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## Preface

Welcome to the Second Workshop on Bangla Language Processing (BLP 2025), collocated with IJCNLP-AACL 2025 and hosted in Mumbai, India.

In this edition, the program is rich and varied, featuring a keynote talk, four paper presentation sessions, and one poster session.

For the regular workshop track, we received 55 submissions. Each paper was rigorously peer-reviewed by two to three expert reviewers in the field. From these submissions, 32 papers were accepted, 20 of which were selected for oral presentation. We note that this distinction reflects scheduling and thematic considerations rather than any difference in quality between oral and poster presentations.

The workshop also featured two shared tasks: (1) Task 1: Hate Speech Detection, and (2) Task 2: Code Generation. Both tasks were well received, with robust participation. For Task 1, we had 161, 103, and 90 team registrations for Subtasks 1A, 1B, and 1C, respectively, culminating in 20 system description papers. For Task 2, we had registrations from 71 teams, culminating in 16 system description papers.

Each system description paper for the shared tasks was peer-reviewed by at least two expert reviewers. The proceedings include these system papers along with two comprehensive overview papers, which will be presented in an oral session at the workshop.

We were fortunate to secure sponsorship funding for the workshop, which has been instrumental in subsidizing registrations for students and aspiring young researchers.

Finally, we would like to thank all contributing authors and the 91 members of the Program Committee for their dedication and for providing high-quality reviews in a timely manner.

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## Keynote Talk

# Data'r Panchali: The Changing Landscape of Bangla NLP

Monojit Choudhury  
2025-12-23 09:10:00 - 09:50:00 –

**Abstract:** Over the past three decades, Natural Language Processing technologies in Bangla have made remarkable progress. The advent of generative AI has accelerated this journey, leading to impressive breakthroughs across multiple domains. Yet, two profound questions persist. First, what tangible benefits do these advances bring to Bangla speakers? Who stands to gain and who remains excluded? Second, has the technological gap between English (and other high-resource languages) and Bangla truly narrowed, or has it quietly widened?

Ultimately, both the triumphs and the shortcomings of Bangla NLP trace back to one fundamental factor: the availability and absence of data. In this talk, I will explore these questions through both empirical analysis and personal reflection, examining how data shapes access, equity, and innovation. I will conclude with a discussion of some intriguing possibilities: how generative AI might illuminate deeper questions about culture, linguistic diversity, and the evolving identity of Bangla itself.

**Bio:** Monojit Choudhury is a Professor of Natural Language Processing at the Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI) in Abu Dhabi. His research sits at the intersection of language technology and society, with a particular focus on how foundation models learn and (mis)represent linguistic and cultural diversity, and how to design fair, inclusive language technologies for low-resource and marginalized languages. Prior to joining MBZUAI, he was a principal researcher at Microsoft Research India from 2009 to 2022 and a principal applied scientist at Microsoft Turing (part of Microsoft India Development Center) from 2022 to 2023. He also serves as adjunct faculty at the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (since 2017). Professor Choudhury is the general chair of the Panini Linguistics Olympiad (India's national linguistics Olympiad) and founding co-chair of the Asia Pacific Linguistics Olympiad. He is deeply committed to popularizing linguistics and natural language processing among schoolchildren and non-experts, often through carefully designed puzzles and problem-solving activities.



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15:35 - 16:00 *Coffee Break*

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