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PAPERS: The deadlines for submission of abstracts and full-length papers are **15th May 2015** and **5th June 2015** respectively. The abstract of the paper may please be sent, preferably through e-mail, to Prof. S. Raja, Local Convener, 43rd All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists, Centre of Advanced Study in Linguistics, Annamalai University. Scholars are also requested to bring copies of their abstracts and papers along with them. The language of the paper shall be English except for regional-language session if any. A registered participant can present only one paper. Please provide a computer printout of the abstract and full-length paper along with a soft copy.

REGISTRATION: The registration fee for the conference is Rs. 1,000/-. Life-members of DLA and student-members need to pay Rs. 500/- only. 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. 1,000/-. Participants are requested to fill up the registration form 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 **5th June 2015**.

ACCOMMODATION: Food and accommodation will be provided in the university campus. Those who need hotel accommodation should intimate the Local Convener before **5th June 2015**. Please note that charges with regard to food and accommodation in hotels will have to be borne by the participant.

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Our Best Wishes for a happy, prosperous and academically glorious New Year to all members, readers, contributors and well-wishers of DLA, ISDL, IJDL and DLA NEWS.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

The last date of entry for books, dictionaries, monographs, research papers etc., with relevant materials for assessment is **5th May 2015**. All entries or recommendations should be sent to the Convener, 43rd A.I.C.D.L., International School of Dravidian Linguistics, V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex, St. Xavier's College P.O., Thiruvananthapuram - 695 586, Kerala.

1. **Mrs. Katre Memorial Prize** for M.A. topper in Linguistics (2013-14), 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 2015*.

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 2015*.

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 2015*.

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 2015*.

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 2015*.

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 2015*.

9. **The Phonetic Society of India Endowment Award**, of Rs. 3,000/- for a Monograph or Lecture.

10. **Dr. Panneerselvam & Smt. Thavamani Panneerselvam Award** for the Translation of a Book from Tamil to Kannada and Vice Versa, Rs. 5,000/-. The book should have been published within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2015*.

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 Upadhyaya Award**, of Rs. 7,000/-, for a linguist below 30 years who has produced a good monograph or a couple of good research papers on any topic of Modern Linguistics, within a period of 3 years before *1st May 2015*.

SPECIAL ENDOWMENT LECTURES

1. *Professor V.I. Subramoniam Endowment Lecture*
2. *Professor Nagamma Reddy Endowment Lecture*
3. *Smt. Lachchmi Jessaram Gidwani Memorial Endowment Lecture*

The lectures are by invitation and organized according to the availability of suitable persons.

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

<i>Last date (Entries for Awards & Prizes)</i>	<i>5.5.2015</i>
<i>Last date (Abstracts)</i>	<i>15.5.2015</i>
<i>Last date (Full-length Papers)</i>	<i>5.6.2015</i>
<i>Last date (Registration)</i>	<i>5.6.2015</i>
<i>Inauguration of the Conference</i>	<i>18.6.2015</i>
<i>ISDL Governing Council Meeting</i>	<i>18.6.2015</i>
<i>IJDL Annual Meeting</i>	<i>18.6.2015</i>
<i>DLA General Body Meeting</i>	<i>19.6.2015</i>
<i>Conference Valedictory Meeting</i>	<i>20.6.2015</i>

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KOLLAM AND KOṬUṆṆALLŪR

(Continued from the last issue)

The first epigraphical reference on *Kollam* is seen in the Kottayam-Syrian Copper plate of King Sthanu Ravi (c. 849 C.E.).² In it, *Kollam* is called as *Kurakkēṇikkollam*. We learn from other sources that up to 17th century C.E., *Kurakkēṇikkollam* was used as a synonym of *Kollam* in epigraphical records. The meaning of *Kurakkēṇi* is doubtful. It may be a place encircled by water. There is a place with the very same name in between Naṭayāra lake and the Arabian Sea near *Kollam*. Literally, *Kurakkēṇikkollam* means the *Kollam* adjacent to *Kurakkēṇi*. Likewise, there was another *Kollam* in Malabar. In order to differentiate this from Southern *Kollam*, the former was called *Pantalāyini Kollam* which is about 9 km. north of Quilandy in Kozhikode district. In foreign records, *Pantalāyini Kollam* is referred to as follows:

Portuguese	Pandarani
Friar Odoric	Flandrina
Iban Batuta	Fandaraina

Kolla Varṣam : Kollam tōṇri : Kollam aḷintayāṇṭu

The introduction of *Kolla Varṣam* (era), a calendar system that was indigenously originated in 825 C.E., made the word *Kollam* immortal.³ It is doubtful whether *Kollam* era has any connection with the establishment of the Venad dynasty at *Kollam*. *Kollam* being a coastal city of commercial importance, the Venad kings might have felt the need for their presence at *Kollam*. In two other eras also, *Kollam* stands as a pivotal point viz., *Kollam tōṇri*⁴ and *Kollam aḷintayāṇṭu*.⁵ In certain inscriptions, these two eras were found used. *Kollam tōṇri* literally means 'after the emergence of *Kollam* town'. The other one denotes 'the destruction of *Kollam*'. However, *Kollam aḷintayāṇṭu* became extinct within a short span of time. The present *Kolla Varṣam* is a continuation of *Kollam tōṇri*.

Koṭuṇṇallūr

The name *Koṭuṇṇallūr* came to be seen only after the 9th century C.E. Being the southern part of *Chettuvāy* island, *Koṭuṇṇallūr* was famous for its ancient temples, monuments and places of archaeological interest. The old port city, Muziris, was somewhere in the southern part of *Chettuvāy* island on the bank of the river Periyar. When Pliny writes about Muziris, he rightly points out that "the first emporium of India, Muziris,

which is not a desirable port to arrive at on account of pirates infesting the neighbourhood, holds a place called Nitrias". The Nitrias is suspected to be the present *Nāṭṭika*, about 16 km. north of *Koṭuṇṇallūr*. From Pliny's statement, there is ample evidence to believe that Muziris was near Nitrias i.e., *Nāṭṭika*. Muziris lost its glory as a port city towards the end of 1341 CE. The flood of 1341 caused heavy damage to that port city. Muziris was not at the river-mouth or seashore. Pliny writes "... the station for ships is at a great distance from the shore, and cargoes have both to be landed and shipped by means of little boats in Muziris". The author of *Periplus Maris Erythraei* has clearly stated that Muziris was 20 stadia away from the river-mouth. All this clarifies that Muziris was in the south-eastern part of present *Koṭuṇṇallūr* and it was on either the southern or the northern side of river Periyar.

Muziris has been identified with modern *Koṭuṇṇallūr* by Caldwell, Gundert and Burnell. It is the Muzirikōṭu of Jewish Copper plate of Bhaskara Ravi and the Muciri of ancient Tamil works. Muzirikōṭu was also known as Mākōtai alias Mahādēvar Paṭṭanam as it appears in Syrian copper plate of Vira Raghava Chakravarti.⁶ Medieval travellers refer to this place under various names such as:

Al Biruni	970 CE	Jangli
Chinese annals	1286 CE	Shinkali
Rushiduddin	1300 CE	Chinkali
Friar Jordanus	1328 CE	Singuyli
Nicolo Conti	1444 CE	Columguria
Barbosa	1505 CE	Cranganoor

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[To be continued]

Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan

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 & Dhruvajyoti Das, 2014, PB, Demy 1/8, Pp. xvi + 128, Rs. 150/- (US\$ 15/-).

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R. Dhanasekharan's paper titled *Grammatical Traditions of Sanskrit: Historical Perspective*, centered on the history of the grammar of Sanskrit from the early period to the modern, dealt with the tradition of pre-Panini, Vedic as well as non-Vedic tradition, Buddhist and Jainist tradition, Vaishnavite tradition and the tradition of commentators. Among them, Panini, Katyayana and Patanjali have developed the grammatical tradition by focusing on the language structure of the Vedas and the accent. He also made a study of the salient features of various grammarians.

Session 17, held in the Telugu classroom, was chaired by Prof. Y. Manikandan. The papers presented were *Alphabetical Order of the Dravidian Family of Languages in the Function of Unicode* by M. Poongundran, *Development in Vocabulary in Textbooks* by A. Sulochana, *Origin of AANINTRU* by N. Panchatcharam, *Tamil Prosody: Foreigner's Contribution* by M.A. Manimegalai and *Ellis's Treatise on Tamil Prosody - A Study* by Y. Manikandan.

Prof. Parimalagandham chaired Session 18 in Prof. Bh. Krishnamurti Hall. Sarmistha De Basu's paper, *Cultural Contribution of Dravidian to Bengali Culture*, was on various factors which influenced the language and how they caused to result in a mixed assimilated culture. She elaborated on how Dravidian gods, goddesses, rituals, food habits and other activities had an impact on Bengali culture and concluded that it is a mixed culture of Aryans, Mongoloids, Dravidians and others. In the paper, *The Malayalam of Bengali Migrants*, S. Kunjamma described the features of the language of the Bengalis in Kerala. She pointed out the fact that the major language variation is at the phonological level whereas morphological variation is quite less. Citing several examples, she concluded that syntactic deviation is mainly found in complex sentences. While speaking on *Linguistic Impact Tax - Philosophy, Principle and Practice*, P. Sreekumar proposed the idea of tax deduction for products with local-language content and suggested that a minimum amount of money be utilized for language development.

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Y. Viswanatha Naidu & K.N. Geethakumari

“MANY RAMAYANAM-S” - SAYS
THUNCHAT SHRI RAMANUJAN
EZHUTHACCHAN?

It is well known that there are many versions of the *Rāmāyaṇam*, apart from Valmiki's. When an essay by renowned A.K. Ramanujam on “Many Ramayanam-s” was prescribed for textbook study in an Indian University some years ago, there was opposition and violent agitations, and it had to be withdrawn. It should be of interest to note the following passage from Thunchat Ezhuthacchan's *Adhyādma Rāmāyaṇam* (Malayalam). The context is: Rama's proposed coronation is cancelled because of Kaikeyi's protest, and Rama is to go to the forest. He goes to bid farewell to Sita, and dissuades her from accompanying him. She disagrees, and argues vehemently. Part of her speech:

“*ittham puraiva ṅān kēṭṭirikkunnatu
satyamatinniyumonnu collīṭuvan
rāmāyaṇaṅṅaḷ palatum kavivara-
rāmōdamōṭu paraṅṅu kēḷppuṅṅu ṅān
jānakiyōṭu kūṭāte raghuvaran
kānanavāsattinennu pōyīṭṭuḷḷū?*”

[*Ayōdhyākāṇḍam* in *Adhyādma Rāmāyaṇam Nityapārāyaṇattinu*, Mathrubhumi Books, Calicut, 2014, p. 113. It appears also in *Adhyādma Rāmāyaṇam, Kiḷippāṭṭu*, 6th Impression, D.C. Books, Kottayam, 2008, p. 56, col. 2.]

“Thus have I heard from even ancient times; I shall truly narrate it now. **I have heard eminent poets joyfully narrate many ‘rāmāyaṇam’-s.** (But) when has it been ever been the case (ever been mentioned) that the best among the Raghu-s went to stay in the forest without taking Janaki with him?” (**Emphasis supplied**).

I do not remember having seen any comments or notes on this particular set of couplets by any of the eminent scholars who have so deeply studied all aspects of this classic. I shall be grateful for advice from the scholars who read this note.

T. Madhava Menon

Recent Publications: **The Morphosyntax of the Dravidian Languages**, P.S. Subrahmanyam, 2013, pp. xxx + 687, Rs. 1,000/- (US\$ 100/-). **A Survey of Smṛiti Literature**, N.P. Unni, 2013, pp. 8 + 164, Rs. 200/- (US\$ 20/-). **A Contrastive Study of Case in Bengali and Tamil**, Sourav Chakraborty, 2012, pp. 136, Rs. 120/- (US\$ 5/-).

**NEW ENROLMENT FOR LIFE-MEMBERSHIP
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CALL FOR PROJECT FELLOWS

The Department of Dravidian and Computational Linguistics, Dravidian University, Kuppam invites applications for Two Project Fellows to carry out a project on *Language Documentation* involving extensive field-work. The position is temporary, for a period of 3 years or co-terminus, with the duration of the project period.

Minimum Qualifications: M.A. Linguistics (55% marks or equivalent CGPA, 50% in the case of SC/ST) **OR** M.A. in Telugu/Tamil/Kannada/Malayalam/English (55% marks or equivalent CGPA, 50% in the case of SC/ST) with M.Phil./Ph.D. in Linguistics.

Age: Candidates should be below the age of 40 years at the time of application.

Remuneration: Consolidated salary of Rs. 14,000/- per month for initial 2 years and Rs. 16,000/- per month from the 3rd year onwards as per University norms (as per new UGC guidelines).

Eligible candidates may sent their detailed resume to gbalu123@gmail.com or to Prof. G. Balasubramanian (9441-331760), Head, Department of Dravidian & Computational Linguistics, Dravidian University, Kuppam – 517 426 so as to reach on or before **19.1.2015**.

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- NEW ISDL PUBLICATION**
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- Studies on Bangla from a Broader Perspective**
G.K. Panikkar, Syamala Sasidharan & Sourav Chakraborty (Eds.)
2015. PB. Demy 1/8. Pp. 216. Rs. 230/- (US\$ 23/-).
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(A Collection of Seminar Papers)
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- Early Middle Malayalam**
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