

# A Bridge too far : functional grammar and Traditional grammar in school Education.

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In this era of computer revolution, the development and standardisation of Tamil grammar are dreams yet to be concretised. This paper tries to bring out the nuances of the development and standardisation of functional grammar in contrast to the traditional grammar which is being taught in the schools. Grammar is taught not for the application of it for the day today use but for fulfilling the three objectives, namely,

1. to introduce the great grammatical traditions
2. to introduce the grammar of literature and
3. to encourage creative writing.

The unfortunate state of affairs is that the objectives failed miserably and alternatively could not impart the skill of basic language skills even. In the context of need for multimedia packages, what is necessary is a standardised functional grammar. This paper is to bring some features of it.