

Workshop
On
Field Linguistics

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Field Linguistics is primarily a means to understand structure of languages. By using this method a linguist can obtain primary data and try to understand various phenomena of a language. It is a systematic process which requires the knowledge of basic linguistics. The scientific and descriptive method adopted in Field Linguistics facilitates better understanding of a language. It can be done for any language. As Samarin (1967) remarked, 'Field linguistics is generally thought of as work done on languages which has either never been studied before or only poorly, but field work can be done on any language for any purpose.' Linguists do field work to describe and document a language, which leads to the creation of grammars, dictionaries and other such linguistic accounts of languages for the community members and researchers as well.

The Centre for Endangered Languages of Tezpur University is going to host a four-day workshop on 'Field Linguistics' for the staff of all the three Centres of Endangered Languages of Northeast India and other students, research scholars and teachers of Linguistics during 2-5 February 2018. Eminent linguist Prof. Anvita Abbi, retired Professor of Linguistics, JNU will conduct the workshop as the lead resource person. The participants would be taught various aspects of field linguistics such as methods, data elicitation, glossing rules, annotation, dictionary making techniques, ethics of field work, data management and other related issues of field linguistics with special reference to Indian languages. The workshop would be followed by a one-day hands-on field training in a nearby area where the resource persons will take part and demonstrate how to collect data.

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