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

The Centre for Advanced Studies in Linguistics, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar, Tamil Nadu is hosting the 52nd All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists and Symposium on “NEP and Equipping Mother Tongue for Higher Education”. The Conference is scheduled to be held on 19th – 21st June, 2025 in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru, International school of Dravidian Linguistics and the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India. The conference will provide an excellent forum for both Indian and international scholars actively engaged in linguistic research to present and discuss their studies and discoveries.

The areas to be deliberated upon at the conference are as follows:

Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics, Applied Linguistics, Dravidian Linguistics, Historical and Comparative Linguistics, Language Contact, Computational Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Language Pathology, Linguistics Typology, Areal Linguistics, Language Teaching & Testing, Endangered Languages, Indo-Aryan and Austro-Asiatic Linguistic Studies, Writing System, Artificial Intelligence, Translation Studies, Cognitive Linguistics, Psycholinguistics, Media Linguistics, Forensic Linguistics, Field Linguistics, Speech Synthesis, Mathematical Linguistics, Semiotics, Stylistics, Neurolinguistics, Folkloristics, Tribal Studies, Cultural Studies, Lexicography, Corpus Linguistics, Manuscriptology and Paleography, Archaic Linguistics, Nostratic Studies, Internet Linguistics, AI and Language Science, NEP 2020. Papers on any other topic, if related to linguistics, will also be accepted for presentation in the conference.

Papers are invited from interested linguists from all over India and abroad. The conference will be in hybrid mode. **The registration for the conference is in progress.** We request all the interested delegates to register for the conference as early as possible to ensure accommodation. For registration, visit our website www.ijdl.org

Link for registration : <https://forms.gle/uGLwHFvZ9sNNjGPb6>



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Registration

One can also download the pdf form from our website (www.ijdl.org). The Details of the modes of payment 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 dlatvm@gmail.com on or before 31st May, 2025.**



Deep Love and Respect

99th Birth Anniversary

Prof. V.I. Subramoniam

(18/02/1926 - 29/06/2009)

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AWARDS, PRIZES & SPECIAL LECTURES

In connection with the 52nd 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, 17, 18) along with supporting documents need to be submitted on or before 15th 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st May 2025.

11. **Dr. K.N. Kuppaswamy 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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 within a period of 3 years before 1st May 2025.

Award amount : ₹ 5000/-

(b) For the best paper in Telugu Linguistics presented in the 52nd 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 52nd 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 52nd AICDL.

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

Award amount : ₹ 3000/-

for the best paper on Tamil presented in the 52nd 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 15th May, 2025.

We request all concerned to submit their nomination for the awards and prizes to dlatvm@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, 52nd All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists, V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex, St. Xavier's College P.O., Thiruvananthapuram – 695 586, Kerala.

Registration Desk, 52nd AICDL

REGISTRATION FORM**52nd AICDL**

Centre for Advanced Studies in Linguistics,
Annamalai University, Annamalainagar
(19-21 June, 2025)

Name (Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms.)	:	
Gender	:	
Address (Office)	:	
(Residence)	:	
Phone	:	
E-mail	:	
Mode of Participation	:	Online <input type="checkbox"/> Offline <input type="checkbox"/>
Life-Member of DLA	:	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Ph.D. Researcher without Fellowship, M.A./M.Phil. Student	:	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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Accommodation Needed	:	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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SPECIAL LECTURES

In connection with the 52nd AICDL, ten special lectures will be arranged during the three days of the conference which will be the highlight of the event. These lectures will be delivered by prominent Linguists.

A. ENDOWMENT LECTURE**PROF. ANVITA ABBI ENDOWMENT LECTURE****B. MEMORIAL LECTURES**

1. **PROF. V.I. SUBRAMONIAM MEMORIAL LECTURE**
2. **PROF. SUNITI KUMAR CHATTERJI MEMORIAL LECTURE**
3. **PROF. NAGAMMA REDDY MEMORIAL LECTURE**
4. **PROF. KARUNASINDHU DAS MEMORIAL LECTURE**
5. **PROF. S.K. VERMA MEMORIAL LECTURE**
6. **PROF. A. CHANDRASEKHAR MEMORIAL LECTURE**
7. **PROF. CHEKKURI RAMARAO MEMORIAL LECTURE**
8. **PROF. H.M. MAHESWARAIAH MEMORIAL LECTURE**
9. **PROF. K. MAHADEVA SASTRI MEMORIAL LECTURE**

52nd AICDL - REGISTRATION FEE:

Online Participants		
(a) Students & Research Scholars without Fellowships	₹. 1500/-	
(b) Life Members and Research Scholars with fellowship	₹.2000/-	
(c) All others	₹. 2500/-	
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/-	US\$ 350/-

Date :

Signature

* Payment of **registration fee** is to be made to: Treasurer-DLA, **52nd 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 52nd 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 **31st May, 2025**.

- **Only those registrants who participates offline are eligible for conference kit.**
- **Online participants will be issued only the soft copy of the certificate.**

52nd ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTS**Chief Patrons****Dr. Ramanathan Kathiresan**

(Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University)

Prof. Shailendra Mohan

(Director, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru)

Patrons**Prof. K. Karunakaran**

(Chairman, ISDL & Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University, Thanjavur)

Prof. Bhakthavathsala 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, Annamalainagar)

Prof. G.K. Panikkar

Director, ISDL & Dean, DLA

Organizing Secretary**Prof. R. Saranya (9488040206)**

(Director, CAS in Linguistics, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar)

For more details visit our website : www.ijdl.org**For Registration contact :****Greeshma C. (+91 - 7012927523, +91 - 9188608982)**

REPORT ON NATIONAL SEMINAR ON 'INDIA AS A LINGUISTIC AREA – A REVISIT'

The International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL), in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, successfully organized a three-day national seminar on "India as a Linguistic Area—A Revisit" from February 5 to 7, 2025, at the Raja Raja Varma Auditorium, ISDL Complex, Thiruvananthapuram. The seminar provided linguists, researchers, and scholars an academic platform to discuss India's linguistic diversity, multilingualism, and language convergence.

The inaugural session commenced on February 5, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. with an invocation by Mrs. A. Aswathy. Dr. L. Darwin (Secretary, ISDL & Head, Department of Linguistics, University of Kerala) welcomed the distinguished dignitaries. Dr. L. Sushama (Vice Chancellor, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur) who chaired the function pointed out that unity in diversity in all spheres of activities of the Indian people whether it is in language, culture, art, architecture or music etc., is the beauty of India. She said that it is our duty to protect all languages both major and minor and hence the language experts in India have to take keen interest for that.

Prof. G. Gopakumar (Former Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod) inaugurated the seminar and pointed out that India is an ecological museum of language, culture, religion, groups etc. He also discussed the constitutional provisions permitting people to use the language of their choice and told that in India no language can be forcefully imposed but only can be accepted voluntarily. He further pointed out that multilingualism gets dominance in all parts of India due to population movements.

Prof. Jiju P. Alex (Member, Kerala State Planning Board) in his felicitation address stressed the need for developing technical terminology which facilitates translation of teaching materials from foreign languages to mother tongue. He observed that the languages are to be used as tool to show the existence of human societies. Languages evolved with humans. The diversity of Indian languages is our strength and language should be able to establish and survive on its own. He is of the view that linguists should give more attention to the role of language in science and technology.

Prof. K. Karunakaran (Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University, Thanjavur & Chairman, ISDL) discussed the importance of mother tongue education in the context of multilingual situation. Dr. Sayeegeetha Hegde (Head, Department of Humanities, NITTE Deemed to be University, Mangaluru) and Dr. Mahboob Zahid (Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Central University of Rajasthan) delivered the felicitation addresses.

A major highlight of the session was the keynote address by Padmashri Prof. Anvita Abbi (Former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University & Adjunct Professor, Simon Fraser University, Canada), which offered profound insights into linguistic convergence and multilingualism.

The session concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. L. R. Prem Kumar (Seminar Coordinator & Lecturer-cum-Junior Research Officer, CIIL, Mysuru).

to be continued...

Aiswaria G. Shajan

Resource Person, NTS-I, CIIL, Mysuru

PROF. ANVITA ABBI ENDOWMENT LECTURE

Prof. Satish Abbi has contributed Rs 5 lakhs to the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India for instituting Prof. Anvita Abbi Endowment Lecture to be delivered at the All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists (AICDL) every year. The first endowment lecture will be delivered during the 52nd AICDL to be held at Annamalai University, Annamalainagar, Tamilnadu.

DEADLINES - 52nd AICDL**(a) Paper Presentation**

Submission of the Abstract : 1st April, 2025
Notification of Acceptance : 15th April, 2025
Submission of Full Paper : 15th May, 2025

[not more than 15 pages- A-4 size].

Abstracts not exceeding 200 words including key words.

Abstracts may be sent to email :

dla52auling@gmail.com

(b) Awards and Prizes

Last date of Nomination for Awards : 15th May, 2025

Publications for assessment may please be sent to
dlatvm@gmail.com

(b) Last date for Registration

31st May 2025

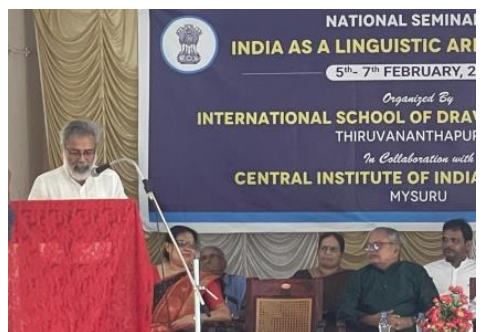
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OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF DLA**

Since the existing email ID's can cease to function at any time DLA and IJDL have created new email ID's.

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The Governing Council of the ISDL met at 2 PM on 5-2-2025 at the C.D. room ISDL Complex, Menamkulam under the Chairmanship of Prof. K. Karunakaran. It discussed various activities of the ISDL during the year 2024-2025. The budget proposal for the year 2025-2026 was unanimously approved by the council.

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON 'INDIA AS A LINGUISTIC AREA – A REVISIT'**(Highlights)****PROF. M.J. WARSI ASSUMED CHARGE AS DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AT BABA GHULAM SHAH BADSHAH UNIVERSITY (BGSBU), JAMMU & KASHMIR**

Prof. M.J. Warsi, Chairperson, Department of Linguistics, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) is appointed as the Dean, Academic Affairs at the newly formed Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU), Jammu & Kashmir.

Prof. Jawaid Iqbal, Vice Chancellor, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University congratulated Prof. Warsi for the new role at BGSBU. "Prof. M J Warsi's appointment as Dean, Academic Affairs is a moment of great pride for BGSBU. His vast experience, academic leadership, and commitment to excellence will greatly benefit the university". He further said. "I am confident that under his guidance, BGSBU will witness significant academic advancements and new research initiatives. I wish him all the success in his new role."

Renowned for his scholarly contributions, exceptional teaching, and unwavering commitment to academic excellence, Prof. Warsi has made a profound impact on the field of linguistics through his innovative teaching and research. Prof. Warsi is most admired for his decency, his resilience, his exceptional teaching and his firm belief in academic excellence.

His distinguished career spans premier universities in the United States, including the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), the University of California (Berkeley), and Washington University (St. Louis, USA).

Prof. Warsi has been honored with several prestigious national and international awards, including the James McLeod Faculty Award (2012), Colin P. Masica Award (2024), and M B Emeneau Scholar of Excellence Award (2024). His dedication to advancing linguistic research and fostering academic discourse has earned him widespread recognition.

Besides holding several prominent academic positions, Prof Warsi is currently serving as the President, Linguistic Society of India.

BGSBU press release

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/-). **EVOLUTION OF MALAYALAM**, Anantaramayyar Chandrasekhar, 2020, PB, Crown 1/4, pp. 8+216, Rs. 450/- (US\$ 45/-). **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/).

National seminar on “CONTRIBUTIONS OF MAHARSHI AGASTHYAR TO THE INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS”- A Brief Report



The International School of Dravidian Linguistics in collaboration with Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru has organized a one day National Seminar on “Contributions of Maharshi Agasthyar to the Indian Knowledge Systems” on 11th February 2025 at Rabindra Bhavan, V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL complex, Menamkulam, Thiruvananthapuram.

Prof. G. K. Panikkar, Honorable Director, ISDL was the Chairman of the Inaugural session. In his Chairman’s address Prof. Panikkar talked about the importance of Maharshi Agasthyar and his contributions to the Indian knowledge systems. Swami Gururethnam Jnana Thapaswi, General Secretary, Shanthigiri Ashram, Thiruvananthapuram spoke on the contributions of Agasthyar to the various knowledge systems of India such as Medicine, Astronomy, Astrology, Yoga and all the major areas of human activities. He also specified that the legacy of Agasthya cannot be claimed by any particular class, religion, group or cult of India but it belongs to the whole Nation. Dr. D. K. Soundararajan, Principal, Siddha Medical College, Santhigiri gave an elaborate lecture on Maharshi Agasthya, his life and contribution to the Siddha system of Medicine. Prof. M. Rama, Former Professor of Kannada, Department of Linguistics, University of Kerala delivered the Felicitation Address. Dr. Darwin. L, HOD, Department of Linguistics and Secretary, ISDL welcomed the guests and audience.

In the first session Prof. P. Visalakshy, Former Director and Professor of Sanskrit, Oriental Research Institute, University of Kerala and Prof. Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan, Former Deputy Director of Collegiate Education, Govt. of Kerala presented papers on the references of Agasthya in manuscripts and inscriptions of Sanskrit and Malayalam respectively and discussed the contributions of Agasthyar in detail.



Session II Started at 02:00 PM after lunch break. Dr. Hepsy Rose Mary, HOD, Department of Tamil, University of Kerala presented a paper on Agasthyar and his contributions to the various knowledge systems. Prof. L. Ramamoorthy, Former Professor, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod spoke on the identity of Agasthyar in the Saiva and Vaishnava traditions based on his contributions. Prof. M. Sreenathan, Former Senior Professor, Malayalam University, Tirur deliberated upon the contributions of Agasthya, relating to the period of Agasthyar based on modern studies and tried to state that Agasthya is a term used for a school of study. Prof. Sreenathan highlighted the contributions of Agasthya as observed by Chattampi Swamikal. Dr. S. K. Syam, Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Kerala talked on the teachings of Agasthyar and how they are important even today. His speech gave special importance to the martial art form *kalaripayattu*. Three research papers were also presented by the researchers of the Department of Tamil, University of Kerala viz., Mr. Fidelcastro M. on the topic (I) “Agathaiyargal Aruliya Panuvalgal”, Mr. Sanjai Kumaran. P on the topic “Pirkaala Ilakkana Suzhalum Peragththiyamum”, Mr. Gokulakrishnan.S & Mr. Elenchezhian. S on the topic “Tholkkapiya Pathippuraiyil Agathiya Agathiyar Kuritha Kathaiyadal”. The program came to a close with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. S. Abdul Samed, Treasurer, ISDL. The seminar was a grand success and more than eighty participants as offline and many more through online attended.

N. Muraleedharan Nair

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



DR. JEYAKRISHNAN HONORED

The Tamil Nadu Government's Best Book Award for the year 2024 was presented to Dr. Jeyakrishnan, Professor, Department of Tamil, University of Kerala on February 07, 2025, in Chennai. Thiru Swamynathan, Hon. Minister of Development and Culture, Government of Tamilnadu honoured Dr. Jeyakrishnan with a certificate and cash prize of Rupees fifty-thousand. This award was given in appreciation of his book 'A Comparative Study of Tamil and Malayalam Culture'.

Annie Tisha Jerald

Report

ONE-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON SAGE AGASTHIAR'S CONTRIBUTION TO LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

The Department of Linguistics, Madurai Kamaraj University in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru organized a **One-Day National Seminar on Sage Agasthiar's Contribution to Language and Literature** on 10-2-2025 at Prof. J. Neethivanan Hall, Madurai Kamaraj University campus. Prof. V Renugadevi, Former Head, Dept. of Linguistics in her Inaugural address explained the theme of the seminar. Prof. K. Karunakaran, Former Vice chancellor, Tamil University, in the Keynote address, highlighted the importance of research in Tamil literature and linguistics.

He appreciated Dr. Umaraj and his team for organizing this important seminar. Dr. S. Nagarathinam, Chairperson, School of Linguistics and Communication applauded the research scholars and students for the active participation in the seminar. Dr. V. Ramarajapandian, Chairperson, School of Tamil Studies appreciated the staff, scholars and students for the grand success of the seminar. Research papers on the works of sage Agasthiar were presented by Prof V. Renugadevi, Dr T.Malliga, Dr. P.Sumathi, Prof. U.Alibava, Dr. K. Pasumpon, Dr. K Umaraj and Mr.Saran Sankar. The topics related to Agasthiar's grammatical analysis and Siddha medicine were presented and deliberated.

Prof M. Ramakrishnan, Registrar, M.K. University in his Valedictory address advocated to have more number of such seminars in the Departments of Linguistics and Tamil. Prof. N. Rajasekharan Nair, Former Director, CAS in Linguistics, Annamalai University enumerated the research activities on Tamil by veteran linguists like Prof V.I. Subramonium, Prof. S. Agesthalingom and Prof. M. Israel and the studies of Agasthiar, Tolkappiyar and Thiruvalluvar who all lived in the Kanyakumari district where the sage Agasthiar also is believed to have opted as his place of study.

Dr. K. Umaraj, M.K.University and Dr. L.R. Premkumar, CILL were the coordinators. Dr. R. Kumarasamy and Dr. V. Shanmugaraj functioned as the organizing secretaries.

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A HYBRID ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND CULTURAL STUDIES IN THE DIGITAL ERA

The Department of English at Prathyusha Engineering College, Chennai is organizing a Hybrid One-Day International Conference on Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies in the Digital Era. This event will take place in the Seminar Hall on 20th March 2025. The objectives of the Conference are to explore the impact of digital technologies on language and literature, to analyze the cultural shifts brought about by digital advancements and to foster interdisciplinary research and collaboration. The Sub-Themes of the Conference are as follows: Digital linguistics and trends in online communication, Technology for the preservation of endangered languages, Multilingual AI systems and translation tools, E-literature and new storytelling formats, Digital publishing and self-publishing, Thematic shifts in contemporary literature due to digital influences, Virtual preservation of cultural heritage, Globalization of media consumption through digital platforms, Social media as a space for cultural expression, Digital humanities' tools in research and education, Ethical considerations in digital research, Combining technology and humanities for social impact and so on. The deadline for abstract submission is 5th March 2025. Participants can directly enroll to ensure their participation through the registration link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5ZoEmBL9nN-NPQhtV20FGRLAcps1116HCeprheUk0syYTRQ/viewform?usp=sharing>. For any inquiries, please contact Mr. C. Vimalraj at 9940742498 or vimalraj.english@prathyusha.edu.in, or Mr. Dinesh Kumar R. at 9944248309 or dineshkumar.english@prathyusha.edu.in.

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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/-).

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MULTIFACETED PERSPECTIVES OF ENGLISH AND TAMIL LITERATURE



The Vivekananda College of Arts and Science for women, Tiruchengode organized a two days International Conference on "Multifaceted perspectives of English and Tamil Literature" on 12 & 13 February 2025 at Tiruchengodu. Prof. M. Karunanidhi (Founder) of the college delivered the chairman's address. Dr. K. Pasumpon, Former Director, World Tamil Sangam, Madurai was the Chief Guest and delivered a lecture on "Greatness of Tamil Culture". Prof. Saranyaraj Muthumaniraja, Mr. Karivaradarajan, Prof. Nadesan Sundaresan and Prof. V. Renugadevi delivered the lectures. More than 100 papers were presented. More than 800 students participated in the conference.

K. Pasumpon

ANNOUNCEMENT

A Ten-days' workshop on "Treatment of Morphology and Syntax in Tamil Grammar" will be held at the Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai, from 18th - 27th March, 2025. The aim of this workshop is to study the origin and development of the grammatical tradition in such grammatical books of Tamil language such as Tolkāppiyam, Vīracōliyam, Nēminātam, Ilakkaṇaviḷakkam, Ilakkaṇakkottu, Toṇṇūlviḷakkam, Muttuvīriyam and Suvāminātam.

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WORKSHOP ON TOOL DEVELOPMENT FOR SOCIOLINGUISTIC SURVEYS IN SIGN LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES IN INDIA



"A Workshop on Tool Development for Sociolinguistic Surveys in Sign Language Communities" was organized by Calnic Solutions LLP at the International School of Dravidian

Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram from 15th to 19th February 2025. The sessions were led by Sign Language experts from the National Institute of Speech and Hearing, alongside linguistic experts from Kerala University and Calnic Solutions.

The workshop was enriched by the active participation of Deaf experts, interpreters, and linguists, fostering a collaborative learning environment. The primary objective was to develop a sociolinguistic survey questionnaire and methodology for conducting field surveys among Deaf communities.

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