AICDLDepartment of Linguistics, Tamil University, Thanjavur
(27-29 June 2024)

Name (Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms.) :
 Gender :
 Address (Official) :
 (Residence) :
 Phone : E-mail :
 Life-Member of DLA : YES NO
 Ph.D. Researcher without Fellowship, M.A./M.Phil. Student : YES NO
 Student of the Host University : YES NO
 Accommodation Needed : YES NO
 Mode of participation : Online Offline
 Mode of journey :
 Date & Time of Arrival :
 Date & Time of Departure :
 Title of the Paper :
 Details of Registration Fee :
 Mode of Remittance : Date :

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REGISTRATION FEE:

Online Participants		
(a) Students & Research Scholars without Fellowships	₹. 1000/-	
(b) All others	₹. 1500/-	
Offline Participants		
	India / Other SAARC countries	Non- SAARC countries
Life-members of DLA & Research Scholars with Fellowships	₹. 2000/-	US\$ 200/-
Students and Research Scholars without Fellowships	₹.1500/-	US\$ 150/-
Local students	₹.1000/-	
Other categories of delegates	₹. 3000/-	US\$ 300/-

▶ Only offline registrants are eligible for conference kit.

▶ Online participants will be issued only the soft copy of the certificate.

* Payment of registration fee is to be made to: Secretary-DLA, 51st 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 51st AICDL can be downloaded from www.ijdl.org.

The filled-up registration form should reach the Secretary, Dravidian Linguistic Association of India on or before 23/06/2024.

Date :

Signature

OUR EVERLASTING INSPIRATION

Prof. V.I. Subramoniam
(18-2-1926 – 29-6-2009)

CALENDAR OF DLA/ISDL MEETINGS

ISDL Governing Council	27-06-2024	4.00 PM
DLA Managing Committee	27-06-2024	5.15 P.M
IJDL Managing Committee & Editorial Board	27-06-2024	5.45 P.M
DLA General Body Meeting	28-06-2024	5.30 P.M

DLA LIFE MEMBERSHIP

*Be proud to be a Life Member of
DLA and avail the special privileges.*

51st 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 book the tickets through authorized agencies like IRCTC / Balmer Lawrie.

BEST PAPER AWARDS**51st AICDL**

Last date of submission : 23-06-2024

Paper presenters in the 51st AICDL who wish to consider their papers for the best paper awards from among those presented in the conference are requested to submit one copy of the same each to the Organising Secretary 51st AICDL (dlaconferencetu@gmail.com) and to the DLA (dlatvm@gmail.com) on or before 5 pm on the 23rd June 2024

Colin P. Massica Award (For the best paper in the field of ‘India as a Linguistic Area’ or ‘Pedagogical Linguistics’)

Vennelakanti Prakasam Award (For the best paper on systematic functional Linguistics (Phonology, Lexicogrammar, Semantics and Pragmatics))

Best paper in Telugu Linguistics presented in the 51st AICDL.

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

No paper received after the last date will be entertained under any circumstance. So please strictly adhere to the last date.

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/-). 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/-).

TEN-DAY SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON NLP

The Department of Linguistics, Madurai Kamaraj University, organized a Ten-day Skill development programme on “**Natural Language Processing**” to the students of Madurai Kamaraj University and Jeyaraj Annabakiyam College for Women, Periyakulam, with an aim to inculcate language oriented skills for them. The inaugural session was held on 13.05.2024 in Prof. J. Neethivanan Hall, Department of Linguistics.

Dr. K. Umaraj, (Programme Director) Associate Professor and Head, Department of Linguistics welcomed the gathering and articulated the aim and the objective of this programme. Prof. K. Karunakaran, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University and Chairman, ISDL delivered the inaugural address. Prof. N. Rajasekharan Nair, Former Director, CAS in Linguistics, Annamalai University and Mentor Professor, Bharathiar University delivered the Keynote address. Prof. L. Ramamoorthy, Former Professor & Head, Central University of Kerala delivered the special address. Prof. V. Renugadevi, Former Professor & Head, Department of Linguistics, Madurai

Kamaraj University, Prof. T. Muthukrishnan, Former Head, Department of Linguistics, Bharathiar University, Dr. K. Pasumpon, Former Director i/c., World Tamil Sangam, Madurai, and Dr.A.Munian, Former Head, Department of Linguistics, Madurai Kamaraj University offered felicitations.

In the inaugural session, two books entitled 1) **Language of Literature** (in Tamil) and 2) **Endangered Languages : Documentation - Revitalization**, authored by Prof. V. Renuga Devi, were released. Prof. K. Karunakaran, released the two books and Prof. N. Rajasekharan Nair and Prof. L. Ramamoorthy received the first copy of the books respectively.

The inaugural session culminated with vote of thanks by Dr. C. Saranya, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Linguistics, Madurai Kamaraj University.

For the Skill Development programme, Linguists, NLP and Translation experts across Tamilnadu delivered lectures and engaged practical sessions. The programme ended on 24.05.2024.

K. Umaraj
Madurai Kamaraj University

ANNUAL CONFERENCE (ELKL)

The **Society for Endangered and Lesser-known Languages (SEL)**, in collaboration with various departments and institutions from India and abroad is organizing an annual conference in 2025.

The seminar series, known as **ELKL**, is focused on language endangerment, documentation, and revitalization. Initiatives are requested from various institutions and departments for hosting the seminar series ELKL-13.

For more information, please visit the website at <https://selindia.org/elkl-introduction/>.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers are invited by the Central Institute of Indian Languages for the Special Issue “Translation in India: Theories, Policies and Practices” (Issue 1, 2025 Vol. 45) to be published in Collaboration with the UNESCO.

Abstracts/proposals may be sent to
umarani.ctindia@yahoo.com

Important Dates

Deadline for abstracts: June 20, 2024

Submission of full manuscripts: October 31, 2024

Publication of the special issue: March 2025

Access the full Call for Papers by clicking below

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Umarani Pappuswamy
Guest Editor

38th SOUTH ASIAN LANGUAGES ANALYSIS ROUNDTABLE (SALA-38)

The Department of Tenyidie, Nagaland University is organizing

the 38th South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable (SALA-38) on November 28th – 30th, 2024 at Nagaland University, Kohima Campus: Meriema, Nagaland, India. Papers are invited in **any area related to the field of South Asian languages and linguistics**.

Abstracts in PDF and word formats are to be sent to sala38.abstracts@gmail.com with CC to ezungm@gmail.com
Important Dates:

Abstract submission deadline : **30th June 2024**

Notification of acceptance : **30th July 2024**

Conference dates : **28th-30th November 2024**

For further updates please visit the conference website

<https://sala-38.nagalanduniversity.ac.in/>

For any query, please write to:

SALA38@nagalanduniversity.ac.in

CALL FOR PAPERS (NEP 2020)

GLA University Mathura is going to organize a Two Day international conference on "NEP 2020, Teaching and learning of language and literature" in collaboration with Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru on **21-22 June 2024, at GLA U Mathura.**

The selected papers presented in the conference will be published as conference proceedings by CIIL Mysuru with ISBN.

This conference emphasizes on the importance of preserving linguistic diversity and promoting multilingualism in education. It also examines the intersections of language and literature in the 21st century as part of NEP 2020 and in the wider context of endangered languages. The conference aims to be a forum for dialogue, collaboration and innovation in the field of language and literature as part of the NEP 2020 program.

It will feature keynote addresses, panel discussions and paper presentations in language and literature.

Conference Organizing Committee

Chief Patron : Shri. Narayan Das Agrawal (Honorable Chancellor, GLA University),
Co-Chief Patron : Prof. Shailendra Mohan (Director, CIIL), Patron : Prof. Phalguni Gupta (Vice-Chancellor, GLA University), Conference Chair : Prof. Anup Kumar Gupta (Pro-Vice-Chancellor), Conference Convener : Dr. Ramanjaney Kumar Upadhyay (Head of Department), Conference Coordinator : Dr. Harvinder Negi (Assistant Professor)

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New Life Members of DLA - May 2024

Name & Address	Membership Number
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PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are invited for the post of Language Instructor in the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions (Department of Personnel & Training) which is the premier training institute for the Civil Services in India and conducts various training modules for civil servants posted at different ranks.

Eligible candidates may apply to the below mentioned post:
Language Instructor - Six (6) posts i.e. one post each as follows:

- Language Instructor for teaching Odia and Bengali- 01 post
- Language Instructor for teaching Marathi and Gujarati- 01 post
- Language Instructor for teaching Tamil and Telugu- 01 post
- Language Instructor for teaching Malayalam and Kannada- 01 post
- Language Instructor for teaching Assamese and Manipuri- 01 post
- Language Instructor for teaching Punjabi and Urdu-01 post
(for the post of Language Instructor for teaching Punjabi and Urdu, the date of eligibility of candidate will be taken as on 01-10-2024)

Last date for submission of application : **5/7/2024**

For more details please visit : <http://www.lbsnaa.gov.in>

ISDL FELLOWSHIPS

Applications are invited for preparing a panel of candidates to be selected for the award of Senior Fellowship, Senior Research Fellowship and Junior Research Fellowship as and when vacancies arise. **Last date for the submission of application is 25.06.2024.**

Qualifications

1. Senior Fellowship: one should be in the rank of a University Professor or a distinguished scholar with outstanding academic career.
 2. Senior Research Fellowship: Ph.D in Linguistics or related subjects.
 3. 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 Fellowship and Senior Research Fellowship.

BRAHUI, KURUX AND MALTO*

Prof. Masato Kobayashi
(Continued from the May issue)

4. Asyndeton and conditionals in Brahui

Brahui distinguishes itself among Dravidian languages by lacking a conjunctive participle for denoting prior actions; it only has a participle in -isa for concurrent actions, as illustrated in phrases like *šaer xal-isa bas, urā-yā tenā* “He went home, singing songs.” Instead of the typical conjunctive form, Brahui employs asyndeton, stringing together finite verbs without conjunctions, exemplified by *xudā.hāfiz kar-e hin-ā* “The snake bade him farewell and departed.” This syntactic trait extends to complex clauses, including relative and temporal ones, which are constructed without conjunctions or relative pronouns, marking a significant feature of Brahui syntax. This approach also applies to conditional clauses, which similarly omit conjunctions.

In Dravidian languages, conditional clauses often use a conditional participle. Malto forms this from a verb base with a locative suffix. Brahui employs the conjunction *aga* for ‘if’ and *gurā* for ‘then’, alongside the complementizer *ki*, marking conditionals among other clause types. These elements in Brahui are borrowed from Iranian languages such as Balochi.

Brahui also features asyndetic conditional/temporal clauses without conjunctions, subordination, or word-order changes, such as *ciṭṭi-e xan-ā o-nā xan-teān xarīnk-āk bar-or* {letter-ACC see-PST.3SG she-GEN eye-PL.ABL tear-PL come-FUT.3PL} “If she sees the letter, tears will flow from her eyes,” literally “She saw the letter, tears will flow from her eyes.” This construction is prevalent in Brahui across various registers without needing suprasegmental markers.

The most common asyndetic conditionals in Brahui use past tense verbs for open suppositions, with subjunctive verbs indicating hypothetical situations. Imperfect verbs are used less frequently, for counterfactual past conditions. Conditional verbs, though rare, denote potential past situations.

The widespread use of asyndetic conditionals in Brahui, absent in Kurux and Malto, might stem from a preference for asyndetic parataxis over conjunctions, possibly influenced by Iranian languages. The syntax of Brahui allows for finite verbs to be juxtaposed without ‘and’, a pattern also observed in sequences of actions. Brahui can also omit ‘then’, linking actions without conjunctions instead. This contrasts with typical Dravidian languages, which rely on participial forms and converbs.

Analysis of Brahui text revealed that conditional clauses are formed with past, subjunctive, imperfect, and conditional verbs, while present and perfect tenses primarily form temporal clauses. These constructions do not necessarily require conjunctions, with tense or modality determining their function. In Brahui, asyndetic conditionals juxtapose clauses without conjunctions, but are understood as conditional based on tense differences, a process known as ‘backshifting’ (Dancygier 1993). This semantic extension allows past and imperfect tenses to signal supposition.

Conditional clauses with two past verbs are also possible, as past tense can also imply a determined future action. However, perfect or pluperfect verbs in asyndetic conditionals are not found, probably because they only refer to the resultative states and lack extension to epistemic modality.

The present progressive tense, usually indicating present time, can appear in temporal clauses interpretable as conditional due to underlying implications, similar to how English ‘when’-clauses can convey conditional meanings.

In conclusion, the asyndetic conditionals of Brahui, showcase a syntactic feature unique within Dravidian languages, with tense and modality playing crucial roles in their interpretation as coordinative, temporal, or conditional clauses.

- Abridged version of the online lecture delivered by Prof. Masato Kobayashi on 06th January, 2024 organized by the International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram