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Seminar on
**Language and Culture in a Changing Society:
 Research to Support Kerala's School Education System**

14 – 15 January 2025

Venue: Centre for Development Studies, Ulloor, Thiruvananthapuram

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00 -09:30	<p><u>Session 1- Opening</u></p> <p>Welcome remarks: Prof. Jameela Begum, Former Dean of Faculty of Arts, Kerala University and Trustee, <i>Vakkom Moulavi Foundation Trust (VMFT)</i></p> <p>Remarks: Prof. Veeramani, Director, <i>Centre for Development Studies (CDS)</i></p> <p>Remarks: Prof. Padma Sarangapani, <i>Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)</i></p>
09:30 – 11:00	<p><u>Session 2 – Language in Kerala's school education: some insights</u></p> <p>Chair: TBD</p> <p>Towards an Equitable Bilingual Education Model in Kerala - Malayalam and English medium instruction in Kerala's schools – findings from UDISE+ and NSS data : Dr. Sajitha Bashir, Executive Vice-Chairperson, <i>VMFT, Trivandrum</i></p> <p>Reading proficiency in lower primary education in Kerala – the ASER results: Dr. Suraj Jacob, Professor, <i>Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum</i></p> <p>Teaching English in India – Dr. Anusha Ramanathan, Associate Professor, <i>Tata Institute of Social Studies, Mumbai</i></p>
11:00-11:15	Tea Break
11:15-13:00	<p><u>Session 3 - Classroom realities – the teaching of language and culture in Kerala</u></p> <p>Moderator: TBD</p> <p>The Closing Chapter of Lower Primary Schooling: Exploring Bilingual Reading Proficiency of Grade Four Students in Rural Kerala- Manjima Bhadrán, Doctoral Researcher, <i>Institute of English, Kerala University, Trivandrum</i></p> <p>Followed by Moderated Round table discussions with (teachers/ teacher educators/university faculty and others) on classroom realities</p>

13:00 -14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<p><u>Session 4 –Multilingualism in education: conceptual models</u></p> <p>Chair: TBD</p> <p>Multilinguality and Language Pedagogy: From Policy to Practice - Prof. Ramakant Agnihotri, Former Professor and Head, Department of Linguistics, <i>University of Delhi</i>.</p> <p>Pedagogy founded on the principles of "Multi-/trans-linguaging and Transknowledging (MTL&T)" - Dr. Minati Panda, Professor of Cultural-Historical and Critical Psychology, <i>Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</i></p>
15:30-15:45	Tea Break
15:45-17:15	<p><u>Session 5 - Multilingualism and Multiliteracy (MultiLiLa) Research Project in India: Lessons for Kerala</u></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Minati Panda (also gives a brief overview of the project)</p> <p>Reading comprehension within a translanguaging perspective, teacher education and multi lingual assessment: what does the project tell us?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Lina Mukhopadhyay, Department of Training and Development, <i>School of English Language Education, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad</i> - Prof. Rama Mathew, Former Dean of the Faculty of Education, <i>University of Delhi</i>
17:15-17:30	Brief Summing Up of Day 1

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09:30-11:00	<p><u>Session 6– Short presentations: Research studies on Language Learning and Culture in Kerala</u></p> <p>Chair: TBD</p> <p>Evaluation of E-Language Labs of E³ English program (KITE) – Reha Sharma, IT for Change, Bengaluru</p> <p>Cultural Roots and Linguistic Growth: Rethinking English Education for Kerala's Tribal Children - Dr. V. K. Karthika, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, <i>National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli</i>.</p> <p>Enhancing ESL Teaching Through Pedagogic Translanguaging: Evidence from Kerala and Future Directions - Chelsy Selvan, Doctoral student, <i>School of English Language Education, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15	Tea Break
11:15 – 13:00	<p><u>Session 7– Cultural representations in Kerala education</u></p> <p>Chair: TBD</p> <p>The Politics of Caste and School Education in Kerala: Dynamics and Challenges – Dr. Divya Kannan, Assistant Professor, <i>School of Humanities and Social Science, Shiv Nadar University</i></p> <p>Youth, Culture, and Nation-State Building: The Emergence of Youth Festivals in Kerala’s Education System - R. Rajashree, Research Scholar, <i>University of Tuebingen, Germany</i></p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p><u>Session 8 – Culture in a globalizing world</u></p> <p>History, Mind and Culture – Prof. David Johnson, Reader in Comparative and International Education , <i>St. Anthony’s College, Oxford University</i></p> <p>Discussant to focus on implications for Kerala</p>
15:30-16:00	Closing – Policy and research priorities for the future
16:00 – 16:30	Tea