

A MONTHLY OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTICS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

Prof. MAHADEVA SASTRI IS NO MORE



Prof. Korada Mahadeva Sastri, Professor of Telugu (Retd.), S.K. University, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh passed away on 11th October 2016 at the age of 96 at Anantapur. Being trained under doyens like

Suniti Kumar Chatterji, Meenakshisundaram Pillai and Kshitish Chandra Chatterjee, he made invaluable contributions to Telugu language and Linguistics. He was one of the three stalwarts who initiated the movement for establishing the Dravidian Linguistics Association which ultimately came into existence in 1971.

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Prof. Sastri secured triple postgraduate degrees – Economics, Comparative Philology and Telugu. He obtained D.Litt. in 1961 for his thesis on the historical grammar of Telugu under the guidance of Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji from Calcutta University. He started his career as Lecturer in the Department of Linguistics, Annamalai University and later served in the Department of Telugu, Sri Venkateswara University and at Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur as Professor. During the period 1976-78, he was Visiting Professor at the Institute of Indology, Koln University, Germany.

His major works include *Historical Grammar of Telugu*, *Descriptive Grammar and Handbook of Modern Telugu*, *Andhra Vangmaya Parichayamu*, *Bala Praudha Vyakarana Dipika*, *Telugu Vyutpatti Nighantu* - an etymological dictionary of native Telugu and *Bhasha-Samskruti*. Besides, he has published many valuable research papers in both national and international journals.

Prof. Sastri is survived by his wife Saraswati, an embodiment of traditional knowledge, acquired from her elders, and three sons and a daughter. One son, Dr. K. Ramakrishna, is the retired Principal of SSBN College, Anantapur. His second

son, Dr. Venkat Korada, worked in the Department of Chemistry, Delhi University and his third son, Dr. K. Suryanarayana is Professor of Sanskrit at Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati. His daughter, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi lives in Chennai with her husband, Dr. Janardanam, a dental surgeon.

The Dravidian Linguistics Association (DLA) and the International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL) owe their existence due to the initiation and efforts of Prof. V.I. Subramoniam, Prof. R.C. Hiremath and Prof. K. Mahadeva Sastri. With the passing away of Prof. Sastri, all the three eminent Dravidian linguists who paved the way for the establishment of the Dravidian Linguistics Association have left us forever.

The demise of Prof. Sastri is a great loss to the Dravidian Linguistics Association and its allied institutions in the fields of research, both in Telugu and in Linguistics. So also, it is an irreparable loss to higher learning and research in Telugu and Linguistics. On behalf of the Dravidian Linguistics Association and the International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Prof. N. Bhaktavatsala Reddy (Tirupati) and Prof. Sreenivasulu Reddy (Anantapur) attended the funeral rites. All the members of the Dravidian Linguistics Association and the International School of Dravidian Linguistics express their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

45th ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTS & INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM on *Case, Agreement and Postpositions* (23-25 June 2017 at University of Delhi)

The Dravidian Linguistics Association at its 44th annual conference held in June 2015 at CALTS, University of Hyderabad

decided to hold the 45th All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists (AICDL) at the Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi. In accordance with the aspirations of the linguists all over India, it is decided to hold an International Symposium on *Case, Agreement and Postpositions* (ISCAP) along with the 45th AICDL. The 45th AICDL and ISCAP will be held from 23rd to 25th June 2017 at the Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi under the Directorship of Prof. R.C. Sharma. It is organized by the Department of Linguistics - University of Delhi, the Dravidian Linguistics Association and the International School of Dravidian Linguistics.

We are pleased to announce that abstracts are invited for oral presentations on substantial, original and unpublished research pertaining to any aspect of theoretical and applied linguistics. The thrust areas of the conference are *Case, Agreement and Postpositions* in Indian languages. However, papers on other branches of Linguistics and related subjects will also be allowed. The following are a few such areas for paper-presentation: *Language Acquisition, Language Teaching and Learning, Brain and Language, Discourse Analysis, Phonetics and Phonology, Semantics, Comparative Linguistics, Historical Linguistics, Clinical Linguistics, Speech Synthesis, Mathematical Linguistics, Semiotics, Stylistics, IT and Linguistics, Morphology and Syntax, Pragmatics, Sign Language Studies, Translation Theories, Computational Linguistics, Neurolinguistics, Psycholinguistics, Sociolinguistics, Typology, Folkloristics, Tribal Studies, Cultural Studies and Palaeography.*

VENUE: The venue of the conference is **Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi.**

The Local Convener of the 45th AICDL & ISCAP is **Prof. R.C. Sharma** (Head, Department of Linguistics & Coordinator, CAS in Linguistics, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110 007, rcprof@yahoo.com).

REGISTRATION: The registration fee for the conference is Rs. 2,000/- (India and other SAARC countries) and US\$ 300/- for participants from other countries. Life-members of DLA and students need to pay only 50% of this amount. Bonafide students and research scholars have to produce a certificate from the respective Heads of Departments, stating their student status to avail of the concessional registration. The registration fee includes food and accommodation. Accompanying person, if any, has to be registered by paying Rs. 2,000/- or US\$ 300/- as the case may be. Participants are requested to fill up the registration form (which can be downloaded from our website www.ijdl.org) and send it along with the registration fee to the Secretary-DLA, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex, St. Xavier's College P.O., Thiruvananthapuram - 695 586, Kerala by **30th May 2017**.

ACCOMMODATION: Food and accommodation, to the extent possible, will be provided in the university guesthouse and hostels. Those who need hotel accommodation should intimate the Local Convener before **10th June 2017**. Please note that charges with regard to food and accommodation in hotels will have to be borne by the participants.

TRAVEL GRANTS: The organizers are unable to provide TA / DA to the participants. Since it is an international symposium and

a prestigious conference of linguists, the participants (both teachers and research scholars) may get sponsorship from their respective universities.

AWARDS, PRIZES & SPECIAL LECTURES

As in the previous years, during the 45th AICDL also, various awards and prizes are distributed to scholars and students. So also, there will be special lectures by eminent linguists.

Awards & Prizes

The last date of entry for books, dictionaries, monographs, research papers etc., with relevant materials for assessment is **5th May 2017**. All entries or recommendations should be sent to the Convener, **45th All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists & International Symposium**, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex, St. Xavier's College P.O., Thiruvananthapuram - 695 586, Kerala.

List of Awards

1. **Mrs. Katre Memorial Prize** for M.A. topper in Linguistics (2015-16), of Rs. 1,000/-. (The Universities and Heads of Departments are requested to forward mark lists.)
2. **Award for the Best Paper in the Conference** by a young full-time student or research scholar, of Rs. 1,000/-. (Only bona fide 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, of Rs. 3,000/-. The book should have been published

within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2017*.

4. **Award for the Best Monograph on Dravidian Tribes**, of Rs. 3,000/-. It should have been published within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2017*.

5. **Shri. C. Achutha Menon Prize** for the Best Article or Book published on 'Computer and Language', of Rs. 2,000/-. It should have been published in an Indian journal and by an Indian, within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2017*.

6. **Dr. George Jacob Award** for the Best Monograph on Dravidian Linguistics in any Indian language other than Dravidian, of Rs. 2,500/-. It should have been published within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2017*.

7. **Prof. K.M. Venkataramaiah Award** for the Study of Linguistic Minorities, of Rs. 3,000/-. It should be an Indian publication, written in any international language other than Indian, and published within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2017*.

8. **Dr. Hermann Gundert Endowment Award** for the Best Dictionary, Lexicon or Encyclopaedia on any major Dravidian Language or any Dravidian Tribal Language, of Rs. 3,000/-. It should have been published within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2017*.

9. **The Phonetic Society of India Endowment Award**, of Rs. 3,000/- 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 2017*.

10. **Dr. Panneerselvam & Smt. Thavamani Panneerselvam Award** for the Translation of a Book from Tamil to

Kannada or vice versa, Rs. 5,000/-. The book should have been published within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2017*.

11. **Dr. K.N. Kuppuswamy Award** for a Lecture / Comparative Study of a Grammatical Text of Tamil, Sanskrit, Prakrit or Pali, of Rs. 1,500/-.

12. **Prof. Susheela P. Upadhyaya Award**, of Rs. 5,000/-, 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, within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2017*. Joint authorship will also be considered but in that case the award amount will be equally shared by the authors.

Special Lectures

1. **Professor V.I. Subramoniam Endowment Lecture**

2. **Professor Nagamma Reddy Endowment Lecture**

3. **Professor Karunasindhu Das Endowment Lecture**

4. **Smt. Lachchmi Jessaram Gidwani Memorial Endowment Lecture**

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45th A.I.C.D.L. & INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi
Delhi
(23-25 June 2017)

REGISTRATION FORM
 (Deadline: 30th May 2017)

Name (Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms.)

Male/Female

Address

Phone

E-mail

Accommodation Needed YES [] NO []

If 'Yes' Mode of journey

Date & Time of Arrival

Date & Time of Departure

Life-Member of DLA YES [] NO []

Student YES [] NO []

	India / Other SAARC Countries	Other Countries
Registration Fee	Rs. 2,000/-	(US \$ 300/-)
Life-Member / Student	Rs. 1,000/-	(US \$ 150/-)

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Details of Registration Fee remittance

Title of the Paper

Date Signature

* Payment of **registration fee** is to be made to: Organizing Secretary, 45th AICDL & ISCAP, 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 Linguistics Association and also for the 45th AICDL & ISCAP be downloaded from www.ijdl.org.

The filled-up registration form may reach the Secretary, Dravidian Linguistics Association on or before **30th May 2017**.

PRAŚASTI PURASKĀR TO PROF. M. RAMA

*The 48th Kāntāvara Kannada Sangha Mrs. and Mr. U.P. Upadhyaya Praśasthi Puraskār for 2016 in honour of Mrs. and Mr. U.P. Upadhyaya was conferred on **Prof. M. Rama**, former Honorary Director of the International School of Dravidian Linguistics and retired Professor of Kannada, Department of Linguistics, University of Kerala. This Praśasthi Puraskār was awarded to Prof. Rama in recognition of his contributions to Kannada, Tulu and Linguistics.*

ICDL-2016 & 44th AICDL
A BRIEF REPORT

(Continued from the last issue)

In the final session (Session 5) held at the Humanities Auditorium, seven papers were presented. Soumya P.N. in her paper *Strong and Weak Quantifiers in Malayalam* spoke extensively about the role of -um in distinguishing between strong and weak quantifiers. C. Maheswaran presented a paper *Case Syncretisms attested in the Kui Language* which had a three-tier elaborate structure dealing with: I. The Case System of Kui: A Bird's Eye-view, II. The Cases of Case Syncretisms of Kui and III. The Case Syncretisms observed among Other Languages of Central Dravidian Subgroup. Sanjukta Ghosh and Swagata Acharya's paper *Fillers in Bangla* studied those words and phrases from Bangla which are often called 'fillers' in the literature of discourse and pragmatics. Rakhi N.K.'s *Special Verb Construction in Malayalam*, Rajam Thangi S.'s *V P Ellipsis in Tamil* and a few other papers were also presented in this session.

In a parallel session held at the Conference Hall, K. Viswanatham's *Deixis in Telugu: A Socio-pragmatic Perspective*, Paromita Nandy's *Sociolinguistic Study of Bengali in Kerala* and Albin Rico Xalxo's *Impact of Indo-Aryan Kurux* were presented along with some other papers.

The Lecture Hall session had the theme *Ethnolinguistics*. Seven papers were presented. Tetru Oraon's *Kurux Star Name and Astral Mythology* discussed about the star names found in Kurux and presented the mythological background and folklore underlying each name. Jayan, V.'s *Markodi Language – A Study on Mavilan Tribal Language* presented a basic study on the Markodi language used by the Mavilan tribes of Kasaragod district of Kerala and R. Karthick Narayanan's *Are Toda and Kota Languages of the Nilgiris critically endangered?* dealt with the linguistic vitality of these two languages based on the assessment results from *Ethnologue* and UNESCO models.

Three parallel sessions were held on the third day. K. Suryanarayana in his paper *Some Reflections on Vedic Phonetics: Its Relevance for Speech Processing* described the distinctive features of Sanskrit phonemes based on *varnakrama* taking examples from Paninian grammar and modern Linguistics.

[To be continued]
K. Rajyarama

CALL FOR RESEARCH PAPERS

In connection with Prof. N. Vanamamalai Centenary Year Celebrations 2017, researchers and postgraduate students are invited to submit research papers on the following topics:

1. Marxist Philosophy Books by Prof. N. Vanamamalai – A Review
2. Prof. N. Vanamamalai Works – A Review
3. Folklore Studies in 25 Years of Globalization

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THIRUKKURAL

17th – 19th May 2017

at

Scott Christian College
Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu

This international conference is jointly organized by the International Association of Tamil Diaspora, Mauritius and Institute of Asian Studies, Chennai. For details, contact Dr. John Samuel, Director, Institute of Asian Studies, Chennai.

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