

## ABOUT THE SEMINAR

'It is generally agreed by linguists that today there are about 7000 languages spoken across the world; and that at least half of these may no longer continue to exist after a few more generations as they are not being learnt by children as first languages. Such languages are said to be 'ENDANGERED LANGUAGES'.

- Peter K. Austin and Julia Sallabank

It is correct to say that 2% of world languages are spoken by 98% people and 98% languages are spoken by 2% people, means there is a small number of very large languages, and a very large number of small languages with speaker communities in their thousands and or hundreds.

Linguists are becoming increasingly alarmed at the rate at which languages especially the indigenous and minor languages are going out of use. In this issue of language, Krauss (1992) estimated that 90 percent of the world's languages would be severely endangered or gone by 2100. According to more optimistic estimates such as Nettle and Romaine(2000) and Crystal(2000), only 50 percent will be lost. When a language dies or fades, with it dies its rich cultural diversity. Harrison and others have argued that the loss of endangered languages means the loss of such knowledge and cultural richness, both to the communities who speak them and to human beings in general (what UNSECO has described as 'intangible cultural heritage').

Hence, it is high time for all of us to preserve and promote the 'LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY' so that all human beings can live harmoniously by respecting one others' art, literature, language, culture and heritage.

With this main theme, the Department of Linguistics is organizing National Seminar on March 18-19, 2017 at Berhampur University.

## REGISTRATION FORM

**NSIELDR-2017**  
**(MARCH 18-19,2017)**  
**NO REGISTRATION FEE**

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**NATIONAL SEMINAR**  
**ON**  
**INDIGENOUS AND ENDANGERED LANGUAGES-**  
**CONCERNS FOR DOCUMENTATION AND**  
**REVITALIZATION**  
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**Organized By**  
**Department of Linguistics**  
**Berhampur University**



**Under the UGC Scheme Funding support to Study**  
**and Research in Indigenous and Endangered**  
**Languages in India under XII Plan**



## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The Berhampur University came into existence on 2nd January 1967 being inaugurated by Dr. A.N. Khosla, the then Governor of Orissa and the first Chancellor of the University. The University was later shifted to the present site known as Bhanja Bihar, named after the celebrated poet of Orissa Kabisamrat Upendra Bhanja. Spreading over an area of about two hundred fifty acres, the university is 12 kilometers and 5 kilometers away from the Berhampur City and Sea-beach of Gopalpur respectively. The university has achieved great distinction in the academic world due to the qualitative and quantitative production of M. Phil., Ph.D., D. Litt and D. Sc degrees. The University was accredited with "A" grade in in 2016.

## DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS

Department of Linguistics at Berhampur University since 1983 focuses on study of language and its use in society. This Department offers a wide range of programmes on campus such as MA Linguistics, Ph.D. and D.Litt.in Linguistics and Diploma in Russian Language. The Department is running the UGC project entitled "Documentation and Development of Indigenous Languages of South Odisha" under the scheme "Funding Support to Berhampur University for Study and Research in Indigenous and Endangered Languages in India under XII Plan".

## HOW TO REACH BERHAMPUR

**By Air** -Nearest Airport –Bhubaneswar.

**By Road** -160 kms from Bhubaneswar well connected by road.

**By Rail** -All South bound trains from Eastern India stops at Berhampur.

## CALL FOR PAPER

### Sub-themes of the Seminar:

The sub-themes of the Seminar include but are not limited by the following:

- a. Language Endangerment
- b. Language Documentation
- c. Language Vitalization
- d. Language Politics
- e. Language Policy and Implementation
- f. Language Contact and Hybridity
- g. Language Convergence
- h. Language Death
- i. And from other related areas pertaining to the above themes in Anthropology, Sociology, Sociolinguistics, Media Studies etc.

### Specifications for the Abstract:

All the abstracts received are subject to blind review and only those papers whose abstracts get approved by the reviewers will be selected for presentation. Kindly, register and provide the abstracts as per the followings:

- a. Word limit : 200-250
- b. Font : Times New Roman
- c. Font size : 12"
- d. Spacing : 1.15
- e. Key Words : 5-7

Abstracts of original papers in MS Word should be submitted online to the Organizing Secretary Dr. Smita Sinha through email :

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Start of Registration: 01.02.17**

**Deadline for submission of abstract: 20.02.17**

**Notification to authors : 25.02.17**

**Submission of full paper: 28.02.17**

## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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### Registration:

As this conference is funded under the UGC Project, there will be no registration fee.

### Accommodation:

Accommodation will be provided to delegates.

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