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Report

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Prof. K. Karunakaran, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University, Thanjavur, delivered the Keynote Address at the inaugural session of the conference. His thought-provoking and scholarly address offered deep insights into the theoretical, historical, and practical dimensions of Dravidian linguistics and language-based education. He began by acknowledging the enduring legacy of Dravidian linguistic scholarship and emphasized the need for revitalizing classical and indigenous linguistic traditions in contemporary academic discourse. Prof. Karunakaran elaborated on the challenges faced by Indian languages particularly Tamil and other Dravidian tongues in the context of globalization, urbanization, and policy shifts that often favour dominant languages. He argued passionately for the integration of mother tongues into higher education as a means of intellectual empowerment and social justice. Citing both texts and modern linguistic theories. classical demonstrated how native language instruction can bridge the gap between traditional knowledge systems and present-day

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academic frameworks. Prof. Karunakaran further called for a reinvigoration of Dravidian linguistic studies through digital documentation, curriculum development, and interdisciplinary research. His address encouraged scholars to uphold linguistic pluralism and work collectively toward the advancement of vernacular scholarship. The keynote set a deep academic tone for the conference and was widely appreciated by the audience for its clarity, conviction, and scholarly depth.

Prof. Aranga Pari, Dean, Faculty of Indian Languages & Member, Syndicate, Annamalai University, Prof. A. Murigeppa, Former Vice-Chancellor, Kannada University, Karnataka, and Prof. G. Balasubramaniam, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University, Thanjavur, delivered Felicitation Addresses.

Latest Publications: PAPERS IN LINGUISTICS Vol. II, Panikkar (Ed.), S. Abdul Samed, N. Muraleedharan Nair (Asst. Eds.), 2024, PB, Demmy 1/8, pp. 320, Rs. 650/- (US\$ 65/-) DRAVIDIAN TOWNS IN THE MAHAVASTU AND MILINDAPANHA A DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY, Bryan G. Levman, 2023, PB, Demmy 1/8, pp. 152, Rs. 350/- (US\$ 30/-) ELAMITE AND DRAVIDIAN: A REASSESSMENT, Filippo Pedron, 2023, PB, Demmy 1/8, pp. 264, Rs.450/- (US\$ 40/0)

In their addresses, they warmly congratulated the organizers for successfully convening a significant academic gathering focused on the preservation, promotion, and pedagogical integration of Dravidian languages. They highlighted the historical role of Annamalai University in championing Indian and classical languages, particularly Tamil, and praised the Centre of Advanced Study in Linguistics for its continued scholarly contributions.

They emphasized the importance of conducting such conferences that not only celebrate linguistic heritage but also provide direction for future policy and research in language education. They noted that the integration of mother tongues in higher education should not be seen as a mere cultural initiative, but as a critical strategy for democratizing knowledge and nurturing cognitive diversity. They expressed hope that the academic deliberations of the conference would pave the way for strong policy recommendations and practical models that can be implemented in universities across India. They also commended the participation of scholars from various linguistic backgrounds, reinforcing the interdisciplinary and inclusive spirit of the symposium. Their addresses added a sense of institutional pride and academic encouragement to the occasion, and was well received by the audience.

The inaugural session successfully ended with the formal Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. P. Chandramohan, Professor, CAS in Linguistics. He expressed deep gratitude to all the dignitaries, speakers, scholars, and participants who graced the occasion and contributed to the success of the inauguration.

Saranya R. (Organizing Secretary, 52nd AICDL)

13™ INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE-CUM-WORKSHOP ON ENDANGERED AND LESSER-KNOWN LANGUAGES (ELKL-13)

Madurai Kamaraj University in collaboration with the Centre of Language Planning, Policy and Sociolinguistics (CLPP-Socio) and the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru is organizing the 13th International Conference-cum-Workshop on Endangered and Lesser-Known Languages (ELKL-13) from 17–19 December 2025 at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.

Prof. Gilvan Müller de Oliveira, Head, UNESCO Chair on Language Policies for Multilingualism, Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), Brazil will deliver the keynote address. The academic programs include plenary talks, thematic panels, and workshop.

Important Dates • Abstract submission deadline: 2 October 2025 • Notification of acceptance 25 October 2025 • Registration deadline: 15 November 2025 • Full paper submission deadline: 20 November 2025

Abstract Submission: https://easyabs.linguistlist.org/submit/ELKL13/

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PAPERS IN LINGUISTICS, G.K. Panikkar (Ed.), Mary Susan, S. Abdul Samed, N. Muraleedharan Nair (Asst. Eds.), 2023, HB, Demmy 1/8, pp. 512, Rs.1000/- (US\$ 80/-) AN ACCOUNT OF BANGLA DISCOURSE PARTICLES, Rajat Ghosh, 2023, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. 142, Rs.300/- (US\$ 30/-) GLOSSARY OF GRAMMATICAL TERMS IN TRADITIONAL MALAYALAM GRAMMARS, C.S. Jayakumari Kunjamma, 2023, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. 232, Rs.450/- (US\$ 45/-) THE ART AND EDIFICE OF GENDERLECT, B. Sreedevi, 2023, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. 160, Rs.320/- (US\$ 32/-) A DICTIONARY OF SANSKRIT, PRAKRIT AND PALI WORDS IN TAMIL AND MALAYALAM, N. Gopinathan Nair, 2022, HB, Crown 1/4, pp. 988, Rs.2300/- (US\$ 230/-). A SOCIO-CULTURAL, HISTORICAL AND LINGUISTIC STUDY OF THE PATHANS OF KERALA, S. Abdul Samed, 2022, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. 104, Rs.130/- (US\$ 13/-)

FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

of

THE CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF INDIAN LANGUAGES

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As part of the academic proceedings, in connection with the 57th Foundation Day of CIIL, there were three thematic panel discussions by eminent linguists, educationists and scholars from universities, IIT, IIIT & IIMs and academic institutions on topics namely, Vision 2047: Promotion of Indian Languages in Education, The Interface of AI and Indian Languages: Linguistic and Technological Perspectives and The Role of Classical Languages in Promoting Indian Knowledge System.

Panel Discussion I: Vision 2047: Promotion of Indian Languages in Education

The session was chaired by Prof. Shailendra Mohan, Director, CIIL, and convened by Dr. Tariq Khan, L-JRO, CIIL. This session focused on the future of Indian language integration in education in alignment with NEP-2020 and beyond.

Prof. Rajesh Sachdeva, Former Director, CIIL, highlighted the disconnect between India's multilingual reality and its predominantly monolingual educational practices. He criticised the current pedagogy for failing to integrate language and subject content, using the example of mathematical terminology like "LCM" to illustrate how concept clarity depends on linguistic comprehension. He emphasised that children think in their mother tongues, even in English-medium schools and suppressing these native languages hampers both cognition and identity development, while NEP-2020 promotes multilingualism, citing Nagaland as a successful example of multilingual policy. He called for a design-thinking approach tailored to local linguistic ecosystems and encouraged systemic inclusion of all languages, especially non-scheduled ones.

Prof. C.G. Venkatesh Murthy, Former Director, CIIL, focused on the pedagogical implications of NEP-2020, particularly the restructuring of the school system from Anganwadi to secondary levels. He expressed concern over the weakening of the three-language formula, with some states resisting the inclusion of Indian languages beyond English and stressed the need for national unity in linguistic inclusivity, urging CIIL to lead efforts in bridging language diversity. He highlighted the importance of emerging pedagogies art, storytelling, sports, and ICT and called for expanded development of Teaching-Learning Materials (TLMs) in multiple languages and advocated for the integration of Indian Sign Language into mainstream education. The speech was concluded with a call for a clear, expert-informed, and publicly accessible roadmap to implement NEP reforms.

Prof. P. R. Dharmesh Fernandez, Professor-cum-Deputy Director, CIIL, began with a personal reflection on his early academic experiences, recalling his interaction with Prof. Rajesh Sachdeva and highlighting the importance of linguistic diversity in policy discourse. He opined that NEP-2020 remains a policy document, not a law, requiring cooperative implementation between the Centre and States. Under NEP-2020, interdisciplinary efforts are being made to present classical language learning in an interactive and inclusive way for all school children, supported by the Central Institute of Indian Languages and NCERT. In his closing remarks, the future of education was envisioned as driven by curiosity, adaptability, real-world relevance, and digital empowerment. The call was made to re-imagine learning for 2047 through hands-on approaches and a focus on both mind and hand coordination. A think tank was proposed to guide this vision, ensuring Indian languages play a central role in shaping an inclusive, knowledge-driven future.

$\begin{tabular}{ll} Panel Discussion-II: The Interface of AI and Indian Languages: Linguistic and Technological Perspectives \end{tabular}$

The second panel of the day explored the convergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Indian languages, focusing on both linguistic and technological dimensions. Chaired by Prof. Umarani Pappuswamy,

Professor-cum-Deputy Director, CIIL, and convened by Dr. Narayan Kumar Choudhary, L-JRO, CIIL, the session brought together leading experts in computational linguistics and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Prof. Niladri Sekhar Dash, Professor and Head, ISI Kolkata, opened the discussion with a critical analysis of the current AI landscape in India. Reframing AI as both "Artificial" and "Alternative" Intelligence, he argued that India's digital language divide is deepening. He questioned the ethics of data sourcing for large language models (LLMs), pointing out how languages with fewer resources risk erasure. He emphasised that many Indian languages, especially non-scheduled ones, lack corpora, lexicons, and NLP tools. Praising initiatives like AI4Bharat, he stressed the need for policy support, training, and equitable funding. "Waiting for someone to build our tools is like Waiting for Godot," he warned, urging Indian linguists to be proactive. He advocated for AI-integrated linguistics education and showcased how his lab has already trained over 100 young NLP researchers.

Dr. Soma Paul, Senior Research Scientist, IIIT Hyderabad, called for the inclusion of Indian knowledge systems in AI development. Drawing on her rich experience on samarthya (semantic compatibility), in computational linguistics, she outlined her work on Universal Semantic Representations that go beyond syntax, incorporating divaksha (speaker intent), a concept rooted in Indian linguistic traditions. Highlighting the limitations of global NLP tools in handling Indian discourse and cultural nuance, she stressed the potential of India's human capital in building gold-standard datasets. She encouraged young scholars to apply their theoretical skills to create tools anchored in India's linguistic heritage.

Dr. Aditya Maheshwari, Associate Professor, IIM Indore (joining virtually), discussed BharatGen, India's first government-funded Multimodal LLM project under DST's NM-ICPS mission, led by IIT Bombay. Backed by a ₹230 crore grant, the project aims to build inclusive generative AI tools for Indian languages, with participation from institutions like IITs, IIIT Hyderabad, and IIM Indore. He also highlighted UDAAN, a bilingual translation platform already adopted by IGNOU. While 25% of the data in current LLMs is Indian, he emphasised the need for more resources for low-resource languages, speech corpora, and multimodal AI applications. Dr. Aditya Maheshwari proposed future collaborations with CIIL, including visual dictionaries and AI workstations tailored to underrepresented languages.

The panel concluded with a shared call for systemic collaboration among policymakers, academia, and linguistic institutions to ensure India's linguistic diversity is effectively represented and empowered in the AI age.

Panel Discussion - III: The Role of Classical Languages in Promoting Indian Knowledge System.

The third panel discussion explored the profound role of classical languages in sustaining India's civilisational wisdom and promoting its vast knowledge systems. Chaired by Prof. Prasad Joshi, Vice-Chancellor, Deccan College, Post-Graduate & Research Institute, Pune, the session began with an emphasis on Sanskrit's unique status as a pan-Indian language that transcends regional boundaries. He highlighted how Sanskrit, with its refined grammar and philosophical depth, serves not only as a language but as a cultural symbol uniting diverse Indian traditions.

Prof. B. N. Patnaik, Rtd. Professor, IIT, Kanpur (on virtual mode) has offered an epistemological interpretation of the *Sarala Mahabharata*, a 15th-century Odia retelling of the epic. Through two powerful narratives, he explored how characters, despite having access to truth, often fail to act on it suggesting that knowledge must be internalized and transformative.

Prof. N. M. Talwar, Project Director, CESCK spoke on the spiritual and cultural importance of language, invoking Saraswati as the embodiment of learning. He traced Kannada's independent evolution,

distinguishing it from Tamil, and presented its 2,500-year-old literary legacy, including the Halmidi inscription and Jain scholarly contributions.

Prof. M. Sampath Kumar, Project Director, CESCT emphasised classical languages like Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Pali, and Malayalam as linguistic vaults preserving India's intellectual traditions across fields like medicine, astronomy, and literature. He stressed the need to promote these languages to foster multilingualism, cultural identity, and global scholarly exchange.

Prof. Ramamoorthy, Formerly of CIIL & Retd., Professor, Dept. of Linguistics, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod has critically examined the politicisation of the term "classical language," arguing that India's knowledge systems are enriched not only by codified classical languages but also by oral and indigenous traditions. He underlined the twin foundations of Indian thought Sanskrit and Tamil showing how texts like *Ashtadhyayi* and *Tolkappiyam* reflect shared principles. The session concluded with the idea that India's diverse languages both classical and folk are indispensable carriers of its deep, pluralistic, and enduring knowledge heritage.

The 57th Foundation celebration of CIIL concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sujoy Sarkar, L-JRO, CIIL and the Academic Coordinator of this conference.

A vibrant cultural programme was also organised as part of the celebrations, showcasing the rich linguistic, cultural and artistic depth of India.

Sujoy Sarkar The Academic Coordinator 57th FDC, CIII

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES

A three day National Conference on Multidisciplinary approaches in Social Sciences & Humanities was organised by the Department of Philosophy & Global Justice 360 Research Foundation in association with T. P. Verma College, Narkatiaganj. The main speakers were Prof. Jitendra Mohan, President, Asia-Pacific Associations of Psychology, Prof Umadevi Kovuru, Member, Executive Council, Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswavidyalayam, Govt of Andhra Pradesh, Prof. Veenu Pant, Presiding Officer, Internal Complaint Committee, Dr. Sarika Srivastava, Associate Professor (Adjunct), IIHM Mumbai & RPIMS, Mumbai and Dr. Priya Yadav, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Food and Nutrition, Institute of Home Science, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra.

Muraleedharan Nair N.

NATIONAL SEMINAR - CUM - COLLOQUIUM AT ASIATIC SOCIETY

The Asiatic Society Kolkatta is organizing a one day National Seminar - cum - colloquium on "Revisiting the hundred years of the ODBL by Prof. Suniti Kumar Chatterji to commemorate the centenary of the book ODBL on 23rd of September 2025. The ODBL was published in the year 1926 and the seminar will highlight the scholarly legacy of Prof. Suniti Kumar Chatterji and the academic value of ODBL over the past hundred years. The seminar will provide a platform for scholars to deliberate upon the pioneering works of Prof. Chatterji. Leading professors and linguists from all over India and abroad will participate in the seminar.

Greeshma C.

BANGLA AND OTHER INDIAN LANGUAGES: LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan & Dhrubajyoti Das (Eds.), 2021, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. viii + 483, Rs. 600/- (US\$ 60/-). INDIAN STYLISTICS, Desamangalam Ramakrishnan, 2020, PB, Crown 1/4, pp. 8 + 73, Rs. 170/- (US\$ 17/-). MALAYALAM AS A CLASSICAL LANGUAGE, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan (Ed.), 2020, PB, Crown 1/4, pp. xx+616, Rs. 1250/- (US\$ 125/-). COLLECTED PAPERS OF V.I. SUBRAMONIAM, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan (Ed.), 2020, HB, Crown 1/4, pp. 6+187, Rs. 450/- (US\$ 45/-).

SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE ON "LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGY"

Report

The Department of Linguistics at Madurai Kamaraj University successfully conducted a five-day Skill Enhancement Course on Language Technology from August 25th to 29th, 2025. The program was sponsored by RUSA 2.0 and provided a comprehensive platform for students to engage with the latest advancements at the intersection of artificial intelligence linguistics. The course commenced with an inaugural ceremony. Dr. K. Umaraj, Head of the Department of Linguistics, Madurai Kamaraj University, welcomed the gathering. Prof. M. Ramakrishnan, Registrar i/c, Madurai Kamaraj University, delivered the presidential address. The special address was given by Dr. N. Deivasundaram, former Professor, University of Madras. He spoke on the synergy between AI and Linguistics. Dr. R. Kumarasamy, Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, Madurai Kamaraj University, concluded the inaugural session with a vote of thanks. The technical sessions were meticulously planned over the five days, featuring experts from academia and industry.

On the first day, Dr. N. Deivasundaram delivered a foundational lecture on AI and Computational Linguistics. This was followed by a talk on AI and Tamil Research by Dr. Durai Manikandan, President, Tamil Internet Academy. The day concluded with a session on the Role of AI in Translation by Dr. P. Selvakumar, Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, International Institute of Tamil studies, Chennai. The second day featured Dr. T. Muthukrishnan, Former Head, Department of Linguistics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. He discussed the Pros and Cons of AI. Dr. L. Ramamoorthy, Former Professor and Head, Department of Linguistics, Central University of Kerala, lectured on AI and Language Technology.



The focus on the third day shifted to practical implementation. Dr. K. Sundarakantham, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Thiyagarajar College of Engineering, led a session on Building AI for Tamil. This was followed by Dr. S. Santhana Hari, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Thiyagarajar College of Engineering, who discussed the Interplay of Computer Science and Linguistics.

The fourth day provided an industry perspective with Mr. Rajaram (Neechalkaran Raja), Technology Lead at Infosys, who spoke on AI and Large Language Models for Tamil. Dr. K. Umaraj, Head of the Department of Linguistics, Madurai Kamaraj University, then conducted a unique session on AI and the Sangam Corpus.

The final day was devoted for advanced topics by Dr. L. Shoba, Project Head & Member Research Staff Computational Linguistics Research group, AU-KBC Research Centre, MIT campus, Anna University, Chennai. She discussed the Next Frontier of NLP. The course concluded with a presentation by Dr. D. Jenifer, Resource Person SPPEL Project, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru, on Archiving Indigenous Languages and Culture with AI.

K. Umaraj

EVOLUTION OF MALAYALAM, Anantaramayyar Chandrasekhar, 2020, PB, Crown 1/4, pp. 8+216, Rs. 450/- (US\$ 45/-). THE DRAVIDIAN CULTURE AND ITS DIFFUSION, T.K. Krishna Menon, 2020, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. 58, Rs. 75/-(US\$ 7.50/-). THE MOTHER GODDESS IN BENGAL AND IN KERALA, T. Madhava Menon, 2020, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. vi + 463, Rs. 600 (US\$ 60/-).INDEX OF KAṇṇAŚĀ RĀMĀYAṇAM, Puthuserry Ramachandran, 2020, HB, Demy 1/8, pp. 1122, Rs. 1930/- (US\$ 193/-). COLLECTED PAPERS ON TAMIL, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan (Ed.), 2019, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. x + 374. Rs. 400/- (US\$ 40/-).



ONAM CELEBRATED

On the 2nd of September 2025, the staff and scholars of ISDL and DLA enthusiastically celebrated Onam, the National Festival of Keralites. The staff and scholars in their traditional dresses designed a colourful pookkalam in front of the Administrative Block of ISDL. The celebration commenced with lighting the lamp by the senior professors M.Rama, G.K. Panikkar, P. VIsalakshy and Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan. This was followed by a meeting in the Conference Hall at Rabindra Bhavan. Prof. G.K. Panikkar, Hon.

Director, ISDL inaugurated the function and narrated the practices prevailed during his childhood. Prof. Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan, Former Director, ISDL delivered the Onam message and



shared his experience of Onam. The participants also shared their

experiences. This was followed by Onam songs sung by staff and fellows. The celebration ended with a delicious sadya (feast).

Abdul Samed S.

SPECIAL LECTURE

The Centre of Advanced Study in Linguistics, Annamalai University organized a thought-provoking special lecture on the Ist of September 2025. Prof. Appasamy Murugaiyan, the renowned scholar, Ecole Pratique Des Hautes Etudes, Groupe De Recherches En Etudes Indiennes, Paris delivered a lecture, titled "Differential Object Marking in Tamil - why all Direct Objects are not Marked in Accusative". It is well known that in some languages only certain direct objects (DOs) are marked by an object marker, while other DOs



remain unmarked. This phenomenon is known as Differential Object Marking (DOM) (Bossong 1985). Object marking in Tamil exhibits significant variation. The direct object may be overtly marked with the accusative suffix -ai, remain unmarked, or in certain contexts, be marked with locative markers such as -il or -mēl. We aim to demonstrate that these variations are not random but instead correlate with a range of factors, including the humanness / animacy, definiteness, and affectedness of the object, as well as the semantic force of the verb and pragmatic considerations. Prof. P. Chandramohan, Director, CAS in Linguistics, Annamalai University welcomed the gathering and Dr. P. Kumaresan, Associate Professor proposed the vote of thanks.

P. Chandramohan

TRIBUTES OF LOVE AND AFFECTION: REMINISCENCES OF PROF. V.I. SUBRAMONIAM, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan, T.P. Sankarankutty Nair & C.S. Hariharan (Eds.), 2019, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. vi + 212, Rs. 300/- (US\$ 30/-). THE RIDDLE THAT IS TAMIL, R. Kothandaraman (Ed.), 2019, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. xxiii + 480, Rs. 750/- (US\$ 75/-). STUDIES ON BANGLA LINGUISTICS, Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan (Ed.), 2019, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. viii + 385, Rs. 450/- (US\$ 45/-). EVOLUTION OF A COMPOSITE CULTURE IN KERALA, B. Padmakumari Amma, 2019, PB, Demy 1/8, pp. xiv + 341, Rs. 350/- (US\$ 35/-).





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GUEST LECTURE

The Department of Linguistics, Central University of Karnataka, organized a guest lecture on the theme "Morphology in the Digital Age: Applications in Computational Linguistics and NLP." The lecture was delivered by Dr. Thennarasu Sakkan, Associate Professor, Central University of Kerala, on 29th August, 2025.

In his talk, Dr. Thennarasu explained how tasks such as lemmatization, stemming, part-of-speech tagging, and parsing rely heavily on morphological knowledge. These processes, he noted, are foundational to applications like search engines, machine translation, and information retrieval systems.

Dr. Thennarasu also shed light on the challenges posed by morphologically rich languages, which exhibit complex inflections and derivations. He demonstrated how computational models often face difficulties in correctly identifying root forms, and how morphology-based tools can address these effectively. issues Further, Thennarasu Dr. discussed the integration of morphology in cuttingedge NLP systems powered by deep learning and neural networks. He explained how morphological features are embedded into modern models like transformers, thereby enhancing their performance, especially for low-resource languages. Thennarasu stressed that morphology in the digital age is not only a theoretical concern but also a practical necessity in creating inclusive, efficient, and multilingual technologies.

Dr. Anjaneyulu Ghandapuram, I/c Head, Dept of Linguistics, Coordinated the Program. Faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students attended the session with keen interest.

Anjaneyulu Ghandapuram

WORKSHOP ON PURAM TRADITION OF TAMIL

The Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), is organizing A Ten-days workshop on "Puram Tradition of Tamil" from 17-26 September 2025. The aim of this workshop is to study the origin and development of the grammatical tradition in the grammatical texts of Tamil language.

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Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune has recently published the book "Exploring Iconicity in Ideophones and Reduplication: Studies Based on Telugu" by Duggirala Vasantha

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