Navaratravidvatsadas (Vakyartasabha) 2022-23

The Navaratravidvatsadas, or Vakyartasabha, held in 2022-23 at Government Sanskrit College, Thiruvananthapuram, continued the longstanding tradition of erudite discussions and intellectual exchanges in Sanskrit scholarship. This prestigious series, originally initiated in 1931 by Sri Mulam Thirunal Maharaja of Travancore and eminent scholar A.R. Raja Raja Varma, has historically attracted Sanskrit scholars from across India, making it a vital platform for the dissemination and deepening of Sanskrit knowledge. Although the event was interrupted for several years, it was revived in 2008 by dedicated Sanskrit scholars in Kerala, recognizing its critical role in Sanskrit pedagogy. Since then, Navaratravidwatsadas has been conducted annually during the auspicious Navaratri celebrations, aligning with the worship of Goddess Saraswati, the deity of knowledge.

For the academic year 2022-23, Navaratravidwatsadas was a two-day event from November 16 to 18, 2022, inaugurated by the Honourable Minister for Higher Education and Social Justice, Dr R. Bindu. The inauguration was presided over by Smt. Vigneswari IAS, Director of Collegiate Education, and the event commenced with a warm welcome from the College Principal, Dr K.D. Sobha. Felicitations were extended by Vice Principal Dr K. Unnikrishnan, Dr Chithra Trivikraman Nair (Head of the Department of English), Dr Pradeep Verma P.K. (Head of the Department of Vyakarana), Dr P.V. Sreenivasan (Head of the Department of Vedanta and PTA Secretary), and College Union Chairman Sri Adithyan. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Ashok Kumar N.K., Head of the Department of Nyaya.

The scholarly session, Vakyartavicharasabha, began at 11:15 a.m. and continued until 5:00 p.m. on the first day. Chaired by renowned Sanskrit scholar Dr V. Ramakrishna Bhatt, a retired professor, this session offered an immersive experience in traditional Sanskrit debate and interpretative analysis. Scholars engaged in thought-provoking discussions on complex Sanskrit texts, fostering a deep understanding of classical Sanskrit literature and philosophical insights.

On the second day, Vakyartavicharasabha resumed by 9.30 am, under Dr V. Ramakrishna Bhatt's leadership, offering another day of rigorous scholarly engagement. This session concluded at 3:30 p.m., after which Dr Bhatt presented certificates of appreciation to participants, recognizing their valuable contributions. As a gesture of respect and honour, Principal Dr K.D. Shobha presented Dr V. Ramakrishna Bhatt, Prof. Krishna Kumar, and Prof. M. Radhakrishna Banarjee with traditional shawls or ponnadas.

The valedictory function commenced at 4:00 p.m., presided over by Principal Dr. K.D. Shobha. Smt. Uma A.K., Assistant Professor of Nyaya, delivered the welcome address, and Dr V. Ramakrishna Bhatt, who had chaired the two-day Vakyartavicharasabha, delivered an inspiring keynote address. Dr M. Harinarayanan, Head of the Department of Jyothisha, offered felicitations, acknowledging the enriching experience the event provided to both students and scholars. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr E.M. Devan, Assistant Professor of Nyaya.

Overall, the Navaratravidwatsadas was a grand success, serving as a profound and enlightening experience for all attendees. The programme upheld its legacy as a beacon of Sanskrit scholarship, promoting the exchange of knowledge and celebrating the depth of classical wisdom, thereby enriching the cultural and academic fabric of Government Sanskrit College and its community.

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> 28.10.2022 Thiruvananthapuram

Sir/Madam,

The prestigious Navaratra Vidvat Sadas of 2022 of the Govt. Sanskrit College, Thiruvananthapuram is decided to be conducted on 16th &17th of November under the leadership of the Dept.of Nyaya of the College. In a meeting presided over by Smt.V.Vighneswari I.A.S. Hon'ble Director of Collegiate Education, Dr. R. Bindu, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education will inaugurate the programme.

Many scholars, teachers and students will participate in the Vidvat Sadas and will be presided over by Dr. (Prof.) V. Ramakrishna Bhatt. Retd. Prof. of Vedanta, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.

We cordially invite you to participate in this programme.

Dr. Asok kumar.N.K General Convener & Head – Dept. of Nyaya

Dr. K. D. Sobha Principal Govt.Sanskrit College, Thiruvananthapuram

PROGRAMME

16.11.2022 Wednesday 10.00am-11.30am

PRAYER

Felicitations

WELCOME : DR.K.D SOBHA

Principal, Govt.sanskrit College Thiruvananthapuram

CHAIRPERSON : Smt.V.Vighneswari I.A.S

Hon'ble Director of Collegiate Education

Inauguration : Dr. R. Bindu

Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education

Sri Palayam Rajan (ward councillor)

(Retd.Prof.) Dr.V.Ramakrishna Bhatt (Dept.of Vedanta, Sree Sankaracharya

University of Sanskrit, Kalady

Prof.Krishna kumar(Retd.Head of the Dept.of Vyakarana Govt.Sanskrit College Tripunithura

Dr.K.Unnikrishnan

(Vice Principal, Govt. Sanskrit College

Thiruvananthapuram

Dr.Chitra Thrivikraman Nair

(Head of the Dept. Of English, Govt. Sanskrit

College Thiruvananthapuram

Dr.P.K PRADEEP VARMA

(Head of the Dept. of Vyakarana, Govt.Sanskrit

College Thiruvananthapuram

Dr. P.V. SREENIVASAN (PTA Secretary Govt.Sanskrit College Thiruvananthapuram

Sri. ADITHYAN. A

College Union Chairman Govt. Sanskrit College

Thiruvananthapuram

Vote Of Thanks : Dr. Asok kumar. N.K

Vakyartha Sadas

11.45 - 1.00pm & 2.00pm - 4.30pm

17-11-2022 thurdsday 9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 3.30pm President:(Retd.Prof.)Dr.V.Ramakrishna Bhatt







