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National Seminar / Call for Papers on

Teaching and Testing of Didactic Literature in Tamil

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Evaluation makes an integral part of the development and delivery of teaching-learning process and materials. In the absence of appropriate evaluation measures, it's very difficult to assess the due outcome of the teaching learning process and there by compromising with what is usually referred as quality in common language and literature. Also, evaluation, as such, is not cared enough not only in language education but in other subjects also. In view of this, teaching, learning, and testing of Tamil literature is focused in this seminar. As we know, in literature teaching, the expectations are much significant. It is expected that the learners not only have to understand the content and didactic literature form of the literature, including the techniques such as., symbols, inner meaning, figures of speech, etc., but also the culture and human values expressed through them. Keeping in mind the enormity of the literary works in Tamil language, the present seminar focuses only on the Teaching, Learning, and Testing of Didactic literature wherein the emphasis is more on moral codes of ethics aimed at improving the life of the individual and the society.

The seminar invites students, language teachers, linguists, scholars, researchers, academicians, educationists and other professionals who are either working or interested in the area of educational testing and evaluation. 

The main objective of the seminar is to create a platform for the academicians, researchers, teachers, etc., in order to present the individual's outlook and conclusions of didactic literature in modern perspectives and to transform and share the scholarly ideas among scholars by looking at teaching and evaluation process in new perspectives.

Kindly Note :

- Abstract can be submitted either in Tamil (Unicode, 12) or English (Times New Roman, 12) and sent to **ntsabstracts@gmail.com**
- Abstract of the paper should be sent before 10th September 2016. (Papers selected may be published, given time and resources)
- Full paper (camera ready copy) has to be submitted two days before commencement of seminar.
- Paper presenters will be paid TA / DA as per institute rules (Prof./Assoc. Prof.-2nd AC; Asst. Prof.-3rd AC; Research Scholars & PG students/ School Teachers-Sleeper 2nd class).
- Original tickets must be submitted for claiming TA. Only railway fare / bus fare will be reimbursed. Only presenters will be paid TA / DA.
- **Each participant has to submit a copy of valid id proof such as Passport, Aadhar Card, Bank Passbook or other ID cards issued by State / Central Govt., University, etc. The same ID card shall be produced in original during seminar registration.**
- Registration is free. But prior intimation is required.

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◆ Broad Areas

- (i) Didactic literature is any literature which is intended to teach or give moral instruction. In Tamil it is called '*Ara Ilakkiam*' or '*Needhi Ilakkiam*'.
- (ii) In the anthology of eighteen (*Padhinen Keezhkanakku Noolgal*) works in Tamil, eleven are identified as didactic literature. Besides these, there are many other works by great saints, poets and scholars stressing the ethics / moral code to be followed.
- (iii) After Sangam Age, there was a period in the history of Tamil literature called *Needhi Ilakkia Kalam*. Most of the literature created during that period contained moral instructions prescribing do's and don'ts.
- (iv) Modified versions of books like *Aaathichoodi* have been published by several poets by including ideas appropriate to the changing structure and needs of the society. Paper presenters are free to choose any of the literary works that is appropriate to be labeled didactic literature.

◆ Programme

• 15.09.16 (Thursday)

10.00 - 11.00 - Inauguration

11.05 - 01.15 - Session - I

(4 Papers)

02.15 - 03.45 - Session - II

(3 Papers)

04.00 - 05.30 - Session - III

(3 Papers)

• 16.09.16 (Friday)

10.00 - 11.30 - Session - IV

(3 Papers)

11.45 - 01.15 - Session - V

(3 Papers)

02.30 - 04.30 - Session - VI

(4 Papers)

04.45 - 05.45 - Valediction

Each paper presenter will be allotted 10 to 15 minutes (Presentation followed by discussion).

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