



**Centre for Endangered Languages
Upgraded to Department of Linguistics
Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan**

**One-Day National Seminar
on
Documentation of Indigenous Languages: Successes and Challenges**

Date: 12 February 2026

Mode: Hybrid

Venue: Conference Room, Bhasha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati.

About the Seminar

The One-Day Seminar on “**Documentation of Indigenous Languages: Successes and Challenges**” aims to provide an academic platform for teachers, researchers, research scholars, and students to share field experiences, methodologies, challenges, and best practices in documenting indigenous and lesser-studied languages. The seminar will encourage dialogue on theoretical perspectives, practical documentation work, community engagement, archival practices, and the role of technology in language preservation.

Keynote Address: Professor Pabitra Sarkar will deliver the **Keynote Address** at the seminar.

Themes and Sub-Themes	
<p>1. Language Documentation: Methods and Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fieldwork methods and tools• Audio-visual documentation and archiving• Ethical issues in language documentation• Community participation in documentation <p>2. Indigenous Languages: Successes and Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case studies of successful documentation projects• Endangered and lesser-known languages• Challenges in data collection and preservation• Funding and institutional support <p>3. Language Policy and Planning in Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National and regional language policies• Role of government and non-government organisations• Policy support for endangered and indigenous languages• Documentation as a tool for language maintenance and revitalisation	<p>4. Technology and Language Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital tools and software for documentation• Online archives and open-access resources• AI and technology in language preservation <p>5. Documentation, Education, and Cultural Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indigenous knowledge systems and oral traditions• Documentation for educational use• Language, identity, and cultural sustainability <p>6. Language, Linguistics and Ethnicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Documentation of ethnic languages and cultures• Linguistic diversity and ethnic plurality• Oral traditions, narrative practices, and ethnic heritage• Multilingualism in ethnically diverse communities• Language contact, hybridity, and ethnicity• Language shift, maintenance, and ethnic identity• Code-switching and ethnic identity

Important Dates

- **Last date for abstract and keywords submission:** 30 January 2026
- **Notification of acceptance:** 2 February 2026
- **Submission of full paper:** 6 February 2026

Abstract and Paper Guidelines

Abstract

- Word limit: 200–250 words
- Must include title, author's name, affiliation, and email ID

Full Paper

- Word limit: 3,000–3,500 words (including references)
- Papers must be original and unpublished

Paper Structure:

- Title
- Abstract
- Keywords (5–6)
- Introduction
- Objectives / Research Questions
- Methodology
- Analysis / Discussion
- Conclusion
- References

Style Guidelines:

- Font: Times New Roman
- Font size: 14 pt (title), 12 pt (text)
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Referencing style: APA (latest edition)

Submission

All submissions (in Word and PDF) should be mailed to cfevbweb@gmail.com

Registration

- **Registration Fee:** *No registration fee*
- **Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/vW11ZmsofMveEVSt8>

Publication & Facilities

- Selected papers will be published as an edited book.
- No TA/DA or accommodation will be provided.
- Seminar kit, refreshments, and lunch will be provided to the registered participants.

Invitation

We cordially invite scholars, researchers, teachers, and students to participate and contribute to this seminar and be a part of meaningful discussions on the documentation and preservation of indigenous languages.

For any Querry

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Teacher-in-Charge & Co-ordinator of the seminar

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