Endangered South Asian Languages in a Digital Age

In today’s polarised world, it is important to recognise the role native cultures play in promoting and safeguarding indigenous identities and languages. This panel will bring attention to the vulnerable languages of South Asia spoken by a few hundred, and those that might disappear in another few years. The gravity of the situation will centre concern around the measures states need to take in order to enlist, recognise, and document these languages in order to preserve their respective integrities. For example, saving endangered languages is now made easier through digital media. The panellists will, hence, also explore the various mediums/digital tools that may be used by the state and civil society for the preservation of these dying and disappearing languages.

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