

**TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
India as a Linguistic Area :
Special reference to Northeastern languages**



13th-14th February 2025



Organised by
Department of Linguistics, Nagaland University

in collaboration with
Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL)

Patrons:

Prof. Jagadish K Patnaik, Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University
Prof. Shailendra Mohan, Director, Central Institute of Indian Languages

Venue:

Conference Hall, Department of Linguistics, Kohima Campus, Meriema,
Nagaland

INTRODUCTION

India has long been a multilingual society, with multiple languages woven into daily communication across the country. This tradition of multilingualism has deep historical roots, marked by the growth of various language communities and shifts in sociolinguistic patterns. Over time, extensive language contact has fostered shared structural features, creating a unity in language, culture, and lifestyle across the region. India is an outstanding example of a linguistic area, or Sprachbund, where languages from diverse families come together and mutually influence each other in numerous ways. Evidence of shared grammatical, phonological, syntactical, semantic, vocabulary, and discourse features demonstrates this blending, which arises from prolonged contact, migration, and cultural exchange. This unique linguistic landscape, enriched by centuries of cultural and historical layers, makes India one of the world's most captivating linguistic areas.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This conference is a collaborative effort between the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru, and the Department of Linguistics, Nagaland University, and is scheduled for February 13-14, 2025. It centers on Northeast India as a key example of a linguistic area, where language contact and multilingualism are everyday realities. The widespread multilingualism in this region has led to shared grammatical, phonological, semantic, and discourse features, which have developed through long-standing language interactions. Covering the eight states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, and Sikkim, this conference aims to be both academically insightful and essential for promoting the region's shared linguistic heritage. It promises to offer participants a meaningful experience, deepening their understanding of India's linguistic unity and the elements that contrib-

ute to it. The conference aims to promote research on but not limited to:

1. Notion of India as a Linguistic Area
2. Shared features in Indian languages
3. Language Contact and Convergence
4. Language Maintenance and Shift
5. Linguistic Innovation and Borrowing
6. Language Planning and Language Policies
7. Linguistic Diversity and Language Harmony
8. Linguistic Identity
9. Sociolinguistic Implications
10. Language Census and Records
11. Language Variations and Change
12. Linguistic Ecology of India
13. Academic Collaboration and Research

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

To fill the gap in the comparative work across languages spoken in Northeast within the various branches of language and linguistics, this conference invites original research papers on phonetics, phonology, morphology, word formation, syntax, semantics, sociolinguistics, pragmatics, languages and scripts, discourse studies and any other relevant areas of language and linguistics.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINE

1. The abstract submitted must contain title, all author/s name, affiliations and the contact information of the corresponding author only.
2. All the submissions should be Original.
3. Only the shortlisted abstracts will be contacted.
4. The submission and presentation shall be in English only.
5. The abstract should be submitted in Microsoft Word format only.
6. All the incoming abstracts will be evaluated based on their content, quality, and appropriateness to the topics.

TRAVEL GRANT

A limited travel grant may be available to selected participants.

NOTE:

With regard to joint/co-author paper/s, only one of the authors will be accommodated due to limited fund. However, co-authors willing to participate on their own expense are welcome.

ORGANISERS

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Registration fee:

Working professionals: **Rs. 500**

Students and scholars: **Rs. 300**

Note: Registration fee includes conference kit, working lunch, tea and snacks on conference days.

Mode of Payment:

Online payment/ Gpay.

Bank account details:

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Accommodation:

Modest accommodation with food will be provided to the selected participants.

Important Deadlines:

Submission of abstract: **13 December, 2024**

Notification of shortlisted abstract: **17 December, 2024**

Last date of Registration: **30 January, 2025**

Submit your abstract in MS Word format to: **hodling@nagalanduniversity.ac.in**

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