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A MONTHLY OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

THE DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGE RESEARCH IN INDIA: CONTRIBUTIONS OF PROF. V.I. SUBRAMONIAM

V.I.S Centenary Program No. 21

The International School of Dravidian Linguistics is organizing a two day National Seminar on "The development of Modern Linguistics and Language Research in India: Contributions of Prof. V.I. Subramoniam" in connection with Prof. V.I. Subramoniam Centenary Celebrations during November 23rd and 24th, 2026 at Rabindra Bhavan, V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL complex, Menamkulam, Thiruvananthapuram.

The main focus of the seminar will be:

a) An assessment of Prof. V.I. Subramoniam as an individual, teacher, researcher, research guide, project coordinator, institution builder and such other related areas.

b) Contributions to Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, and other Dravidian Languages, and also to Indo-Aryan Languages such as Bengali, Hindi, Prakrit, Sanskrit etc. and Linguistics in general.

c) Any other topic related to Prof. V.I. Subramoniam and his contributions.

d) Structural, Comparative and Historical Linguistics in India, Language contact, Areal convergence, and Borrowings.

e) Reconciling traditional Indian grammatical frameworks (tolkāppiyam, pāṇinīyam) with modern structuralism.

f) Dialectology, Lexicography, and Linguistic variations in indigenous languages across India.

g) Applied and Computational Frontiers- Developing text and speech corpora in Indian languages: Challenges and advantages; Natural Language Processing (NLP), Large Language Models (LLMs), and Machine learning applications for agglutinative Indian languages; Clinical linguistics, Cognitive biology of language, Speech-language disorders, and Bilingual syntax profiling in India.

Scholars who wish to participate are requested to submit their abstracts as early as possible in the mail id given below : viscentenary@gmail.com

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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

V.I.S Centenary Program No. 12

REPORT

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The academic sessions commenced after the lunch break at 2 PM both in the Seminar Hall (I-A) and in the upstair seminar room of the Rabindra Bhavan (I-B). The session in I-A was conducted under the efficient co-ordination of Prof. N. Bhakthavathsala Reddy in which four papers were presented viz., by Profs. K. Karunakaran, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University, Tanjavur on "Convergence and the Resulting Uniformity in Modern Tamil Structure and use"; A. Murigeppa, Former Vice-Chancellor, Kannada University, Hampi on "Impact of Sanskrit and Other Languages on Kannada"; V. Renuga Devi, Former Professor of Linguistics, Madurai Kamaraj University on "Qualifiers and Quantifiers (Q & Q) in Tamil and Sherpa" and Dr. Sarath V.S. and Prof. M. Sreenathan, Centre for Excellence for Studies in Classical Malayalam on "Universal and Existential Quantifiers in Malayalam : A Diachronic Perspective".

Meanwhile in the parallel session at I-B which was chaired by Prof. Sayeegeetha Hegde of Nitte University, six papers were presented in the online mode viz., by Dr. S. Aiswaria G. Shajan of CIIL on "A Comparative Linguistic Study on Q & Q in Malayalam and Kannada", Dr. Mangaiyar Karasi of Tamil University, Tanjavur on "A Linguistic Study of the use of Q & Q Terms in Tamil Newspapers", Dr. Sajila S. of CIIL on "Q & Q co-occurrence Patterns in Malayalam : A corpus based study in the context of Indian languages", Dr. Paramita Purkait, Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, Assam University Silchar on "The Structure and Function of Quantifiers in Assamese" and Dr. Umalatha Kannoth and Dr. Anju on "Alignment of Intensifier Stacking in Tamil and Malayalam : Addressing Translation Loss in Neural Machine Translation for NEP 2020 Multi Lingual Learning Tools".

In the third academic session in Room No. I-A from 3.45 to 5 pm four papers were presented by Profs. Bhupinder Singh Khaira, Former Professor of Linguistics, Punjabi University, Patiala, N. Bhakthavathsala Reddy, Former Professor of Folklore Studies & Dean, School of Folk and Tribal Lore, Telugu University, Warangal, N. Rajasekharan Nair, Former Director, CAS in Linguistics, Annamalai University and K. Umaraj, Former Professor in Linguistics, Madurai Kamaraj University. The titles of the papers presented were "The Cultural Epidermal of Convergences, Divergences and Uniformity on Q & Q in Indian Languages", "Q & Q in Oral Scroll Narratives: Functional Variance and Cultural Resonance - The Case of Satyanavaloka", "Q & Q in Malayalam and Tamil and Linguistic Convergence in Q & Q and Divergent World Views of the Tamil Language of Nilgiri-Wayanad Regions" respectively. Prof. Murigeppa, Former Vice-Chancellor, Kannada University, Hampi, chaired the session quite efficiently.

In the fourth academic session (Room No. I-B) four papers were presented. Dr. Pasumpon, Madurai Kamaraj University and Dr. L.R. Prem Kumar, CIIL presented the paper "Convergence and Resulting Uniformity in the Usage and Patterns of Qualifiers in Saurashtri". The paper "Q & Q in Tulu Siri Paadana" was presented jointly by Dr. Jayalakshmi R. Shetty and Dr. Sayeegeetha of Nitte University. Mr. Deevith Sridhar Kodian presented the paper titled "Q & Q in Yakshaganaprasanga: A study of Manishada".

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NATIONAL SEMINAR ON QUANTIFIERS AND QUALIFIERS HIGHLIGHTS













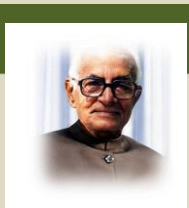




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INVITATION

Prof. V.I. Subramoniam Centenary Celebrations
(Program No. 22)



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Prof. A. Usha Devi
Former Professor of Linguistics,
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"MORPHOLOGICAL CLUES TO A MONGOLIC - DRAVIDIAN RELATIONSHIP : TRACING DEEP LINGUISTIC LINKS"

Online Lecture by Prof. Uma Maheshwar Rao

V.I.S Centenary Program No. 15

Report

Excerpts from the online lecture delivered on 17th October, 2026 as part of V.I.S. Centenary Programme.

The paper proposed a possible genetic relationship between the Dravidian and Mongolic language families. Some convincingly shared cognate sets of crucial importance, displaying peculiar phonological correspondences, are cited. Evidence of shared morphological traits of several kinds, along the lines advocated by Meillet (1967), have been shown as proof of the existence of a genetic relationship between the two families. Aberrant morphological realizations, anomalous stem formations, and parallel occurrences of peculiar morphological patterns are provided as evidence of the common innovation or inheritance of the Dravidian and Mongolic families. Boudas's statement that "the genetic nature of Dravidian is Altaic and the non-Altaic features of Dravidian are probably due to later substrata or adstrata met with and absorbed by Dravidian India" aroused linguists to take a serious look at the facts behind it. There exist a number of similarities in the vocabulary of the Dravidian and Mongolian languages, particularly in the areas of basic vocabulary, viz. body parts, kinship terms, young and old kin relations, cardinal numbers, pronouns, and words indicating various aspects of basic verbs, in addition to words for the common domesticated fauna and flora.

The Dravidian family, which has about 25 languages and 250 million speakers, ranks fifth among the largest language families of the world. They are spoken in the regions of India, Sri Lanka (Tamil), Nepal (Oraon, Kurukh), and Pakistan (Brahui). The Mongolic languages spread from Manchuria in the east to the Caspian Sea in the west, and from the Siberian icy stretches in the north to the southern mountainous regions of Afghanistan. The Mongolic languages are spoken as native languages in Mongolia, Russia, Turkmenistan, China, and Afghanistan. Though the main focus of the paper is on the evidence of morphological irregularities, it also discusses the evidence of peculiar phonological correspondences tied with semantic identity of the cognates. The resemblance between Proto-Dravidian and Proto-Mongolic phonology is indicative of a common origin rather than diffusion and convergence. There are parallels in Proto-Dravidian and Proto-Mongolic in terms of combined form and meaning. Though the cognates display shared formal variation in the stems of morphemes, there is similarity in the meaning both in the reconstructed Proto-Dravidian and Proto-Mongolic. Shared personal pronouns in Proto-Dravidian and Proto-Mongolic do not look alike on a superficial comparison, but it is possible to unravel the identity between them. A significant number of convincing cognates, alongside a certain number of peculiar phonological correspondences, have been published based on the two families. Basing cognates, phonological correspondences, together with the morphological evidence, Prof. Rao convincingly argues that these languages have a common parent.

N. Muraleedharan Nair

"LANGUAGE FAMILY AND LINGUISTIC IDENTITY"

Online Lecture by Prof. G. Balasubramanian

V.I.S Centenary Program No. 17

Report

Prof. G. Balasubramanian, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University, Thanjavur delivered an online lecture on the topic "Language Family and Linguistic Identity" as the seventeenth program in connection with Prof. V.I. Subramoniam Centenary Celebrations on 28th October 2026.

He observed that, in our country linguistic identity is very strong due to multilingualism and political awareness. Caldwell's work sparked the Tamil Renaissance and Dravidian identity, and many dominant South Indian languages found their association with Dravidian. India has six language families: Indo-Aryan, Dravidian, Austro-Asiatic (Munda), Tibeto-Burman, Tai-Kadai, and Great Andamanese. The Comparative Method, used by Sir William Jones of East India Company in 1786, proved genetic relationship by regular sound correspondences between Sanskrit and European languages. Despite belonging to different families, Indian languages share many features in common due to thousands of years of contact – retroflex sounds, SOV word order, reduplication, echo words, etc., are a few examples for the same. For this reason, India is called a 'Linguistic area'.

While endorsing unity in diversity, Prof. Balasubramonian differs with the idea of Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar - one Indian Language Family for all Indian languages, rooted in Sanskrit and a unified civilizational heritage. He opines that it is problematic because: It confuses "family" (a technical term for genetic relationship) with "convergence" (shared features due to contact). Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar criticizes the Comparative Method for being too Western, but offers no new scientific method in its place. It tries to place Sanskrit as the origin of all Indian languages, which most linguists, both Indian and foreign, consider as a myth and unscientific. He also advocates that Indian communities take pride in their own language family identity. Attempts for replacing these multiple identities with one unified identity must be taken seriously by the linguists since it is not conducive to national integration and is far away from reality.

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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/-)

"V.I. SUBRAMONIAM'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO TAMIL LINGUISTICS: CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES"

V.I.S Centenary Program No. 18

Report



The Centre of Advanced Study in Linguistics and the Department of Tamil Studies and Research, Annamalai University, in collaboration with the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India (DLA), jointly organised a **One-Day National Seminar on 5th November 2026** at the Hi-Tech Hall, Department of Tamil, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar, to commemorate the birth centenary of **Prof. V. I. Subramoniam**, an eminent linguist and distinguished alumnus of the Annamalai University. The seminar brought together eminent scholars, researchers and academicians from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Puducherry to pay tribute to his remarkable academic legacy and to deliberate upon his invaluable contributions to Tamil linguistics and the broader field of Indian linguistics. The event served as an important academic forum for revisiting his intellectual contributions and exploring their continuing relevance to contemporary linguistic research.

The seminar commenced with the rendition of *Tamil Thai Vazhthu*, invoking the spirit of Tamil language and its rich intellectual heritage. Dr. P. Kumaresan delivered the Welcome Address, extending a warm welcome to the dignitaries, invited speakers, scholars and participants. This was followed by the Introductory Address by Prof. D. Meganathan, who outlined the objectives and academic significance of the seminar, highlighting the enduring relevance of Prof. V. I. Subramoniam's contributions to linguistics. Prof. P. Chandramohan presided over the inaugural session and delivered the Presidential Address, underscoring the distinguished legacy of the centenarian scholar and his contributions to the advancement of linguistic studies.

The academic session featured a series of distinguished addresses by eminent scholars. Prof. K. Karunakaran, Former Vice-Chancellor of Tamil University, Thanjavur, delivered the Keynote Address, reflecting on the scholarly contributions and intellectual legacy of Prof. V. I. Subramoniam. Prof. G. K. Panikkar, Dean of the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India (DLA), delivered the Commemorative Address, highlighting the significance of his pioneering work in the development of linguistics. Prof. A. Murigeppa, Former Vice-Chancellor of Kannada University, Hampi and Prof. N. Rajasekharan Nair, Former Director of CAS in Linguistics, Annamalai University, enriched the occasion with their Special Addresses, offering valuable academic perspectives on V.I.S.'s contributions and their contemporary relevance. Prof. Aranga Pari felicitated the distinguished occasion, acknowledging the enduring influence of Prof. V. I. Subramoniam, a product of the Tamil Department of Annamalai University, on generations of linguists and researchers.

The afternoon academic session featured scholarly paper presentations and discussions on Prof. Subramoniam's contributions to traditional Tamil grammar, dialectology, language and culture. Particular emphasis was placed on his pioneering role in the Dravidian Linguistics Association of India (DLA) and the International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL), as well as his contributions to the establishment of Tamil University, Thanjavur, and the Dravidian University, Kuppam. His research on the Tirunelveli dialect and the monumental Index of Purananuru were highlighted as significant milestones in the scientific study of Tamil. Prof. Kunjamma, Prof. V.M. Subramanian and Dr. S. Abdul Samed dealt upon his contributions to Malayalam, Tamil and also to Indo-Aryan family of languages.

The valedictory session reflected on the academic significance of the seminar and reaffirmed the need to carry forward Prof. V. I. Subramoniam's vision through the documentation of endangered and lesser-studied languages and the promotion of comparative Dravidian studies. Dr. M. Ravi proposed the Vote of Thanks, expressing sincere appreciation to the dignitaries, scholars, organising committee, faculty members and students for their valuable contributions and wholehearted cooperation in making the seminar a success.

The seminar served as a fitting tribute to Prof. V.I. Subramoniam, celebrating not only his intellectual achievements but also his enduring legacy as a visionary linguist, institution builder and mentor who inspired generations of scholars. It provided a meaningful academic platform to revisit his contributions and reaffirm the continuing significance of his vision for the advancement of Tamil and Dravidian linguistic studies.

P. Chandramohan

"LINGUISTIC CONVERGENCE AND ITS PRESENT-DAY STATUS AND SIGNIFICANCE IN TAMIL LITERARY AND SPOKEN"

Online Lecture by Prof. K. Karunakaran

V.I.S Centenary Program No. 19

Report

The International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL) organised the nineteenth lecture of the Prof. V. I. Subramoniam Centenary Celebrations on 10th November 2026 at 10:30 a.m. (IST) through Google Meet. The lecture, entitled "Linguistic Convergence and Its Present-day Status and Significance in Tamil Literary and Spoken" was delivered by Prof. K. Karunakaran, Former Vice-Chancellor of Tamil University, Thanjavur.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Shagi G.U. JRF, DLA, and was presided over by Prof. S. Kunjamma, Former Professor, Dept. of Linguistics, University of Kerala & Senior Fellow, ISDL. In his scholarly presentation, Prof. Karunakaran examined the phenomenon of linguistic convergence in contemporary Tamil, highlighting its relevance to both literary expression and spoken language. He discussed several significant linguistic features, including diglossia, Dravidian linguistic identity, nasalisation in spoken Tamil, phonotactic patterns, morphosyntactic formations, and word-final consonants, with particular reference to lateral sounds and the glide [y].

The lecture further explored discourse-level convergence across different genres and modes of expression, particularly prose, poetry and drama. The discussion also addressed variations in language varieties and styles, as well as the relationship between linguistic forms and their communicative functions. Emphasising the practical significance of linguistic convergence, the speaker highlighted its contribution to effective communication and underscored the importance of systematic language planning.

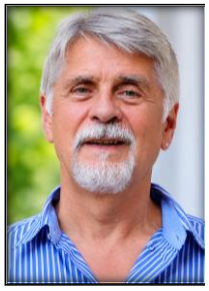
The presentation also examined broader aspects of language use, planning and development, encompassing language structure, domains of language use, status and corpus planning, language policies, implementation strategies, formal domains, education, communication, linguistic resources and communicative requirements. These discussions offered valuable perspectives on the relationship between linguistic development and the evolving communicative needs of the society.

The lecture was followed by an engaging interactive discussion in which participants from various parts of India shared their observations and scholarly perspectives. Their interventions enriched the deliberations and provided further insights into the contemporary linguistic dimensions of Tamil.

The programme offered significant academic perspectives on the changing patterns of Tamil language use and highlighted the importance of linguistic convergence in contemporary linguistic research, literary expression and everyday communication. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Arup Pandit, JRF, DLA.

Arup Pandit

ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY ORGANISED WEBTALK ON SOUTH ASIAN LANGUAGE CONTACT



The Department of Linguistics, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh, organised a WebTalk on "Issues in South Asian Language Contact: The Case of Retroflexion" on 22 October 2026 at 8.00 p.m. (IST) through Google Meet.

The talk was delivered by Prof. Hans Henrich Hock, Research Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA.

Prof. M. Rizwan Khan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, AMU presided over the webtalk.
The programme was held under the patronage of Prof. Naima Khatoon, Vice-Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University.

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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/).

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The Editorial Board of Antarvidya: An International Peer-Reviewed Bilingual Multidisciplinary Research Journal for Humanities and Social Sciences invites original and unpublished research papers for its forthcoming issue - Volume 2, Issue 2 (December 2026). The last date of submission of papers is 30th November 2026. Scholars, academicians, and researchers are encouraged to submit manuscripts of 3,000–6,500 words, including references, accompanied by an abstract of 200–250 words and 6–10 keywords. Submissions in English and Bengali are welcome, subject to the prescribed formatting and submission guidelines. Manuscripts should be submitted in both MS Word and PDF formats to publication@debracollege.ac.in. All submissions will undergo a double-blind peer-review process.

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"REPETITION - A STRATEGY FOR FORMATION OF WORDS IN KANNADA"

Online Lecture by Prof. A. Murigeppa

V.I.S Centenary Program No. 20

Report

As part of the Prof. V.I. Subramoniam Centenary Celebrations (Program No. 20), the International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, organized an online lecture titled "Repetition Strategy for Word and other Formations in Kannada" on 12th November 2026. Prof. A. Murigeppa, former Vice-Chancellor of Kannada University, Hampi, delivered the lecture. The presentation provided a comprehensive analysis of repetition strategies in Kannada, including complete, partial, continuous, and discontinuous repetitions. Prof. Murigeppa illustrated the functions of reduplication in nouns, pronouns, quantifiers, adjectives, and adverbial expressions, supported by numerous examples. The discussion addressed echo constructions, emphasizing their formation, forward and backward replacement patterns, and the adaptation of borrowed words, inflected bases, and deletive backward echo constructions. The lecture further examined expressions that deviate from general patterns. Special attention was given to hybrid reduplication, considering both historical and contemporary developments in Kannada, as well as interlinguistic and multi-hybrid constructions. The lecture concluded with an analysis of onomatopoeia, emphasizing its linguistic significance and diverse manifestations in Kannada, substantiated by an extensive set of examples. Both online and offline participants actively engaged in the discussion, demonstrating the topic's relevance to other Dravidian languages and its significance in the broader pan-Indian context.

Shagi G.U.

TAMIL INTERNET CONFERENCE 2026

The Department of Tamil, Bharathiar University in collaboration with the Tamil Internet Association is organising the **Tamil Internet Conference 2026** on 18th Dec. 2026 at the Dept. of Tamil, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, as part of the Prof. V.**I. Subramoniam Centenary Celebrations**.

The Tamil Internet Conference 2026 is expected to serve as a significant forum for scholarly interaction and interdisciplinary collaboration, bringing together experts in Tamil studies, linguistics, and digital technologies. The event will contribute to discussions on emerging trends in Tamil computing and strengthen efforts to preserve, develop, and promote Tamil language and literature through innovative digital applications.

The deadline for paper submission is **30 November 2026**. E mail : indiatia2020@gmail.com

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LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF INDIA - 48TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Department of Linguistics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, is organizing the 48th International Conference of LSI (**ICOLSI-48)** in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru and the Linguistic Society of India (LSI) on the theme **"Exploring the Unearthed System of Systems in Linguistics."** from November 18 to 20, 2026. The prestigious international academic event aims to provide a vibrant platform for linguists, researchers, academicians and students to exchange ideas, present research findings and discuss emerging developments in the field of linguistic studies. The three-day international conference will bring together eminent linguists, academicians, researchers and students from India and abroad to share their research findings and engage in scholarly discussions on various aspects of linguistics.

The conference aims to encourage a deeper understanding of language as a complex network of interconnected systems. Traditionally, linguistics examines different subsystems of language, such as phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, discourse and sociolinguistics. However, these components do not function independently; rather, they interact dynamically to form the broader system of human language.

The theme also highlights the relationship between language, cognition, culture, society and technological developments. In addition to the thematic sessions, the conference will feature non-thematic presentations covering a broad spectrum of linguistic disciplines, including theoretical linguistics, applied linguistics, computational linguistics, psycholinguistics, historical linguistics and other allied areas. The sessions are expected to encourage interdisciplinary discussions, innovative theoretical approaches and the sharing of empirical research findings.

The conference is being organised under the distinguished patronage of eminent administrators and academic leaders. Thiru. V. Arun Roy, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, is the Chief Patron of the conference. The patrons include Thiru. R. Durgashankar, Member of the Vice-Chancellor Committee, Bharathiar University; Prof. (Dr.) R. Rajavel, Registrar, Bharathiar University; and Prof. (Dr.) Basavaraja Kodagunti, Director, Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru.

ICOLSI-48 is expected to strengthen linguistic research, encourage interdisciplinary academic engagement and provide opportunities for young researchers to interact with leading scholars in the field. The conference marks another significant contribution towards the promotion and development of linguistic studies in India.

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12TH ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF LINGUISTICS AND FOLKLORE

The Department of Punjabi, Central University of Punjab in association with Punjabi Linguistics Association, Patiala and the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India is organizing the **12th All India Conference of Linguistics and Folklore (2027) during 4-6 February, 2027** at University Auditorium, Central University of Punjab, Gudda (Bathinda).

The theme of the conference is "**Folklore is Language: Linguistic Perspectives, Cultural Knowledge and Emerging Technologies**". The conference aims to explore folklore as a linguistic and interdisciplinary domain, examining its role in preserving multilingual heritage, transmitting traditional knowledge and enriching Indian Knowledge Systems. It also seeks to engage with contemporary developments in mother-tongue education, digital humanities, language documentation and artificial intelligence.

Papers are invited on the following Sub-themes:

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TWO DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BHARATIYA BHASHA PARIWAR

The Department of Linguistics, Osmania University, in collaboration with the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Government of India is organising a Two-Day National Conference on **"Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar"** on 3rd and 4th December 2026.

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The conference invites original research contributions exploring theoretical, empirical, descriptive, ethnographic, and interdisciplinary perspectives on various aspects of Bharatiya Bhasha. The proposed sub-themes include linguistic ecology and sustainability, linguistic landscapes, language endangerment and revitalisation, multilingualism and sociolinguistic dynamics, ecocriticism and environmental humanities, linguistic unity of Bharat, language policy and mother-tongue education, and translation of Bharatiya Bhasha. Researchers and scholars working on Indian languages, oral traditions, linguistic communities, and ecological landscapes are particularly encouraged to submit their contributions.

The conference will be conducted offline, and there is no registration fee. Abstracts and enquiries may be addressed to lelconferencebbp2026@gmail.com. For further information, participants may contact Debraj at **7008764416.** The conference is expected to foster meaningful academic exchanges and promote interdisciplinary research on India's linguistic diversity, cultural heritage, and multilingual traditions.

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LINGUISTICS IS THE NEW CODE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: EXPERT AT OU

The Department of Linguistics, Osmania University, Hyderabad, organised a guest lecture titled *"Linguistics as the New Code: How Linguistic Theory Shapes Prompt Engineering in Enterprise AI"* on 3 November 2026. The chief lecture in the session was delivered by Mr. Rajasekhar Kadari, Head of Escalation Innovation at a Fortune 500 company based in Orlando, Florida, USA.

The speaker highlighted the significant role of linguistic theories in developing artificial intelligence, particularly in prompt engineering. He explained how concepts such as pragmatics, speech act theory, Grice's maxims and semantic ambiguity contribute to creating effective AI prompts. He also discussed emerging career opportunities for linguistics graduates in AI evaluation, prompt design and multilingual AI services.

The programme was organised by the Department of Linguistics, University College of Arts and Social Sciences (UCA&SS), Osmania University under the convenership of Dr. K. Susheel Kumar, Head of the Department. Faculty members, research scholars and students attended the lecture in hybrid mode. The resource person was felicitated with a shawl and memento by the Department.

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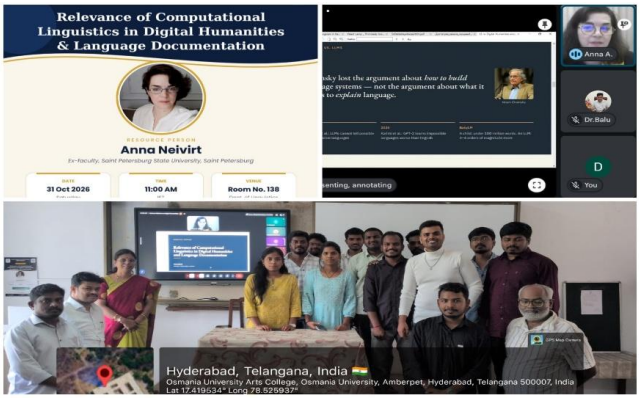
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ONLINE NATIONAL WEBINAR ON RELEVANCE OF COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS IN DIGITAL HUMANITIES & LANGUAGE DOCUMENTATION AT OU



The Department of Linguistics, University College of Arts and Social Sciences, Osmania University, organized an Online National Webinar on 'Relevance of Computational Linguistics in Digital Humanities and Language Documentation' on 31 October 2026.

Dr. Anna Neivert, former faculty member of Saint Petersburg State University, Saint Petersburg, delivered the invited talk. She discussed the evolution of language technology from rule-based systems and statistical approaches to modern neural AI. She highlighted the role of computational tools in digital humanities, text analysis, historical research, and the preservation of linguistic heritage. The talk also covered language technology initiatives in India, including Bhashini, AI4Bharat, Sarvam AI, and BhashaDaan, as well as Russian resources such as the Russian National Corpus and LingvoDoc. She emphasized the importance of human expertise in digitizing historical manuscripts, analysing linguistic data, identifying authorship, and addressing language-related legal disputes. The presentation concluded that computational tools facilitate the analysis of large volumes of text, while the services of human linguists are essential for interpreting results, identifying limitations in digital resources, and supporting under-resourced and endangered languages. The talk was followed by interesting question and answer session.

Dr. K. Susheel Kumar, Head of the Department of Linguistics, Osmania University, introduced the academic activities and ongoing projects of the department. Dr. P. Swathi, Vice-principal, addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of language and communication. Dr. K. Balu Naik introduced the topic and the resource person. Dr. C.S. Swathi, Coordinator thanked the speaker and participants for the grand success of the program. Faculty members, research scholars, students, and practitioners from various departments and disciplines participated in the webinar.

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