Twenty first century begins with convergence of technologies and consequent process of globalization. Information Technology has been instrumental in accelerating the process of economic growth.

In our multi-lingual country, efforts have been made towards developing requisite technologies to support Indian Languages since mid-1970’s. The Ministry of Information Technology (MIT) has launched major initiative in the form of Technology Development of Indian Languages (TDIL) programme during 1990-91. Now these efforts are being consolidated towards facilitating the process of transfer of the technologies for Indian languages to industry. This is being organized through the forthcoming Language Technology Business Meet being held during Nov 2001.

I hope this Meet will be a milestone towards accelerating the process of prototyping and commercialising of Language Technologies for the benefit of people at large. This issue of the Newsletter VishvaBharat@tdil gives details on available technologies and their aspirants. This will be useful to the technology developers in academia/R&D institutions and industry.

We would welcome suggestions for making this event more purposeful and effective.

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