General Comments, Courses and Enrolments.

The Department is mainly concerned with the Old and Middle Indo-Aryan languages, i.e. Sanskrit, Pali and Prakrit. The three-year course concentrates on Sanskrit, while the four-year honours course includes the study of Pali, Prakrit, Vedic and more difficult philosophical and Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit texts. Seminars on Chinese and Tibetan Buddhist texts are held for postgraduate students.

A three-year and an Honours course in Hindi is also offered under the auspices of this Department. In addition to fluency in spoken and written Hindi - the official language of the Republic of India - the course provides a strong background in the culture of Hindi-speaking people. An optional component of readings from Urdu literature is available, which this year was taken by 7 students enrolled in Hindi II and Hindi III.

Literary Persian is offered as a single unit, but it may not be taken in the first year. In the beginning of this year four students enrolled in this unit, one as a M.D.N.E., but two withdrew and one sat for the final examination.

The total enrolment comprised one part-time M.A. candidate and 35 undergraduates (as at 30 April 1975). Out of this enrolment of 35, 29 sat for the final examinations.

Student Participation.

Once every term this year a meeting was convened of the Departmental Committee which consists of the 6 members of academic staff and 6 students. The discussion at these meetings mainly centered on methods of assessment.

Post-Graduate Work.

Three staff-candidates are engaged in research towards a Ph.D. degree. One full-time Ph.D. student took up his scholarship in September.

Staff
Professor and Head of the Department
J.W. de Jong, Ph.D. (Leiden)

Reader
Luise A. Hercus, M.A. (Oxon)
Senior Lecturer:

T. Rajapatirana, M.A. (Ceylon), Ph.D. (A.N.U.,)

Lecturers:

R.K. Barz, B.A. (Arizona); M.A. (Chicago); Ph.D. (Chicago)

Senior Tutors:

Bhikkhu T. Rahula, B.A. (Ceylon); M.A. (Benaras); Ph.D. (Delhi)
Y.K. Yadav, B.A., B.Ed. (Agra); M.A. (Aligarh)

Research-Assistant (part-time)

(Mrs.) S.M.,M. Loofs

Staff Movements

The appointment of Dr. Rahula expires on 31 December 1975. Despite strong representation by the Head of the Department, the Standing Committee of the Board of the School of General Studies has informed the Department that it cannot approve the continuation of the post after 31 December 1975. For this reason it is becoming increasingly difficult to offer such a wide range of options as has been possible in the past.

Staff Activities and Research

Professor J.W. de Jong was informed by the Secretary General of the International Association of Sanskrit Studies that he was elected by acclamation a member of the Consultative Committee of that Association at its meeting on 13 June 1975.

Professor J.W. de Jong was awarded a Leverhulme Visiting Fellowship to spend three months in India. He is attached to the Benares Hindu University during November and December 1975 and January 1976. Apart from giving various lectures, he will study the traditional methods of teaching Sanskrit.

Mrs. L.A. Hercus continued work on Aboriginal languages in the north of South Australia under a grant from the A.R.G.C. and she also took part in an expedition with the South Australian Museum to study sacred sites in the Simpson Desert.

She accepted an invitation to lecture to students in the Department of Linguistics, S.G.S.

Dr. R.K. Barz's Hindi I course reached completion and has been distributed in unpublished bookform to the students in Hindi I as well as to other interested persons. It is hoped that the course textbook will be distributed to the 1976 students with Hindi sentences as well as the English materials in typed form. As soon as the textbook has been fully typed, a publisher will be sought. Only the delay in the arrival of a devanagari typewriter is holding up the final typing of the book.
Work has also progressed in the preparation of course textbooks for Hindi II and Hindi III. The preparation of a brief survey of the history of Hindi literature has advanced to the point that it seems very likely that it can be used in the 1976 Hindi II course as background material.

In addition to the above-mentioned preparation of course textbooks, several talks accompanied by slides were given through the year to the pupils of Canberra primary schools. The talks were on Indian temples, showing with slides the development of Hindu temples from ancient times to the present and stressing the nature of the Hindu temple as the personal house of a Hindu god, and on Indian festivals, showing with slides the purpose of festivals in Hindu India and the ways in which they are celebrated.

Dr. Barz’s book The Epakti Sect of Vallabhaśānyya has been fully completed and will be coming out very soon from Thomson Press in New Delhi.

Dr. T. Rajapatirana is engaged in editing the Tibetan translation of the Jātākamālā. He also was invited to give talks to some Primary and Secondary Schools in Canberra. His talks dealt with Buddhism and Buddhist Festivals.

Dr. T. Rahula has almost completed his thesis consisting of a translation of a collection of Pali stories written in Ceylon, the Rasavāhini.

Mr. Y.K. Yadav attended the 11th AULLA Workshop on Language Learning and Teaching, held in Sydney in August 1975, where he gave a talk on the teaching of Hindi by video-tape. Mr. Yadav will use the summer vacation period to further his research on the Poet Kumbhakandāsa, spending some time in India.

Dr. Barz, Mrs. Hercus and Mr. Mayrhofer have been meeting regularly once a week throughout the year to read Gujarati.

Publications:


Review of M.K. Verma, The Structure of the Noun Phrase in English and Hindi (Delhi, 1971) - ibid., pp.492-494


Review of Shashi Kant, Khāravela and Asoka (Delhi, 1971) - ibid., pp.333-334.


* Former member.
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