

International seminar on

Language and Power: Perspectives, Issues and Impact

(April 6-7, 2013)

**Special Center for Sanskrit Studies, J.N.U.
in collaboration with
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA
and
Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore**

Venue:

Convention Center, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

April 6th 2013, DAY ONE

0900-0930: Breakfast & Registration

0930 - 1200: Inaugural Session

WELCOME ADDRESS by Prof. Shashi Prabha Kumar (Chairperson, Special Center for Sanskrit Studies, JNU)

SEMINAR THEME by Prof. Rajeshwari Pandharipande (Professor (Emerita), University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA, currently Visiting Professor,

INAUGURAL ADDRESS Prof. Kapil Kapoor (Former Rector, JNU)

KEYNOTE by Prof. Uday Narayan Singh (Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Tagore Research Chair, Vishwabharati, Shantiniketan)

VOTE OF THANKS: Dr. Girish Nath Jha (Special Center for Sanskrit Studies, JNU)

1200-1300: LUNCH

1300-1500: Session II
Issues in Language and Power

Chair: Prof Aloka Parasar Sen

Prof. Rajeshwari Pandharipande: *Perspectives on Language and Power*

Prof. Makarand Paranjape: *Power Language: Hindi Angrezi Bhai Bhai?*

Prof. Asha Sarangi: *Language and Power: Politics and Poetics of Representation in Modern India*

1500-1520 Tea Break

1520-1720: Session III
Perspectives in Indian Tradition

Chair: Prof. Makrand Paranjape

Prof. Shashi Prabha Kumar: *Vedic Vision of Language as Power*

Prof. Aloka Parasar Sen: *The power of Speech (vac) and the Languages (bhasha) of the 'Other' in the Early Indic context*

Prof. C. Upendra Rao: *Buddhist view of language and thought (an examination of apoha)*

Prof. Harish Trivedi- *Vidya dadati vinayam: Knowledge without Power in Sanskrit, Persian and English*

1720 – 1740: Tea break

1740-1940: Session IV
Language and Empowerment
Chair: Professor Panchanan Mohanty

Prof. P K Pandey: *Empowering Unscripted Language of India through Devnagari*

Prof. Vaishna Narang: *Language and Empowerment*

Prof. Ravinder Gargesh: *Language and Empowerment: Issues of hierarchy and discourse*

Prof. Bal Ram Singh: *Physics Chemistry and Biology of Sanskrit*

2000: DINNER

April 7th 2013, DAY TWO

0900-0930 Breakfast

0930-1100 Session V

Language, empowerment and impact

Chair: Prof. Vaishna Narang

Prof. Panchanan Mohanty: *Message for the Masses, Translation and Power*

Dr. Girish Nath Jha : *Language, Technology, and empowerment*

Dr. Ram Nath Jha, *Some Linguistic Issues in Vedic Systems of Philosophy*

1100-1300: Session VI

Social hierarchy, Language and Power

Chair: Prof L Ramamoorthy

Prof. R P Singh : *Power language and the social variables : A dialectical Interface*

Prof. Manju Jaidka: *Social and Linguistic Power Hierarchies: the Chandigarh Experience*

Prof. Anvita Abbi: *Violation of fundamental Linguistic rights and weakening the tribal language speakers*

Prof. Sonal Kulkarni Joshi: *Power in Institutional Discourse: the case of Trans-National Call Centre Talk*

1300-1400 LUNCH

1400-1600 Session VII

Institutional Discourse and Power of language

Chair: Prof. R P Singh

Prof. Rajyashree Khusu Lahiri: *The Power of Language and the Language of Power: English Proficiency Test as a Gateway of Opportunities*

Prof. L Ramamoorthy : *Language and Power in the context of digital divide.*

Mr Hammam Mam: *The Discourse Analysis on the Presidential Maxim of the Republic of Indonesia*

Prof. Sukumar Narayan: *Decoding the power of Language*

1600-1630: Tea Break

1630 Concluding remarks and Vote of thanks – Prof Rajeshwari Pandharipande & Dr Girish Nath Jha