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Report of the second workshop on 'shaasanashastra'

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) manuscriptology 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 second workshop was organized from March 11 to 16, 2013 at The CUK Campus. Out of the applications received 21 persons were selected keeping in mind the number of participants who can be accommodated in the space available for sitting. Out of them, 19 persons registered and participated in the programme.

On March 11, 2013 Prof.S.Sheshashastry Retired Professor, the doyen of *shaasanashastra* Inaugurated the workshop. Prof.Prof.Shivaganga Rumma, Head of the Department of Kannada chaired the inaugural session 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 key note address by Prof.Sheshashastry. He provided background of the inscription studies undertaken in Karnataka. With this the session of the forenoon of the first day concluded.

The time table of the workshop is attached with this for ready reference. Though the theme was *Shaasanashastra*, since it is very essential for the participants not to think of *shaasanashastra* as an autonomous entity, other essential features of Classical Kannada too were covered. Major theme of the workshop was taught by Prof.SheshaShastry and Dr.Rajanna Thaggi. The following are the brief themes covered by each of the faculty member of the workshop.

1. Prof.Shivaganga Rumma: *chandasshastra*
2. Dr.Basavaraj Donoor: Translating Classical Kannada texts with examples from *vacana* literature.

3. Dr. Vikram Visagi: *praaciinakannadaparmpare*
5. Dr. Appagere Somashekhar: *janapadamahaakaayaga Lumattuavuga
LalakshaNagaLu.*
6. Dr. Basavaraj Kodaganti: *vibhaktipratyayagaLupart in theKannada bhaashaa
Vinyaasa and Kannada samshoodhane*
7. Prof. B Mallikarjun: *Kannada bhaasheyapraaciinate* and other aspects of *Kannada
bhaashaavinyaasa.*

On the final day on March 16, 2013, four of the participants made presentations of their analysis of some of the inscriptions. This was not part of the workshop but was included at the request of the participants. This went on well. These presentations were commented upon by the participants and the faculty.

The participants were given feedback form to provide feedback of the course. The following is the summary of the same. Out of 19 participants, 10 had started to work on inscriptions before their arrival; 8 were the beginners intending to take up work on inscriptions and one of the 19 had come for the course merely for the sake of interest; 10 of them opined that the core of instruction of the course was 'very useful', 9 persons opined 'useful'; 7 persons felt that the teaching of supplementary themes as 'very useful', 11 felt 'useful' and one person felt it of little use; communication methods used in the course was felt 'very useful' by 11 persons, 'useful' by 9 persons and about the 6 day duration of the workshop was felt enough by 7 persons, 11 persons want the same to be increased and one person intended the same to be reduced.

The programme came to a close on March 16, 2013 with a short valedictory address by Prof. Sheshashastry he also distributed the certificates to the participants. Prof. Shivaganga Rumma Head of the Department of Kannada presided over the function. Our learning from the conduct of the workshop

1. Since out of 21 persons selected, 19 persons attended indicates that if we provide accommodation facility, the selected persons shall invariably attend the workshops.
2. The duration of the workshop is adequate, the course useful and the methodology is communicative.

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