Dogri NLP Workshop Report (P.G. Department of Dogri, University of Jammu, Jammu) 7th to 9th of January, 2013

The workshop on introduction to NLP for Dogri was organized by LDC-IL in collaboration with the P.G. Department of Dogri, University of Jammu, Jammu. The workshop was organized from the 7th to 9th of January, 2013, at the seminar hall of the Urdu Department, Jammu University. There were five hour sessions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m daily with two tea breaks of 15 minutes in between and a lunch break from 1pm to 2pm. There were totally 45 participants excluding the department staff, presenters and helpers. The participants were from various departments including Dogri, English, Hindi, Urdu and Computer Science and IT.

The first day started off with an inaugural session graced by the Vice Chancellor of University of Jammu, Prof Ishwar Singh then a welcome speech delivered by the Head of the Dogri Department, Prof Shiv Dev Singh Manhas. This was followed by an introductory speech delivered by Atreyee Sharma, who briefed the audience on the workshop. Senior professor of the Dogri department and head of the department of Punjabi Prof Archana Kesar also spoke a few words. The workshop sessions started with a talk on Introduction to NLP given by Venkatesan. M., from CIIL Mysore which was followed by a tea-break before the next session. The next two sessions before and after lunch was taken by Shahid Bhatt from LDC-IL on Artificial Intelligence and NLP.

The second day was devoted to two extensive lectures on Corpus linguistics and its relevance for the field of NLP by Atreyee Sharma. This was followed by a lecture on POS tagging by Dr.Richa from LDC-IL followed by a small assignment on POS tagging for the participants to tag a few words in Dogri.

On the third day Thennarasu Sakkan from LDC-IL spoke on Morphology and Morphological Analysers/Generator. This was followed by a session by Vadivel A again from LDC-IL on the tools of LDC-IL. During this session he gave a demonstration of the Speech and POS segmentation and annotation tools and also the corpus related tools on Transliteration and KWIC-KWOC.

The workshop ended with a valedictory session after tea wherein the Head of the Dogri Department, Prof Shiv Dev Singh Manhas, Senior Lecturer/ JRO, LDC-IL, Atreyee Sharma and Head of the department of Punjabi, Prof Archana Kesar spoke a few words about the experience of the workshop and distributed the certificates to all the participants. The workshop concluded with a feedback session and unanimous appeal by all the participants to have similar workshops again in the future. Finally, Sunil Choudhary presented the vote of thanks on behalf of LDC-IL.