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PROF. V.I. SUBRAMONIAM CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Program No.1

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

“CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE OF INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS”



In connection with the Centenary Celebrations of Prof. V.I. Subramoniam, the International School of Dravidian Linguistics in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru and the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India is organizing a three day National Seminar on “Contemporary Relevance of Indian Knowledge Systems” from 18th - 20th February, 2026 at V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex, Menamkulam, Thiruvananthapuram.

The year 2026 is going to be celebrated as the Centenary year of Late Prof. V.I. Subramoniam. His 100th birthday falls on February 18, 2026. On that day the bust of Prof. V.I. Subramoniam, if got ready, will be unveiled at the ISDL Campus, Menamkulam, Thiruvananthapuram. Throughout the year 2026, a series of academic programs and research oriented deliberations will be held in honour of Prof. V.I. Subramoniam, the visionary who made outstanding contributions to the development of Dravidian Linguistics.

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PROF. V.I. SUBRAMONIAM

A renowned scholar in Linguistics, Prof. V.I. Subramoniam had been honoured by different universities in India and abroad by conferring honorary D.Litt. Degree. Among them are the Madras University (Chennai), Rabindrabharati University (Kolkata), Jaffna University (Sri Lanka), Deccan College (Pune), Madurai Kamaraj University (Madurai), Dravidian University (Kuppam) and Tamil University (Thanjavur).

He was not only a well acclaimed scholar in Linguistics but was also an institution builder. Prof. Subramoniam was the first Head of the Department of Linguistics, University of Kerala, first Pro-Chancellor, Dravidian University, Kuppam, and the first Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University, Thanjavur. He was the founder of the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India, International School of Dravidian Linguistics and International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics. He served in many prestigious committees in the UGC, Government of India and in various other Academic Committees.

Concept Note of the Proposed Seminar

India is heir to an extremely rich and varied indigenous knowledge heritage. This profound knowledge corpus is passing through a severe phase of stress due to colonization combined with a complex play of knowledge engineering practiced in post-colonial India. The domination of Eurocentric and later American centric orientation eventually arrested the perpetuation of India's knowledge heritage. Understanding the limitations of the current west based academic practices and resultant challenges, as a possible remedy, it is proposed that the integration of Indian wisdom into modern education would bring positive results, thus Indian knowledge systems are being promoted as part of NEP 2020.

It is strongly believed that the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) can offer constructive solutions to the current problems in order to foster holistic development of the society in terms of intellectual, physical, moral and spiritual schema to attain the wellbeing with cultural pride. This is possible only by decolonizing education by promoting inter and multidisciplinary framework in academics by integrating modern knowledge and ancient Indian wisdom that transcend the limitations observed in either approach.

This seminar aims to provide a multi-disciplinary forum of representation to discuss various aspects of Indian knowledge systems. Such a multi-disciplinary approach, having emphasis of Indian Knowledge Systems, is the demand of the hour as the west centric knowledge systems are continuously displaying grey zones. Understanding the present challenges in knowledge production and practice we have to move with time to elevate ourselves to compete with the international demands of knowledge based holistic development. Hence, abreast of time, this seminar is conducted to mark a new beginning of reclaiming Indian knowledge heritage and its beneficial application for the global humanity.

Considering the contemporary relevance of integrating IKS into modern knowledge practices, International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL) has decided to organize a national seminar corroborated to this vibrant topic of blending traditional wisdom to modern knowledge systems. This seminar aims to provide inter and multi-disciplinary outlook towards Indian knowledge systems enriched with diverse streams as philosophy, architecture, grammar, mathematics, astronomy, metrics, sociology, manuscriptology, culture studies, Indian history, economy and polity ethics, geography, classical languages like Sanskrit and Tamil, logic, military science, weaponry, agriculture, trade and commerce, metallurgy, mining, shipbuilding, medicine, poetics, biology and veterinary science along with 64 arts and various crafts practices. Accepting the rich lineage of Indian Knowledge Systems, and the limitation of time to cover all aspects in one seminar, ISDL conceives a series of seminars related to IKS focused on reclamation, perpetuation and dissemination on par with digital era demands. The first seminar in the series is scheduled from 18th - 20th February 2026 at V.I.S Memorial ISDL complex, St. Xavier's college P.O. Thiruvananthapuram and will fix its objective to awareness building on IKS and its role in achieving holistic development of Indian Society and the Indian Nation. This seminar continues its objectives in tune with the current sensibility of NEP 2020 and significance of Indian knowledge heritage to be the key element in our nation building so as to have a vibrant global India founded on the inherent ethical and moral values adored by the Indian Society for hundreds and thousands of years.

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TOPICS OF PAPERS AT THE SEMINAR:

IKS and NEP 2020, IKS and Oral practices, IKS and Folklore, IKS and Textual culture, Manuscripts/ Textual tradition, Linguistic base of Indian knowledge systems, Indian philosophical strands of IKS, IKS for redefining and revising the history of India, IKS and traditional medical practices, Knowledge practices in IKS, IKS with regard to Science and Technology, Academic framework of IKS, IKS as a holistic development pathway, IKS as an alternative knowledge tradition, IKS and classical languages in India.

SEMINAR CALENDAR**Last date of abstract submission: 20/01/2026****Intimation of acceptance: 30/01/2026****Last date of full paper submission: 8/02/2026****Inauguration of the Seminar: 18/02/2026****Link for Registration:**<https://forms.gle/YVxkgHAJyZHMS8um7>For details, visit our website www.ijdl.org

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The International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL), in collaboration with KIRTADS, Govt. of Kerala is organizing a Three Day Workshop on 'New Trends in Tribal Language Studies' during 25-27 February, 2026 at the V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex, Thiruvananthapuram, focusing on the preservation and contemporary updating of tribal languages in Kerala.

The workshop aims to critically assess the history of tribal language studies in Kerala, identify methodological limitations in earlier documentation, and revise existing linguistic data through direct consultation with contemporary tribal language speakers. The revised data will be transformed into digital resources for educational use with technical support from KIRTADS.

The programme will focus on Paniya, Irula, and Kani languages and will utilise archival resources available at ISDL, KIRTADS, and the Department of Linguistics, University of Kerala. The workshop is envisaged as the initial phase of a sustained and long-term initiative in tribal language documentation and education.

*Sreenathan M., Co-ordinator***ISDL GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

A meeting of the Governing Council of the International School of Dravidian Linguistics will be held at 2.00 PM on 18th February 2026 at the ISDL Campus, Thiruvananthapuram. All Governing Council Members are requested to attend the same.

CONTRIBUTION TO VIS CENTENARY

1. Prof. N. Rajasekharan Nair
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PROF. P. SOMASEKHARAN NAIR MEMORIAL LECTURE

Dr. P. Somasekharan Nair memorial lecture was held on 23rd December, 2025 at the Seminar Hall, Rabindra Bhavan, ISDL, Thiruvananthapuram. The program started at 10:30 AM, with a floral tribute to Dr. P. Somasekharan Nair. Prof. Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan, Former Director, ISDL welcomed the gathering. Professor K. Karunakaran, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University Thanjavur and Chairman, ISDL, gave the presidential address. Prof. N. Rajasekharan Nair, Former Director, CAS in Linguistics, Annamalai University & Mentor Professor in Linguistics, Bharathiyar University, delivered the memorial lecture on the topic ***Kanyakumari Malayalam***. In his lecture, Prof. Rajasekharan Nair elaborated the linguistic features of Kanyakumari Malayalam, tracing its historical evolution and its close interaction with Tamil. He highlighted its phonological, lexical, and syntactic peculiarities, pointing out how the dialect reflects cultural contact, migration, and socio-historical influences. The lecture also stressed the importance of documenting and preserving such regional varieties. Scholars and research fellows from various institutions attended the lecture. Dr. Remya L.B., Senior Research Fellow, ISDL proposed the vote of thanks.



Annie Tisha Jerald

PROF. A.P. ANDREWSKUTTY MEMORIAL LECTURE

The International School of Dravidian Linguistics conducted Prof. A.P. Andrews Kutty Memorial Lecture on 24th December, 2025 at the Seminar Hall, Rabindra Bhavan, ISDL Complex, Thiruvananthapuram. The programme commenced at 10:30 AM with a floral tribute to Prof. A.P. Andrews Kutty. Prof. G.K. Panikkar Hon. Director, ISDL warmly welcomed the gathering. Prof. N. Rajasekharan Nair, Former Director, CAS in Linguistics, Annamalai University & Mentor Professor in Linguistics, Bharathiyar University delivered the presidential address. Prof. K. Karunakaran, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University, Thanjavur & Chairman, ISDL delivered the memorial lecture on the topic ***Language Planning Needed for Enriching Language use in the Changing Multilingual Contexts***. Prof. Karunakaran gave a detailed sketch of language planning in different levels such as status planning, language planning, corpus planning, language policy planning etc., in the various domains of language use, language situation and its implementation, evaluation and feedback. Many Researchers, and senior academics attended the highly informative talk. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Annie Tisha Jerald, Senior Research Fellow, ISDL.

Remya L.B.

TO THE WELL WISHERS OF V.I. SUBRAMONIAM CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

As already announced the year-long centenary celebrations of Prof. V.I. Subramoniam will commence from 18th February 2026. It is envisaged as a grand academic event having intermittent academic programs throughout the year. Those who would like to support this celebration financially may make their contributions to the following account.

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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. Muraliedharan Nair, 2022, PB, Demy 1/8, pp.225, Rs.260/- (US\$ 26/-). **GRAMMAR OF RAMACARITAM**, 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/).

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON TRIBAL LANGUAGE PRIMERS ORGANIZED BY KIRTADS IN COLLABORATION WITH ISDL



The Kerala Institute for Research, Training and Development Studies of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (KIRTADS), Kozhikode, in collaboration with the International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL), Thiruvananthapuram, organized a one-day workshop on “Tribal Language Primers: Model Development and Analysis” on 08th January 2026 at the Seminar Hall, ISDL Campus, Menamkulam, Thiruvananthapuram.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. K.S. Pradeep Kumar, Deputy Director, KIRTADS. Dr. Bindu S., Director, KIRTADS, delivered the Presidential Address, emphasizing the need for community-rooted pedagogical resources. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. G.K. Panikkar, Director, ISDL, who highlighted the significance of mother-tongue education in strengthening cultural identity and holistic learning.

Felicitations were offered by Prof. (Dr.) M. Sreenathan, Senior Fellow, ISDL; Dr. Shyam S. K., University of Kerala; Dr. N. Muraleedharan Nair, Senior Research Fellow, ISDL; and eminent writer Sri. Vasudevan Cheekkallur. Dr. Lijisha A.T., Research Assistant, KIRTADS, delivered the vote of thanks. Following the inaugural session, Dr. Pradeep Kumar K.S. and Dr. Lijisha A.T. presented the concept and objectives of the workshop, introducing the ongoing initiative to prepare mother-tongue-based primers and learning support materials for Kerala’s tribal communities.



Session I featured the presentation of model primers developed in alignment with textbook frameworks by Dr. Lijisha A.T., Ashitha P., Deepthi K.V., and Nishitha V. Session II included



subject-wise group discussions in Environmental Science, Social Science, Language, Mathematics, and Textbook Development, guided by domain experts from SCERT, DIET, research institutions, and tribal community linguists.

The afternoon session comprised review presentations and expert feedback, ensuring refinement in content authenticity, linguistic structure, cultural grounding, and pedagogical suitability.

The workshop concluded with a major decision that KIRTADS will proceed to develop a multi-model textbook for the five Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)—Cholanaikka, Kattunaikka, Kurumba, Kadar, and Koraga—along with the Paniya and Malaipandaram communities. These materials will support mother-tongue-based foundational learning and contribute to the preservation and transmission of Indigenous knowledge systems.

The event brought together linguists, educationists, researchers, and community knowledge-holders, reaffirming a shared commitment to the safeguarding and pedagogical revitalization of Kerala’s tribal languages.

Lijisha A.T.

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/-). **THE DRAVIDIAN CULTURE AND ITS DIFFUSION**, T.K. Krishna Menon, 2020, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. 58, Rs. 75/- (US\$ 7.50/-). **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/-).

RECOGNITION TO ISDL

Recognition to the International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL) will be conferred upon by P.V. Narasimha Rao Multilingualism Recognition at SamRiddhi 2025, scheduled to be held on 28th January, 2026 at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The recognition is being presented by ReTHINK INDIA, an action-cum-advocacy platform promoted by AIIMS and IIT alumnies.

The Recognition is conferred upon ISDL for carrying out in-depth study of Linguistic and Cultural aspects of the Dravidian Identity leading to the production of a 3-Volume Dravidian Encyclopaedia, covering all aspects of Dravidian People; bringing out a "Variorum" edition of the Tholkappium with index; publishing of a series of monographs on Grammatical Theories of the major Dravidian Languages; pioneering the study of Dravidian Tribal Languages; bringing out "Handbooks" on Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Kerala (two volumes); establishing a centre for the treatment of speech defective children; featuring in its research journal, IJDL, articles on every aspect of Dravidian, which are now cited in most learned studies in this area, emanating from anywhere in the world of scholarship; initiating neuro-linguistic studies on Brain & Language and patenting a Braille reader to read out Malayalam passages besides several others, bolstering the letter and spirit of *Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat* of which Dravidian Languages constitute more than 25% of the Indian Populace.

Eminent personalities from diverse domains of public life will participate in the event.

Greeshma C.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "BHARATIYA BHASHA PARIWAR: CONTACT & CONVERGENCE"

The Department of Linguistics, Central University of Kerala, in collaboration with the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, is organising a two-day national conference on "Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar: Contact & Convergence" on 22 - 23 January, 2026 at the Central University of Kerala, Kasaragode.

The conference focuses on language contact, convergence, and the idea of linguistic solidarity in Bharat, while also highlighting the need to reform and decolonise dominant approaches in modern linguistic studies. It also aims to strengthen contemporary linguistic research by foregrounding convergence rather than divergence, thereby contributing to the linguistic well-being of language communities.

The conference will feature addresses from eminent linguists, including Prof. G.K. Panikkar (Hon. Director, ISDL), Retd. Prof. R.C. Sharma (University of Delhi), Prof. Sonal Kulkarni Joshi (Deccan College, Post Graduate and Research Institute, Pune), Prof. Naresh Annem (CALTS, University of Hyderabad), Prof. K. Srikumar (EFLU, Lucknow), Retd. Prof. M.V. Nateshan (Sri Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady), Prof. M. Sreenathan (Senior Fellow, ISDL & Retd. Senior Professor, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur), Retd. Prof. Joseph Skariah (Department of Malayalam, S.B. College, Changanassery), Dr. Ravishankar S. Nair (Former Faculty, CU, Kerala), Dr. Sivaprasad (Delhi University), Dr. S. Prema (University of Kerala) & Dr. Saidalavi C. (Malabar College of Advanced Studies).

For registration and further details, contact the organising committee via email.

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Pooja B. Pradeep

DELEGATION FROM AIKYA MALAYALA PRASTHANAM MET HON. GOVERNOR OF KERALA

A delegation consisting of Padmabhushan Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Poet, Prof. V. Madhusoodanan Nair, Prof. Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan, Honorary Professor, ISDL and the Convenor of the committee constituted for submitting the documents for considering Malayalam as a classical language in the year 2010 and Special Officer for studying the problems of language minorities in the state of Kerala during the year 2018, Dr. P. Venugopalan, Sri. Haridasan, (Secretary, AMP), Sri. R. Nandakumar (Convenor, AMP) met Sri. Rajendra Viswanath Arlekar, Hon. Governor of Kerala on 31st December 2025 and submitted an appeal before him for his early assent to Malayalam Language Act of 2025 (bill No. 279) passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly on 6/10/2025.



Abdul Samed S.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BHARATIYA BHASHA PARIWAR AT OSMANIA UNIVERSITY



The Two-day National conference titled Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar organised by the Dept. of Linguistics, Osmania University, in collaboration with Bharatiya Basha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, was held on 06th and 07th January 2026. The programme was under the leadership of Dr. K. Balu Naik, as Coordinator, Dr. C.S. Swathi as Co-Coordinator and Dr. K. Susheel Kumar, Head of Department. The conference aimed to promote academic discussion, interdisciplinary dialogue, and intellectual exchange on India's linguistic heritage and diversity.

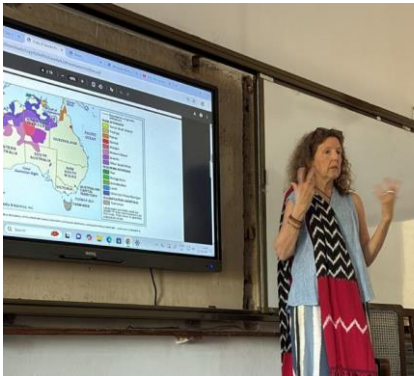
The programme was formally inaugurated by Prof. G. Naresh Reddy, Registrar of Osmania University as the Chief Guest. He highlighted the relevance of the Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar in the present academic and social context. The guest of honour for the program was Prof. Lingappa Gonal, Dean, Faculty of Arts, UCASS. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. J. Prabhakar Rao, who spoke on India's linguistic diversity, its rich historical legacy, and its social significance. Prof. C. Kaseem spoke on the role of language and literature in self-expression (*ātmā vyaktam*), highlighting the importance of writing scholarly works to preserve intellectual traditions. Prof. K. Ramesh Kumar delivered a lecture on the Bondo language, a tribal language of Odisha classified as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal (PVT) language. Prof. Niladri Shekhar Dash discussed various dimensions of Indian social and cultural life, including houses, attire, occupations, cultural practices, and life cycles, and stressed the need for appreciating India's pluralistic society and linguistic heritage. In the closing ceremony, the chief guest of the program, Prof. Korada Subrahmanyam (Former Professor, HCU) spoke on Sanskrit language contribution to the Indian Grammatical Tradition and its link to other Indian languages. On this occasion 3 Books were released.

With 160 participants, 12 invited talks, 28 Paper presentations from all over India and a panel discussion by eminent linguists, the two-day conference gave an enriching academic engagement and scholarly discourse. Faculty members, research scholars, students, and academicians from various departments of UCASS and other Universities attended the conference contributing to its resounding success.

K. Balu Naik

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TALK ON 'COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE: RETHINKING COLLABORATION IN LANGUAGE DOCUMENTATION'



Australian Anthropologist Dr. Janelle White delivered a talk on 'Community Knowledge: Rethinking Collaboration in Language Documentation' at Dept. of Linguistics, UCASS, OU on 12/12/25.

In the presentation, Dr. Janelle highlighted the critical state of Aboriginal languages in Australia, underscoring a profound linguistic divide between the widespread Pama-Nyungan language family and the diverse non-Pama-Nyungan languages of the north—a legacy of distinct human migrations. She emphasized the inseparable bond between language, land, and culture, where traditional knowledge is rooted in specific places and often governed by gender.

Dr. Janelle also pointed out modern, community-led initiatives as the path to revitalization. The talk was Coordinated by Dr. C.S. Swathi. It was attended by Prof. B. Vijaya, Dept. of English, Dr. Susheel, Head, CBoS, Dr. Balu Naik and Prof. Pagadala Chandra Shekhar, from Dept. Of Linguistics, UCASS, OU.

C.S. Swathi

TWO DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "BHARATIYA BHASHA PARIWAR: A NEW FRAMEWORK IN LINGUISTICS"

The Department of Linguistics, School of Humanities & Languages, Central University of Karnataka, in collaboration with Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti (BBS), is organizing a Two Day National Conference on: "Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar: A New Framework in Linguistics" on 22nd & 23rd January 2026 at Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi

The conference aims to explore innovative linguistic perspectives within the Indian language family and foster academic dialogue among scholars, researchers, and students. Abstracts and full papers should be emailed to cukbbsconf2026@gmail.com

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WORKSHOP ON UNIFORM SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL TERMINOLOGY OF INDIAN LANGUAGES (Report)

A two-day workshop on Uniform Scientific and Technical Terminology of Indian Languages was held on 9-10 October, 2025 organised by the Department of Linguistics, Central University of Kerala and the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti. In the inaugural function Mr A Vinod, National Coordinator, Bharatiya Bhasha Munch, delivered the inaugural address. The Keynote address was delivered by Dr M V Nateshan, Professor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady (Retd.). Prof Raghavan Payyanad (folklorist), Prof Lissy Mathew (Senior Professor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit), and Dr Ravisankar S Nair (Linguist and Critic) delivered the Plenary talks for each session. Prof. P Sreekumar, Department of Linguistics, Central University of Kerala, was the coordinator of the workshop.

The workshop addresses the key challenges in using Malayalam for modern scholarly communication. Thirteen experts representing various branches of knowledge contributed to the deliberations through three sessions: Social Science terminology in Malayalam, Humanities terminology in Malayalam and Physical, Biological Sciences, and Technology terminology in Malayalam. Their contributions reflected a wide range of disciplinary perspectives and substantial engagement with the development of Malayalam terminology. Discussions emphasized that the lack of standardized terminology is a major barrier. The workshop concluded by recommending maximum reliance on Malayalam's own lexical and morphological resources and consideration of borrowed Sanskrit words that have become naturalized in Malayalam as integral elements of the Malayalam lexicon for the creation of technical terminology in Malayalam.

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11TH ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF LINGUISTICS AND FOLKLORE 2025

Detailed report of the Conference (Continued from the December issue)

The Second session of 8th October, 2025 was conducted from 2.30.p.m. to 5.00.p.m.at the Dr Manmohan Singh Auditorium. The session was chaired by Dr. Neha Arora, Associate Professor and Head, Central University of Rajasthan. There were 10 papers read and discussed well in this session.

The second day of the conference was held on 9th October 2025. There were two sessions. Dr. Rakhpreet Kaur Walia and Dr Hina Goyal were the Master of the sessions. The sessions were chaired by Dr. Meenu Agarwal, Professor and Chairperson, Department of English and Cultural studies, Punjab University, Chandigarh and Dr Tanu Gupta, Professor and Head, Central University of Haryana respectively.

The next session was from 12.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Master of the ceremony was Dr. Ranjeet Kaur. The chairperson of the session was Dr. Harbir Singh Randhawa, Professor (English) , DAV(PG) College, Dehradun. Eight papers were presented in the session. The session following it was started at the Conference Hall of the Manmohan Singh Auditorium. This was an online session and the Master of ceremony was Dr Hina Goyal. The session chaired by Dr. Shaleen, Professor and Head, Swami Shukdevanand College, Shahjahanpur, Uttarpradesh. There were ten papers read and discussed.

The Day three of the conference was held on 10th October 2025 from 9.30.a.m. to 11.30 a.m. at the Conference Hall. Dr Rakhpreet Kaur Walia was the Master of Ceremony. The session was chaired by Dr.Lata Dubey, Professor, Banarus Hindu University. There were six papers read and discussed well in this session.

The Valedictory Session of the 11th All Indian Conference of Linguistics and Folklore was held on 10th October 2025 at the Conference Hall of the Dr. Manmohan Singh Auditorium. Master of the Valedictory ceremony was Dr Sumedha Bhandari, PAU. The Chief guest was Shri. Gulab Chand Kataria , Honourable Governor of Punjab. Guests of Honour were, Er. Jaswant Zafar, Director, Bhasha Vibhag, Punjab, Dr. Satbir Singh Gosal, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana and Dr. G.K. Panikkar, Honorary Director, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. M.J. Warsi, Chairman and Professor, Department of Linguistics, Aligarh Muslim University, President, Linguistics Society of India graced the occasion. Dr. Bhupinder Singh Khaira, Former Professor, Department of Linguistics , Patiala University and President, Linguistics Society of Punjab, Patiala extended all his efforts for the successful execution of the event. Dr. Nirmal Jaura, Director, Student's welfare , Punjab Agricultural University participated. Dr Jagdish Kaur, Professor, Co-ordinator, 11th All India Conference of Linguistics and Folklore 2025 was also present in the valedictory function. Finally, Dr Sumedha Bhandari, Professor of English, Conference Co-cordinator delivered the Vote of thanks.

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