Brief Description About the Workshop

Spoken language is one of the gifts that make us human. Language has the power to encode knowledge - system covering every aspect of our life from ecological information to social behavioural patterns, our ideas, beliefs, values and ability of taking correct judgement. All this knowledge evaporates when the language becomes endangered or falls out of use. Our goal is to preserve the information contained in human language and for this, we need to learn how to document it through modern technological means. The best way to do this is by Language documentation which may include among others, making talking dictionary.

Goa university proposes to hold a two-week long workshop on language documentation where we intend to give training to the participants in field-data collection, sifting the data, storing and labelling on computer, taking pictures, recording voices and ultimately uploading the material on computer or mobile phones to generate an interactive user-friendly talking dictionary. The workshop will also include familiarizing the participants with Oral tradition of Goa and will train the participants to document it. The intended workshop will outreach interested participants from Language departments, Computer science, Social Science, and Anthropology. The aim of the course is to give training in eliciting spoken language data within Goa and documenting it according to the specifications laid down by the UNESCO.

Who can join the workshop?

Researchers and Teachers from colleges affiliated to the Goa University and the faculty of the Goa University

Any pre-requisites?

Interest in language, oral tradition, culture, anthropology, and ecology in general and specifically of Goa. Familiarity with phonetic transcription is desirable. Candidates will be required to bring in their own laptops.

How long is the Workshop?

Two-weeks long with Saturday and Sunday off for data collection

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