

# **‘Grammar Writing & Dictionary Making’ workshops begin at KU**

**Srinagar, Nov 12:** A series of two workshops on the themes “Grammar Writing in the Languages of Jammu and Kashmir” and “Dictionary Making in the Languages of Jammu and Kashmir” started here at University of Kashmir on Monday

The workshops are being conducted by the Department of Linguistics, University of Kashmir, in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru, in connection with the Scheme for the Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages--an initiative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

The inaugural function was presided over by Professor Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir.

The other dignitaries in presidium included the Professor G. Rao, Director, Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) and Professor Umarani Pappuswamy, Professor cum Deputy Director, CIIL, Professor Aejaaz Mohammed Sheikh, Head, Department of Linguistics, University of Kashmir and Professor Adil Amin Kak, former head, Department of Linguistics, University of Kashmir.

The book “ Reflections on the Science of Language” edited by Professor Aejaaz Mohammed Sheikh and Dr. Ranjit Singh Rangila in honour of Professor A. R. Fatihi, was also released on the occasion.

While delivering his Presidential remarks, the Vice Chancellor highlighted the scope of carrying out research on the endangered languages of Jammu and Kashmir.

Chief Guest on the occasion, Professor D. G. Rao, commended the Department of Linguistics, University of Kashmir for its excellent work.

Professor Aejaaz Mohammed Sheikh, Head, Department of Linguistics, University of Kashmir formally welcomed the guests.

Professor Umarani Pappuswamy spelled out the objectives of the workshop and highlighted the achievement of the projects under Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages (SPPEL).

Dr Javid Aziz Bhat presented the vote of thanks while the proceedings were conducted by Dr Sheeba Hassan.