Report on Kannada Natural Language Processing
held on 25th February to 1st of March, 2014

LDC-IL has organized 5 day Training Programme on Natural Language Processing in collaboration with SVP institute of Kannada studies, Mangalore University, Mangalore. This programme was held in SVP Institute of Kannada Studies.

The programme was inaugurated on 25th of February by Prof. A Murigeppa, Former Vice-chancellor of Kannada University, Hampi. He had given keynote address. Presidential address was delivered by Prof. Sabiha, the chairperson of the department. This programme was felicitated by Mrs. Vijayalaxmi F. Patil, Sr. Research Assistant, LDC-IL, CIIL, Mysore.

There were 48 participants. Majority was from Kannada and Computer Science Department. This programme was divided in four sessions. It was started from 10.30 am. Followed by tea break and lunch break intervals up to 4.00 pm. The session lectures covered core Linguistics, Computational Linguistics and NLP.

On the first day Mr. Amom Nandaraj, working as a lecturer at LDC-IL, CIIL, Mysore delivered a talk on LDC-IL activities, Mrs. Vijayalaxmi F. Patil delivered lecture on Introduction to NLP. Mr. M. Mohamed Yoonus, working as a senior lecturer took class on Corpus and Corpus Processing Tools.

On 26th of February, first class was started at 10.30 am, Prof. A Murigeppa delivered a lecture on Phonology, Mr. Sambamurthy, Asso. Prof. delivered lecture on Kannada grammar. On the same day Asst. Prof. Dr. Govind had delivered two lectures on text-to-speech and speech synthesis.

On 27th of February, first lecture was given by Prof. Sabiha on basic Kannada morphology and 2nd class was taken by Mr. Amom Nandaraj on Corpus Linguistics: A General Introduction. 3rd class was on basic Kannada syntax by Prof. Sabiha. Last class was taken by Mr. Amom Nandaraj on syntax.

On 28th encoding class was taken by Mr. N Rajesh, working as a lecturer at LDC-IL CIIL, Mysore. Mrs. Manasa working as a Senior Research Assistant at LDC-IL, CIIL, Mysore spoke on Transliteration. In the second half morphological analyzer, POS Tagging with practical class was taken by Mrs. Vijayalaxmi F. Patil.
On last day i.e. on 1\textsuperscript{st} of March 2014, two classes were taken on Machine Translation and Word-Net by Prof. Rajendran S, Retd. Professor, Amrita University, Coimbatore. After these two classes feedback was taken from trainees and finally we had valedictory function in the afternoon. This function was chaired by Prof. Rajendran S. and Mr. Chinnappa Gouda, a Dean and senior professor of the SVP Institute of Kannada Studies, Mangalore University, Mangalore. About 4-5 Students shared their experience in this occasion. Mrs. Vijayalaxmi F. Patil and Prof. Sabiha had shared their feelings during the conduct of NLP Training programme as they were the co-ordinators of this programme, this programme came to an end by the vote of thanks given by one of the student of this Kannada department Ms. Jeevana Kumari. Valedictory function was anchored by Ms. Tanmaya a student of SVP Institute of Kannada Studies.