



LSI/Sec./2024-26/

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**Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting**

The 8<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting (Executive Committee) of the LSI(2024-26) was held on 08-07-2026 at 03:00 PM through Virtual mode.

**The following members were present:**

(1) Prof. M. J. Warsi (President, LSI), (2) Prof. Abhinav Kumar Mishra (Secretary, LSI), (3) Prof. Sunandan Kumar Sen (Joint Secretary, LSI), (4) Prof. Adil Amin Kak, (5) Dr. Chaithra Puttaswamy, (6) Dr. C S Swathi, (7) Dr. Sundarabalu S. (8) Dr. Niranjana Uppoor, (9) Dr. Suman Preet Virk, and (10) Dr. Mendem Bapuji

Before taking up the agenda items, Prof. Abhinav K. Mishra, Secretary, LSI, welcomed the members and requested the President-LSI, Prof. M. J. Warsi, to call the meeting in order.

Initiating the meeting, the President-LSI welcomed the EC members, and thereafter, the following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

**Item No. 1: To finalize the nominations for LSI-Honorary Fellows**

Taking up the agenda, Secretary-LSI briefed the house that this year LSI did not receive any nomination for LSI honorary fellows. After the thorough discussions, it has been agreed that in future instead of asking nominations, LSI-EC will decide the names of LSI honorary fellows. President-LSI requested the members to propose 4 to 5 names and same will be decided in the next LSI-EC meeting.

**Item No. 2: To finalize the name of speaker for Radhabai Katre Memorial Lecture during ICOLSI-48**

Radhabai Katre Memorial Lecture is an annual feature of LSI and delivered every year during ICOLSI by an eminent scholar. President-LSI proposed that Prof. R C Sharma, a distinguished scholar and the first LSI Honorary Fellow may be invited to deliver the Radhabai Katre Memorial Lecture during ICOLSI-48 scheduled to be held at Bhartiya University, Coimbatore from 18-20 November 2026. The house unanimously agreed on this proposal to invite Prof. R C Sharma to deliver the Radhabai Katre Memorial Lecture.

**Item No. 3: To consider Bharatiya Bhasha Parivar framework in linguistics and its promotion.**

President-LSI briefed the house about the efforts being taken by Bhartiya Bhasha Samiti (BBS) to promote linguistics at every level. BBS recently published two very important books reflecting Indian Linguistic tradition. LSI-EC has appreciated the efforts of BBS and agreed to work in close coordination to promote linguistics as an independent subject at all level in the country.

**Item No. 4: To consider the proposal from De Gruyter and Brill for publication of LSI journal *Indian Linguistics*.**

President-LSI briefed the house about his communication with the representative of De Gruyter and Brill publication and their interest to publish *Indian Linguistics (IL)* from their publication house. The house felt happy that LSI journal *Indian Linguistics* getting attention

from the international and reputed publishers. However, the house were little apprehensive and suggested that modalities must be carefully defined before reaching to any final agreement. The house authorize the President to negotiate further with publisher and try to reach at an agreement keeping the interest of IL intact and the same may be shared with the EC members in the next meeting.

**Item No. 5: To discuss the procedure to conduct LSI-election for the tenure 2027-29.**

The Secretary LSI informed the house about the progress made so far to conduct the LSI election in a very transparent mode. The house authorized the Secretary to continue working with the technical team to come up with a digital mechanism so as the LSI election will be conducted in a timely and transparent manner.

**Item No. 6: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

The Secretary-LSI apprised the EC about some of the important initiatives taken in the recent past.

- I. University Grants Commission has developed the Learning Outcomes-based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) for twenty-eight (28) subjects across undergraduate and postgraduate including **linguistics**.
- II. UPSC has assured to form a committee of experts to see the possibility to include Linguistics as part of its curriculum.
- III. Recently, a 3-member committee has been constituted including HoD, Linguistics by the Vice Chancellor, BHU to see the feasibility of running **Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics** at Vasanta College of Women (Rajghat), BHU, Varanasi from the next academic session.
- IV. **Linguistics** has been included with English and Hindi for the recruitment of Assistant Professors in Bihar. Many students with Linguistics background has been called for interview.
- V. LSI trying to reach as many states as possible and making sincere efforts to get **Linguistics** included in their state universities UG & PG courses.

At the end, the President of the LSI, proposed a vote of thanks to the members for their meaningful participation in the deliberations through virtual mode and declared the meeting closed.



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