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Professor P. Perumalsamy had been working as a Professor cum Deputy Director in Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru since 2017 and got superannuation in 2021. He graduated from Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram with Physics Main and completed his Post Graduate degree in Linguistics from Maduarai Kamaraj University, Madurai. He pursued Doctoral Course from Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. After completion, he joined as an Investigator (Language) in Language Division, Office of the Registrar General India Kolkata in 1992. He was working there as Research Officer (L) till 2017 and subsequently joined as Professor cum Deputy Director in CIIL, Mysuru.

Prof Perumalsamy did his doctoral research on the topic entitled “Status Marking in Tamil: A Sociolinguistic Study” and brought out the interesting facts about the interrelationship between Social Status and Language Use. In Language Division, he pursued a number of field visits throughout the country to collect data on minor and border languages such as Kisan, Bodo (Mech), Limbu, Tamang, Ho, Toto, Kinnauri and dialects such as Bhojpuri and Surjapuri and submitted reports. They are published electronically and available in the website. Besides the above, he consolidated a number of reports in Mother Tongue Survey of India project and analyzed language data appeared in Census enumeration. He was sincerely involved in the publication of Language reports in Language Division in various formats.

In CIIL, Mysuru he was given the charge of Head, Centre of Digital Information Dissemination (including Bharatavani Project). A number of linguistic materials belonging to scheduled and non scheduled languages were collected from different sources and were digitized. Some of them are uploaded in the Bharatavani portal for the use of common men. In the Centre for Speech Science and Education Technology Unit, he conducted advanced level training programmes to scholars belonging to different universities in phonetics and phonology. In the Centre of Language Policy, Planning and Sociolinguistics unit he was facilitating high level meetings in national level to finalize policy related matters.

He was coordinating Mother Tongue Survey of India project of Language Division, given to CIIL. He trained scholars belonging to different universities, engaged them in the project and completed the work successfully. Professors were also engaged in consolidating the reports. Apart from the above, he was satisfactorily completed the administrative works such as Head, Grant in Aid; Chairperson, Purchase committee and other number of charges allotted to him time to time by the head of institution.

Prof. Perumalsamy has published a number of articles in reputed journals. He has published few books and a questionnaire as well. They were the reference materials for some universities. Most of his works are available on online. He is member of Board of Studies, Examiner for doctoral studies for few universities and Linguistic Institutions. He was selected to ICSSR's short term doctoral fellowship while pursuing doctoral degree and in recognition of his work towards the analysis of Census data for 2001 and 2011 he was awarded bronze and silver medals respectively from the President of India. He also received a token of appreciation from UNESCO for the report submission.