## **International Mother Tongue Day**

Maris Stella college, Vijayawada, AP, has observed Mathru Bhasha Divas (Mother Tongue Day) in the college auditorium on behalf of Ek Bharat Sreshta Bharat Programme of RUSA on 20<sup>th</sup> of February, 2020. The International Mother Tongue Day is celebrated annually across the World to commemorate the importance of mother tongue and its cultural and linguistic importance.

The guests of the occasion were RUSA coordinator, Dr.Ch. Krishna Veni, (RUSA coordinator), Dr. GirijaNambiyar (Dean of Planning and Communication)Dr. Sr. Innyasia and Miss. Anuhya (Degree Vice-Principals). The opening speech is given by Dr. D. Rama Krishna, HOD Dept. of Sanskrit &Coordinator of the Programme. Students of different states actively participated and made the event a big success. In the morning program students dressed themselves in their respective traditional attire and expressed their love for their mother language. The Ramp walk and Dance performances were very innovative. The audience was spell bound in awe and admiration when students presented skits, short films and Role-plays.

A Book Stall is also arranged Where Books from different languages are set up. Finally, students of Maris Stella Highlighted the existing diversity in cultures and multilingualism. It is also to spread peace and harmony. Though we Indians have different castes, cultures languages, religions and traditions, we still survive, sustain and thrive as a developing, independent and Integrated India. More than 500 students participated in the event.