




EDITORIAL NOTE

The felicitation volume in honour of Prof. P. Perumalsamy is an effort to celebrate the legacy left behind. Prof Perumalsamy's pursuit for academic excellence has been the motivating factor for various scholars, researchers, academicians and this festschrift volume is dedicated to his wonderful career spanning over three decades. This collection of research articles is an amalgamation of efforts put in by faculty members, academicians, authors and research scholars from core linguistics and allied disciplines. As Prof Perumalsamy always appreciated the multidisciplinary approach towards studies in linguistics because of the wide scope that the subject offers, this volume too, is carefully crafted keeping in mind his thoughts and beliefs. Having worked in various important capacities under the Government of India, Prof Perumalsamy's contribution to the field of linguistics, both as an academician and administrator is extremely significant. His doctoral thesis is a major milestone in sociolinguistic studies in India as his work on Status Marking in Tamil laid the foundation of many such important works that followed. His professional career took a start with him being the Investigator (Language) Language Division, Office of the Registrar General India, Kolkata where in later years he became the Research Officer (L). In 2017, Prof Perumalsamy took the prestigious charge of Professor-cum-Deputy Director at the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore. He was also the Head of major units of CIIL that included Bharatavani (Centre of Digital Information Dissemination), Centre for Speech Science, Educational Technology Unit and Centre for Language Policy, Planning and Sociolinguistics. Additionally, he was the coordinator of the Mother Tongue Survey of India (MTSI), an initiative of the Language Division, implemented by CIIL. This festschrift edition is a heartfelt attempt to commemorate the illustrious career of a complete academician, an individual with a constant inquiring mind, efficient administrator and most importantly, a great and humble human being.

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This festschrift volume, titled 'On Linguistic and Literary studies in India', will indeed be an interesting and eye-opening read for the enthusiasts of language, linguistic and literary studies. The collection comprises dedicatedly researched articles on multiple sub-disciplines of linguistics. The edition speaks volumes on the rise in multidisciplinary approach of study and research towards the dynamic discipline of linguistics. The sincere efforts taken by the contributing authors in presenting their riveting findings and ideas are appreciated. It is their endeavour to bring out the best that has shaped this volume beautifully where every reader of this discipline will find something of their interest. We genuinely believe that this edition will truly be beneficial to all the scholars of linguistics who wish to get a perception of the wide range of studies that are currently undertaken.

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