

Call for Bids: SPELLL 2026 and 2027

We invite proposals from interested parties to host the upcoming SPELLL Conference, scheduled for 2026 and 2027. SPELLL is a prominent conference in the field of Speech and Language Technology, especially for low-resource languages. Previous SPELLL conferences have been successfully hosted by reputed institutions across India, consistently attracting researchers from many countries (https://spelll.org/). The event will be held at a venue that can accommodate a diverse range of attendees and activities related to the conference theme "Low Resource Languages".

Conference Description and Objectives

In a world where internet usage is escalating and most global languages have transitioned smoothly into the digital age, the plight of approximately 10000+ languages, especially regional and low-resource ones, is often overlooked. These languages, lacking in technological development, face the imminent threat of extinction. SPELLL-2025 aims to counter this by congregating researchers worldwide who specialize in these low-resourced and minority languages. The goal is to foster the development of speech and language technologies to preserve the linguistic and cultural heritage of these languages.

- Exploring challenges in creating speech and language resources for lowresource languages.
- Advancing research in speech and language technology tailored to these languages.
- Developing and implementing appropriate language technology models for low-resource languages.
- Encouraging the integration of multimodal and generative technologies to enhance NLP capabilities.
- Creating a collaborative platform for researchers from low-resource language communities around the globe.
- Establishing and ensuring ethical research and development practices that guarantee unbiased and fair outcomes.

Key Details

All the accepted papers presented at the previous SPELLL conferences and workshops were published in the Scopus indexed Springer series: Communications in Computers and Information Science (**Springer-CCIS**).

Event Dates: Preferably June/August/December 2026 and 2027

Even Duration: 3 days

Location: Anywhere in the world

Expected Attendance: 70 in person attendance and around 50 papers

Requirements for Bid

1. Auditorium: A capacity of 150 for main sessions.

- 2. Conference Room: A capacity of 30 for parallel sessions. Note: Live streaming for online participants
- 3. Tentative Conference Dates
- 4. Experience: Previous experience in hosting similar conferences or events (as Chair or Co-chair)
- 5. Sponsorship: Possibilities to get sponsorship from industries or hosting institutions.
- 6. Budget Proposal: Itemized budget including food (working lunch) on conference days, Registration kit, Mementos and any additional costs.
- 7. Journals: Any Journal Special issue proposed. Details of the journal with impact factor.
- 8. Photography: A college photographer to cover the events.
- 9. Registration Kit: For in-person conference participants, chief guests, and speakers.
- 10. Online Sessions: Zoom links for parallel online sessions (including 3 workshops, the main conference, and tutorial sessions).
- 11. Payment Method: A college account number has to be provided for participants to pay registration fees.
- 12. Accommodation: For chief guests and speakers.
- 13. Participant Accommodation: Limited accommodation for participants (costs to be covered by participants, just the availability needs to be arranged).
- 14. Local organizing committee details
- 15. Necessary institutional permissions for conferences

Submission Deadline

Please submit your bids by 16th December, 2025

Contact Information: For questions or to submit your proposal, please contact us at *m_anandkumar@nitk.edu.in* or *bharathib@ssn.edu.in* or *rajalakshmi.r@vit.ac.in*

We look forward to receiving your proposals and collaborating to make this conference a huge success!