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BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY

Bharathiar University, established in Coimbatore in 1982 under the Bharathiar University Act, 1981 (Act I of 1982) originated from the former Postgraduate Centre of the University of Madras. Recognized by the UGC in 1985, the University today comprises 39 departments offering 54 postgraduate programmes, along with M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees. With jurisdiction over Coimbatore, Erode, Tirupur and The Nilgiris, it affiliates 145 colleges. The University holds an 'A++' grade in the NAAC Fourth Cycle and ranks 10th among State Public Universities in NIRF 2025, 46th under the University category, and 76th overall. Internationally, it is placed in the 601–800 band of the 'The World University Rankings 2026' and 201–250 among Young Universities. Bharathiar University fosters advanced research, industry-integrated curricula, strong digital and library resources, and supports innovation through its IPR Cell and DRDO-BU Life Sciences Centre. Its Centre for International Affairs facilitates global academic collaboration and international student admissions.

Bharathiar University is located in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, a vibrant educational and industrial hub popularly known as the "Manchester of South India" due to its prominent textile industry. The University campus is situated amidst the scenic foothills of the majestic Western Ghats, a UNESCO-recognized biodiversity hotspot, providing a serene and conducive environment for academic pursuits and research.

Nestled at the foothills of the renowned '**Maruthamalai Murugan Temple**', one of the most revered hill temples dedicated to Lord Murugan, the University enjoys a unique blend of natural beauty, cultural heritage and spiritual significance. The campus is also located in close proximity to the internationally acclaimed philosophical Isha Yoga Center.

The region surrounding the University is characterized by rich biodiversity, pleasant climatic conditions and panoramic views of the Western Ghats. Coimbatore's strategic location, excellent connectivity by road, rail and air, and its growing reputation as a centre for education, innovation and entrepreneurship make Bharathiar University an ideal destination for higher learning and academic excellence.



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ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Linguistics, established in 1985, has been actively engaged in advanced research and teaching, offering M.A. and Ph.D. programmes in Linguistics. Alongside its academic work, the department undertakes socially relevant extension activities in areas such as tribal literacy, adult literacy, and teacher training. Its M.A. Linguistics programme is innovative, combining core and applied linguistics with unique interdisciplinary supportive papers that attract students from science backgrounds.



GLIMPSE OF DEPARTMENT'S ACADEMIC JOURNEY ACROSS 4 DECADES

The department reached several significant milestones in its academic journey. It successfully completed two phases of the UGC-SAP-DRS programme, focusing on the language and culture of indigenous communities of the Western Ghats, and received the prestigious Endangered Languages Scheme from the UGC. A collaboration with the University of Malaya, an outbound program for Malaysian students to undergo linguistics training availing the service of its faculty and eminent Indian linguists. It has been conducting academic events regularly, including National, International Conferences and Workshops, Orientation Programmes, using the service of Internationally Trained Faculty. Member's This iconic department continues to be a vibrant Centre for linguistic scholarship. Knowledge dissemination

To date, The department has published 55 books and 3 monographs, produced 139 Ph.D. and 50 M.Phil. scholars, and annually publishes an International peer reviewed Journal in the name of 'Working Papers in Linguistics and Literature' (UGC-CARE listed for 3 years) and Students' Newsletter 'Voice of Linguistic Novices'. It hosts the 'Telugu Chair' for research on Telugu-speaking minorities in the Coimbatore region. The department completed around 30 major /minor research projects funded by UGC, RUSA, ICSSR, CIIL, and others. It has been organizing weekly Research Circle Meeting, called Saussure's Knowledge Factory for budding linguists. It has conducted over 100 international and national seminars, conferences, and workshops.

LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF INDIA (LSI)

The Linguistic Society of India is a body of intellectuals working on languages and promotion of Linguistics. The Society has been in existence since 1928 and built a strong network of Linguistics scholars. Over the years, LSI has also become a household name among the linguists of this country. The society organises an annual conference attracting a wide range of participation from India and abroad. These events bring together generations of linguists. So far, the society has organised 47 events, and the 48th one is being organized this year.



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SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

The Department of Linguistics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, is delighted to announce the 48th International Conference of the Linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI-48), to be held from 18th to 20th November 2026. ICOLSI is the flagship conference of the Linguistic Society of India and is held annually. We welcome submissions of original research from scholars, researchers and students for presentation and scholarly discussion at this distinguished conference.

CONFERENCE THEME:

EXPLORING THE UNEARTHED SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS IN LINGUISTICS

This conference adopts the theme **“Exploring the Unearthed System of Systems in Linguistics”** to encourage a deeper understanding of language as a complex network of interconnected systems. Linguistics traditionally examines various subsystems such as phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, discourse, and sociolinguistics. However, these components do not function in isolation; rather, they interact dynamically to form a broader system of language. The theme invites scholars to uncover and examine these often-overlooked interrelationships, revealing how linguistic structures, cognitive processes, social contexts, cultural practices, and technological developments collectively shape human communication. By exploring language as a “system of systems,” the conference aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue, innovative theoretical perspectives, and new methodologies that contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of language, its evolution, and its role in society.



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NON-THEMATIC SESSIONS

In addition to the thematic sessions, the conference will also include non-thematic sessions covering a wide range of topics in linguistics. These sessions are open to all areas of linguistic research, including but not limited to phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, computational linguistics, historical linguistics, and allied areas of linguistics. We encourage submissions that present innovative research, theoretical insights, and empirical findings across the diverse spectrum of linguistic inquiry. These sessions aim to provide a platform for scholars to share their work and engage in discussions spanning the breadth of linguistic studies.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract submissions must be anonymised and uploaded through **'EasyAbs'** (<https://easyabs.linguistlist.org/conference/ICOLSI-48/>). This practice promotes a fair, transparent and constructive assessment process by enabling reviewers to evaluate submissions solely on their academic merit. Abstract for oral presentations on any original and unpublished research on all aspects of theoretical, applied and interdisciplinary linguistics. Scholars and academicians are encouraged to submit abstracts of their papers in about 250-300 words in any of the related areas in PDF/Docx format. To ensure fairness for all participants, the conference will permit **only one first-author submission per participant**. For every paper accepted for oral, at least one author must complete an individual conference registration.

IMPORTANT DATES

✚ Abstract Submission Begins	:	8 th June 2026
✚ Abstract Submission Deadline	:	31 st July 2026
✚ Notification of Acceptance	:	1 st September 2026
✚ Last date of Registration	:	30 th September 2026
✚ Conference Dates	:	18 th –20 th November 2026
✚ Post-conference Excursion	:	21 st November 2026

Note: This call for papers is subject to updates. Please refer to the official LSI website for the latest information.

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Concept Note

The conference, to be held on the theme of “**Exploring the Unearthed System of Systems in Linguistics**”, seeks to advance a holistic understanding of language as a complex and dynamic network of interconnected systems. The diverse domains of linguistics - including phonetics, phonology, morphology, lexicology, syntax, discourse analysis, pragmatics, semantics, applied linguistics, sociolinguistics, and related fields - do not operate in isolation; rather, they interact and converge to constitute the broader architecture of human language. Exploring these nuances and intricate interconnections among them offers valuable insights into how linguistic structures, cognitive processes, social contexts, cultural practices, and technological advancements collectively shape human communication. It is known fact that viewing language as a “system of systems” with the lenses of other disciplines encourages scholars to move beyond conventional disciplinary boundaries and explore emerging relationships among linguistic phenomena. Such an approach has the potential to generate innovative theoretical perspectives, interdisciplinary methodologies, and new directions for understanding the structure, evolution, diversity, and societal role of language and it's various manifestations. Thus, the present conference aims to provide an inclusive and intellectually stimulating platform for scholars, researchers, and students to present innovative research, theoretical insights, and empirical findings across the full spectrum of linguistic inquiry. By fostering meaningful academic dialogue, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the exchange of diverse perspectives, the conference aspires to open up new dimensions of linguistic research and contributes to shaping future directions in the field of Linguistics.

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1.	Faculty Members	₹ 3000	₹ 2000
2.	Research Scholars	₹ 2500	₹ 1500
3.	P.G. Students	₹ 2000	₹ 1000
4.	Local Participants (Research Scholars, Students from Bharathiar University / Affiliated Colleges)	-----	₹ 1500
5.	Foreign Delegates	\$ 300	\$ 200
6.	SAARC Country Nationals	\$ 200	\$ 150

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Tourist Attractions Around Coimbatore

Maruthamalai

Maruthamalai Murugan Temple is known for its high vibrations and revitalizing atmosphere. The Dravidian-architecture of the temple is completely awe-inspiring.



Isha Yoga Centre

The Isha yoga center situated at the foothills of Velliangiri on the outskirts of Coimbatore, is the headquarters for Isha yoga.

Kovai Kutralam

It is a scenic spot with a gentle waterfall originating on the Siruvani hill ranges. Waterfalls around the forests ranges is the beauty of this place.



Anaikatti

One of the most picturesque places in India's south is Anaikatti, Coimbatore. With its picturesque waterfalls and surrounding lush greenery. It is located directly where Tamil Nadu and Kerala state borders meet.

Gedee Car Museum

One of the top places to visit for car and bike lovers which is an amalgamation of vintage and new cars that are transported to the Museum all the way from countries like US, UK, Japan and Germany.



Perur Pateeswarar Temple

It is quite an ancient temple which was built to worship Lord Pateeswara Swamy (Lord Shiva). It is largely known for its grand architecture, ancient artwork, paintings, sculptures, carvings, and relics.

Ooty

It is a beautiful hill town which is famous for natural beauty, tranquility and uniqueness. It is called as the Queen of hill stations and is an important tourist attraction.



Coonoor

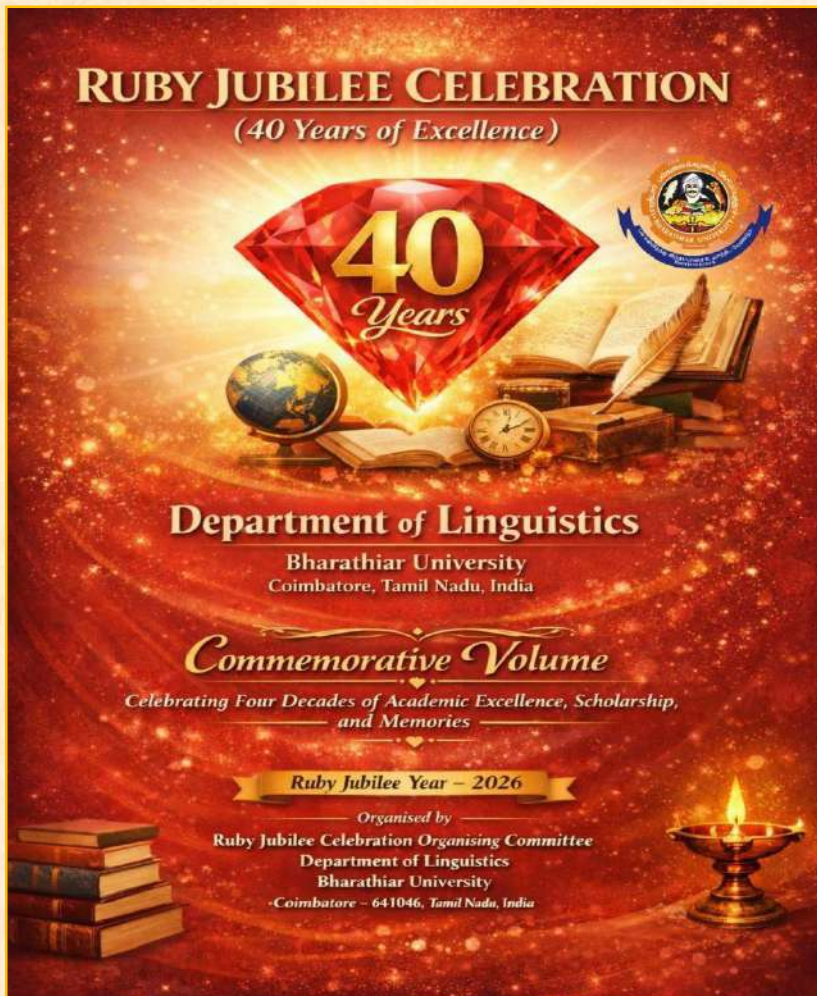
Coonoor is a hill station in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It's known for its tea estates in the surrounding Nilgiri hills. Sim's Park is a sprawling public garden with plants like rhododendrons, roses and eucalyptus trees.



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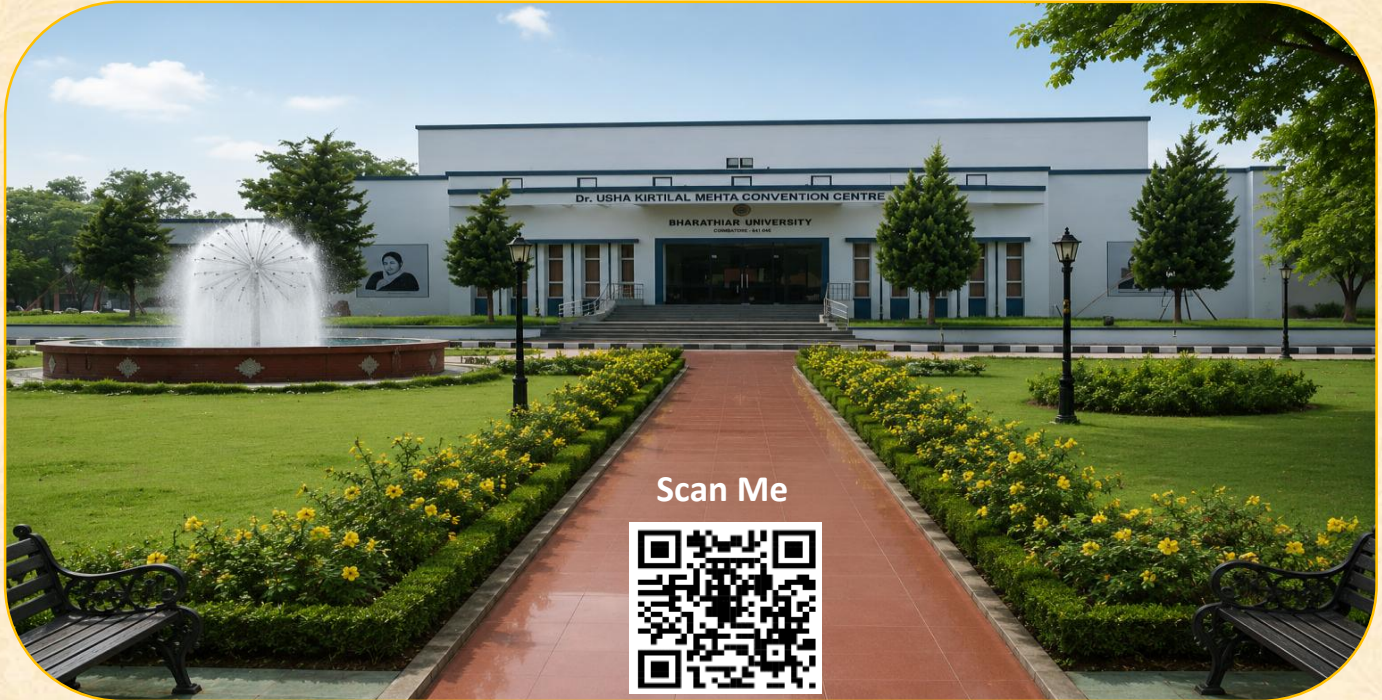
The Department of Linguistics, Bharathiar University, organized the *Ruby Jubilee Linguistic Saga Celebration* and the International Conference on “*Dynamics of Linguistic Studies (ICDLS)*” under UGC-SAP-DRS-II. **Dr. R. Rajavel, Registrar, Bharathiar University**, graced the event as Chief Guest, released the conference proceedings, and inaugurated the Department Library.



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Venue

The **Dr. USHA KIRTILAL MEHTA CONVENTION CENTRE**, located within the picturesque campus of Bharathiar University, Maruthamalai Road, Coimbatore, serves as an ideal venue for academic and professional gatherings. Nestled at the foothills of the Maruthamalai Hills, part of the renowned Western Ghats, the convention centre offers a serene and inspiring environment. The facility features a spacious auditorium with a **seating capacity of over 1,000 participants**, along with ample parking facilities. The exhibition area, seminar halls, and food court are conveniently situated near the main auditorium, ensuring ease of access and comfort for delegates. The venue is well connected to major transportation hubs, being **approximately 20 km from Coimbatore International Airport (CJB)**, **10 km from Coimbatore Railway Station (CBE)**, and **10 km from the Central Bus Stand (Gandhipuram)**, making it easily accessible for both national and international participants.