

'Scholars, experts should promote Sanskrit as science of sound'

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SANSKRIT is not just a language but a science of sound. It is the spiritual science which has been tested and proved on modern parameters of science. Sanskrit scholars and experts should promote Sanskrit as science of sound, said noted news broadcaster of All India Radio and Doordarshan and former Director of Kalidas Sanskrit Academy, Ujjain, Dr Baldevanand Sagar on Sunday.

Dr Sagar was addressing as a chief guest of valedictory function of two day national conference organised by Kavikulgaru Kalidas Sanskrit University (KKSU) at Dr Vasant Rao Deshpande hall. Prof Ramakant Pandey, Director of Open University Centre of National Sanskrit Institution was the guest of honour. Dr Uma Vaidya, Vice Chancellor of KKSU presided over. KKSU Registrar Dr Arvind Joshi, co-ordinator of Dean of Department of Sanskrit and other language, Dr Nanda Puri, joint co-ordinator Dr Kavita Holay, Dean of Department of Indian Religion and Dean of Ved Vaidya Department, Dr C.G. Vijaykumar also shared dais.

Stating that the identity of country 'Unity in Diversity' has been preserved by Sanskrit, Dr Sagar said, people have spread lot of confusion about Sanskrit language as it is a language of some selected group of people. But in computer and information technology dominated era, Sanskrit has become inevitable because of its scientific character. Sanskrit has been accepted in other developed countries like UK, USA etc., but in India, it has failed to catch hold the attention of common people as speaking language. The Sanskrit scholars, teachers and experts should work to propagate Sanskrit as a language of masses, he added.

Prof. Ramakant Pandey spoke on the contributions of Sanskrit scholars in Maharashtra for preserving and protecting Sanskrit. The scholars from Kashi had dedicated their lives for the protection of ancient form of Sanskrit language and literature while schol-



Dr Baldevanand Sagar addressing as a chief guest of the valedictory function of national conference organised by KKSU at Dr Vasant Rao Deshpande hall on Sunday. Dr Kavita Holay, Dr Arvind Joshi, Dr Ramakant Pandey and Dr Uma Vaidya look on. (Pic by Satish Rau)

Day-long National Sanskrit Conference today

A DAY-LONG National Sanskrit Conference is organised by National Sanskrit Institution, New Delhi on January 23 from 10 am at MLA Hostel Hall, Civil Lines. The conference will be inaugurated at the hands of Dr Sandhya Nair, Principal, R.S. Mundli, Dharampath, Arts and Commerce College. Dr Uma Vaidya, Vice Chancellor KKSU will preside over.

Prof Ramakant Pandey, Director of Open University Centre, National Sanskrit Institution will be the special guest. Dr Nanda Puri, Dean, Department of Sanskrit Language and Literature will deliver a key note address. Different researchers and students will present research papers during the conference. Prof Baldevanand Sagar, former Director of Kalidas Sanskrit Academy, Ujjain will be the chief guest of valedictory function. Prof Ramakant Pandey will be the special guest. Registrar Dr Arvind Joshi and co-ordinator Dr Nanda Puri have appealed the Sanskrit lovers to attend the conference in large numbers.

ars from Maharashtra had contributed towards refinement and accommodating new traditions in Sanskrit. Youths should come forward to study Sanskrit and conduct research to enrich Sanskrit, he added.

In her introductory speech and presidential address, KKSU Vice Chancellor Dr Uma Vaidya expressed objective of the conference to conduct studies of ancient traditional subjects in Sanskrit with new references. She also appreciated the role of youths participated in the conference.

Tanmay Hardikar from Gogte Joglekar College, Ratnagiri and Renuka

Ratnaparkhi, Lulji Jetha College, Jalgaon expressed their views about the conference. Prabhakar Bhatkhande of Maharashtra Sewa Sangh, Mulund; Surekha Joshi, President of Sanskrit Bhasha Samitha; Veena Godbole President of Dewwari Mandiram were felicitated for their contributions to conference. Apksha Ghate, Janhavi Desai, Anandi Ghosh, Jarioliya, Shubhang Nayab were given prizes for best research papers.

Dr Renuka Bokare conducted the proceedings and Prof Dr Kavita Holay proposed a vote of thanks.