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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

It is a pleasure to place *Indian Linguistics* (Volume 85, Numbers1-2), the prestigious academic publication of the Linguistic Society of India, in your hands. After the incumbent body of LSI took over, following the elections in January, 2024, it is giving its best to carry forward the good work of its predecessors and serve the discipline of Linguistics and Linguistic fraternity. We sincerely thank the electorate for giving us a chance to serve the linguistic community.

I consider it a great privilege and honour to take over as the Editor of *Indian Linguistics*. I am equally conscious of the huge responsibility that has been put on my shoulders and assure the readers that I, along with my team, will give my best to shoulder the responsibility. After officially taking over in March, 2024, we had to start afresh due to some unavoidable circumstances. Besides a new email id had to be created for the journal in absence of an official email id which had to be ratified by the executive committee. After the approval from the executive committee, the same (*editoril.lsi@gmail.com*) was created and circulated among the members around May, 2024 and also uploaded on the website of LSI. We started receiving articles from the contributors thereafter which had to be submitted to blind review process. Hence, a great deal of delay took place in bringing out this volume for which we sincerely apologize to the worthy readers. We sincerely hope to bridge the time gap in future and bring the upcoming volumes on time. I would like to take this opportunity to request the worthy readers to kindly circulate the official email id among their colleagues and friends and exhort them to submit their manuscripts in the form of articles, notes and discussions or reviews for a possible consideration.

The current volume covers articles related to diverse areas of Linguistics and an engaging book review. I am extremely grateful to all the contributors for sending their papers for this volume. It is needless to say that the papers were subjected to double blind peer-review process as per the policy of the journal. It is not an easy job to find committed and willing reviewers who can review the manuscripts and provide their suggestions and feedback within the stipulated time. Let me put on record that some friends did not even respond to our request to help with the review process. As such, I am highly indebted to all the anonymous reviewers for acceding to our request and for their painstaking efforts in reviewing the papers, without which this volume would not have come to fruition. It is pertinent to mention here that a preliminary review (again blind) of all the papers, received from the contributors, was undertaken by the Committee on Publications and only those papers were subjected to the double blind review that were recommended by the committee.

Editorial policies of the journal remain the same that have been in vogue for the previous issues. However, the incumbent team is seriously working on updating the journal and bringing it at par with the demands of time. Efforts are being made for indexing the journal and making it technology-friendly to bring it out in online mode in near future.

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