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Centre for Classical Kannada

Report of the first Workshop on '*chandasshastra*'

The Advisory Committee of the Centre for Classical Kannada in its meeting held on June 10, 2012 at Bangalore had made the following recommendation:

2. It was decided to prioritize the proposals. Immediately the conduct of the short term and long term courses shall commence as proposed.

The proposal was to conduct short term courses of one week duration to train future generation of scholars in the classical language. The themes proposed were: on (1) Chandassu (2) palaeography and epigraphy (3) manuscript ology and textual criticism (4) lexicography (5) linguistics (6) historiography and religion studies (7) comparative literature and (8) reading and appreciation of classical Kannada texts.

Accordingly the first workshop was organized from November 19 to 24, 2012 at the CUK Campus. Out of the applications received 18 persons were selected keeping in mind the number of participants who can be accommodated in the space available for sitting. Due to non-availability of accommodation to stay, all of them were informed as they have to make their own arrangements for stay and they will be paid DA towards that purpose. On the day of registration 8 persons reported and many others informed us on phone, since they are not in a position to make their own arrangements, they are not participating.

On Nov 19, 2012 Prof.T.V.Venkatachalashastry the doyen of *chandasshastra* in Kannada inaugurated the workshop. Prof.Nagaraju, the Dean of SLH and Prof.ShivagangaRumma, VC i/c and all faculty of the workshop were present. Along with the participants of the workshop, the postgraduate students and Ph D students of the Department of Kannada too attended the function. The short inaugural was followed by an extensive overview of the *chandasshastra* in Kannada was provided by Prof. Venkatachalashastry with illustrations.Thus ended the learning on the forenoon of the first day. Prof. NarayanaPrasad Head (Retired), Department of Kannada, Osmania University, Hyderabad who worked under Prof.T.V.Venkatachalashastry for Ph D had come to meet Prof.Shastry. At our request he covered the areas of *chandasshastra* that were not covered in the forenoon session.

The time table is attached with this for ready reference. Though the theme was *chandasshastra*, since it is very essential for the participants not to think of *chandasshastra* as an autonomous entity, other essential features of classical Kannada too were covered. The following are the brief themes covered by each of the faculty member of the workshop.

1. Prof.ShivagangaRumma: *chandasshastra* in its totality including *aadhunikachandassu*.
2. Dr.BasavarajDonoor: Translating Classical Kannada texts with examples from *vacana* literature.
3. Dr.VikramVisagi: *praaciinakannadaparmpare*
4. Dr.RajannaThaggi: Kannada *shaasanashaastraan* overview.
5. Dr.AppagereSomashekhar:
janapadamahaakaayagaLumattuavugaLalakshaNagaLu.
6. Dr. BasavarajKodaganti: *vibhaktipratyayagaLu* part in the Kannada bhaashaavinyasa.
7. Prof. B Mallikarjun: Kannada *bhaasheyapraaciinate* and other aspects of Kannada *bhaashaavinyasa*.

One of the main intentions was to exploit the academic human resources at the CUK for taking classical Kannada studies further. This attempt was successful. I think, in Karnataka, only CUK is the University, where academic staff exists to deal with maximum matters from classic to modern in Kannada literature. This is a unique feature.

The programme came to a close on November 24, 2012 with a short valedictory address by Prof.S.Chandrashekhar Vice Chancellor CUK. He also distributed the certificates to the participants. The Dean of SHL and all the faculty of the workshop were present.

Our learning from the conduct of the workshop

1. One more member from outside to teach with the theme faculty member from CUK is essential to avoid fatigue. That person shall be selected by our internal faculty member. There will be mutual consultation among us about this matter and appropriate decision taken.
2. Next workshop focuses on *shaasanashaastra*. It will commence from February 11 to 16, 2013. We are announcing the selections tomorrow.

3. In the time between now and one week before the commencement of the workshop I shall be working on the academic details of each of the workshops that we like to hold with the concerned internal academic member and one outside expert in the theme area. We may meet here or at the place of the expert depending upon mutual convenience. This will help us in making our workshop more systematic. In some of the areas like *nighanTushaastra*, *hastapratishaastra*, *granthasampaadanashaastra*etc., we do not have internal members but I shall get the things worked out by external experts.
4. Final day afternoon 2 hours will be dedicated for actual working / applying the knowledge by the participants on the theme that we have covered in the workshop.
5. Written feedback will be obtained from the participants.
6. The valedictory will be restricted to 30 minutes of the final day.
7. At present we are trying our best to accomplish maximum with minimum of infrastructure. But It is also essential to make accommodation arrangement for the participants if we want best of the participants to participate and attract participants from all parts of Karnataka. From next workshop onwards efforts will be made to provide the same to the participants.

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