



# 5<sup>th</sup> International Endangered and Lesser-known Languages Conference

24-26 February 2017

Centre for Tribal Folklore, Language and Literature  
Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi- 835 205

The Centre for Tribal Folklore, Language and Literature, Central University of Jharkhand is going to host the 5<sup>th</sup> Endangered and Lesser-known Languages Conference (ELKL - 5) from 24-26 February, 2017. This year's special themes comprise 'Language Documentation, Policy, scripts and cross-disciplinary approaches for Endangered and Lesser-known Languages'. In addition to this, this conference, like its previous installments, will be aimed at sharing the research done in the field of language endangerment and different aspects of description, documentation and revitalisation of any other lesser-known and/or endangered language of India.

Human Language is one of the most dynamic systems. It comprises the ecological interaction from swathe of players. This interaction is under the threat of endangerment and thus pushing the globe towards homogeneity. Every language is a repository for the culture and worldview of its speakers. Its grammar and lexicon store the shared experiences of past generations, and through this channel, knowledge and beliefs of one generation are transmitted to the next. It confers a sense of identity upon its native speakers. At present there are at least 6000 living languages across the world. Of them, 330 languages have more than one million speakers each and there are about 51 languages with only one speaker each. David Crystal believes that only 4 % languages in the world are spoken by 96 % of the total world human population and incidentally, only 4 % people speak the remaining 96% of the world languages. Gradually these 96 % of the world languages spoken by only 4% people are shifting, decaying or dying out.

Like previous editions of the conference, original and unpublished papers are also solicited in the other areas of research in endangered and lesser-known languages. Which include, but not limited to, the following. *Submissions on one of these aspects of lesser-known varieties of Hindi is encouraged.*

- Description of Indian endangered and lesser-known languages - phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics
- Typological, Areal and Historical Descriptions
- Language Documentation
- Folklore

- Oral Tradition of unwritten languages
- Dictionaries of Indian endangered languages
- Language Archiving - best practices and methods
- Multilingualism, language shift, language maintenance and language death
- Language attitude and Language Revitalization
- Language policy, language planning and language endangerment
- Field reports
- Linguistic Human-Rights
- Language and Education
- Ethical, legal and practical issues in language documentation of endangered and lesser-known languages in India and their solution
- Biocultural and Linguistic Diversity of India
- Media and language endangerment
- Endangered Languages and Cultures in Jharkhand: The Road Ahead
- Scripts and Cognitive Sciences

## ❖ **Abstract Submission**

### **Oral/Poster Presentation**

- Abstracts (written in Hindi/English) of **750 - 1500 words** (in pdf format is to be uploaded by **15 November, 2016** (likely to be extended for a week) using the EasyChair system at <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=elk15>)
- Abstracts should be completely anonymised and anything pointing to the author(s) of the abstract should be completely removed.
- Note: *One author can submit a maximum of one single-authored and one co-authored abstract. If an author is found to be author or co-author of more than one single and co-authored abstract then all the abstracts will be disqualified.*

## **Conference Coordinators**

- ❖ Dr. Rabindranath Sarma
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## ❖ Important Information

Last date for abstract submission: 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2016 (likely to be extended for a week)

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