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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON**

# INDIAN LINGUISTIC TRADITION AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM

**12 November–14 November 2024**

**Ex Oriente Lux**

[Light coming from the East]- Schopenhauer

**Sub-themes of the Conference-** The sub-themes of the conference include but are not limited by the following:

- Indigenous Knowledge System and Understanding of Language in India
- Indigenous Languages and Knowledge System
- Indian Grammatical Tradition
- Linguistic Diversity and Indigenous Knowledge System of North East of India
- Oral Tradition and Folk Literature
- Narratives and Narratology
- Influence of Sanskrit in Europe
- European Scholarship in Indian Tradition
- Indian Contribution in Modern Language Studies
- Discourse Analysis
- Multilingualism
- Language and Identity
- Language and Gender
- Linguistic Hybridity
- Language Contact and Convergence
- Formal Linguistics: Theory and Practices
- Applied Linguistics: Language in use
- Other related areas pertaining to the above themes in Anthropology, Sociology, Education, Media Studies, Philosophy etc.

India has a long and continued tradition of language study under the category of *vedanga* and more specifically *vaiyyakarana*. If we look at the trajectory of history of knowledge system, two ancient civilizations theorized about language - the Greeks and the *Vedic Tradition* in India. However, they differed in their approach where, the Greeks pursued a scriptural tradition and the Indian tradition was primarily oral. The *Rigveda* is considered the oldest human composition (text, however oral). Aristotle's parts of speech in *Poetics* show the elementary stage of the Greek understanding of the structure of language. But the *Vedic* history of ideas is uninterrupted, continuous and cumulative and shows a systematic growth and development for more than 3000 years. The Greek tradition has a speculative understanding and could not continue for long and has intermittent understandings until the western academia was introduced to the rich Sanskrit grammatical tradition. It was known to the western academia through *upnishads'* translation in Persian by the Mughal Prince Dara Shikoh made available by Anquetil-Duperron, a French linguist and scholar. He published them under the title *Oupnek'hat*-a slightly varied version of the word *Upanishad*. This became the first European language translation of 'a Hindu text' in 1801-02. Ferdinand de Saussure a Sanskrit scholar at Geneva University, the proponent of Structuralism worked on 'The Genitive Case in Sanskrit' as his Doctoral Thesis and becomes the merging point of these two traditions. India has a very rich linguistic diversity housing four major language families namely, Indo-Aryan, Dravidian, Austro-Asiatic and Tibeto-Burman language families and scores of languages. The initiative to start a continued dialogue on Indian Indigenous Linguistic Knowledge System finds its expression in this three days' International Conference on the theme being organized on **12-14 November 2024** by the Department of Linguistics, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya-793022, India. This is to bring to your kind attention that this conference on **Indian Linguistic Tradition and Indigenous Knowledge System**, which was earlier scheduled to be held on 20-22 March 2024 is now rescheduled on **12-14 November 2024**. Kindly refer to the updated information brochure with revised dates. **Kindly take a note of the changes in the schedule and send your abstract at the following email address.**

### Important Dates

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| • Abstract Submission        | <b>15 October 2024</b>  |
| • Notification of Acceptance | <b>31 October 2024</b>  |
| • Last Date of Registration  | <b>05 November 2024</b> |
| • Final Paper Submission     | <b>10 November 2024</b> |

**Submit your Abstract at**

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