



National Law University, Delhi

Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi (India)

Invitation and Programme Details

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENDANGERED LANGUAGES OF DELHI-NCR: THE NORTHEAST INDIA FOCUS.

8 May 2018

The North Eastern Region of India is linguistically a very rich area. Many of the languages listed in the census report of 2011 of Delhi are, in fact, representatives of the North-eastern linguistics communities. Thus this conference lays emphasis on the languages and linguistics of Northeast India.

The conference aims at exploring the issues, as listed below in the research agenda of the project on indigenous and endangered languages, amongst the scholars of the field with somewhat different focus areas and approaches, so that they can bring with them different perspectives and enrich the existing understanding of the study of language endangerment. The focus all the while shall remain on the languages under threat in the region of Delhi-NCR and adjoining areas.

As we know, India houses four distinct language families with hundreds of languages as classified members, which are Indo-Aryan, Dravidian, Tibeto-Burman and Astro-Asiatic Languages (i.e. indigenous languages of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands). The Constitution of India enlists 22 languages in its 8th Schedule and around three dozen languages are on the doorstep demanding inclusion. However, these numbers do not represent the linguistic diversity of the region. The processes of standardization and homogenization amongst others have created threat to hundreds of languages of the country and consequently leading to their extinction. Language is an integral part of the social identity and ethnicity of a group. In order to preserve a social group's or tribe's cultural identity, it is essential to understand the urgency and draw a roadmap for preserving their cultural, social and linguistic heritage and identity.

This conference aims at starting a renewed discourse and a series of initiatives on such issues by expanding the horizons of research and applications of linguistics to the fields of social planning and welfare. We require supporting and promoting research in Indigenous and Endangered Languages paying greater attention to the marginal languages, non-scheduled languages, languages of tribal and nomadic communities and the languages that deserve a measure of social empathy and academic attention for promoting social justice. In this context this conference will place major thrust on outlining the various approaches and methodologies specifically relevant for the study of the languages in the urban set up.

Sub-themes of the Conference-The sub-themes of the conference include but are not limited by the following:

- a. Language Endangerment
- b. Language Documentation
- c. Language Endangerment in NE India
- d. Language Vitalization
- e. Language Politics
- f. Language Policy and Implementation
- g. Language Contact and Hybridity

- h. Language Convergence
- i. Language Death
- j. Specific endangered languages
- k. Other related areas pertaining to the above themes in Anthropology, Sociology, Culture Studies, etc.

Specifications for the Abstract-All the abstracts received are subject to review and only those papers whose abstracts get approved by the reviewers will be selected for presentation. Kindly register and provide the abstracts electronically on https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEN-CsEZmbTXZUNK8o6jW-6yb5DKNplwpapeGrjpbrSY-Otw/viewform?usp=sf_link, or please click here

Important:

- Venue: National Law University, Sector 14, Dwarka, New Delhi 110078.
- Time: Reporting and Registration at 9:00am
- Date: Tuesday, **08 May 2018**

Registration: As this conference is funded under the UGC Project, there will be no registration fee charged and lunch and snacks shall be provided on the days of the conference. To register follow this link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEN-CsEZmbTXZUNK8o6jW-6yb5DKNplwpapeGrjpbrSY-Otw/viewform?usp=sf_link, or please click here

Accommodation: This conference is for one day and there is no provision for accommodation for the delegates and they are requested to make their own arrangement in case there is a need to do so. However, we can extend help in booking it on your behalf, at a suitably located place, against advance payment.

Travel Allowance: The TA to the invited delegates will be reimbursed as per the permissible rates of the UGC. Only a limited number of delegates may be provided TA based upon prior understanding. Please verify your eligibility before applying.

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