

National Conference on Languages and Literatures of India



6 & 7 July 2018

**Kalidas Sabhagruha,
First floor, K J Somaiya College
of Arts and Commerce**

**organised by
Somaiya Vidyavihar**



About the Conference



India is a unique country with a plethora of languages and multi-lingual literatures. Besides classical texts, folk and tribal traditions too have enriched culture and literature in India. Hence, the study of Indian languages and the literatures written in these languages gains prominence. With the explosion of technology and mass media, the scope of research in Indian languages and literatures has considerably widened. The conference addresses the various dimensions of Languages and Literatures in India, in teaching, research, translation and creative writing. It aims to construct a bridge between the classical and the contemporary worlds of Indian literatures and languages. The rich diversity of genre, style and themes in Indian languages, and the role of the languages themselves in creating distinct identities for these literatures, is the main focus of the conference.

Distinguished scholars across the country have agreed to deliver plenary lectures in the conference. The lectures cover the various aspects of the literatures of India and dwell on the role of translation in connecting their multilingual landscapes. While insights from these distinguished speakers in the field are sure to enrich the intellectual exchange, in the conference, there will also be a session for young scholars to present their studies in this arguably vast and varied terrain. The conference will open fertile new grounds for research and initiate fruitful discussions and dialogues that enhance scholarship on the languages and literatures of India.

The conference is jointly organized by:

K. J. Somaiya Bharatiya Sanskriti Peetham

K. J. Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training and Research

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Invited Speakers and Topics



Prof. Ganesh Devy
*Former Head and Professor, Dept. of English, M. S. University, Founder of
Bhasha Research Centre*
Keynote Address



Prof. Avadhesh Kumar Singh
*Vice Chancellor, Auro University, Surat, (also Faculty, School of Translation
Studies, IGNOU, Head of Department of English, Saurashtra University)*
Topic: Epics in India



Prof. Joseph Dorairaj
Professor of English & Dean, Gandhigram University
Topic: Myth, Literature and Hermeneutics



Prof. Harish Trivedi
*Professor, University of Delhi, Vice-President of Commonwealth
Literature and Language Studies*
Topic: Modern Hindi Literature



Smt. Shanta Gokhale
Indian Writer, Translator and Theatre Critic
Topic: Language of Drama



Dr. Uma Kulkarni
A veteran Translator from Kannada to Marathi
Topic: The Process of Translation



Prof. Thirupati Kumar
Professor and Head of Department of English Literature, EFLU, Hyderabad
Topic: Translation Theory



Inauguration of the conference: 6 July, 3.00pm

A Public Lecture by Dr. Ganesh Devy is scheduled at 11:00 am on 6 July 2018 on the topic "India in the Knowledge Century: Legacy and Outlook". All the participants of the conference are invited for the same with prior intimation.

Call for Papers



Academicians, Researchers, Creative Writers and Linguists are invited to submit original, unpublished research papers on the following sub-themes:

- Translation: Multilingual, Comparative & Global Approaches
- Emerging Forms & Genres of Literature in India
- Mythology & Literature
- Regional Literature
- Any other topic related to the main theme

Guidelines for Paper Submission:

MS word document, Font - Times New Roman,

Font Size-12, Space: 1.5, Margins: 1" all sides

Date of submission for Abstract: 20 June 2018

Date of acceptance of Abstract: 25 June 2018

Date of submission for full paper: 30 June 2018

Total words: 250-300 words and 5 keywords Please note that No paper presentation in absentia will be allowed.

The abstract and the paper may be submitted to: langlitconference2018@somaiya.edu

Conference Registration

(last date of registration: 2 July)

Registration link: <https://goo.gl/forms/PUE5dLCmYmHd5jV12>

Registration fees: includes Conference Kit Tea, Breakfast, Lunch (both days)

A) For Students: Rs 700/- (all inclusive)

B) Academicians, Researchers, Literary Practitioners, Linguists: Rs 1,500/- (all inclusive)
Accommodation (if needed): Rs 1,500/- per night

Payments: Online Payment/ Bank Transfer/ NEFT/ RTGS

Beneficiary Name: K. J. Somaiya College of Arts & Commerce, Andhra Bank, Ghatkopar (East),

Account No.: 058810011003897

IFSC Code: ANDB0000588

Demand Draft: Participants can send the duly filled form along with Demand Draft by courier or Speed Post to

Principal, K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce, Somaiya Vidyavihar, Vidyavihar East, Mumbai—400077

Spot registration: Cash only.

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