

शाङ्करी



# ŚĀNKARĪ

SREE SANKARACHARYA UNIVERSITY OF SANSKRIT QUARTERLY NEWS BULLETIN



VOLUME- 5, ISSUE- 3  
JULY - SEPTEMBER -2018



## COVER STORY

Pg. 03

ALL INDIA SANSKRIT  
UNIVERSITY  
VICE-CHANCELLORS' MEET

Pg. 09

THE DELUGE THAT SHOOK  
SREE SANKARACHARYA  
UNIVERSITY OF SANSKRIT

Pg. 15

"PRIORITY IS TO REINSTATE  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS"  
- MINISTER Dr. K T JALEEL

Read On..



SREE SANKARACHARYA UNIVERSITY OF  
SANSKRIT KALADY KERALA - 683 574

PHONE: 0484 2463380

Email: pro@ssus.ac.in

Web: www.ssus.ac.in

## EDITORIAL BOARD

### CHIEF ADVISOR

**Dr. DHARMARAJ ADAT**

Vice-Chancellor

### CHIEF EDITOR

**DR. T P RAVEENDRAN**

Registrar

### EDITOR

SWATHI P M

Public Relations Officer

### COORDINATOR

**DR. T K MOHAMMED SAGEER**

Senior Publication Officer

### MEMBERS

**DR. T S SAJU**

Director, IQAC

**DR. V R MURALEEDHARAN**

Head, Department of Sanskrit Sahitya

**DR. V A VALSALAN**

Head, Department of Malayalam

**DR. SHANTI NAIR**

Head, Department of Hindi

**DR. RESHMA BHARADWAJ**

Head, Department of Social Work

**DR. JENNY RAPPAL**

Head, Department of English

**T S SAJU**

Head, Department of Fine Arts

## FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S DESK



► Professor Dharmaraj Adat

Unity – a symbol of Kerala's resilience. After the southwest monsoon and the ensuing floods heaved the state into disarray, the focus is now on building Nava Kerala. The Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit is also on its phase to overcome the decisive moment.

The flood taught us the lessons of unity – the ultimate survival competency. I hope our society will uphold this new found solidarity, unanimity and morale. The murky flood waters receded... academic sessions begun... the konch-chime of unity reflects the walls of the varsity. It is a long road ahead for Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit to restore the flood-battered varsity to normalcy. The university, I say this with confidence, will use the setback for a paradigm shift in the approach to academic and infrastructural expansion.

The high-spiritedness in academics, developed during the post flood spell has given the university community the vitality for survival. The culture of academics and researches should be preserved at its glory for the new horizon. Liberating and disseminating the gathered knowledge is the ultimate mission of any higher education institution. Our message to the community will complete only if we retain Kerala's socio-cultural cosmos.

Quoting a stance from the Rigveda as an endnote to this message.

संगच्छध्वं संवदध्वम्  
सं वो मनांसि जानताम्

Assemble together, Speak together  
Let your minds be all of one accord





► Padma Bhushan Prof. Satya Vrat Shastri, inaugurating the All India Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellors' meet at Kanakadhara Auditorium.

## SREE SANKARACHARYA UNIVERSITY OF SANSKRIT HOSTS ALL INDIA SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY VICE-CHANCELLORS' MEET

Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit hosts All India Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellors' meet on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of August at the university campus, Kalady. The conference served as a platform for exchanging ideas, experiences, and eloquent deliberation for the effective co-ordination of Sanskrit education and research across the country.

The legendary Sanskrit scholar, Padma Bhushan Prof. Satya Vrat Shastri, inaugurated the All India Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellors' meet at Kanakadhara Auditorium. The Vice-Chancellor presided over the forum, scheduled as a part of the University's Silver Jubilee year celebrations. The function organised All India Sanskrit University

Vice-Chancellors meet on 6<sup>th</sup> and National conference on the topic 'Sanskrit in Contemporary India -Problems and Prospects' on 7<sup>th</sup> August.



► Prof. PiyushKant Dixit, Vice-Chancellor, Uttarakhand Sanskrit University, Haridwar speaking at the inaugural function

Prof. V Muraleedhara Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Vice-Chancellor, Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Nagpur, Prof. S Ramaratnam, Vice-Chancellor, Jagatguru Kripalu University, Orissa, Prof. PiyushKant Dixit, Vice-Chancellor, Uttarakhand Sanskrit University, Haridwar were the Sanskrit university vice-chancellors who attended the forum. Dr. Deepti Tripadi, Former Director, National Mission for Manuscripts, Dr. N P Unni, Former Vice-Chancellor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Prof. Ramakrishna Bhatt, Former Dean, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit presented a paper on the topic, Dr. K G Paulose, Former Vice-Chancellor, Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed-to-be-university were the other delegated who shared the dais.

The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. K S Ravikumar, University Syndicate Members Dr. Nessi Daniel, Dr. P C Muraleemadhavan, Dr. Babu Joseph, Dr. K G Ramadasan, Prof. M Manimohanan, Prof. V G Gopalakrishnan, Dr. K R Sajitha, Dr. T Mini, Registrar Dr. T P Raveendran spoke

during the forum. As an endnote to the first day's event, the celebrated exponent of Mohiniyattam, Gopika Varma performed "Namami Shankaram", a dance-form threaded on the philosophy of Advaita, propounded by Jagatguru Adi Sankaracharya.

The second day of the event accommodated paper presentations and discussions on the core theme "Sanskrit in Contemporary India - Problems and Prospects" and related topics. Dr. N P Unni, Former Vice-Chancellor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, presented a paper on the topic "Scientific literature in Sanskrit". Dr. Deepti Tripadi, presented a paper on "Sanskrit in digital age". Prof. Ramakrishna Bhatt, presented a paper on the topic "Sanskrit sources of medical science, plant science, and veterinary science". Dr. K G Paulose, presented a paper on the topic "Sanskrit and regional languages".

The National Conference took a stock of the current situation, and deliberates upon the course of actions which are necessary to restore the pristine glory of Sanskrit studies which had acquired in the past. The conference, among other matters of concern, discussed

matters of concern, discussed curriculum changes necessary to attract younger generation towards Sanskrit, methodological issues in research, scope for meaningful inter disciplinary research involving other faculties, international collaboration and interlinking of academic programs, and other urgent measures to be implemented for restoring the resplendence of Sanskrit studies in the country.

Prof. M Manimohanan, Syndicate Member and Silver Jubilee Steering Committee Convenor, presided over the concluding session, Syndicate member Prof. P C Muralimadhavan summed-up the discussions of the forum, Syndicate member Dr. Babu Joseph conveyed the vote of thanks.



► The Vice-Chancellors and the other delegatas attending the national conference



## “SANSKRIT – THE LANGUAGE OF WISDOM”, PADMA BHUSHAN PROF. SATYA VRAT SHASTRI

The renowned Sanskrit scholar Padma Bhushan Prof. Satya Vrat Shastri spoke on ‘Sanskrit in Contemporary India - Problems and Prospects’ at Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit. Sanskrit is a language of wisdom, a catalogue of art, literature, and sciences”, says Prof. Shastri during the keynote address.

Padma Bhushan Prof. Satya Vrat Shastri is a noted Sanskrit scholar, writer, critic, grammarian and poet who has three Mahakavyas, three Khandakavyas, one Prabandhakavyas and one Patrakavya and five works in critical writing in Sanskrit to his credit. The government of India bestowed him with Padma Shri in 1999, and Padma Bhushan in 2010. He has also been

honoured with prestigious Jnanpith Award in 2008 for his outstanding contribution to the enrichment of the Sanskrit language. He was the Vice-Chancellor of Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri, Orissa. Professor Shastri’s has the distinction of having been the Visiting Professor of six Universities on three Continents. Professor Shastri has also served the country as the Chairman of Central Sanskrit Commission.

Professor Shastri’s significant works are Ramakirtimahakavyam, Brahattaram Bharatam, Sribodhisattvacharitam, Vaidika Vyakarana, Sarmanyadesah Sutram Vibhati, and “Discovery of Sanskrit Treasures” in seven volumes.





► Gopika Varma's

## Namami Shankaram

Namami Shankaram, a unique and famed dance-form threaded on the philosophy of Advaita, propounded by Jagatguru Adi Sankaracharya was performed by the celebrated exponent of Mohiniyattam, Gopika Varma Namami Shankaram as an endnote to the day's event. The performance replete with Cholkettu – performed as traditional invocatory item, is a composition based on Suddha Nritta followed by Varnam

which illustrate assorted episodes of the life of Sree Sankaracharya. Further, the dance-form depicted Ar-dhanareeshwara stotram, and Soundarya Lahari, a famous literary work in Sanskrit believed to be written by Sree Sankaracharya. The performance also incorporated Bhaja Govindam, a composition by SreeSankaracharya, it's a prayer emphasizing on spiritual developments, and liberation from the cycle of birth and death.



► The Vice- Chancellors and the other delegatas attending Namami Shankaram



▶ Vice- Chancellors Dr. Dharmaraj Adat delivering the inaugural speech At the sanskrit scholarship Awarding ceremony

## VICE-CHANCELLOR INAUGURATES STATE LEVEL SANSKRIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDING CEREMONY



▶ Malappuram MLA P Ubaidulla Speaking at the inaugural ceremony



▶ Scholarship distribution - Punalur

A total of 2508 students were bestowed with Sanskrit scholarship across 41 educational districts in the state. The varsity envisage the motto 'Sanskrit to All' – propagation of Sanskrit by highlighting Kerala's unique secular Sanskrit tradition. An amount of one crore is earmarked for strengthening of Sanskrit for the year 2018-2019. The university is the nodal agency in the propagation of Sanskrit in Kerala. This year the Sanskrit scholarship scheme for meritorious students is being extended to sub district level as well. Books have been listed to be published for making Sanskrit learning easy for students and public. Special orientation programmes are organised for Sanskrit teachers in school level.

‘Sanskrit is not just a language, Sanskrit is a culture. Knowledge in Sanskrit language is indispensable to perceive about India, and her culture’, says Dr. Dharmaraj Adat, Vice-Chancellor. Dr. Adat was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the state level Sanskrit scholarship distribution for school children which is organised as a part of the Sanskrit strengthening programme.

The event is been organised as part of the silver jubilee celebrations with a mission envisaged to propagate Sanskrit education among the school children. Sanskrit scholarships were distributed to the meritorious students in Ernakulam, Aluva, Muvattupuzha, and Kothamangalam educational districts. The days’ event saw 297 scholarships distributed among upper primary, high school, and higher secondary level. The scholarships are corresponding to sums of rupees 500, 1000, and 2000. Furthermore, the Vice-Chancellor awarded course certificate for nine administrative staff who completed the certificate course in Sanskrit.

Prof. K S Ravikumar, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, presided over the ceremony.

Dr. K G Ramadasan, Syndicate Member released the book titled “Samskrita Pracharanam Keralaatil – Veluvilikalum Sadyathakalum”, by presenting it to T L Suseelan, Finance Officer. Dr. M Manimohanam, Syndicate Member, Dr K V Ajithkumar, Nodal Officer for Strengthening of Sanskrit, C A Santhosh,

Deputy Director of Education, Ernakulam District, Dr. V K Bhavani, Co-Ordinator, Ernakulam District, Dr. B Chandrika, Director, International School of Sree Sankaracharya Studies, Heads of the departments, Ruby Antony, Kalady Grama Panchayat member, K M Anjuna, Chairperson, University Union also took part in the function.

“ *Sanskrit is not just a language, Sanskrit is a culture. Knowledge in Sanskrit language is indispensable to perceive about India, and her culture, says Dr. Dharmaraj Adat, Vice-Chancellor.* ”



► Sulthan Bathery MLA I C Balakrishnan at the inaugural ceremony - Meenangadi





## BLACK AUGUST

### THE DELUGE THAT SHOOK SREE SANKARACHARYA UNIVERSITY OF SANSKRIT

Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit is perhaps the lone higher education institution in the state to suffer massive losses in the deluge. The varsity, with its headquarters at Kalady is a research hub and has state-wide jurisdiction to conduct academic programmes with eight regional campuses spread across eight districts in Kerala.

The land here at the university headquarters' premises is unevenly filled, making some places

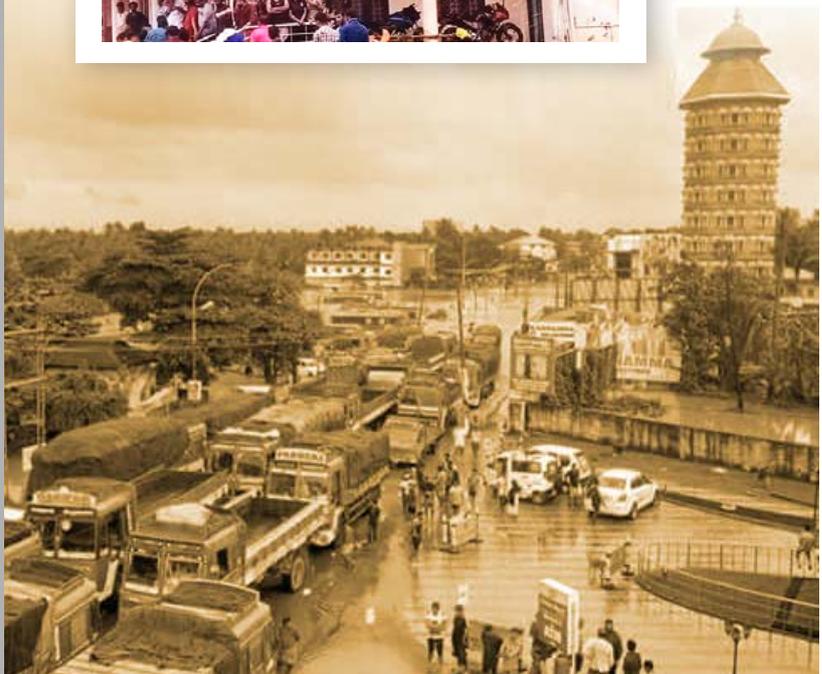
relatively low-lying. On the 15th of August 2018 afternoon the water began to rise in the nearby paddy fields and correspondingly to the uneven areas of the campus. At the time, there were more than 500 students residing in the campus hostels. By nightfall, the water level upsurged alarmingly. As instructed by the university administration, the students were shifted thrice from one hostel to another before they reached the three storied

Public Utility building which is adjacent to the MC road. The students were accompanied by a few teaching and non-teaching staff, who rendered their hands in coordination. Soon, this makeshift camp started to fill-in with local residents – including senior citizen, infants and pregnant women. People took shelter here as it is the only high-rise building and the safest place within the range. By dawn the next day, that is, the 16th of August 2018,



more than 600 people were stranded inside the building and helicopter supplies ensured their sustenance. All communications were cut-off, which created panic among the parents and guardians.

This public utility building was not an official camp, but a crisis-created makeshift camp, and therefore, lacked in the basic sanitation amenities for a camp. The availability of drinking water became a major issue; a few students took the risk and went to the nearby academic buildings to fetch drinking water. The water was neck-deep, so they had to make a raft with banana trunks and tar vessels tied together to move between the buildings. On the second day, a few locals arrived with a small wooden boat and assisted the students with a few supplies. On the 18th of August 2018, students and others were finally shifted to safer places.



# THE STORY OF SURVIVAL



► The university community cleaning the library

All the 24 buildings were flooded in the deluge. This hindered the normal functioning of the varsity and the commencement of classes had to be postponed to the 3rd of September, the actual reopening date being the 29th of August. The functioning of the whole university stalled after the floods created havoc in the entire area. According to the assessment report the institution has suffered damage to the tune of over INR 7,33,63,274 in the inundation. All the generators, control panels in the buildings, the central control panel in the electronics room and water supply systems were fully submerged. It will take at least a fortnight to clean up the administrative block filled with mud and water. Similarly, the engineering wing, Internal Quality Assurance

Cell, Kerala State Audit Department Regional office, Publications, Public Relations, International School for Sree Sankaracharya Studies, Printing Press and related machineries, career guidance cell and general store which function on the ground floor of the administrative building have been rendered dysfunctional. Nearly 60 computers which were to be distributed to various departments were damaged completely. Likewise, writing papers and other stationery items meant for distribution to the regional centres were also damaged. Eight official vehicles belonging to the university were damaged too.





When the water receded, an emergency meeting was convened to act upon how to manage the crisis. The available statutory officers, Syndicate members, teaching and non-teaching staff attended the meeting. Accordingly, the university declared the 20th of August to the 3rd of September as working days to carryout cleaning drives. There were more than 100 staff who had to sacrifice their onam holidays to attend the cleaning drives, around 20 skilled labours were hired and a few voluntary groups from different parts of the state were engaged in the restoration process. The relief works were conducted in two phases, phase one was conducted by the staff, and phase two involved staff as well as volunteers from NCC and NSS units. Considerable relief, recovery and restructuring works have been carried out during these days.

The university had to take good care regarding the amenities before the campus opened for academic functioning. Generators were hired to pump-out mud and water, a new RO (reverse osmosis) plant was installed, water treatment plants were re-commissioned, water from all usable sources were tested at government approved laboratories, the drainage system and manholes.

were cleaned and electrical works have been done on emergency pace. The university had to take precautions against the spread of infectious diseases, thus, the buildings, which includes hostels were cleaned multiple times before they were reopened to the students. Yet, it is stipulated to take more time to restore everything back to the pre-flood state.





The wall painting and the electrical works of the buildings are in progress, even on holidays. The authorities are initiating steps on what can be done to

the printing press which was damaged beyond repair. In order to bring back the University to normalcy, financial assistance is an immediate requisite.

## THE LOST WISDOM – COLOSSAL DAMAGE TO BOOKS AND RESEARCH WORKS



► Hindi department library

The varsity campus tells the tales of soiled books, lost research materials, and murky department libraries that were inundated in the recent floods. The deluge that ravaged the university headquarters at Kalady has caused extensive destruction to the university library, department libraries, and research scholars' hostels.



Koothambalam ◀



The university has lost books, journals and CDs to the tune of over INR 20,65,000. The central library lost 212 books, interactive CDs, HDDs worth INR 6,55,400. Over 250 books worth INR 6,50,000 were damaged in different department libraries. The Hindi department library is the most affected of all, over 1000 books and 75 journals (including back volumes) quoted at INR 7,50,000 were completely soiled. The International School of Sree Sankaracharya Studies lost 55 books, some of which are out of print at present.

The muddy waters not only damaged properties, but, it also swept away the dreams and hardwork of many research scholars. A few research scholars lost their certificates and other research materials from the inundated hostel rooms. "I don't know what can be done now, i lost all my research related materials. It was my four and half years of hardwork, I am supposed to submit final papers in November", says Rakhi, Research Scholar, Department of Hindi. There are many research scholars like Rakhi who needs to be burn-the-midnight-oil inorder to shred off the soiled dreams.



► Hindi department library





## “PRIORITY IS TO REINSTATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS”, SAYS MINISTER DR. K T JALEEL

Higher Educational Minister Dr. K T Jaleel took a stock of the damages caused by the deluge at the University. “The educational institutions are the milestone which highlight the state’s development, it is important to restore these institutions to its former state. The government is

doing everything in its power to resolve the matter”, says Dr. K T Jaleel. After reviewing the devastation the minister said he will be taking necessary measure to bring back the university to pre-flood state after reviewing the matter with the Chief Minister.



## DISTRIBUTES FLOOD RELIEF MATERIALS



► Higher Educational Minister Dr. K T Jaleel distributed the relief kits to the students.

The whole looks upon how Kerala undertook the massive rescue and relief operations. Many world nations take Kerala as the paramount example for unity, and the presence of mind the people showcased on face of a calamity. When the inundated university seeks for help, the varsity's alumni associations were among the first to act upon. The department of Social Work Australian Alumni gathered around 250 relief kits (each kit consists of bed, pillow, bedsheet, pillow cover, bucket and mug) for the students residing in hostels who lost their personal belongings in the deluge.

The Higher Educational Minister Dr. K T Jaleel distributed the relief kits to the students. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat, Angamaly MLA Roji M John, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. K S Ravikumar, Dr. T P Raveendran, Registrar, Syndicate Members V G Gopalakrishnan, Dr. Babu Joseph, Dr. Sajitha were also part of the relief material distribution ceremony.

## Free Ayurveda Medical Camp

A Stich in time saves nine – when the flood water subside it is the contagious diseases that worry the inundated areas. Vaidyaratnam P S Varier's Arya Vaidya Sala conducted it's free Ayurveda medical camp (Kalady Chapter) at Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. K S Ravikumar inaugurated the camp 'Santwanasparsham' organised by Arya Vaidya Sala's mobile medical unit in association with the Department of Sanskrit General.

More than 600 people, locals as well as university community, availed free medical

consultation, medicines, and counselling mainly in connection with dermatological issues, infections as well as body aches. Dr. T M Unnikrishnan Varier, Deputy Chief Physician, Arya Vaidya Sala presided over the function, Syndicate member Dr. K R Sajitha, Dr. P Unnikrishnan, Director of Students Services, Dr. H Poornima, Head, Department of Sanskrit General, Dr. G Sreevidya, Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit General were also part of the event.

## WORLD BANK REPRESENTATIVES EVALUATES THE FLOOD DAMAGES



The World Bank representatives visited the varsity to assess the damages caused by the inundation. The World Bank representatives Piyush Sekharia, Disaster Management Expert and Deepa Balakrishnan, Environmental Specialist took a stock of the expanse of destruction caused by the deluge.

## DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY STARTS FLOOD MAPPING PROJECT

The researchers from the department of Geography, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit started a model mapping project to study the causes and impact of flood in Kerala at local scale. As a pilot study, the researchers started the mapping of Kalady Panchayat – one among the severely inundated area. The project envisages to identify the actual flood plains of river Periyar and its land use conversions using existing maps, satellite images, and ground level survey. This will help to spatially analyse the micro level process of flood and possible solutions. The project will help to develop a “Decentralised Flood Warning System” through

the mapping of flood levels across various places at different time. A detailed mapping of valuable areas and population may help to develop an early warning system and mitigation measures. After completion of the pilot project the report will submitted to the government for a detailed study of the entire Periyar river basin. Furthermore, a Flood Management Plan for the university is also part of the study. Dr. T S Saju, Head, of the Department, faculty members Suresh S, Sarun S, Research Scholars Sajilesh and Asif Musthafa are the team members of the this futuristic project.





▶ Vijayaraja Mallika speaking at the debate

## NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME ORGANISES DEBATE ON GENDER JUSTICE

Gender justice is a human right, where every human being is entitled to live in dignity and in freedom - a much debated topic today. Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit National Service Scheme (NSS) conducted a debate on Gender Justice.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. K S Ravikumar inaugurated the session, Dr P H Ibrahimkutty, Programme

Co-ordinator presided over the function. Social Activist, transgender and poet, Vijayaraja Mallika chaired as the chief guest. Praveen Nath, student, social worker, and transgender activist took part in the debate. Dr. K R Sajitha, Syndicate Member, Dr. V K Bhavani, NSS Programme Officer, T P Saritha, NSS Programme Officer also spoke during the session.

## PROF. P CHIDAMBARAN ENDOWMENT LECTURE SERIES

The Department of Sanskrit Vedanta organised Prof. P Chidambaran endowment lecture series in connection with the yearlong Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the university. Prof. Chathanath Achyuthanunni delivered the keynote lecture of the series on the topic "Bharathiya Sowndaryashastram: Dhaarshanikapashchathalam". Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. K S Ravikumar chaired as the chief guest, and Dr. K Muthulakshmi, head, Department of Sanskrit Vedanta presided over the function.

## IQAC CONDUCTS WORKSHOP FOR FACULTY MEMBERS



► Vice Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat speaking at the orientation session

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organised a one day orientation workshop for faculty members on the academic functioning. Dr. Dharmaraj Adat, Vice Chancellor, inaugurated the workshop. More than 200 guest faculty members took part in the orientation session. Dr K M Sheeba and Dr. K M Sangamesan led the classes.

Prof. K S Ravikumar, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr. T P Raveendran, Registrar, Dr. T S Saju, Dr. K Muthulakshmi, Dr. M S Muraleedharan Pillai, Dr. K Yamuna, Dr. Shanti Nair also attended the inaugural ceremony.

## NSS Conducts Orientation Programme



► Dr. Sathish Potty

The National Service Scheme (NSS), Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit conducts a one day orientation programme for NSS officers. Dr. K M Sangamesan, Former NSS programme coordinator and Professor, Department of Sanskrit Sahitya presided over the function. Dr. Sathish Potty, D B College, Vaikom lead the classes. NSS programme officers Dr. V K Bhavani, Dr. G Sreevidya, Saritha T P also spoke during the function.

# “PADIKKAM PLAVILOODE JEEVITHAVUM”



MLA Roji M John implemented Kerala government's new scheme "Padikkam Plaviloode Jeevithavum", for Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dharmaraj Adat presided over the function.

## LECTURE SERIES ON COMPARATIVE LITERATURE IN THE CHANGING SCENARIO



► Prof. K V Ajithkumar delivering the welcome speech

The Centre for Comparative Literature organised lecture series as a part of the orientation programme conducted for the postgraduate students. The renowned Sanskrit scholar Prof. C Rajendran inaugurated the lecture series on the topic “Comparative literature in the changing scenario”. Prof. C Rajendran spoke on the history, scope, and relevance of comparative literature. The lecture series had 25 lectures on related topics by subject experts.



► Prof. C Rajendran

### THREE-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON Bhasha sahityam samskaram - idangal idapedalukal

The Department of Malayalam conducts a three-day long national seminar on the topic Bhasha Sahityam Samskaram - Idangal Idapedalukal. Dr. K P Mohanan, Secretary, Kerala Sahitya Academy, inaugurated the seminar. Dr. Valsalan Vathuserri, Head, Department of Malayalam, presided over the inaugural session. Prof. P Pavithran delivered the keynote address on the topic Challenges in Malayalam Research space. The seminar listed more than 30 paper presentations on varied topics.

# MALAYALAM LITERATURE FEST



► Kerala Sahitya Academy President Vaisakhan speaking at the inaugural session

In connection with the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the varsity, Kerala Sahitya Academy President Vaisakhan inaugurates the three-day long Malayalam Literature Fest. The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Dharmaraj Adat, presided over the inaugural function. *Kavyalapanamatsaram, Sahiytasadasukkal, Kadhayarangu, Penkavithakalam, Kavyasancharam, Kaviyarangu, Mehfil, Kadhavedhi, Vimarshakavedhi* were among the few programmes organised at the Malayalam literature fest.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. K S Ravikumar delivered the keynote address. Syndicate members Prof. K K Viswanathan, Prof. S Mohandas, Dr. Babu Joseph spoke during the inaugural session. Dr. Valsalan Vathusserry, Head, Department of Malayalam, Prof. K Muthulekshmi, Head, Department of Sanskrit Vedanta, Dr. S Priya, Dr. N Ajaykumar also spoke during the inaugural ceremony.

## INTER-CENTRE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Payyanur regional campus bagged the first position in the inter-centre volleyball championship (men's category) held at university headquarters, Kalady. Kalady campus bagged the second place. Saurav K from Payyanur campus is the best player, Ajith C M (best attacker), Nithin P (best libero), and Napas K V (best set).

# THE UNIVERSITY AND THE REGIONAL CENTRES

---

