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## FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S DESK



► Dr. Dharmaraj Adat

Etymologically the word Renaissance means re-birth. The historians use the term to designate various epochs in human history where cultural, religious or other revival took place. However, specifically speaking, renaissance is a term denoting the sociological and philosophical doctrines that developed in Europe (primarily in Italy) at the time of the decline of feudalism and the emergence of bourgeois society from 13th to early 18th centuries. Being in a system of views based on respect for the dignity and rights of man, his values as a personality, concern for his welfare, his all round development and the creation of a favourable condition for social life, it proclaims the slogans liberty, equality and fraternity.

From the end of the 18th century to the mid 19th century, India had been moving through a perplexing wallow of cultural ideals. During this period, infinite number of persons and organizations contributed to the surge of social and cultural awakening among the ordinary Indians leading to the growth of a nationalist consciousness, which culminated in the country's freedom struggle. A waving fret of European ideas and ideals that rushed in the train of British supremacy was all that was necessary to sweep India's old cultural moorings.

Major studies reveal that the Indian Renaissance is the result of Western education in India and the influence of Western thought among the learned. However, the modern studies reveal that the truth is beyond the previously mentioned Euro-centric studies. Superstitions and evil customs were questioned by great social reformers through the arguments based on the traditional discourses.

Sanskrit language and literature had always been looked upon for inspiration for the ideals of freedom, equality and social justice. Thus we created a democratic secular socialist republic India. The Constitution of India is framed on ideals that enhance our duty in protecting India's diversified culture.





▶ Prof. N. V. P. Unithiri receiving the D-Liitt degree from the Chancellor Justice (Retd) P Sathasivam



▶ Padmashri Kalamandalam Gopi receiving the D-Liitt degree from the Chancellor Justice (Retd) P Sathasivam



▶ Prof. M. K. Sanoo receiving the D-Liitt degree from the Chancellor Justice (Retd) P Sathasivam

## AWARDING

### PADMASHRI KALAMANDALAM GOPI, PROF. M.K. SANOO, PROF. N.V.P. UNITHIRI HONoured WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS D-LITT DEGREE

Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit conferred its esteemed D.Litt degree on Padmashri Kalamandalam Gopi, Prof. M.K. Sanoo and, Prof. N.V.P. Unithiri. The honorary degree is bestowed on Padmashri Kalamandalam Gopi for his contributions towards performing arts, Professor M.K. Sanoo for Literature and Professor N.V.P. Unithiri for Sanskrit.

The prestigious degree is bestowed on the recipients by the Kerala Governor and Chancellor of Universities Justice (Retd) P. Sathasivam.

“The influence of globalisation have caused the death of many dialects, so the effective academic involvement of universities is required to respond to such losses,” said Kerala Governor and Chancellor of Universities P. Sathasivam at the special convocation held at Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit in Kalady to confer honorary D-Litt degrees to the maestros of literature and art on 23rd of October.

Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat presided over the function. Pro-Chancellor and Kerala state Higher

Education Minister Dr. K.T. Jaleel was also present for the event. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Ravikumar and Registrar Dr. T.P. Raveendran also shared the dais. The members of the Syndicate and members of the Academic Council were also part of the academic procession. Extolling the contributions made by litterateurs Prof. N.V.P. Unithiri, Prof. M.K. Sanoo, and kathakali exponent Kalamandalam Gopi to the cultural scenario of Kerala, the Governor said their works are real treasures in the cultural history of Kerala.



► Academic procession



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► The Chancellor Justice (Retd) P. Sathasivam speaking at the Special Convocation ceremony.

Professor N.V.P Unithiri is a renowned Sanskrit scholar who has several books and translations works to his credit. He was the former head of Sanskrit Department, Calicut University and, the first Principle Dean of Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit. Prof. Unithiri has also served as the Director of Kerala Bhasha Institute. He has received Puthazhan Award for his work Pracheena Bharatheeya Darshanam; Abudabi Sakthi Award for his book titled Vrukshayurveda Grandhanga; and Kerala Sahitya Academy Endowment Award for his work Vydikam. He has to his credit about 100 titles, is still a forceful writer and an energetic Sanskrit Language Scholar. Prof. Unithiri is at present doing the herculean task of translating Rigveda to Malayalam which would indeed enrich the Malayalam literature.

Padmasree Kalamandalam Gopi is a distinguished Kathakali artist who is noted for his exceptional expertise in romantic and dramatic portrayal of the Pachcha roles in Kathakali. The Government of India honored him with the civilian award of Padmasree in 2009. He is better known as a 'total artist' in the artistic circles. His performance as King Nala, Bhima, Arjuna, Dharmaputhra and the like earned him great appreciation

and he turned to be an unquestionable master in Kathakali. His performance as Roudra Bhima remains unparalleled in the history of this classical art. Critics of Kathakali evaluate Kalamandalam Gopi as an incarnation of discipline in body-movements and facial expressions. A documentary film on his life on and off stage was directed by Adoor Gopalakrishnan and produced by the Film Division of Government of India. The film won critical acclaim and secured National Awards. He is bestowed with Kerala Kalamandalam Award, Sangeeta Nataka Academy Award (New Delhi), Kerala Sangeeta Nataka Academy Award, Padma Shree, Kalidasa Samman etc. At present Kalamandalam Gopi is the most sought after artist in Kathakali.

Professor M.K. Sanoo, is a celebrated Malayalam literary figure, scholar, and an admirable teacher. Prof. Sanoo has authored over thirty-six books. Popularly known as a 'The Acharya of Acharyas', he is among the most celebrated senior critic who played an important role in reshaping the outlook towards literature. He is a righteous social and political activist, and is a permanent member of International body for Human rights. The contributions he made

as a member of Kerala Legislative Assembly is highly commendable. In 2011, Prof. Sanoo is awarded with the prestigious Padmaprabha Literary Award. He is also the recipient of Kendra Sahitya Academy Award, Kerala Sahitya Academy award, Vayalar Award, and Ezhuthachan Puraskaram. The conferment of such significant literary awards on him reflects the reverence and recognition accorded to him by Kerala as well as the nation.

The Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, has so far honored six scholars (Prof. K.P. Narayana Pisharody, Prof. M.H. Shastri, Padmasree Mohanlal, Padmasree Resul Pookutty, Prof. R.Vasudevan Potty, Prof. Venkataraja Sharma) through the conferment of the Honorary Degree of D.Litt. Those honored by the University have either contributed to the popularisation of Sanskrit or upheld the beauty and greatness of Sanskrit in their writings or performances.

# K.H. Hussain bestowed with Dr. Pradeepan Pambirikunnu Memorial Award



▶ The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat honouring K.H. Hussain.

The varsity conferred its prestigious ‘Mathrubhasha Puraskaram’ (Dr. Pradeepan Pambirikunnu Memorial Award) for the year 2018 on K.H. Hussain for his contribution towards Malayalam language.

K.H. Hussain is an acclaimed researcher and documentation specialist, retired from Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI). He is also the founder of Malayalam unicode font ‘Rachana’. He is notable for the standardisation and modernisation of Malayalam computer script. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat conferred the award during a

function held here in association with the Kerala Piravi (Kerala Formation Day) celebrations. Registrar Dr. T.P. Raveendran presided over the function. Dr. Lissy Mathew, Professor, Department of Malayalam who had won the 2018 Folklore Academy award is also honoured during the function.

The administration staff P.B. Sindhu and V.C. Rajan received accolades for their flawless Malayalam usage in handling administration files. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor awarded P.B. Sindhu and V.C. Rajan with certificate of excellence and cash prize.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ravikumar delivered the keynote address; Dr. Sunil P. Elayidom, Professor, Department of Malayalam, delivered introductory address. Finance Officer T.L. Suseelan, Dr. Valsalan Vathuserry, Head, Department of Malayalam, Joint Registrar K.A. Yusuf, Assistant Registrar Sughesh K. Divakar also spoke during the event. As an end-note to the function, different cultural programmes were staged by various academic departments. The play ‘Kakarassi’ was staged by the students of Dance Department.



▶ The university community taking the oath on Kerala Formation Day.

## Vishnumoorthy theyyam adorns the cultural heritage at Kannur airport



► Vishnumoorthy Theyyam at Kannur International Airport.

The artistically designed Kannur International Airport Limited (KIAL) adorns the cultural heritage, uniqueness and beauty of Malabar. Among the many art-forms at the airport, the mammoth mural relief of Vishnumoorthy theyyam done by the Fine Arts Consortium of the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit becomes the lodestar of attraction.

The mural relief, sized 60x80 feet, which bedeck the passenger terminal is now a favored selfie spot for

the travellers. “The varsity is proud of this mural relief as it is likely to create a record for being the largest mural relief of theyyam”, says Dr. Dharmaraj Adat, Vice-Chancellor.

The mural was first made in concrete and cement, which makes it a 3-inch thick base. In the second phase, acrylic colours were added to the base relief. Later, the gold coloured jewellery in the mural was covered with brass and the cowrie as well as the other silver coloured ornaments of the theyyam was covered

with aluminium. The varsity’s Fine Arts Consortium team led by Saju Thuruthil, Head, Department of Fine Arts, completed the mural relief in four months’ time at a cost of INR 20 lakh. Former fine arts students of the university Diljith, Vishnu, Sujith and Sreenoj were part of the team. The university is presently associating with the airport authorities to set-up more such art-form that intends to capture the cultural legacy of north Kerala at large.

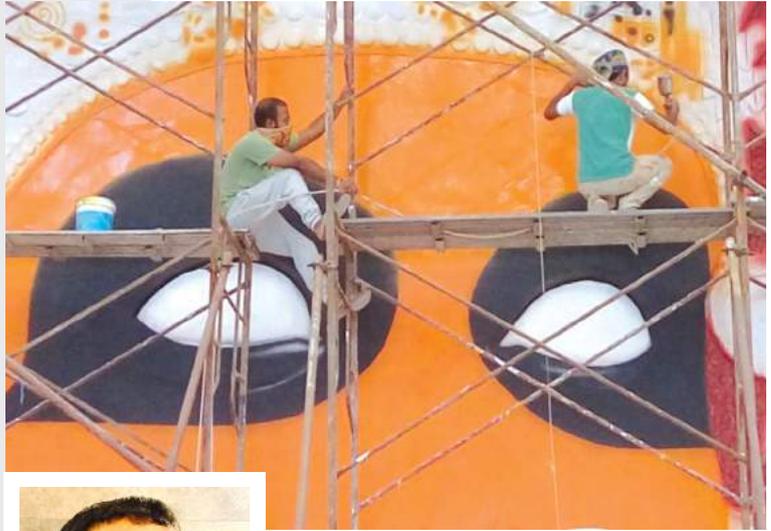


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- Dr. Dharmaraj Adat, Vice-Chancellor.

**Fine Arts Consortium:**

Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit’s Fine Arts Consortium has been taking up many such projects periodically to support students get a firsthand knowledge and participation in field of their expertise. “This particular Vishnumoorthy Theyyam project earned the Consortium INR 20 lakh of which 20 per cent is for the university. A good percentage of the money was given to the students involved in the project. The aim is to give students exposure to big projects and artworks,” says Saju Thuruthil. Furthermore, the Fine Arts Consortium is preparing to engage talented students in the varsity as well as the alumni in the upcoming major projects. Such involvements will encourage the students to find careers in the field of the studies, reassuring them to sustain their creative pursuits.



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► Saju Thuruthil



► Fine arts students working on the mural relief of Vishnumoorthy Theyyam.

## Initiatives to help rebuild flood affected Kalady Panchayat



► Adv. K. Thulasi speaking during the inaugural ceremony

The Department of Social work, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, launched a project by the title ‘Punarbhavam’ to help rebuild Kalady panchayat, one of the local bodies worst-affected in the inundation. ‘Punarbhavam’ aims at establishing a plan document for capacity rebuilding of the flood-hit panchayat and improving its measures for more adaptable flood prevention systems. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat inaugurated the project. Adv. K. Thulasi, President, Kalady Grama

Panchayat chaired the inaugural ceremony. Seventeen wards of the panchayat were severely affected by the floods. The floods affected a wide section of people from all walks of life. Almost all institutions, including the panchayat office, Krishi Bhavan and the police station were affected. The project is scheduled to be conducted in different phases; the first phase will include surveys undertaken directly by the students to identify the aftermath of the floods and how the inundation hindered the normal livelihood of the people.



► Prof. David Weberman

## Prof. David Weberman on “Emotional Truth Revisited”

The Department of Philosophy organised a lecture on ‘Emotional Truth Revisited’ as a part of the lecture series ‘Global Thought’. Prof. David Weberman, Department of Philosophy, Central European University, Hungary delivered the lecture. Prof. Abey Koshy, Head, Department of Philosophy, Sree Sakaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, chaired the session.

Prof. Weberman, a reputed scholar in Phenomenology, Hermeneutics and Existentialism, said “In the history of mainstream thought, emotions have never been accorded the status of truth. Emotions were castigated from public life of mankind. Thus, they could survive only in literature and art. When emotions are elevated to the realm of truth, aesthetics becomes the first philosophy rather than ontology.”

## Varsity donates INR 1.12 crore towards CM's relief fund



► Vice-Chancellor handing over the cheque to the Chief Minister

Despite being the lone higher education institution in the state to have suffered massive losses (over 7 crore) in the August flood, the varsity community was generous and socially committed to donate copiously to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund. The varsity community contributed a sum of INR 1,12,99,926 as the first instalment of donation.

The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat handed over the cheque to the Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Ravikumar, Registrar Dr. T.P. Raveendran, Syndicate Members K.G. Ramadasan, Prof. K.K. Vishwanathan, Finance Officer T.L. Suseelan were also present during the function.



► Dr. Ashok Aklujkar

## Lecture series on 'Sanskrit and Language Studies'

The Department of Sanskrit Sahitya organised an extension lecture series on the topic 'Sanskrit and Language Studies' at University auditorium on 29th of November. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat inaugurated the lecture series. Dr. Ashok Aklujkar, Emeritus Professor, Bristish Columbia University, led the lecture on the said topic. "Sanskrit is a global language, its closeness can be found not just in Indian languages but reflects in other foreign languages as well", said Prof. Aklujkar. Dr. V.R. Muralidharan, Head, Department

of Sanskrit Sahitya chaired the session. Dr. C.M. Neelakandan, Prof. Chandrashekar Nair, Dr. Vishnu Namboodiri, Dr. T. Mini, Dr. K.A. Raveendran, Dr. Reeja B. Kavanal, Dr. K. Yamuna also spoke during different sessions.

## Department of Sociology organises 45<sup>th</sup> annual meet of KSS



▶ Prof. Rajan Gurukkal speaking during the inaugural ceremony.



▶ Prof. Surinder S Jodhka



The Department of Sociology conducted the 45th annual meet of Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) at the Public Utility centre of Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit on 9th of November. The annual meet also incorporated a three day national conference on the theme 'Sociology, Society and Social Engagements'.

Professor Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chairman, Kerala State Higher Education Council, inaugurated the function. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat was the chief guest and Dr. Antony Palackal presided over the function.

KSS is an organisation of Sociologists from Kerala, formed in 1971 to promote teaching and research

in Sociology and to hoist the status of the profession. More than 500 delegates from all over the nation participated in the conference. The topic 'Sociology Society and Social Engagements', accepts greater scope and significance in the neo-liberal context wherein education and academia driven by market forces are largely privatised and commoditised and therefore guided by utility syndrome. At this juncture, the national conference was indeed a revisit to the societal engagements and interventions of the discipline of Sociology at the intellectual, academic, professional and social fronts.

Dr. K.G. Dilip, Head, Department of Sociology, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, addressed the delegates through a welcome speech. Prof. Surinder S. Jodhka, Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU, delivered the keynote address on the conference topic. Prof. V.G. Gopalakrishnan, Member of Syndicate and Professor, Department of Hindi delivered the felicitation speech. The Secretary of KSS Dr. Uthara Soman presented the annual report of KSS. Dr. Biju Vincent, Vice President, KSS and Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, delivered the vote of thanks.

## Mohanlal's Vishwasanthi Foundation distributes apparels for flood affected students



► Padma Shri Dr. Mohanlal

Padma Shri Dr. Mohanlal Vishwasanthi Foundation, named after his parents, in collaboration with the textile conglomerate Seemati distributed coupons to flood affected

students of the Sree Sakaracharya University of Sanskrit. Chalakudy MP Innocent was the chief guest. More than 150 students benefited from the coupons worth INR 5000 which can be redeemed for garments from Seemati textiles. Mohanlal, MP Innocent and, Seemati Chairperson Beena Kannan distributed the coupons during a function held

at the varsity's public utility auditorium. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat presided over the function. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Ravikumar, Registrar Dr. T.P. Raveendran, Students Services Director Dr. P. Unnikrishnan also attended the function.

## World mental health day observed



► Vice-Chancellor speaking during the inaugural session.

The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat inaugurated the one-day seminar organised by the Department of Psychology in connection with the observance of World Mental Health Day on 10th of October. Prof. Razeena Padmam, Former Director, School of Behavior Science, MG University, delivered the keynote address. Prof. H. Sylaja, Head, Department of Psychology, delivered the presidential address. Prof. K.K. Viswanathan, Syndicate Member, delivered the felicitation. The following sessions conducted discussions on topic like 'Young people and Mental Health', 'Mental health – a definition', 'Reflections of mental disorders in movies', 'How to improve mental health' etc. The seminar also included interactions with panel of experts.

## Inter-Centre Badminton Championship



► Winner of the inter-centre badminton championship

The inter-centre championship 2018 for the men's and women's categories was held at Kalady main campus. Kalady main centre team won the first prize and Koilandy regional centre team won the second prize for the men's category (doubles). Whereas, Kalady main centre team secured the first prize

and Thiruvananthapuram regional centre team secured the second prize for the women's category (doubles) respectively. For men's category (singles), Deepak Suresh of Kalady campus bagged the first position and Vijay T. Pradeep of Kalady campus bagged the second position. For women's category

(singles), Mumeena Manika of Kalady campus bagged the first position and Arya S. Kumar of Kalady campus bagged the second position. The Students Services Director Dr. P. Unnikrishnan distributed the prizes for the winners.

## Dainik Bhaskar donates books for Hindi library



► Hemraj Mahathou handing over the books to the Vice-Chancellor

The deluge that ravaged Kerala in the month of August had caused extensive destruction to the Hindi department library. The Hindi department library was the most affected, over 1000 books and 75 journals (including back volumes) quoted at INR 7,50,000 were completely soiled. Many measures were taken since then to replace the lost books. The National Hindi daily Dainik Bhaskar handed over a huge collection of books which they had gathered for the university as a post-flood relief. Dainik Bhaskar representative Hemraj Mahathou handed over the books to the Vice-Chancellor during a function held here. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Ravikumar, Syndicate Member Prof. V.G. Gopalakrishnan, Dr. Shanti Nair, Head, Department of Hindi, Dr. P. Ravi, Former Head, Department of Hindi were also present.

## Department of Sanskrit Nyaya conducts classes on 'Pralayananthara Jeevitham Oru Santhwanam'



▶ M.K. Rajendran conducting class during the session

The department of Sanskrit Nyaya organised post-flood relief classes on the theme 'Pralayananthara jeevitham oru santhwanam'. Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) extension faculty member M.K. Rajendran led the classes held at the university

public utility auditorium. Prof. K K Ambikadevi, Head, Department of Nyaya, Dr. K.M. Sangamesan, Dr. V.K. Bhavani, Dr. Saritha T.P., Dr. K.C. Renuka also took part in the session.

## Refresher course for faculty members

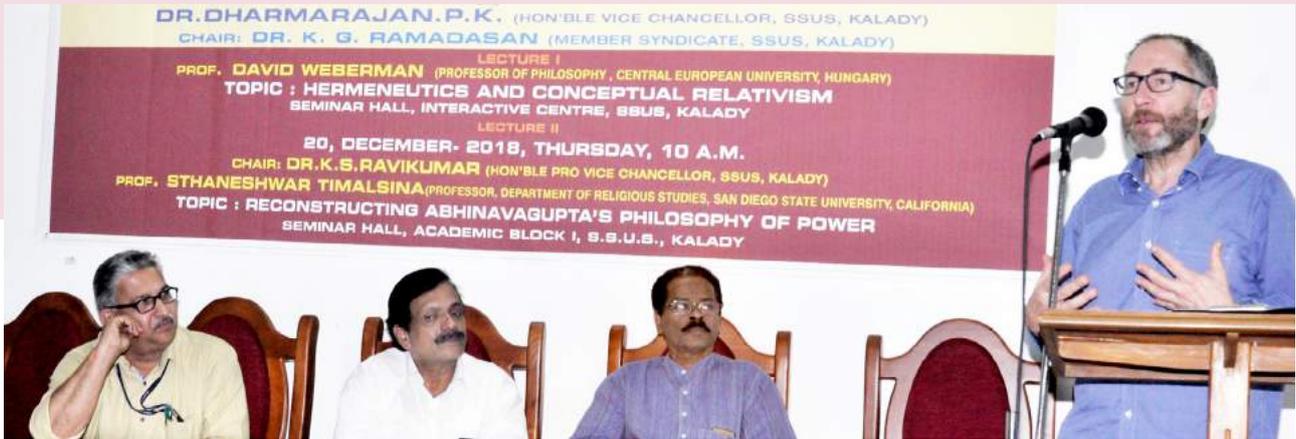


▶ Dr. Rajan Varghese speaking during the inauguration ceremony.

Sree Sankaraharya University's Strengthening of Sanskrit division organised the second phase of the refresher course 'Punarnav' for the faculty members. Dr. Rajan Varghese, Member Secretary, Kerala State Higher Education Council, inaugurated the session. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat delivered the

presidential address. Registrar Dr. T.P. Raveendran, Syndicate Members Dr. M. Manimohanam, Dr. K.G. Ramadasan, Dr. T. Mini, Finance Officer T.L. Suseelan, Dr. K.V. Ajithkumar, Nodal Officer, Strengthening of Sanskrit, Dr. K. Ambikadevi also spoke during the function.

# International lecture series on “Hermeneutics and Conceptual Relativism”



▶ Prof. David Weberman speaking during the lecture session.

The International School for SreeSankaracharya Studies (ISSS) organised its first international lecture of the lecture series on 18th of December at the University Headquarters, Kalady. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat

inaugurated the lecture series. Prof. David Weberman, Professor of Philosophy, Central European University, Hungary delivered the first lecture on the topic “Hermeneutics and Conceptual Relativism”.

## ‘Bhasha, Sahityam, Samskaram Edangal Edapedalukal’



▶ Pro-Vice-chancellor Prof. K.S. Ravikumar speaking at the function

The department of Malayalam conducted a three-day long national seminar on the topic ‘Bhasha, Sahityam, Samskaram – Edangal Edapedalukal’. Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Anil Vallathol inaugurated the seminar. “Periodic changes needs to be reflected in language based researches. Researches in languages calls for a facelift in terms of methodologies and perceptions”, says Prof. Anil Vallathol. Dr. Valsalan Vathuserry, Head,

Department of Malayalam, presided over the inaugural session. Dr. P Pavithran, Professor, Malayalam Department, delivered the keynote speech. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. K S Ravikumar was chief guest during the closing ceremony. The Malayalam Department professors Dr. K R Sajitha, Dr. N Ajaykumar, Dr.Sunil P Elayidom also spoke during the function. More than 35 research scholars from different universities presented papers during the three days seminar.

# INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER



▶ Students during the field visit to SC colony in Neduvannor, Nedumbaserry gramapanchayat. The areas were severely affected by the august floods.



▶ Dr. Pallassana R. Balagopal

A four-day long international workshop in the topic Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was conducted by the department of Social Work from 19th of December to 22nd of December. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat inaugurated the workshop. Dr. Pallassana R Balagopal, Professor Emeritus (Social Work), University of Illinois delivered the keynote address and led the training sessions. Dr. Reshma Bharadwaj, Head, Department of Social Work, delivered the presidential address.

The main objectives of the programme were to equip the students and faculty of Department of Social work to execute PTSD interventions, to identify the individuals and families having the symptoms of PTSD as well as to make interventions to the significant individuals and families to trounce the psychological dilemmas induced by flood.

## Conference on “Periyar – Deluge and People”



The Department of Geography, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit conducted a one day conference in association with Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad (KSSP), Ernakulam District Committee. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat inaugurated the conference on the theme “Periyar – Deluge and People” at the University auditorium on 18th of October. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S Ravikumar delivered the keynote address.

Dr. C. Jayaprakash, Former Director, Geological Survey of India, presented a paper on ‘Geo-Physical Uniqueness of the River Periyar’. Dr. T. S. Saju, Head, Department of Geography, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit spoke on ‘Land use Patterns of Periyar River Basin’. Dr. Chandramohan Kumar, Professor, Marine Sciences, Cochin University of Science and Technology detailed on the ‘Bio-Physical characteristics of the Periyar Basin’.



# ‘ASWAMEDHAM’ Leprosy Eradication Programme

The Department of Social Work in collaboration with Primary Health Centre, Kalady launched Kerala Governments’ Leprosy Eradication Programme – ‘aswamedham’ for Kalady area. The students actively joined with the ASHA workers to identify and rehabilitate leprosy patients across Kalady Grama Panchayat.

## National Human Rights Week observed



The Payyanur Regional Campus, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit observed National Human Rights Week from 10th of December to 13th of December. The celebrations were organised by Social Work Organization for Research and Development (SWORD). “Identity Questions & Human Rights: Narratives from Kerala” was the theme of the three day programme. The renowned documentary director Aneez K. Mappila delivered the keynote address. Social Activists Kunhikrishnan, K. Sahadevan, Riya Isha, Geetha Vazhachal spoke during different sessions on topics like Human Rights and Adivasi life, Environment, Identities and Human Rights, Human Rights and LGBT, and Forest Rights and Human Rights.

## Human Rights Day celebration & SWAS inauguration



▶ Nalini Jameela speaking at the interactive session

The Department of Social Work celebrated Human rights day and inaugurated the activities of Social Work Students Association (SWAS) for the current academic year. Maya Krishna, Lawyer & Activist inaugurated the programme. An interactive session on 'Human Rights – Law & Justice' was also organised as a part of the inaugural session. Nalini Jameela, writer and human rights activist, was the chief guest. Dr. Reshma Bharadwaj, Head, Department of Social Work, presided over the programme. The South Asia Laadli media Award winners of 2018, Dr. Reshma Bharadwaj and Nalini Jameela were honored during the function.



The Department of Social Work in collaboration with Primary Health Centre, Kalady observed World Aids Day. The flash mob and street play performed by the MSW students against the stigma and discrimination that still persist in the society towards HIV+ve people became the major attention of the programme. Dr. Pushpa V.V, Chief Medical Officer, Kalady, spoke on 'Social stigma against HIV affected community'.

## Three-day national seminar on “Krishna sobti ka avadan”



▶ Prof. Thankamaniamma speaking during the inaugural ceremony.

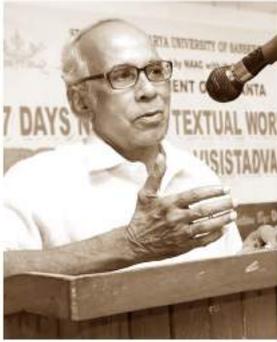
The Department of Hindi, Regional Campus, Ettumanoor, organised a three-day national seminar on 'Krishna Sobti ka avadan' (2017 Njanpeeth winner Krishna Sobti) at the Ettumanoor campus on 13th of December to 15th of December. Prof. Thankamaniamma, Former Head, Department of Hindi, University of Kerala inaugurated the seminar. Prof Shasi Mudiraj, Former Head, Department of Hindi, Central University

Hyderabad was the Chief Guest. Prof. Shanti Nair, Head, Department of Hindi, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit delivered the presidential address. Prof. Arjun G. Chavan, Former Head, Department of Hindi, Shivaji University, Kolahpur delivered the keynote address. Dr. Babu Joseph, Member of Syndicate, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit delivered the felicitation speech. Furthermore, there was a special lecture by Dr. Latha P, Former Head, Department of

## National textual workshop on 'Dvaita and Visistadvaita'



▶ Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat delivering the inaugural speech



▶ Prof. K.N. Neelakantan Elayath



▶ Dr. E.K. Rethesh



▶ Prof. S. Padmanabhan

The department of Sanskrit Vedanta conducts a 7 Days National Textual Workshop on Dvaita and Visistadvaita. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat inaugurated the workshop on 28th of December at Kalady main campus. Dr. K. Muthulekshmi, Head, Department of Vedanta chaired the inaugural session.

Prof. S. Padmanabhan, Head, Department of Sanskrit, University of Madras delivered the keynote address. "A comprehensive knowledge of Advaita, Dvaita and Visistadvaita is essential for attaining the real Upanisadic knowledge", opined Prof. Padmanabhan during his speech. Prof. K.N. Neelakantan

Elayath, Former Professor, University of Calicut and Former Director, Adayar Library and Research Center delivered the introductory address.

The different sessions on 'Dasaparakarana of Madhava' were led by Dr. Anandathirtha Nagasampige, Director, Poornaprajna Samsodhana Mandir, Bangalore, Dr. B.V. Venkataramana, Dean, Faculty of Sasthra, Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bangalore and Dr. V.N.K. Panduranga, Director, Dvaita Vedanta Study Centre, Mysore. Lectures on different topics of the text Yatindramatadipika were delivered by Prof. V. Vasudevan, Department of Nyaya, Regional Campus, Sree Sankaracharya University

of Sanskrit, Thiruvananthapuram and Dr. E.K. Rethesh, Associate Professor, University College, Thiruvananthapuram. A discussion on the 'Major Concepts of Advaita, Dvaita and Visistadvaita' was headed by Dr. V. Ramakrishna Bhatt, Visiting Professor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit. The valedictory session was chaired by Dr. M. S. Murleedharan Pillai, Dean, Faculty of Indian Metaphysics. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. S. Ravi Kumar delivered the valedictory address and distributed the certificates to the participants. Dr. M. Manimohanam, Member Syndicate delivered the felicitation speech.



▶ Dr. Sunil P. Elayidom



▶ Dr. K. Muthulakshmi



▶ Dr. P.V. Narayan

▶ Dr. N. Ajaykumar

## Aesthetics Thought and Discourses in Malayalam

The Department of Sanskrit Vedanta, Sree Sankaracharya University, Kalady, in association with URU Art Harbour, Kochi and the cultural organisation Sahapedia organised lectures on the topic 'Aesthetic thought & discourses in Malayalam' in the month of October and November at URU Art Harbour, Kochi. Dr. P.V. Narayanan, Professor, Sree Sankaracharya University spoke on 'Indian Aesthetics'. Dr. N. Ajayakumar, Professor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit spoke on 'Classical Art Forms of Kerala and Indian Aesthetic Traditions', Dr. P.S. Radhakrishnan,

Professor, M.G. University, Kottayam spoke on 'Malayalam Literary Criticism and Kuttikrishna Marar' and Dr. Sunil P. Ilayidom, Professor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit spoke on 'Art and the new world: Aesthetic Concept of Kesari A Balakrishnapillai' during the lecture series conducted in the month of October.

Dr. C. Rajendran, Visiting Professor, Sanskrit Sahitya, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, spoke on the topic 'Tradition and Modernity in the Aesthetic Thoughts of M.P Sankunni Nair'. Dr. T.T. Sreekumar,

Professor, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad spoke about 'M. Govindan and Modern Sensibility in Kerala', Dr. K.G. Paulose, Former Vice-Chancellor, Kerala Kalamandalam spoke on 'Visual Art Forms of Kerala', Dr. T.V. Madhu, Professor of Philosophy, Calicut University spoke on the topic 'Leftist Turns in Artistic Thoughts', during the lecture series conducted in the month of November. Research scholars from institutions across India took part in the lecture series.



### ▶ Training Programme On Mental Health - 'Karuth'

The department of Social Work, Payyanur Regional Campus, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit organised a training programme on mental health - 'Karuth'. Class 11th students of Kottapuram Government Higher Secondary School Nileschwaram, Kasaragod. Prof. K P Jayarajan, Chairman, Nileschwaram municipality inaugurated the programme.

## Rolf Killius on Ethnomusicology

The cultural organisation Sahapedia, Centre for Intangible Heritage Studies, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit and Department of Music, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, jointly conducted a talk on ‘Ethnomusicology’. The renowned ethnomusicologist and oral historian Rolf Killius led the session. Rolf Killius is a consultant (museums, exhibitions, and media), oral historian, exhibition curator, ethnomusicologist at MMus SOAS, London University. He was the Curator and Media Producer for the Indian Music Experience (IME) at Brigade – India’s first experiential music museum in Bangalore.



▶ Music concert by the famous musician Dr. Pantula Rama organised by the Department of Music at Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady campus. Accompanying artists for violin - M.S.N Moorthy and Mridangam - Dr. Palakkad K. Jayakrishnan

## National conference on ‘Mudiyetu’



▶ Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat delivering the inaugural speech.

The Centre for Intangible Heritage Studies, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, conducted a one-day national conference on ‘Mudiyetu’ at the university interactive centre on 21st of December. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat inaugurated the conference. “Decisions have been made to start different courses at the

varsity related to intangible heritage studies”, says Dr. Adat during the inaugural speech. Kerala Folklore Academy Programme Coordinator P.V. Lovelin was the chief Guest. Dr. B. Venugopal, Honourary Director, Centre for Intangible Heritage Studies chaired the conference. Registrar Dr. T.P. Raveendran and Finance Officer T.L. Suseelan delivered

the felicitation talks. ‘Mudiyetu’ artists from across Kerala took part in the conference. A.K. Madhu, Head, Department of Theatre, Dr. T.G. Jyothilal, Coordinator, Centre for Intangible Heritage Studies also spoke.

## Dr. Pradeepan Pambirikunnu Memorial programme

The Department of Malayalam organised a one-day commemoration talk and seminar in connection with Dr. Pradeepan Pambirikunnu memorial programme. Famed Carnatic vocalist and socio-political activist T.M. Krishna delivered the commemoration talk. “The idea of beauty comes from one’s social constructive field. Listening, understanding and seeing is what exactly that describes beauty, and this beauty is what is in teaching”, says the Ramon Magsaysay Award winner T.M. Krishna.

The prominent activist Sunny M Kapikad delivered the remembrance talk on Dr. Pradeepan Pambirikunnu. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat was the Chief Guest, Dr. Valsalan Vaduserry,



▶ T. M. Krishna speaking at the event.

Head, Department of Malayalam chaired the programme. Dr. Neena Prasad, Ramesh Varma, and Shibu Muhammed presented papers on the topic ‘Classical art-forms and

contemporary society’. Dr. Sunil P. Elayidom, Ajaykumar N, Preeya S, Dileepkumar K.V. also spoke during the function.



▶ The varsity staged Ramon Magsaysay Award winner T.M. Krishna’s music concert in connection with its Silver Jubilee year celebrations on 17 th of December. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat, Registrar Dr. T.P. Raveendran, Dr. Babu Joseph, Syndicate Member and Silver Hubilee Celebration Committee Chairman also spoke.



### Nature Camp

The department of Social Work, Payyanur Regional Campus, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit conducted a three-day long nature camp for MSW students at Eravikulam National Park. The nature camp was organised in collaboration with Kerala Forest and Wild Life.

## UNMASKING WEST BENGAL'S 'PURULIA CHHAU'



► 'Purulia Chhau' performance at the university Koothambalam.

The Department of Dance staged West Bengal's much famed traditional art-form 'Purulia Chhau' at the university Koothambalam. The semi-classical dance form incorporating martial, tribal, and folk

traditions is staged in association with the Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth (SPICMACAY). The huge and colorful masks forms an integral part of the art-form, the

movements replicate the chores of the villagers and community celebrations. The 16 member team from West Bengal performed episodes from the legendary story of 'Mahishasuramardini'.



### ► **Odyssey of Bhasa's Epic play Urubhangam**

The Department of Theatre in connection with the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the University performed Mahakavi Bhasa's play 'Urubhangam' at the University Koothambalam. On popular demand, the play was staged twice on consecutive days. The play was directed by the Dr. N. Shibija, Lecturer, Department of Theatre. The renowned theyyam/thira artist Nitheesh Peruvannan performed the main character role of Duryodhana. Urubhangam focuses on the story of Duryodhana and Bhima during the Mahabharatha fight. The play stages different presentation of Duryodhana wherein he is given more human qualities and emotions.

## Three-day international conference on 'Science and Technology in Sanskrit'



▶ Dr. Christophe Vielle speaking during the inaugural session.

The Research Forum Sahitya and Department of Sanskrit Sahitya jointly organised a three-day international conference of the topic 'Science and Technology in Sanskrit' on 13th of November to 15th of November at University main campus. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat inaugurated the conference. Dr. C. Rajendran, Dean, Faculty of Sanskrit Literature, Sree Sankaracharya University of

Sanskrit presided over the function. Dr. Christophe Vielle, Professor, Oriental Institute, University of Louvain, Belgium, was the Chief Guest. The Vice-Chancellor honoured the Presidential Award holder Dr. P.C. Muraleemadhan during the function. Dr. Adat released the book titled 'Scientific Realm in Sanskrit'. The first copy of the book was handed over to Dr. Muraleedharan. Registrar

Dr. T.P. Raveendran, Syndicate Members Dr. T. Mini, Dr. V.G. Gopalakrishnan, Dr. M. Manimohan also shared the dias. Dr. B Chandrika, Director, International School for Sree Sankaracharya Studies, Dr. V.R. Muralidharan, Head, Sanskrit Sahitya, Dr. K.M. Sangamesan, Jenji M. also spoke during the function.

Eminent scholars from across the country took part in the conference. Some of the key speakers were Dr. K Murali, Professor, Department of Kayacikitsa, Government Ayurveda College, Kannur, Dr. J.S.R. Prasad, Professor, Department of Sanskrit Studies, University of Hyderabad, Dr. T.V. Venkateshwaran, Scientist, Vighyan Prasar, New Delhi, Dr. Padmodaya Sarma, Professor, S.V. Agriculture University, Tirupati, Dr. Anil Pratap Giri, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Pondicherry University, Dr. N.K. Sundareswaran, Professor, Head, Department of Sanskrit, University of Calicut, Dr. C.N. Vijayakumari, Director, Centre for Vedanta Studies, University of Kerala.

### Outcome Based Education (OBE)

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and NAAC Cell jointly organised an Orientation Programme on 'Outcome Based Course Restructuring & NAAC Re-Accreditation Framework' on 3rd of November at the university auditorium. Dr. N. Sreekumar, Professor, IIT, Chennai, led the sessions. The IQAC also organised a three day workshop on 'Redesigning of Courses for Outcome Based Education (OBE)' on 12th to 14th of November in collaboration with Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC). Prof. N.J. Rao and Prof. Rajanikant were the Resource persons.

### Scientific writing workshop

The Department of Social Work organised a one-day workshop on 'Scientific Writing' for MSW final year students. Dr. Bindu K. C., Assistant Professor, Gender Studies Programme, School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University, led the training session. The workshop was conducted as an immediate outcome requirement of the course. The session included 'Art and science of scientific writing' in order to equip the students to handle dissertations and other articles independently.

## National Workshop on 'PHILOSOPHY & AESTHETICS OF ABHINAVAGUPTA'



▶ Prof. Navajeevan Rasthogi delivering the keynote speech

The Department of Sanskrit Sahitya, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, conducted a three-day National Workshop on the topic 'Philosophy and Aesthetics of Abhinavagupta' on 1st of November to 3rd of November at the University auditorium. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat inaugurated the seminar. Prof. Navajeevan Rasthogi delivered the keynote speech on the topic 'Philosophy and Aesthetics of Abhinavagupta'. Dr. V.R. Muraleedharan, Head, Department of Sanskrit Sahitya, presided over the inaugural ceremony. Dr. Adat released the book titled 'Prathyavamarsham' written by Dr. V. Niramala. The first copy of the book was presented to Prof. Rasthogi. Dr. P.C. Muraleemadhavan, Dr. K.M. Sangamesan, Dr. K.A. Raveendran, Dr. C. Rajendran, Prof. Sachidhananda Mishra, Dr. P.V. Ramankutty, Prof. K.P. Kesavan, Dr. C.M. Neelakandan, Dr. K.P. Sreedevi also spoke during different sessions.



▶ Dr. Valsalan Vathuserry

Dr. Valsalan Vathuserry, Head, Department of Malayalam, is bestowed with the prestigious Appan Thamburan Award for his novel 'Vishamavritam'. The award is for the category 'Best Malayalam Novel'.



▶ Dr. Biju Vincent

Dr. Biju Vincent, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, is bestowed with 'Young Sociologist 2018' award instituted under the name Prof. Jacob John Kattakayam by Kerala Sociological Society (KSS).



▶ P. Asokan inaugurating the cleaning camp

## NSS Conduct Cleaning Camp

Kanjoor Grama Panchayat is among the most affected by the August floods. Initiatives are taken from different fronts to reinstate Kanjoor back to pre-flood state. The National Service Scheme (NSS), Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady units, Kanjoor Grama Panchayat sanitation committee, and resident associations jointly organised cleaning camps on Gandhi Jayanti day. P. Asokan, Chairman, District Health Education Standing Committee inaugurated the programme. M.K. Lenin, Secretary, Kanjoor Panchayat, Albin Antony, Kanjoor Panchayat Member, T.P. Saritha, Programme Officer, NSS, Jose Panikulangara, President, Sauhritha Residence Association also took part in the function.

Dr. Reshma Bharadwaj, Head, Department of Social Work, won the The South-Asia Laadli Media Awards for Gender Sensitivity 2018 in 'Book - Non Fiction' category. Her book is an English translation of Nalini Jameela's 'Romantic Encounters of a Sex Worker'. The Laadli Media Awards, recognize and celebrate the efforts of those in media and advertising who highlight pressing gender concerns.



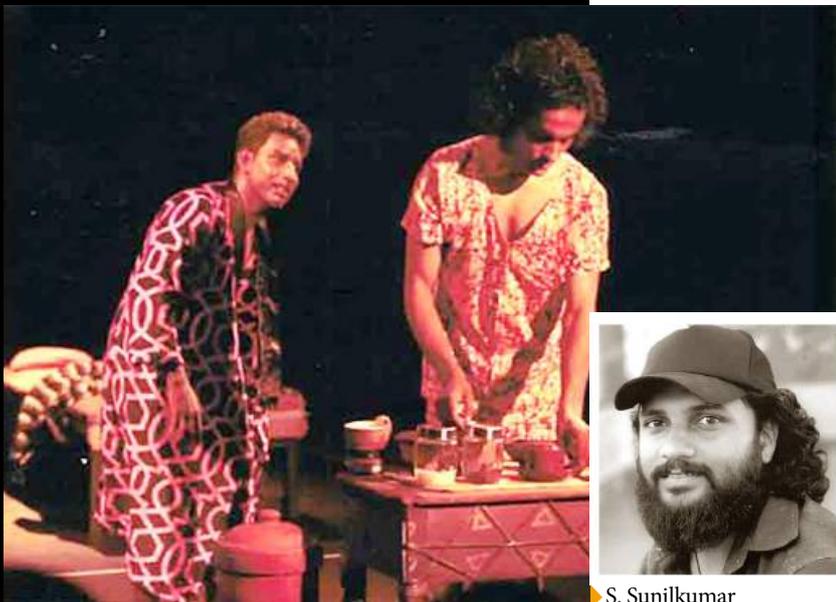
Dr. Sunil P. Elayidom

Dr. Sunil P. Elayidom, Professor, Department of Malayalam is awarded with the All India Malayalee Association Award for Public Intellectual 2018, C.K. Vishwanathan Smaraka Award 2018, Chintha Raveendran Award for Public Intellectual 2018, M.N. Vijayan Memorial Award 2018, Safar Hasmi Award for Public Intellectual.



Dr. C. Venugopalan Nair, prominent dancer, Assistant Professor, and Former Head, Department of Bharatanatyam at Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit performed the Thunjath Ezhuthachan's Harinamkeerthanam in dance-form. This is for the first time the dance adaptation of Harinamakeerthanam is been performed. The performance was staged at Melpathur auditorium, Guruvayur. The income generated from the performance is decided to be donated to the Chief Minister's flood relief fund.

## 'Maze' Entered Into Big League



S. Sunilkumar

The silent play 'Maze' was recently selected for the Bharath Rang Mahotsav conducted by the National School of Drama set to be held in the month of February 2019. 'Maze' is directed by S. Sunilkumar third semester PG student, Department of Theatre, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kadalay. The 75 minutes long silent play talks about the relationship of an old man and boy. The play depicts how thoughts of an individual shape the different phases of a relationship. Midhun Shambhu and Rakesh Pallashery, both students of the Department of Theatre, portray the main roles. The light, music and art departments of the production are handled by Anoop, Sharath Akshay, Manu and Abin, all of them are students of theatre department.

## Ph.D Awadees ( October-December -2018 )

### Anjana G.T

Topic of Research: "ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS IN PRAKRTI VILASA OF KRISHNA MURTI SASTRI" (Sanskrit Sahitya)

Research Supervisor: Dr. V.N Damodaran Unni, Retired Professor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Regional Centre, Koyilandy.

### Arun Jaganathan V.R

Topic of Research: "THE SOCIO-CULTURAL DIMENSIONS OF PARASURAMA MYTH" (Sanskrit Sahitya)

Research Supervisor: Dr. Sangamesan K.M, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit Sahitya, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.

### Mary Reema

Topic of Research: "സ്മൃതിചരിത്രനിർമ്മിതി:കർത്യത്വവും ലിംഗപദവിയും മലയാള സാഹിത്യ ചരിത്രങ്ങളിൽ" (Malayalam)

Research Supervisor: Dr. Sajitha K.R, Associate Professor, Department of Malayalam, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.

### Niveditha O.P

Topic of Research: "THE CONTRIBUTION OF P.C. VASUDEVAN ELAYATH TO SANSKRIT STUDIES" (Sanskrit Sahitya)

Research Supervisor: Dr. K.R. Ambika, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit Sahitya, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Regional Centre, Thrissur.

### Sangeetha P.K

Topic of Research: "SAMKALEEN NATAK MEIN DALIT SAMVEDANA" (Hindi)

Research Supervisor: Dr. Sunitha Gopalakrishnan, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.

### Smitha C.R

Topic of Research : "മലയാളത്തിലെക്കുള്ള നോവൽ: വിവർത്തകമാരുടെ സ്വത്വപരിണാമം" (Malayalam)

Research Supervisor: Dr. Prameela K.P, Teacher in-charge, Centre for Translation Studies, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.

### Anitha A.

Teacher In-charge, Department of Social Work is awarded PhD on the topic "IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON ADOLESCENT CHILDREN" from M.G University, Kottayam.

### Jubimol K.G

Topic of Research: "WOMEN, NATURE AND CONSCIOUSNESS: AN ECOFEMINIST READING OF SELECT AMERICAN WOMEN'S FICTION" (English)

Research Supervisor: Dr. Nisha Venugopal, Associate Professor, Department of English, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.

### Meenu. V

Topic of Research: "URBANIZATION AND ITS IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS OF MARADU MUNICIPALITY, ERNAKULAM DISTRICT, ERALA STATE" (Geography)

Research Supervisor: Dr. Lancelet T.S, Professor, Department of Geography, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.

### Rajasree E.R

Topic of Research: "CONTINUITY AND CHANGE:THE CASE OF ARAYA FISHING COMMUNITY IN KERALA" (Sociology)

Research Supervisor: Dr. Dilip K.G, Head, Department of Sociology, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.

### Seena T.V

Topic of Research: "AAPAATKKAAL PAR AADHARIT HINDI UPAN-YAS: EK ADHYAYAN" (Hindi)

Research Supervisor: Dr. V.G. Gopalakrishnan, Professor, Department of Hindi, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.

### Shilpa N.S

Topic of Research: "DHVANI SIDDHANTE VYAKARANA DARSANASYA PRABHAHAHA" (Sanskrit Vyakarana)

Research Supervisor: Dr. Sajitha K.R, Associate Professor, Department of Malayalam, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.

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