



### **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://spell.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 low-resource 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 2026 and 2027

**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 was 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 organising committee details
15. Necessary institutional permissions for conferences

**Submission Deadline:**

Please submit your bids by 20th Feb-2026 .

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