

TWO DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON QUANTIFIERS AND QUALIFIERS

8th and 9th of October 2026

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**Topic: “Convergence and Resulting
Uniformity in the Usages and Patterns of
Quantifiers and Qualifiers in Indian
Languages with Special Reference to
Cultural Heritage and NEP 2020”**



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The Dravidian Linguistic Association of India, St. Xaviers College P.O., Menamkulam, Thiruvananthapuram in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru is organizing a Two Day National Seminar on “Convergence and Resulting Uniformity in the Usages and Patterns of Quantifiers and Qualifiers in Indian Languages with Special Reference to Cultural Heritage and NEP 2020” on the 8th and 9th of October 2026 at the V.I. Subramoniam Complex, Menamkulam, Thiruvananthapuram - 695586. The seminar intends to highlight the structural and lexical convergences in the use of quantifiers and qualifiers among the major and minor languages of India.

The Dravidian Linguistic Association of India (DLA) is India's top most association on linguistics in terms of publications and membership. It was formed in 1971 to strengthen and develop the studies on the regional languages of India, having the National Professor Dr. Sunitikumar Chatterji, the doyen of Indian linguistics as its President and internationally reputed professors Prof. V.I. Subramoniam, Prof. R.C. Hiremath and Prof. K. Mahadeva Sastry as Secretaries and Dr. G.K. Panikkar as Treasurer,

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Concept Note:

Language encodes not only entities and actions but also the quantity and quality associated with them. Two crucial linguistic categories that enable this encoding are quantifiers (expressions of quantity) and qualifiers (expressions that modify or define meaning). These categories are fundamental to making meaning across languages, yet their systematic study within the linguistically diverse context of India remains limited.

India, as one of the world's richest linguistic areas, offers a unique testing ground for examining how quantification and qualification operate across languages. Despite this, comprehensive cross-linguistic and typologically grounded studies which exhibit the similarities in lexical and grammatical features still remain scarce and hence it is an urgent need to have in-depth research in this field which surely will contribute mutual understanding and respect among different linguistic groups which ultimately solder natural integration and unity.

This seminar aims to bring together scholars working on the Indian languages to foster a comparative, interdisciplinary, and typologically informed dialogue. It will examine a range of phenomena such as Determiner quantifiers (D-quantifiers), Adverbial quantifiers (A-quantifiers), Numeral classifiers, Reduplication-based quantifier and Qualifier relationships.

One of the central goals of this seminar is to evaluate the applicability of existing typological frameworks—particularly the distinction between D-quantifiers and A-quantifiers — to Indian languages, and to explore whether their rich morphological and syntactic features necessitate theoretical refinement or expansion.

Background and Rationale:

Although quantification has been widely studied in global linguistic theory, its systematic exploration in Indian languages has been limited and fragmented. Early foundational work includes Rajasingh (1991), which examined quantifiers across major Dravidian languages—Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, and Telugu—proposing a shared analytical framework. More recent studies have explored specific phenomena, such as Universal quantifiers in Manipuri (Betholia & Morey, 2009), and Numeral classifier systems in Magadhi (Kumar, 2024). Mohapatra (2021), drawing on classical Indian philosophical traditions such as Navyanyāya, highlights the qualifier–qualified relationship as central to semantic interpretation. This perspective opens a productive dialogue between Western formal semantics and indigenous Indian knowledge systems covering all language families of India.

REGISTRATION FORM

Two Day National Seminar on “Convergence and Resulting Uniformity in the Usages and Patterns of Quantifiers and Qualifiers in Indian Languages with Special Reference to Cultural Heritage and NEP 2020”

(08th -09th October, 2026)

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Mode of Participation	:	Online ☐ Offline ☐
Life-Member of DLA	:	YES ☐ NO ☐
Ph.D. Researcher without Fellowship, M.A./M.Phil. Student	:	YES ☐ NO ☐
Accommodation Needed	:	YES ☐ NO ☐
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Objectives of the Seminar:

It is hoped that the seminar will address the following key questions:

- How are quantifiers structurally realized and related across different Indian languages?
- What semantic distinctions exist among various types of quantifiers?
- How do qualifiers interact with grammatical categories such as tense, aspect, case, and agreement?
- What role do cultural and cognitive factors play in shaping quantification and qualification?
- To what extent do Indian languages conform to or diverge from global typological patterns?
- How the ancient grammatical treatises like Pāṇinīyaṃ and Tolkāppiyam have defined and endorsed the quantifiers and qualifiers.
- To explore the influence of cultural and cognitive factors in levelling the differences among the Indian languages.
- Identifying the implications for Language teaching, Translation studies and Computational linguistics.
- To examine interactions with grammatical systems such as plurality, case marking, and verbal morphology.

Scholars representing different language groups and that too from different parts of India are expected to participate in this seminar.

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SEMINAR CALENDAR

Abstract submission	:	07/09/2026
Intimation of Acceptance	:	10/09/2026
Full paper submission	:	28/09/2026
Last date of registration	:	28/09/2026
Inauguration	:	08-10-2026
(In special cases spot registration is allowed)		

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REGISTRATION FEE

Participation only (No paper presentation)	₹. Nil
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The filled-up registration form should reach the Secretary, Dravidian Linguistic Association of India on or before 19th **September**, 2026.

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