3-Day International Conference (Hybrid mode) on

Voices of India and Beyond: Mobility, Sustainability, and Technology

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Jointly Organised by

Department of English, Maulana Azad National Urdu University
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Centre for Applied Linguistics and Translation Studies, University of Hyderabad

In Collaboration with

Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru
and
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Language is fundamental to human existence, shaping our thoughts, experiences, and the transmission of knowledge across generations. This "repository of knowledge", as Bhartrihari said, allows societies to function and evolve. Early 20th-century thinkers explored language's role in shaping reality. They argued that language isn't just a reflection of thought, but its very foundation. This "linguistic turn" fostered interdisciplinary research, creating new knowledge at the intersection of various fields. Efforts to revitalise lesser-known languages recognize the link between language, land, and knowledge. This empowers communities to reclaim their identities and histories.

India's rich variety of languages and cultures highlights the importance of multilingualism. This diversity necessitates understanding lesser-known cultures and fostering inclusive education policies that value primary languages. Migration both enriches and dilutes linguistic diversity. Policies are crucial to support language preservation in changing demographics. Language sustainability requires a supportive sociocultural ecosystem. Technology plays a transformative role in language education, translation, raising awareness of diverse cultures, and language preservation. Artificial intelligence offers new tools for language learning and documentation of less-common languages.

This conference aims to bring together scholars, policymakers, and community activists to explore contemporary issues in language. It seeks to address language preservation, sustainability, mobility, technology's impact, and the intersection of language, literature, culture, and societal impact.

CONFERENCE THEMES

All papers and posters must be original and unpublished. They should not be simultaneously submitted to another journal or conference. The following topics are pivotal to the conference (but not exclusively). Hence, research from allied disciplines is also welcome:

1. Cultural Diversity and its Preservation in the Global South
2. Language and sustainable development
3. Language, technology, and law
4. Multilingualism and identity
5. Language, ecology, and cultural diversity
6. Language Planning and Policy
7. Language in education
8. Language and Social Mobility
9. Language, literature, and climate change
10. Language and Society in the Global South
11. Language and Gender
12. Translation and Oral Tradition

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Prof. Udaya Narayana Singh, Chair-Professor, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Head, ACLiS (Amity Centre for Linguistic Studies), Amity University, Haryana.
Title: *"How to" series: Technology, Preservation and Sustainability.*

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS BY

Prof. Girish Nath Jha, Chairman, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT), Ministry of Education, Government of India.
Title: *Technology and Language Documentation*

PLENARY SPEAKERS

1. **Prof. Hakim Arif**, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.
   Title: *Language Disorders and Clinical Pragmatics*
2. **Dr. Pedro Álvarez Mosquera**, University of Salamanca, Spain.
   Title: *Bridging Minority Languages for Sustainable Development in Galicia and Beyond: Researching Language Biases and Implicit Attitudes in Higher Education*
3. **Dr. Pramod K. Sah,** University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
   Title: *Decolonising Multilingualism: Rethinking Medium of Instruction Policy and Linguistic Citizenship in South Asia*
4. **Prof. Panchanan Mohanty,** Dean, School of Languages and Literature/Humanities. Nalanda University, Rajgir, Bihar.
   Title: *In Defence of Intrinsic Translation*

PANELS

Panel Discussion 1: Literature and Translation Studies
Chair: Prof. Simi Malhotra, Director, Centre for North East Studies & Policy Research, New Delhi
Panelists:
(1) Dr. Moinuddin A. Jinabade, JNU, New Delhi
(2) Dr. Basavaraj P. Donur, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi
(3) Dr. Swati Guha, Director, Institute for Language Studies & Research, Kolkata
(4) Dr. Vijay F. Nagannawar, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi
(5) Dr. T. Vijaya Kumar, BITS, Hyderabad

Panel Discussion 2: NEP, Mobility and Sustainability
Chair: Dr. Mahendra K. Mishra, National Advisor, Multilingual Education, Language and Learning Foundation, New Delhi
Panelists:
(1) Prof. Mohammed Shahid, Dept. of Social Work, MANUU
(2) Prof. Umarani Pappuswamy, CIIL, Mysore.
(3) Prof. Sonal Kulkarni Joshi, Deccan College, Pune
(4) Dr. Avinash Pandey, Department of Linguistics, Mumbai University
(5) Dr. Ramanjaney Kumar Upadhyay, GLA, Mathura

Panel Discussion 3: Artificial Intelligence, Language and Ethics
Chair: Dr. K. Hemachandran, Director, AI Research Centre, Woxsen University
Panelists:
(1) Prof. Abdul Wahid, Dept. of Computer Science & IT, MANNU
(2) Prof. Pradeep Kumar, Dept. of Computer Science, MANUU
(3) Prof. Ekram Khan, Dept. of Electronics, Aligarh Muslim University
(4) Prof. Puneet Gupta, Dept. of Electronics, IIT Indore
(5) Dr. Rajesh Kumar K V, Woxsen University

Panel Discussion 4: Technologies for Language Documentation
Chair: Prof. Girish Nath Jha, Chairman, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, New Delhi
Panelists:
(1) Prof. Niladri Sekhar Dash, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata
(2) Prof. Shailendra Kumar Singh, NEHU, Shillong
(3) Prof. Rajesh Kumar, IIT Madras, Chennai
(4) Prof. Kavita Rastogi, Lucknow University
(5) Dr. Narayan Kumar Chowdhary, CIIL, Mysuru

Panel Discussion 5: Empowering Individuals with Communication Disabilities: Bridging Linguistic Theories and their Practical Interventions
Chair: Dr. S.B.Rathna Kumar, Centre for Applied Linguistics and Translation Studies, University of Hyderabad
Panelists:
(1) Prof. S. P. Goswami, All India Institute of Speech & Hearing, Mysuru
(2) Dr. Aparna Ravichandran, MAA Institute of Speech & Hearing, Hyderabad
(3) Dr. Udit Saxena, GMERS Medical College & Hospital, Ahmedabad
(4) Dr. M. B. Priya, All India Institute of Speech & Hearing, Mysuru
(5) Dr. G. S. Patil, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech & Hearing Disabilities, Secunderabad
(6) Dr. Gish Chacko, MAA Institute of Speech & Hearing, Hyderabad

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP (Hybrid mode)

The Conference proposes to organise Pre-Conference Workshop on **"AI in Research"** and **"Academic Writing"** facilitated by International Resource Persons to young faculty members, research scholars and postgraduate students will also be offered in hybrid mode on **26 August 2024**. This workshop intends to help the participants in leveraging AI not just in their research but also in the academic writing process. Only the local participants will be allowed to attend the Workshop through offline mode. The outside participants arriving Hyderabad during the International Conference will be attending the Workshop only through online mode, as the **accommodation will be made available with effect from 27 August 2024**. Further details related to logistics, registration fee, working lunch, etc will be communicated after receiving EoI at the time of registration.

REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE WORKSHOP

- ◆ In Person (offline)   Rs **500/-**
- ◆ Online   Rs **300/-**

NUANCES OF PUBLISHING WITH SPRINGER

This event is being organized exclusively for the teaching community from MANUU and UoH in the **forenoon of 27 August 2024**. A Senior Editor- Humanities and Social Sciences will meet the faculty members of different departments to walk them through articles and book publication process at Springer, which will include topics, such as: Open Access, thesis to book formatting, role of AI in research and publishing, SDGs, etc.

SYMPOSIUM

Join us in a collaborative paper presentation featuring 3-4 research papers under a unifying theme, with each author allotted 15 minutes for presentation followed by a 20-minute moderated discussion. We invite you to recommend colleagues or research scholars to curate a cohesive thematic session.

MEET THE AUTHORS SESSION

An interactive "Meet the Authors" will be organised on the 29th of August, at the Woxsen University Library, where authors of relevant recent publications (post-2022) can showcase their works and engage with attendees. This session emphasises direct interaction with the author about the book.

If you would like your book to be featured in this session, contact us at **rvib2024@gmail.com** with the details of your publication.

Kindly coordinate with your publisher for book discounts and we will provide logistical support.

REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE CONFERENCE

- ◆ Paper Presenters (Research Scholars)   Rs. **1000/-**
- ◆ Paper Presenters (Faculty & Others)   Rs. **1500/-**
- ◆ Online Presenters and Poster Presenters   Rs. **1000/-**

ACCOMMODATION AND T.A.

Registered participants will be accommodated in the university's guest house at a subsidised rate. If you prefer to arrange your own accommodation, please contact the organisers for a list of nearby hotels. Depending on the availability of funding, Travel Allowance will be provided on a first-come-first-served basis to the registered participants based on the rules of Government of India.

SUBMISSION AND PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

● **Paper presentation** will be 15 minutes + 5 mins (Q&A).

● **Poster presentation** will be organised on day-2 of the conference, on the 29th of August,

in Woxsen University.

All abstracts must be within 350 words and fit on one A4-sized paper in 11-point Times New Roman font, including references.

Abstracts should be sent to: **rvib2024@gmail.com**

Participants are required to indicate the category of registration and the serial number of the theme. Once the abstract has been accepted, a Google form will be sent through the conference email for payment and registration purposes.

Submit two copies of your abstract: one with author details and one anonymous for reviewers. Send both as PDF files with the subject **"VIB - Abstract"**; all abstracts will be peer-reviewed.

The best papers will be published in edited volume(s) with Springer Nature. The publication will remain subject to positive peer review due diligence.

IMPORTANT DATES

● Abstract Submission Deadline: **July 15th, 2024**
● Notification of Acceptance: **July 31st, 2024**
● Last Date of Registration: **August 7th, 2024**
● Full Paper Submission: **August 18th, 2024**
● Conference Dates: **August 28th-30th, 2024**

For any queries, please write to: **rvib2024@gmail.com**

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