UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURE AND LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

DR. ANVITA ABBI (PADMA SHRI)

Dr. Anvita Abbi (PADMA SHRI), Retired Professor of Linguistics, INU, is currently Adjunct Professor of Linguistics, Simon Fraser University, B.C. Vancouver, Canada and Visiting Professor at Goa University. She has been a Guest Scientist at Max Planck Institute of Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany, Visiting Professor in the University of Wuerzburg, Germany and Essex University, U.K. and a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia. She also has a distinction of being a recipient of Kenneth Hale Award by the Linguistics Society of America (2015) and a prestigious Leverhulme Professorship at the University of London, U.K. (2011). UNESCO expert on language issues, she is one of the world’s most distinguished researchers on minority languages and lesser-known languages. She also has the distinction of being the only one in the vast Indian subcontinent, who has carried out first-hand field research on all the six families of languages spoken here. She identified a new language family of India, i.e. the Great Andamanese, which was corroborated by population genetics.

She has widely published in the areas of areal typology, language documentation, structures of tribal and minority languages, language policy and education, and analysis of ethno-linguistic aspects of language use. She has authored, co-authored and edited 18 books, in addition to over 70 articles in the areas of Linguistics published in national and international research journals.

Topic: "What Does Indian Linguistic Diversity Tell Us?"
Venue: Conference Hall, Faculty of Social Sciences
Time: 11.30 am

Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Vice-Chancellor will preside

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