



PERSPECTIVES ON INDIGENOUS MINORITY LINGUISTIC GROUPS: ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS

INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR

Department of Linguistics, University of Kashmir, Srinagar

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According to 'UNESCO's Atlas of World's Languages in Danger of Disappearing' around 2,500 of the 6,000 languages of the world are to some extent endangered: 538 critically endangered, 502 severely endangered, 632 definitely endangered and 607 unsafe.

For India, it lists 172 languages in danger, out of which 101 are classified as severely, critically or definitely endangered and 71 "vulnerable". Millions of speakers of minority languages experience on a daily basis that their mother tongues are deemed worthless dialects which have little utility in modern life.

The focus is on the linguistic human rights of minority linguistic groups who face social, political, economic and linguistic discrimination at all levels of their interaction with dominant groups, nation and state. In absence of social, political, institutional and other kind of support, these group literally don't exist for the majority, as is the case with Linguistic Census of India's reports, which don't mention a group with less than 10,000 individuals.

Topics and areas of research include

Linguistic Human Rights
Language Endangerment
Language Revitalization
Ethnolinguistic Vitality
Language Planning
Language Documentation

The department solicits online contributions from scholars of Linguistics, Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology and other allied fields with a focus on the multidimensional issue of linguistic human rights of minority groups.

Please send a 250-word abstract and a 75-word bio-note by 18th of August 2020 to:

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Acceptance of abstracts will be communicated to authors by 20th of August 2020.

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