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**“Convergence and Resulting
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on

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The Dravidian Linguistic Association of India, Thiruvananthapuram (DLA) in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru (CIIL) and International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram (ISDL) is organizing a 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”** on the 8th and 9th of October 2026 at the V.I. Subramoniam ISDL Complex, Menamkulam, Thiruvananthapuram - 695586. The seminar intends to highlight the structural and lexical convergences in the use of quantifiers and qualifiers among the major and minor languages of India.

The Dravidian Linguistic Association of India (DLA) is India's top most association on linguistics in terms of publications and membership. It was formed in 1971 to strengthen and develop the studies on the regional languages of India, having the National Professor Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji, the doyen of Indian linguistics as its President and internationally reputed professors V.I. Subramoniam, R.C. Hiremath and K. Mahadeva Sastry as Secretaries and G.K. Panikkar as Treasurer. Because of the overwhelming support received from scholars like Prof. T.P. Meenakshisundaram, Prof. G.J. Somayaji, Prof.

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Concept Note:

Language encodes not only entities and actions but also the quantity and quality associated with them. Two crucial linguistic categories that enable this encoding are quantifiers (expressions of quantity) and qualifiers (expressions that modify or define meaning). These categories are fundamental to making meaning across languages, yet their systematic study within the linguistically diverse context of India remains limited.

India, as one of the world's richest linguistic areas, offers a unique testing ground for examining how quantification and qualification operate across languages. Despite this, comprehensive cross-linguistic and typologically grounded studies which exhibit the similarities in lexical

and grammatical features still remain scarce and hence it is an urgent need to have in-depth research in this field which surely will contribute mutual understanding and respect among different linguistic groups which ultimately solder natural integration and unity.

This seminar aims to bring together scholars working on the Indian languages to foster a comparative, interdisciplinary, and typologically informed dialogue. It will examine a range of phenomena such as Determiner quantifiers (D-quantifiers), Adverbial quantifiers (A-quantifiers), Numeral classifiers, Reduplication-based quantifier and Qualifier relationships.

One of the central goals of this seminar is to evaluate the applicability of existing typological frameworks—particularly the distinction between D-quantifiers and A-quantifiers — to Indian languages, and to explore whether their rich morphological and syntactic features necessitate theoretical refinement or expansion.

Background and Rationale:

Although quantification has been widely studied in global linguistic theory, its systematic exploration in Indian languages has been limited and fragmented. Early foundational work includes Rajasingh (1991), which examined quantifiers across major Dravidian languages—Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, and Telugu—proposing a shared analytical framework. More recent studies have explored specific phenomena, such as Universal quantifiers in Manipuri (Betholia & Morey, 2009), and Numeral classifier systems in Magadhi (Kumar, 2024). Mohapatra (2021) , drawing on classical Indian

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philosophical traditions such as Navyanyāya, highlights the qualifier–qualified relationship as central to semantic



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interpretation. This perspective opens a productive dialogue between Western formal semantics and indigenous Indian knowledge systems covering all language families of India.

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