



**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.

Themes and Sub-Themes	
1. Language Documentation: Methods and Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fieldwork methods and toolsAudio-visual documentation and archivingEthical issues in language documentationCommunity participation in documentation 2. Indigenous Languages: Successes and Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">Case studies of successful documentation projectsEndangered and lesser-known languagesChallenges in data collection and preservationFunding and institutional support 3. Language Policy and Planning in Documentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">National and regional language policiesRole of government and non-government organisationsPolicy support for endangered and indigenous languagesDocumentation as a tool for language maintenance and revitalisation	4. Technology and Language Documentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Digital tools and software for documentationOnline archives and open-access resourcesAI and technology in language preservation 5. Documentation, Education, and Cultural Heritage <ul style="list-style-type: none">Indigenous knowledge systems and oral traditionsDocumentation for educational useLanguage, identity, and cultural sustainability 6. Language, Linguistics and Ethnicity <ul style="list-style-type: none">Documentation of ethnic languages and culturesLinguistic diversity and ethnic pluralityOral traditions, narrative practices, and ethnic heritageMultilingualism in ethnically diverse communitiesLanguage contact, hybridity, and ethnicityLanguage shift, maintenance, and ethnic identityCode-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 cfelvbweb@gmail.com

Registration

- **Registration Fee:** *No registration fee*
- **Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/vW11Zms0fMveEVSt8>

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 Query

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