

National
Workshop on
'Grammar
Writing for Lesser
Researched
Languages'
during
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Tezpur University

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# NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON "GRAMMAR WRITING"

We are pleased to announce that a two-day national workshop on 'Grammar Writing for Lesser Researched Languages' will be held from November 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at Tezpur University, Assam, India.

Grammar writing for any language is an arduous and mammoth task. It requires linguistic training, skill and a dedicated mind to observe various dimensions of a language at all linguistic levels such as phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and so on. Starting with the phonetic inventory, a field worker has to explore all the possibilities of collecting data and elicit, analyze and finally formalize them. If a language is unknown, unfamiliar, unclassified and lacks any documentation, the effort and pain would be double. Christian Missionaries in many parts of the world have undertaken the task of Grammar Writing along with their evangelical mission. But, unfortunately, most of them were neither trained linguists nor they had the resources to document a grammar of a language properly; which is why, we have many 'first of its kind grammar' in many languages which are not up to the mark. But, with the latest and recent resurgence of group, ethnic and tribal identities and also a warning bell from the UNESCO regarding the depletion of so many languages around the globe, there has been a new-found enthusiasm and consequently various linguistic activities from the concerned people and also from the community members of these lesser researched languages are to be seen. In this context, the Centre for Endangered Languages and the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University feel it necessary to train the budding linguists, language enthusiasts and willing community members the skills, techniques and challenges of Grammar Writing.

This two-day workshop will deal with various aspects of grammar writing such as collecting linguistic data, formulating and describing rules of the grammar etc. This national workshop will invite a few bright linguists of the country as Resource Persons along with in-house resource persons of the University. The workshop mainly intends to accommodate applications of, but not restricted to, the young research scholars of linguistics/languages, language activists, linguistic right activists, native speakers of lesser known languages, MA students of linguistics and languages. There will be only a limited number of seats. The organizing committee will finalize the list.

Those who are interested to attend the workshop may kindly send your details in the following prescribed format latest by 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

#### **Confirmed Resource Persons:**

- 1. Prof. Pramod K Pandey, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- 2. Prof. Chungkham Yashawanta Singh, Manipur University, Manipur
- 3. Prof. Madhumita Barbora, Tezpur University
- 4. Prof. Gautam K Borah, Tezpur University

Accommodation will be arranged in the University Hostels and Guest House subject to the availability of seats.

Registration Fee: 500/-INRTotal number of seats: 30

## **Organizing Committee:**

Chief Patron: Prof. V.K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Tezpur

University

Advisors: Prof. Madhumita Barbora, Coordinator, Centre for

Endangered Languages, TU

Prof. Gautam K Bora, Dept of EFL Prof. B. K. Danta, HoD, EFL

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#### For **Registration follow the link:**

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