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A Report

Report on
One-Day Conference
on
Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar

at
Purvodaya Lit Fest, Edition 2
28 November, 2025

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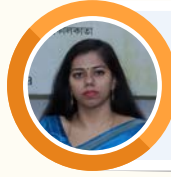
A one-day conference on “*Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar*” was successfully organized as part of **Purvodaya Literary Fest 2.0** on 28 November 2025, with the objective of promoting scholarly dialogue on India’s indigenous linguistic heritage and strengthening awareness about the interconnectedness of **Bharatiya Bhāṣhāyein**. The conference brought together academicians, linguists, educators, and language enthusiasts from across the country to deliberate on the historical, cultural, and academic foundations of the *Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar* framework.

The session focused on the promotion of Bharatiya languages through the lens of the *Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar* concept and the recently launched scholarly volumes, namely *Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar: A New Framework in Linguistics* and *Collected Studies on Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar: Perspectives & Horizons*. Renowned linguists and academicians from different parts of India were invited to participate in the panel discussion. The following experts were part of the panel:



Prof. Naresh Annem

Professor, Centre for Linguistics and Translation Studies, University of Hyderabad



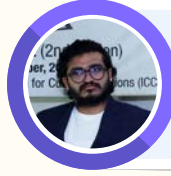
Prof. Kusha Tiwari

Professor, Department of English, Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi



Dr. P. Phani Krishna

Assistant Professor, University of Delhi and National Coordinator, Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar, Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education



Dr. Shiva Ram Male

Assistant Professor, Centre for Linguistics and Translation Studies, University of Hyderabad



Dr. Purnendu Bikash Debnath

Academic Consultant, Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education



The session commenced with the opening remarks by the Chair of the Panel, Prof. Naresh Annem, who introduced the panel members to the audience and set the thematic direction of the discussion. He stated that the soul of Bharat lies in its tradition of multilingualism, which historically did not merely denote the coexistence of multiple languages within a geographical space, but reflected the ability of individuals to communicate across several Bharatiya languages. He referred to ancient practices such as the Kashi–Tamil Yatra, where pilgrims travelled across vast regions without significant language barriers, enabled by deep-rooted linguistic and cultural linkages among Indian languages that allowed natural adaptation through shared roots, structures, and expressions.





The discussion was further enriched by Dr. P. Phani Krishna, who explained how Bharatiya languages evolved organically within Bharat’s civilizational framework and how traditional linguistic practices promoted mutual intelligibility. He critically examined the limitations of Western linguistic models that classified Indian languages into rigid families without recognising their intrinsic cultural and cognitive unity. He made special reference to the recently published work *Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar*, introduced under the guidance of the Ministry of Education, highlighting that it offers an indigenous perspective on the origin, evolution, and interrelationship of Indian languages. He observed that this framework has clarified long-standing misconceptions and opened new avenues for decolonising linguistic thought.





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Prof. Kusha Tiwari emphasised the contemporary educational relevance of the *Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar* framework. She highlighted its potential to transform curriculum design, language pedagogy, and teacher training in India. By adopting a Bharatiya-centric linguistic approach, she noted, learners can be encouraged to acquire multiple Indian languages more effectively, thereby promoting national integration and cultural continuity. She also pointed out that this framework aligns closely with the spirit of the National Education Policy in advocating mother-tongue-based multilingual education.





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Dr. Shiva Ram Male focused on the sociocultural and technological dimensions of the *Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar* concept. He stressed the urgent need to strengthen digital infrastructure for Indian languages through the development of linguistic resources such as corpora, dictionaries, translation tools, and speech technologies rooted in Bharatiya knowledge systems. He underlined that the future vitality of Bharatiya languages depends significantly on their digital empowerment and called for collaborative efforts among universities, research institutions, and governmental bodies to create an inclusive and sustainable linguistic ecosystem.



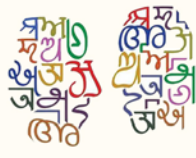


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Dr. Purnendu Bikash Debnath, in his concluding remarks, reiterated that the true essence of Bharat lies in its long-standing multilingual tradition, where people historically communicated across several Indian languages with remarkable ease. He highlighted how cultural and linguistic interconnectedness enabled practices that demonstrate that Indian languages evolved not in isolation, but as part of a shared civilisational fabric. He further elaborated on the limitations of Western linguistic classifications and presented the *Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar* framework as an indigenous model for understanding the origin, evolution, and mutual intelligibility of Indian languages. He emphasised the framework's contemporary relevance in both education and technology, noting its potential to reshape curriculum design, promote mother-tongue based multilingual education in alignment with the National Education Policy, and strengthen digital infrastructure through the development of corpora, translation systems, and speech technologies.

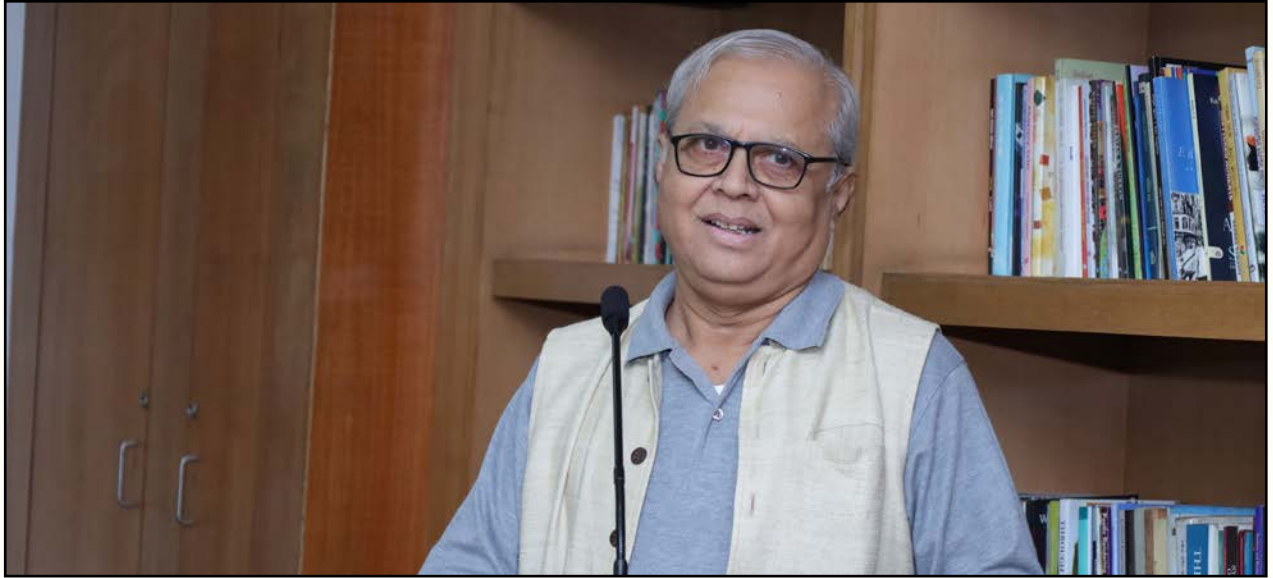




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The conference concluded with a shared resolve to institutionalise the study of *Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar* through sustained research, academic programmes, workshops, and community engagement initiatives. The participants agreed that such platforms are essential for reclaiming India's intellectual traditions and for nurturing a new generation of scholars committed to strengthening the unity in diversity that defines the linguistic spirit of Bharat.



Vote of thanks by Shri Biswajit Ganguly



A segment of the Audience



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