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BVM Kalasrjan Academy's annual event today

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THE IX Annual day celebrations of Bharati Vidya Bhavan's Kalasrjan (Academy of Indian Music, Dance, and Fine Arts Nagpur) will be held at Bhavan's Bhagwandas Pusohit Auditorium, Civil Lines on January 22 and 23 at 5 pm. The function will be inaugurated by Mallik Menon, Founder Director *Nriyasaalika* (School of *Mohiniattam*, Dancercise and Dance Therapy), Nagpur. There will be performances of Hindusthani Vocal, Sitar, Tabla and *Bharatnatyam*. The chief guest for the function on January 23 is Dr Karan Shastri, noted thinker and litterateur. There will be performances of *Bharatnatyam* and *Karvak*. Dr A K Mukherjee, Associate Secretary Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Nagpur Kendra Nagpur will preside over the programme on both the days.

'Aandal Kalyana Mahotsav' today

SRI Ramanuja Sabha will celebrate Aandal (Khodha) Kalyana Mahotsav, at Bhagwat Pada Sabha from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, on

'Sanskrit language survived because of its richness'

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SANSKRIT is well developed powerful language. It is very rich in terms of words. This language is also computer friendly. Therefore, the knowledge of Sanskrit should be used for the development of technology, said noted businessman and chairman of YNIT, Vishram Jandav while inaugurating two-day National Level Sanskrit Conference at Dr Vasantao Deshpande Hall on Saturday.

Despite of number of attacks on Indian culture and the invaders destroyed ancient Sanskrit literature. Sanskrit has survived because of its richness. It is therefore needed to rejuvenate Sanskrit for reconstruction of nation, Jandav stated.

Earlier, the conference organised by Kavikulgaru Kalidas Sanskrit University (KKSU) was inaugurated at the hands of Vishram Jandav. Nagpur Divisional Commissioner Anoop Kumar was the chief guest. Dr Uma Vaidya, Vice-Chancellor of KKSU presided over the programme.

Suresh Sharma, Managing Director of Shri Baidyanath Ayurved Bhavan, 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, Philosophy and Culture, Dr Madhusudan Penna and Dean of Ved Vidya Department, Dr C G Vijaykumar also shared the dais.

During the inaugural function 'Mahakavi Kalidas Sanskritvrat' Rashtriya Puraskar' was conferred upon *Mahamahopadhyay* Prof Bhagrath Prasad Tripathi. In his absence, his son Ashapati Shastri accepted the award. Public dedication of 'DigiBlog' of Kavikulgaru Kalidas Sanskrit University was held



(From left) Dr Arvind Joshi, Dr Madhusudan Penna, Suresh Sharma, Vishram Jandav, Dr Uma Vaidya, Anoop Kumar, Dr Nanda Puri and others releasing books, journals and souvenir at the inaugural function at Dr Vasantao Deshpande Hall on Saturday. (Pic by Anil Futane)

during the function. Six books having research value penned by Dr Uma Vaidya, Dr Nanda Puri, Dr Kavita Holay, Dr Mrudula Nasori, Dr Vibha Kshirsagar and Dr Rajendra Jain were released at the hands of guests. These books have been published by KKSU. These books were carried in palanquin in a traditional manner.

Divisional Commissioner Anoop Kumar appreciated the progress of KKSU in last 20 years. He termed Sanskrit as a treasure of principles and thoughts for the moral development of human being. Anoop Kumar took a brief review of life and work of Mahakavi Kalidas. He also expressed the concern over the bad condition of Kalidas memorial in Ramtek. He also appealed KKSU to take initiative to renovate the memorial of Kalidas in Ramtek.

In her presidential address, Dr Uma Vaidya termed Sanskrit as a rich cultural heritage of ancestors. Conservation of Sanskrit means protection of Indian culture. The main objective of organising the

conference is to bring all lovers of Sanskrit language on a common platform and develop a concrete strategy for conservation of Sanskrit, she added.

Expressing a concern over the present education system based on Macaulay's principles, Dr Vaidya said, the nation has lost respect for its own language. British had closed down the schools imparting education in Sanskrit language. Now, the time has come for the intellectuals to plan time bound programme for the development of Sanskrit language.

Prof Parag Joshi and Dr Beruka Bokare conducted the proceedings. Dr Arvind Joshi proposed a vote of thanks. The inaugural function was followed by a symposium on 'Sanskrit language future and direction'.

Dr C G Vijaykumar, Dean, Ved and Vyakaran Department KKSU chaired the session. Dilip Mhasalkar of Granthasahasvas of Vidarbha Sahitya Sangh, Mukul Kanitkar, All India Joint Organising

Secretary of Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Prabhakar Bhatkhande of Maharashtra Sewa Sangh, Mulund, Mumbai and Dr Bhagyashree Bhatwarkar from Jalgaon participated in the symposium.

Valedictory function today

THE valedictory function of the two-day National Level Sanskrit Conference will be held on January 23 at Vasantao Deshpande Hall. Former Director of Kalidas Sanskrit Academy from Ujjain, Sanskrit news reader of 'All India Radio' and 'Doordarshan' and Editor Dr Baldevanand Sagar will be the chief guest of valedictory function.

Prof Ramakant Pandey, Director of Open University Centre of National Sanskrit Institution will be the guest of honour.