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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

It gives me pleasure to present the first part of the eighty sixth volume of *Indian Linguistics* (Numbers 1-2) to our esteemed readers. Work is going on simultaneously on the next issue also and, it is duly hoped, that the issue will be in your hands very soon. It needs to be admitted that the issues got delayed due to some technical issues related to the process of shifting *Indian Linguistics* to the online mode.

The current volume contains papers related to diverse themes, covering languages spread over different parts of the country. Besides some papers related to some major Indian languages, papers related to some lesser known languages have also found place in the volume. Though a lot of work has been done on the scheduled and major languages of the country, a lot needs to be done when it comes to the endangered and lesser known languages of the country. A large number of such languages are found across the country, which await description and documentation on urgent basis to explore and preserve the rich heritage of the country. As such, research papers on such languages are very welcome and we look forward eagerly to receive more such papers from the researchers for the upcoming volumes to enrich the literature related to the linguistic studies and linguistic landscape of the country. The volume also contains two interesting book reviews.

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to all the contributors, who have contributed to this volume. The papers were submitted to the review process as per the policy of the journal. I am grateful to the anonymous reviewers for their support and help. I would also like to take this opportunity to request the senior and distinguished linguists of the country to contribute to *Indian Linguistics* so that our readers get benefitted from their knowledge and expertise.

It is hoped that readers will find the volume interesting and will provide us with their feedback to enable us to overcome the deficiencies and improve the quality of the journal.

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