

Welcome Note

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The languages of South Asia are studied by scholars from various disciplinary points of view and with various disciplinary tools. These languages have a long history and have troves of written texts of many centuries, whose study contributes to historical linguistics and philological studies. The major languages of South Asia have a long history of grammatical descriptions and philosophical investigations from the ancient times. The richness of the South Asian languages in all the above aspects is unparalleled in any region of the world.

The current journals devoted to promote scholarship on South Asian languages, however, are fragmented, being focused on particular specialisations or periods. The new journal *Bhāṣā. Journal of South Asian Linguistics, Philology and Grammatical Traditions* is an appreciated alternate in this scenario. It is particularly welcome for the scholars of languages working in South Asia who generally combine the knowledge of modern grammatical theories and traditional grammars, and of language descriptions and language histories. This new journal provides them with an avenue to break the existing boundaries between linguistics, philology and grammatical traditions.

I welcome such scholars to contribute their research work to the Journal and to build bridges between various aspects of their language of study through their publication.

