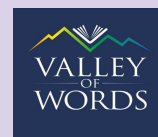




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An ICSSR-sponsored International Conference

Understanding Bharat through Bhashas

[Representation and Misrepresentation of Women in Literature: A Global Perspective]

(Celebrating 50 Years of Chipko Movement)

Multilingual Landscape | Twelve Thematic Sessions | One Civilisation in Transformation

20th- 21st November, 2026

Organising Institution: Doon University, Dehradun

Knowledge Partner: Valley of Words, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Bharat, as an ethos, is characterized by multiplicity and pluralism, and yet, a unifying force binds this diversity together. The *Bharatiya* civilization has provided a beacon for addressing global concerns; from ancient philosophy to modern technology, it is a reality most vividly captured in its linguistic landscape. *Bhashas* are the heritage of a civilisation, expressions of identity, and tools of political negotiations. Each one offers a medium to explore the vast repository of cultures and histories entwined with it. With the emergence of our nation as a significant global power, there is a pressing need to revisit the narrative of contemporary *Bharat* through the prism of languages—both Indian and foreign. Additionally, issues of gender inequality, cultural stereotypes, and intersection of identities within literary representations are matters that require firm attention. This academic conference will bring together writers, translators, academics, and scholars to explore the multiple nuances implicit in the idea that is *Bharat*. Alongside contributions in the languages of the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India and their corresponding translations, the conference invites manuscript submissions in several global languages. A core aim here is to interpret how the gaze on today's *Bharat* reflects in/through multiple Indian as well as foreign languages.

This conference is designed keeping in mind an interdisciplinary approach as envisaged in NEP 2020, encouraging participants to view linguistic and literary practices in and about *Bharat* – its indigenous knowledge systems – as sites of social critique, political deliberations, ecological consciousness, and civic engagement. Spread across twelve thematic sessions, the conference offers a forum to young researchers to interact with eminent authors and academicians and engage with pertinent national (and global) issues vis-a-vis the discourse on language.

“If God so wished, he could have made all Indians speak one language...The unity of India has been and will always be Unity in Diversity.”

- Rabindranath Tagore

ABOUT THE HOST INSTITUTION

Doon University, Dehradun

Established in 2005 by the Government of Uttarakhand, Doon University is a NAAC-accredited state public university set in the Shivalik foothills on the banks of the Rispana River. Its 52-acre campus sits at the edge of Dehradun- India's education capital - surrounded by sal forests and mountain air, offering a uniquely immersive academic environment.

Approved by the UGC and governed by the Doon University Act (2005), it offers multidisciplinary programmes at the undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels across schools.

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES — THE ORGANISING SCHOOL

Founded in 2010, the School of Languages (SoL) is an emerging trendsetter in multilingual education, the only university in Uttarakhand and one of the very few in India to offer four-year undergraduate and Master's programmes under NEP across five foreign languages and English, as well as PhD programmes. Its six departments, language multimedia labs, and research initiatives (SoL-Dialogue, SoL-Screen, SoL-Expressions) uniquely position it to host a conference exploring India through its Bhashas and select foreign languages.

Departments: Chinese Studies | English Studies | French & Francophone Studies | German Studies | Japanese Studies | Spanish Studies

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES	PARTICIPATION FORMATS
- Analyse how Bharat is perceived across languages and cultures - Facilitate dialogue between Indian-language texts, translations, works in English and select foreign languages - Investigate how Indian realities travel across linguistic borders - Connect emerging scholars with established literary and media voices - Capture India's evolving self-perception in global cultural flows	Academic Sessions Papers by scholars, writers, and translators on the eleven themes Poster Gallery Visual summaries of research for networking and informal exchange Emerging Scholars Forum Scholars presenting critical interpretations of literary and non-literary texts

TWELVE THEMATIC SESSIONS

Session 1: The Himalayas	Session 2: Regional Voices from North India	Session 3: Poetics of Contemporary Bharat
Geography	Culture, Identity & Heritage	Contemporary Voices
Session 4: India from afar in French & Francophone Perspectives	Session 5: From Past with the Present Spanish & Latin American Responses	Session 6: Twentieth to Twenty-first Century India
Global Gaze	Global Gaze	Growth & Aspiration
Session 7: The Politics of Language	Session 8: Viksit Bharat @2047: Language and Symbols of Digital World	Session 9: India in Chinese Writings: Historical & Contemporary Perspectives
Language & Power	Future India	Global Gaze
Session 10: India-Japan Linguistic & Cultural Responses	Session 11: Indian Reception in Germany: Perspectives from Past and Present	Session 12: Indian Knowledge Systems
Global Gaze	Global Gaze	Bharatiya Gyan Parampara

SUB-THEMES

- Literary portraits of urban and rural India - Environmental writing and ecological consciousness - Technology, modernity, and changing social fabric - Folk traditions and indigenous knowledge system - Marginalised voices and subaltern narratives	- Migration and diaspora narratives - Historical memory and political imagination - Translation as cultural expression and negotiation - India in global languages: external and internal gaze - Digital humanities and new forms of storytelling
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EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Peer-reviewed edited volume or special journal issue. - Policy recommendations for multilingual literary ecosystems in higher education.	- Network for future collaborative research projects. - Intergenerational dialogue between researchers and academicians.
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- Conference mode: Offline 
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- Abstract Word Limit: 350-500 words (with 5-6 keywords)
- Abstract Submission Deadline: 10th Oct 2026
- Date of Acceptance: 15th Oct 2026
- Submission of the Full Paper: 20th Dec 2026
- Presenting author's contact details/email address should be the same as the submitting author so that the presenting author receives correspondence about the abstract.

Working languages*: English, Hindi, Spanish, Chinese, French, Japanese, and German

*submissions accepted in all Indian languages in the Eighth Schedule along with their mandatory translations into English/Hindi

Registration Fee Details:

International Participants: \$ 50

Indian Participants: -

- Academicians: INR 2000/-
- Research Scholars: INR 1000/-
- Students (UG/PG) : INR 500/-

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