

Sir C R REDDY COLLEGE, ELURU
Details of the International Seminar 14.12.2018 & 15.12.2018

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| 1. Organized Departments | : | Telugu & Oriental Languages |
| 2. Title of the Programme | : | Saahithyam Samskarna
Drukpadham |
| 3. Details of Resource Persons | : | Prof. V.Durga Bhavani
Prof. Velcheru Narayana Rao
Prof. S. Teki
Prof. Sanjeevappadu
Prof. G. Aruna kumari
Dr. Sree Ganesh
Prof. Rishab Dev Sharma |

4. Brief Report of the Programme:

Literature not only mirrors life but also interprets and criticizes it. As society evolves our goals and objectives too change with the changing times. There lies the perennial relevance of various forms of literary writing in all countries of the globe. Here comes the significance of the two-day International Conference as a mark of deep respect to Kandukuri Veeresalingam, a great socio- linguistic and literary reformer of 19th century on the occasion of his death centenary, on this topic : Saahithyam Samskarna Drikpatham. (“Literature – Reformative aspects”) organized jointly by the departments of Telugu, Hindi and Sanskrit of Sir CR Reddy College (Aided and Autonomous) Eluru in association with Center for language and culture, Government of Andhra Pradesh . It was planned and organized keeping in view the inalienable relation between literature and society.



The birth and growth of Literature depends on conditions prevailing in society and finds their echo in the writings of the dominant writers of the times. That is exactly the case with reforms carried out in Telugu, Hindi and Sanskrit languages. Literature and society are never dependent or independent but always inter-dependent. The conference focused analytically on what literature does to society, how different genres expose the deformities plaguing the society(social evils) through various write -ups to reform /update our knowledge and upgrade our understanding of traditions and customs, our socio-literary standards of decency , dignified living , peace and harmony, our language , our attitudes, thoughts and behavior pattern. Literature corrects our wrong notions and guides us into new horizons of self -reliant thinking, being and becoming one with the current of life. Wellness and welfare are the two eyes

of the goddess called literature. The writers' continuous engagement with reformation entails they should be ever vigilant ,corrective and performative. This literary activity (both reformative and performative) can be rightly called the soul of literature.



As presented above the delegates/participants dealt extensively and critically with all the social conditions prevailing then and now. Adikavi nannayya's translation of Mahabharatha into Telugu ,Tikkana's conception of Oneness of Lord Hari and lord Shiva . Shavaites' novel ways of writing condemn the perverted notions of caste system in Amuktha Malyada by Sri Krishna devaraya,Vemana's pungent tirade against untouchability, religious fanaticism, advocacy of spiritual humanism, Gurajada Apparao's Kanya Sulkam(Bride price), Gidugu Rama murty panthulu's language reform. All the above topics are well covered by the distinguished participants and literary luminaries from across AP, India and the globe,very incisively and extensively.

The Chief guest of the conference is Vice-chancellor of Telugu University, Prof. V. Durga Bhavani. Delivering her address Prof.Bhavani impressed upon everybody that life in the present and planning for future are the essence of reforms in literature and asked everybody to enrich and ensure its rejuvenation and the legacy of our forefathers and pioneers should not be lost. Prof.Velcheru Narayana Rao, the key note speaker exhorted the audience saying our mother tongue should make us think and we have to make it global by preserving its pristine purity. Prof. S. Teki, Registrar of AKNU compared language to a tree, not a candle. Prof . Sanjeevappadu from Mauritious Telugu Society, highlighted the inherent quality of reformative aspects in Telugu language. Inspiring the audience, Prof. G. Aruna kumari of Hyderabad Central University, stressed the fact that when faced with adverse circumstances, we have to take them as a standard and persist



Speaking on the occasion, Dr.Sree Ganesh from the University of Heidelberg, Germany wanted the young scholars to study Telugu scientifically and adapt it to modern needs. Like wise Rtd.Prof.Rishab Dev Sharma of Dakshina Bharata Hindi Prachara sabha spoke elaborately on values embedded in languages in general and Hindi in particular and appreciated the efforts of the college for the choice of the topic.

Making a valid point in the valedictory function, Sri Ambika Krishna , the chief guest, Chairman, AP Film Development Corporation, impressed upon every one to preserve the richness, the melody, the values, the tradition, the soul embedded in our mother tongue, Telugu. We neglect it only at our peril. Even the Telugus settled in foreign countries fondly cherish the greatness of Telugu language and culture.

Prof. Kim Koh John, first professor of Hindi from South Korea spoke about the influence of Indian culture on the people of South Korea. Like wise Dr. Leena Chandra from Sanskrit Vidya Peet, Tirupati stressed the fact that literature ennoble our minds and purifies our emotions/feelings. Another literary luminary Prof. K Asha Jyothi of Bangalore university, Prof. Visali Shankara Rao from Madras University, Prof. Varaprasada Murty from Adivaki Nannaya University, Dr.Tarapatla Satyanarayana, Professor of Hindi in AU, Prof. M. Satyanarayana of Tamilnadu University ,Dr. D. Seshubabu , Dr. P.Hariram Prasad, Dr. Sripada Ramakrishna , etc graced the occasion by their inspiring and elevating addresses in the conference.

In all , 320 papers were presented throwing light on the different aspects of reforms needed in Telugu today and draw inspiration from the writers of yesteryears

To sum up : literature mirrors our life, criticizes it, ennoble our thoughts, purifies our feelings ,corrects us and directs our lives in various aspects and all walks of life, in living, doing our chores, exposes social evils like untouchability, dowry, slavery, domestic violence, bonded labour, gender inequality, prejudices based on caste, creed etc. It corrects our attitudes, alters our altitudes and heightens the horizons our thinking and living.

Extensive coverage about the proceedings in the conference in the local dailies about the need to preserve the sweet melody , intellectual richness, ethical education and value orientation testify to the fact of the relevance of our mother tongue, Telugu in the days to come and forever. Any negligence on our part will be at our own peril. It preserves our rootedness. Otherwise we will be uprooted from our own mental and emotional world shaped by and inculcated in us by our erstwhile Telugu, Hindi and Sanskrit literary luminaries who shaped our lives through their writings.

