



## LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF INDIA

c/o Deccan College, Post Graduate and Research Institute, Pune-411006

LSI/Sec./2024-26/09

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A meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of the LSI (2024-26) was held on 07.04.2024 at 11:00 am through virtual mode.

### **The following members were present:**

(1) Prof. M. J. Warsi (President, LSI), (2) Dr. Abhinav Kumar Mishra (Secretary, LSI), (3) Dr. Sunandan Kumar Sen (Joint Secretary, LSI), (4) Prof. Gautam Sengupta (Trustee, LSI), EC Working Members: (5) Prof. Adil Amin Kak, (6) Dr. Bipasha Patgiri, (7) Dr. Niranjana Uppoor, (8) Dr. Chaithra Puttaswamy, (9) Dr. C S Swathi, (10) Dr. Suman Preet Virk, (11) Dr. Sundarabalu S. (12) Prof. Koppaka Rajyarama, (13) Dr. Thennarasu Sakkan, (14) Prof. Aejez Mohd Sheikh (Editor, IL), Members, Publication Committee as Special Invitees (15) Dr. Nazrin B Laskar, (16) Dr. Kakoli Dey (EC-Member)

### **The following members could not attend the meeting:**

Prof. Thiruvalluvan V. (Vice President, LSI), Prof. Ashok Thorat (Trustee, LSI), Ms. Khushboo Parghi (Joint Secretary, LSI), Dr. Mendem Bapuji (EC-Member), Dr. Saralin A. Lyngdoh (EC-Member), Dr. Mimi K. Ezung (EC-Member), Prof. G. Uma Maheshwar Rao (Past President, Ex-Officio member), Prof. Shobha Satyanath (Past Vice President, Ex-Officio member)

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

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

### **Item No. I: Confirmation of the minutes of the last EC-meeting held on 10.01.2024:**

The minutes of the last LSI-EC meeting held on 10.01.2024 were confirmed.

### **Item No. II: Welcoming Dr Ambarish Khare, the new Treasurer of LSI:**

President, LSI and EC members felt happy and congratulated Dr Ambarish Khare, on his appointment as the Treasurer, LSI for the term 2024-26.

### **Item No. III. (a): Appointment of Dr Ambarish Khare as the new Treasurer, LSI:**

President LSI, apprised the house about the appointment of Dr Ambarish Khare as the new Treasurer of LSI. He also reported that as per the recommendation of the LSI-EC meeting held on 10-01-2024, an appointment letter was sent to Dr Ambarish Khare, which he has accepted. EC has confirmed the appointment of Dr Ambarish Khare as Treasurer, LSI (2024-26).

### **Item No. III. (b): Report of the sub-committee formed to prepare the guidelines for awarding LSI Honorary Fellows:**

Secretary LSI as the convener of the sub-committee appraised the house about the progress made so far. He informed the house the two meetings of the sub-committee were held recently and a rough draft of guidelines has been prepared. The final guide lines will be prepared in the next meeting and the recommendation of the sub-committee will be placed before the next LSI-EC meeting for final adoption / approval.

Members also suggested that guidelines must be finalized sooner if LSI would like to complete all formalities and declare the name(s) of the LSI honorary fellows during the ICOLSI-46 scheduled to be held in the first week of October at the University of Kashmir.

**Item No. III. (c): Creation of separate official email ID for Editor, *Indian Linguistics*.**

It has been decided in the EC meeting that a new official email ID will be created exclusively for the LSI Journal *Indian Linguistics*. The house has authorized the Editor, IL Prof. Aejaz Mohd. Sheikh to create a new email ID and share with the Secretary, LSI so as the same may be circulated widely among the members of LSI.

**Item No. III. (d): Status of publication of *Indian Linguistics* vol. 84 (3-4):**

Editor, IL reported to the EC that *Indian Linguistics* Vol. 84 (3-4) is currently lying with Prof Umarani Pappuswami, the former editor of IL. He further informed the house that Prof Pappuswami has assured him that she will be able to submit the final version of IL Vol. 84 (3-4 press ready copy) by the mid-April 2024.

The house suggested that the Editor, IL may go ahead with the preparation of the next volume, i.e. vol. 85 (1-2), and if everything goes well the same will be released during the ICOLSI-46. President, LSI, has assured the house that every possible step will be taken for the timely publication of the journal.

Prof Gautam Sengupta suggested for the online publication of the journal instead of hard copy which will be cost effective as well. Dr C.S. Swathi suggested for making the journal open access. Dr Nazrin Laskar has suggested for DOI number which is essential for open access and Scopus indexing.

**Item No. III. (e): LSI Registration certificate placed on the LSI webpage:**

President LSI reported to the EC that as per the recommendation of the last EC meeting held on 10-01-2024, LSI Registration certificate has been uploaded on the LSI website. The same can be viewed at: [LSICertif\\_bf1f6774.pdf](#)

**Item No. III. (f): Status on the payment of Salary of the Office Staff at LSI Headquarters, Pune:**

President LSI informed the house that due to delay in the paperwork and unavailability of official signatories in the Bank(s) at the LSI headquarter, the office staff could not be paid on time. As per the decision taken during the last EC meeting held on 10-01-2024, Dr. Abhinav Kumar Mishra, Secretary, LSI visited the headquarter on 18-03-2024 and completed all the formalities with the banks in Pune along with Dr. Ambarish Khare, Treasurer, LSI and Ms. Khushboo Parghi, Joint Secretary, LSI.

Secretary, LSI has informed the house that salary up to March-2024 has been paid to the office staff of LSI-HQ after completing all the official formalities with the banks.

**Item No. III. (g): Report of the visit of the Secretary, LSI to the HQ, Pune:**

Secretary LSI informed the EC members that as per the decision taken in the last EC meeting held on 10-01-2024, he has physically visited the HQ in Pune on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024. He had several meetings including meeting with the HoD, Department of Linguistics at Deccan College, Pune and other officials and discussed with them about the smooth functioning of LSI. Accompanied by Dr. Ambarish Khare, Treasurer, LSI and Ms. Khushboo Parghi, Joint Secretary, LSI Dr. Abhinav K Mishra also visited the banks and completed the required official formalities.

**Item No. III. (h): Financial status of the LSI:**

Treasurer, LSI could not attend the meeting due to his sickness. In the absence of Treasurer, Dr. Abhinav Kumar, Secretary, LSI briefed the house about the current financial status of LSI. At present LSI has 4 SB A/C (3 in CBI and 1 in Canara Bank) and 12 FD A/c. Secretary suggested reducing the numbers of FDs from 12 to 5 or 6 for smooth accounting. He is also of the view that at least 2 SB A/c should be closed and the meager amount should be transformed into FD so that it will fetch higher interest.

It was agreed that a final decision will be taken in the next meeting in the presence of Treasurer, LSI after getting necessary information and documentation.

**Item No. III. (i): Finalization of Venue and dates for hosting the ICOLSI-46:**

During the last EC meeting held on 10-01-2024, the house authorized the President, LSI for taking a final decision about the date and venue of the 46th International Conference of the Linguistic Society of India. Under the authorization, President LSI informed the EC members that **ICOLSI-46** will be held from **3<sup>rd</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024** at the **University of Kashmir** and the Chairman, Department of Linguistics, University of Kashmir has communicated his acceptance to the LSI for hosting the ICOLSI-46.

**Item No. IV. (a): Committee to prepare / update an exhaustive list of Life members, Annual Members and Members of other categories:**

President LSI informed the house that life members are complaining on regular basis about discrepancies in their life-membership, non-receipt of the journal and other related matters. The similar concerns were raised by the other EC members during the meeting. Taking a note on these complaints, President LSI has suggested to form a sub-committee of the following to prepare an exhaustive and updated list of life members, annual members and members of the other categories with correct membership number and address. The list will be made available in the digital form and same will be uploaded on the LSI website for the larger benefits of the members. House unanimously agreed on the suggestion made by the President, LSI to form the sub-committee. The sub-committee may consist of the following:

1. Prof Ashok Thorat (Chairman)
2. Prof. Adil Amin Kak
3. Dr. Abhinav K. Mishra

4. Dr. Ambarish Khare
5. Dr Kakoli Dey
6. Dr Niranjan Uppoor
7. Dr Bipasa Patgiri
8. Ms. Khushboo Parghi (Convener)

It was also agreed that a typist may be hired (for a specific time period) for typesetting and formatting, if required.

**Note:** Committee is requested to submit the report within three months.

**Item No. IV. (b): Committee to prepare a list of Universities / Colleges offering Linguistics at Under-Graduate (UG) and Post-Graduate (PG) level along with a proposal to be submitted to UPSC which they require to consider the inclusion of Linguistics in the curriculum of UPSC:**

Keeping in view the long-awaited nationwide demand of the members of the linguistic fraternity, especially the demand of young linguists, President, LSI has taken a serious note of this issue and suggested the house that a sub-committee may be constituted to prepare a comprehensive list of Universities and Colleges offering Linguistics at undergraduate and post-graduate level. After compiling the data, a proposal will be prepared and the same will be submitted to the UPSC for inclusion of Linguistics as a subject as part of UPSC curriculum. If accepted, it will be a historic move by the present LSI team and will open a new door of employment to young linguists. The following names for this sub-committee as suggested by the President LSI were unanimously approved by the house.

1. Prof Koppaka Rajyarama (Chairman)
2. Prof. Gautam Sengupta
3. Dr. Sunandan Kumar Sen
4. Dr Nazrin Laskar
5. Dr Niranjan Uppoor
6. Dr. Suman Preet Virk
7. Dr C Puttaswamy
8. Dr. C.S. Swathi (Convener)

**Note:** Committee is requested to submit the report within three months.

**Item No. 4(c): Website committee for the LSI:**

President LSI brought the attention of the EC members that website of the LSI is the worldwide gateway for linguists and scholars working in the area of languages and linguistics. It is important for us to have a very interactive, user-friendly, and viable website. We must complement our predecessors who have developed/designed the LSI website in a very professional way. We believe that there is always a room for improvement. Keeping this in mind, President LSI has suggested constituting a sub-committee, who will work with LSI Technical team to enhance / upgrade the website on regular basis. The sub-committee may include the following as approved by the EC:

1. Prof. M J Warsi (Chairman)
2. Prof Aejaz Sheikh
3. Dr S.Sundarabalu
4. Dr Mendem Bapuji
5. Dr Mimi Ezung
6. Dr. Saralin A. Lyngdoh
7. Dr. Thennarasu Sakkan (Convener)

**Note:** Committee may report to the EC members on regular intervals.

**Item No. 5: To approve the TA/DA of the Secretary, LSI for his visit to LSI-HQ to complete the official formalities for financial transactions:**

As per the decision taken in the in the last EC meeting held on 10-01-2024, Dr Abhinav K Mishra, Secretary, LSI has physically visited the HQ in Pune on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and completed all the required formalities with the banks along with the Treasurer LSI Dr Ambarish Khare and Joint Secretary Ms. Khushboo Parghi.

Dr Abhinav K Mishra, Secretary LSI has submitted his report of HQ visit and the same is being reproduced here for the information of the members.

As per the decision of the EC, Secretary LSI visited the LSI HQ on 18th March, 2024. He along with the Treasurer and the Joint Secretary completed the following works:

1. Had meetings with the officials and staff of the LSI and with the HoD, Department of Linguistics, Deccan College, Pune.
2. Visited both the banks i.e. Central Bank of India and the Canara Banks alongwith Treasurer and Joint Secretary, LSI.
3. Signatures of the Secretary, Treasurer and Joint Secretary LSI were successfully verified by the bank officials for the financial transactions of the LSI accounts.
4. Have made the provision for the transaction with the signatures of any two of the three in which the Treasurer's signature made mandatory.
5. e-KYC was also done.
6. Initiated the process for e-transactions with the banks.
7. Collected the LSI account details from both the banks.
8. Outgoing Treasurer Dr Rahul Mhaskar handed over ₹ 16,000 to the office-staff to dispatch the last two volumes of IL (vol.83 and vol. 84, no.1-2).
9. Had initial discussion with Treasurer for taking the account details of FDs.
10. Secretary LSI submitted the bills to the Treasurer, LSI for payment.

Since the house approved the payment of TA/DA of Secretary's visit to LSI-HQ, Treasurer EC may process the payment and the same may be reported in the next meeting of the EC.

**Item No. 6: Status on the Annual Audit of LSI Account:**

Due to his sickness, Dr. Ambarish Khare, Treasurer LSI, could not attend the meeting, hence, the matter related to the annual audit of the LSI accounts was deferred.

**Item No. 7: To consider the email of Dr. Suman Preet Virk, former HOD, Department of Linguistics and Punjabi Lexicography Punjabi University, Patiala written to the LSI, regarding the problems at the Department of Linguistics and Punjabi Lexicography, Punjabi University, Patiala:**

President, LSI has appraised the house about the ongoing problems at the Department of Linguistics and Punjabi Lexicography Punjabi University, Patiala in the light of the letter received by LSI vide Letter No. 232/A dated 22.03.2024. After a detailed deliberation, EC has decided to write a letter to the competent authority addressing the issues mentioned in the letter with a request to intervene and resolve the ongoing problems in the Department amicably. Dr Nazrin Laskar,

Dr Mendem Bapuji suggested that the same letter should also be sent to the Governor, Punjab as the Chancellor of the University. Dr Niranjana Uppoor suggested that letter should be drafted cautiously. It was agreed that the letter would be framed with all necessary caution. The EC has authorized the Secretary, LSI to draft the letter in consultation with the President.

**Item no. 8: To consider the request of salary hike of the Clerk and the Peon:**

President, LSI, informed the house that LSI has received a written request from the staff of LSI HQ for an increase in the monthly salary from Rs. 9,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- for clerk and from Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 3000/- for the peon. The demand to increase the salary was long pending. In the earlier EC meeting held on 10.01.2024 where Prof. Uma Maheshwar Rao, former President, LSI informed the House that similar proposal received earlier and the then EC accepted it, but it could not be implemented as there were issues regarding the increase in salary. The auditor informed us that 10,000 or more might require a procedure for registration with the professional tax department and need to maintain a record of leave, work time, salary certificate, etc. It was resolved that the increase in salary, if any, would be taken up for consideration only after the physical visit to the headquarters by the LSI office bearers.

Dr. Abhinav Kumar Mishra, Secretary, LSI visited the HQ, Pune on 18.03.2024 and suggested that salary may be raised, as they are taking care of all official work at the HQ with the following break-up:

1. **Clerk** ---- (a) Salary will remain as Rs. 9000/- plus  
(b) Conveyance charges as Rs. 3000/-  
**Total: Rs.12000/-**
  
2. **Peon** ---- Salary will get raised from Rs. 1000/- to **Rs. 2000/-**

Proposal of the Secretary, LSI about the salary raise has been accepted and approved by the EC.

In the end, the President LSI, Prof. M. J. Warsi, 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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