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**Tibeto-Burman languages of North-East India
with reference to Manipur**



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North East India can be called as a mini-India because of its diversities in language, culture, ethnicity, etc. The region has three major language families, namely, Tibeto-Burman, Austro-Asiatic and Indo-Aryan with Tibeto-Burman being the largest group spread across eight states. Most of these languages are undescribed and several are endangered. Manipur is home to many Tibeto-Burman languages with several degrees of endangerment, most of which are less-studied and low-resourced. In this talk, I will describe the linguistic scenario of Manipur with special reference to the Tibeto-Burman languages, discuss the status of language documentation and description, and emphasise the need to conserve, protect and promote these languages for both scientific and community use.

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