

A MONTHLY OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTICS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

**43RD AICDL – A GRAND ACADEMIC EVENT
(REPORT)**

The 43rd All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists was held at the Centre of Advanced Study in Linguistics, Annamalai University from 18th to 20th June 2015 in all its grandeur. It was organized jointly by CAS in Linguistics, Annamalai University, Dravidian linguistics Association and International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram and Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore. The University campus, a sprawling one, with many teaching Departments and a well-maintained guest-house, is situated in Annamalai Nagar, east of Chidambaram, which is the abode of Lord Nataraja. Linguists and other academicians from different universities and research centres across India and abroad participated and exchanged their knowledge on language and linguistics. The whole ambience was conducive to academic activities and conferences of this sort where discussions on the outputs of higher learning and research are taking place. In this respect, the 43rd AICDL was a grand success.

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SAVE NOW RUPEES THOUSAND BY BECOMING A LIFE-MEMBER OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTICS ASSOCIATION. LIFE-MEMBERSHIP FEE IS ONLY Rs. 2,000/- AT PRESENT BUT FROM 1ST JANUARY 2016, IT WILL BE Rs. 3,000/-. SO PLEASE HURRY UP!

**THE SERVICES OF FORMER CHAIRMAN
DR. R. KRISHNAMURTHY ACKNOWLEDGED**

Dr. R. Krishnamurthy, Chairman, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, relinquished the chairmanship as he had completed his tenure (two terms, as allowed by the byelaw). The Governing Council appreciated his innovative ideas and selfless service which paved the way for the overall development of DLA, IJDL and ISDL. All the members expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. R. Krishnamurthy for his dedication, magnanimity and dynamism through which ISDL could achieve rapid progress during his stewardship.

PROF. B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY – ISDL CHAIRMAN

The Governing Council of International School of Dravidian Linguistics in its meeting on 18th June 2015 at Annamalai University unanimously nominated **Prof. B. Ramakrishna Reddy**, former Professor of Linguistics, Osmania University as its new Chairman.

43rd AICDL AT A GLANCE



A galaxy of Vice-Chancellors and eminent linguists in the inaugural ceremony of the 43rd AICDL



Mr. Aashish grandson of Prof. V.I. Subramoniam, receiving the second volume of VIS Commemoration Volume from Prof. Manian



Prof. S. Manian, Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University releasing the Souvenir of the 43rd AICDL



Prof. Manian delivering the inaugural lecture



Smt. Jaya Hariharan, daughter of Prof. V.I. Subramoniam, receiving the first volume of the VIS Commemoration Volume from Prof. Manian. Sri. Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan, Secretary – DLA, is beside Mr. Aashish.



A section of the audience

Latest Publications: V.I. SUBRAMONIAM COMMEMORATION VOLUMES I & II, G.K. Panikkar, B. Ramakrishna Reddy, K. Rangan & B.B. Rajapurohit (Eds.), 2015. Vol. I: *Studies on Dravidian*, pp. xx + 515. Rs. 1,280/- (US\$ 110/-); Vol. II: *Studies on Indian Languages and Cultures*, pp. xx + 458. Rs. 1,150/- (US\$ 105/-).



Prof. S. Manian honouring Prof. H.M. Maheswaraiah, Vice-Chancellor, Central University, Karnataka



Prof. S. Raja, Director, CAS in Linguistics, Annamalai University delivering the Welcome address



Prof. K. Karunakaran, former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University being honoured by Dr. A. Mubarak Ali



Prof. G.K. Panikkar, Hon. Director, ISDL being honoured by Dr. A. Kamatchi

PRESIDENT OF DLA

The annual General Body meeting of Dravidian Linguistics Association held on 19th June 2015 at Annamalai University unanimously elected **Prof. K. Rangan** as President for the period 2015-2016.

DR. PABITRA SARKAR'S SERVICES ACCLAIMED

The General Body of Dravidian Linguistics Association in its meeting at Annamalai University acclaimed the services of Dr. Pabitra Sarkar as its President and thankfully remembered his sincere efforts and the constructive activities he undertook for the overall development of DLA and its sister organizations.

44th CONFERENCE OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTS LIKELY TO BE HELD AT HYDERABAD

We are planning to hold the **44th Conference of Dravidian Linguists** at CALTS, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad under the leadership of Prof. G. Umamaheswara Rao, Director, CALTS. We wish to organize it as an International Conference in the third or fourth week of June 2016.

Recent Publications: **Studies on Bangla and Dravidian**, Syamala Sasidharan, Sourav Chakraborty & G.K. Panikkar (Eds.), 2014, pp. 208, Rs. 220/- (US\$ 20/-). **Tulu: An Intensive Course**, M. Rama, 2013, pp. 12 + 132, Rs. 200/- (US\$ 20/-). **Bangla Basic Vocabulary**, Tapas Kayal & Dhrubajyoti Das, 2014, PB, Demy 1/8, Pp. xvi + 128, Rs. 150/- (US\$ 15/-).

PROF. V.I.S. REMEMBERED

The sixth death anniversary of Prof. V.I. Subramoniam, doyen of Indian linguistics and a great scholar of Tamil, was observed with great veneration on 29th June 2015 at V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex. He occupied various prestigious positions like Professor and Head of the Department of Linguistics – University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Vice Chancellor – Tamil University, Thanjavur, Pro Chancellor – Dravidian University, Kuppam and Hon. Director, ISDL. He was honoured with several titles including Honorary Doctorates from different universities. As a builder of institutions, he was unparalleled. He was the founder of Dravidian Linguistics Association, International School of Dravidian Linguistics and *International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics*. The members of the Council of Direction, research fellows and the office staff of the DLA and ISDL offered floral tributes at the *Smriti Mandapam* and assembled in the CD room reminiscing the good old days they spent with him. Prof. Puthusseri Ramachandran presided over the commemoration meeting and Profs. G.K. Panikkar, Retnamma, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan, Jeyakrishnan and Dr. Abdul Samed paid homage to him.

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- a. Director, Institute of Kannada Studies, Mysore
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Recent Publications: **Phonetics and its Application to Different Areas**, B.B. Rajapurohit, 2015, pp. 160, Rs. 200/- (US\$ 15/-). **The Morphosyntax of the Dravidian Languages**, P.S. Subrahmanyam, 2013, pp. xxx + 687, Rs. 1,000/- (US\$ 100/-). **A Survey of Smriti Literature**, N.P. Unni, 2013, pp. 8 + 164, Rs. 200/- (US\$ 20/-).

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ONE MORE VICE-CHANCELLOR FROM THE DLA FRATERNITY

Prof. Padmasekhar, former Chairperson, Department of Jainology and Prakrit, University of Mysore, Manasagangothri, Mysore became Vice-Chancellor of the Karnataka Sanskrit University. She is a renowned scholar both in Sanskrit and Prakrit language and literature and in Prakrit language and literature. She has been honoured with several awards. She is a life-member of Dravidian Linguistics Association.

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Recent Publications: **The Contribution of Melpüttur Nārāyaṇa Bhaṭṭatiri to Sanskrit Literature with Special Reference to Vyākaraṇa**, P. Visalakshy, 2013, Crown ¼, pp. 428, Rs. 900/- (US\$ 81/-). **A Contrastive Analysis of the Phonological Systems of Bengali and Malayalam**, Dhruvajyoti Das, 2014, pp. xii + 140, Rs. 220/- (US\$ 20/-). **Studies on Bangla from a Broader Perspective**, G.K. Panikkar, Syamala Sasidharan & Sourav Chakraborty (Eds.), 2015, pp. 216, Rs. 230/- (US\$ 23/-).

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Sri. Iravatham Mahadevan *Hon. D.Litt.*

Prof. B. Ramakrishna Reddy *Hon. D.Litt.*

Prof. Puthusseri Ramachandran
Central Sahitya Akademi Award

Dr. R. Krishnamurthy *Tolkappiyar Award*

Prof. S.V. Shanmugam
Tolkappiyar Award & Kambar Award

Prof. H.M. Maheswaraiah
Vice-Chancellorship of
Central University, Karnataka

PRIZE WINNERS IN THE 43RD AICDL

1. **Mrs. Katre Memorial Prize for M.A. topper in Linguistics** (2013-2014) to **Leo W. Simon**, Department of Linguistics, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

2. **Award for Best Paper (First Prize) in the Conference** to **S. Saktivel**, Department of Linguistics, University of Kerala for his paper entitled *Time Duration of Vowels in Tamil with Reference to Distribution*

The **Second Prize** to **Muhammad Ashraf K.**, Department of Linguistics, University of Kerala for his paper entitled *Impact of Mappila Dialects and Arabic Words in Standard Malayalam Language*

3. **Award for Best Monograph on Dravidian Tribes** to **Dr. M. Selvadurai** for his book *Language and Culture of Koraga Tribes*

4. **Sri. C. Achutha Menon Prize for Best Article or Book published on 'Computer and Language'** to **R. Ravindra Kumar, Sulochana K.G., Jayan V. and Sunil R.** for the article *A Computational Approach for Translation of Texts*

5. **Dr. Hermann Gundert Endowment Award for Best Dictionary, Lexicon or Encyclopaedia on any Major Dravidian Language or any Dravidian Tribal Language** to **Dr. Soibam Rebika Devi** for her dictionary *A Semantically classified Vocabulary: Tamil-English-Manipuri*

Contribution to Prof. V.I. Subramoniam Endowment Fund

19.06.15	Dr. M. Ganesan	Rs.	3000.00
20.06.15	Prof. K. Nachimuthu	Rs.	10,000.00
TOTAL AS OF LAST MONTH		Rs.	4,25,000.00
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