



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

**One-Day National Seminar  
on  
Documentation of Indigenous Languages: Successes and Challenges  
Paper may be presented in: English, Bengali & Hindi**

**Date:** 12 February 2026 : Time 11.00 am onwards

**Mode:** Hybrid

**Venue:** Yogayog Hall (ICT) First Floor 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.

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

## **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](mailto: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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**(Professor Tapu Biswas)**

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**Chairperson**  
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