Sanskrit Day

The International Sanskrit Day was celebrated in our College on 21\textsuperscript{st} August 2019, in association with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Tiruchirapalli Chapter and Samskrita Bharati, Tiruchirapalli. Dr N. Ramasubramanian, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, National Institute of Tehchnology, Tiruchirapalli, was the Chief Guest. Shri T. S. Rangarajan, State Vice-President Samskrita Bharati delivered the key-note address. Dr N. Ramasubramanian spoke on the importance of Learning Sanskrit by all. He said that Sanskrit was going to be the input natural language for the computers in the coming years and it was going to be mandatory for everyone to learn Sanskrit. He said that its pronunciation keeps one vigilant and cultivates sound memory. In most of the western countries and in Japan, they have created computers where oral instructions are the interface. Natural Languages like Sanskrit are to become suitable for Computers, when the artificial languages would become obsolete.

Shri T.S. Rangarajan spoke on the importance of Sanskrit as a character building tool. “It is rich in moral literature and dharmasastras are given in the form of epics, puranas, tales and fables. These various forms of literature in Sanskrit are readily creating a virtuous world. And without ethics, culture, heritage and language, no civilization can survive,” he added.

Shri Hari Shankar spoke on the activities of Samskrita Bharati and its role in teaching spoken Sanskrit, thus popularizing Sanskrit as an easy-to-learn language, breaking the opinion that Sanskrit is tough.

Shri J.T. Chari, Coordinator of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, underlined their activities in Tiruchirapalli and desired that more such programmes among the youth would create awareness of the rich cultural heritage of India.

Dr R. Sundararaman, Principal, in his felicitations, felt the need for popularizing Sanskrit among the students, as a Language and a vehicle of Culture. He highlighted the activities of the College, following the tradition and culture of our nation. A Gurukulam named Sri
Sargunesvarar Vedha Padasala, teaching Shukla Yajurveda, is run by the college, under the auspices of Dr R. Kalamgham Centre for Studies on Indian Culture and Heritage. There was a teaching demonstration of Sanskrit as a Spoken Language in which all those assembled took part.