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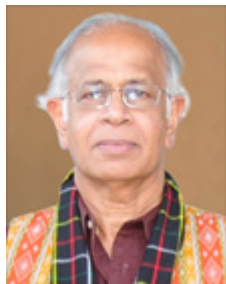


Prof. Jacob Tharu Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages (CIEFL), Hyderabad Visiting NTS-India, CIIL, Mysore

National Testing Service-India, CIIL, Mysore, has been engaged in developing methodologies and materials for setting up the benchmark of quality for the **courses** of study (to get recognition) **institutions** involved in imparting them (to get affiliation) and the **individuals** who pursue their studies (for certification). In order to get the critical views and suggestions of the top academics of the country and of those involved in the policy making at the National and State levels, NTS has been organizing interactive meeting with a few select luminaries of academic field. Those who have already visited NTS and expressed their views include Prof. E. Annamalai (Former Director, CIIL & Visiting Professor of Yale University, U.S.A), Prof. Akhtar Siddique (Chairperson, NCTE), Dr. P.A. Ramiah (Chairman, Teacher's Recruitment Board, TN), Prof. S.Ramachandran (Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras), Dr. Anandakrishnan (Chairman, IIT Kanpur & IIT Rajasthan.), Prof. Abdul Azis (Vice-Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University) and Prof. Ved Prakash (Vice-Chancellor, National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA)).

The next luminary under this Special Invitees Category is Prof. Jacob Tharu, Rtd.Professor, Centre for Evaluation, School of English Language Education, Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad. He is visiting NTS Headquarters, for two days on 5th and 6th Jan, 2009. NTS-India aims at fulfilling the evaluation requirements of the country as well as developing the national and regional norms/standards of quality. It also proposes to develop instruments of evaluation (tools and scales) in Major Indian Languages, to start with, before extending to other areas of study. These instruments will be standardized with reference to the population to be identified across the country through the 60 Regional Field Units (RFUs) of NTS.

About the Chief Guest.



An eminent scholar with M.A (Psy) from Agra University and Ed.M. from Harvard University (1964). Prof. Tharu has set up the Testing and Evaluation Unit at CIEFL in 1973 and served there till his retirement in April 2003. He developed the first regular semester courses in English Language and Literature Testing at the PG Diploma and M.Phil. levels. Teaching-training activities included courses on language testing and research methodology. Prof. Tharu was associated with development of objective type tests in English at the UPSC, SSC, and BSRB and served as resource person for training paper setters/examiners. His main areas of interest, apart from educational measurement, language testing in multilingual settings and social research methods, are in-service teacher education and teacher's professional development, and curriculum design and evaluation.

In recent years, he has been associated with the Department of Educational Measurement and Evaluation of NCERT. He was in the panel on Language Education for the National Knowledge Commission and served as GOI nominee on Joint Review Missions for SSA. Currently is a visiting faculty of TISS, Mumbai.

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