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Two-Day International Webinar on “Linguistics and Indigenous Communities”

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About the Webinar

The 21st Century has begun with a disturbing note on the extinction of indigenous communities and their languages; UNESCO also took it as a major concern. It opened the discussion and deliberation among academia about the causes and effects of this extinction. No doubt, the indigenous communities have occupied the vast land of the world for centuries and gathered the knowledge about their surroundings and the universe. Consequently, they have made use of the natural resources in such a way that the nature and environment can co-exist without disturbing its equilibrium. The indigenous knowledge system is not only a repository of their knowledge about the nature, surroundings and universe but also provides the information about how to use these resources. Their loss is the biggest loss to the human kind. In order to save this loss, we first need to study the language of indigenous communities.

We know that language is not only a tool of communication, an expression of one's feelings, emotions, ideas, but it also the carrier of culture, tradition, and knowledge in the form of information. That is, whatever knowledge a community acquires through experiences is passed to the next generation through various means primarily through the language. Thus, a language embodies all the information related to the culture, tradition, the knowledge system of a speech communities. This means loss of a language is loss of all such information.

In response to this loss, the linguistics, the science of language, which claims and definitely stands on the study of language started discussing and deliberating on how to save indigenous languages. Linguists proposed that we need to document the knowledge of a given community in form of language, archive them in such a manner that both the academia and speech community could take benefit of them, and revitalize the language. Thus, linguists suggested three steps in order to save the endangered languages, documentation, archiving and revitalizing. However, linguists warned that any study must be community oriented; the participation of the speech communities must be ensured; and their concern must be addressed.

The pandemic caused by the corona virus has affected all walks of life, everywhere. The academic activities are no exception to the prevailing crisis. However, it is important to keep up the knowledge building exercises and exchange of academic ideas so that knowledge keeps transcending without interruptions. The current situation has badly affected research on languages. The effect of the pandemic and lockdown on indigenous languages, their speech communities and trends of language use is tremendous.

The academics, especially dealing with Language Sciences cannot ignore the circumstances that are prevailing and the ones that are likely to come. Keeping the situation in mind, Department of Linguistics and Contrastive Study of Tribal Languages, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak is conducting a two-day International webinar on "Linguistics and Indigenous Communities" in collaboration with Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore. This webinar will focus on the issues and concern of indigenous communities and their languages and make an attempt to evolve directions to the study of these issues.

Moreover, the webinar will be conducted through telecasting pre-recorded video lectures and live lectures/interaction by international and national experts. All the lectures will be uploaded on YouTube.

We also invite interested researchers and academicians to submit their abstracts for this webinar. In case the participants desire to send pre-recorded video-lecture, they are requested to be live during the relay of their video lectures.

Objectives of the webinar

- 1.To understand the issues and problems of indigenous communities and their languages;
- 2.To become familiar with indigenous knowledge systems;
- 3.To identify the knowledge of the indigenous communities about Language Management vis-à-vis Disaster Management like COVID-19 Pandemic;
4. To understand the concerns of the linguistics on the impact of COVID-19 indigenous languages.
- 5.To deliberate the future course of action for safeguarding the indigenous communities and their languages.

Themes of the webinar

Endangered Languages
Language documentation
Language archiving
Language revitalization
Indigenous Knowledge systems
Indigenous community and Disaster management
Field Linguistics;
Report on particular indigenous communities, their knowledge system and languages
Indigenous Languages and Technology

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