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on

JanabhashaSamskritamBharatiyaJanajatayasca

(जनभाषा संस्कृतम् - भारतीयजनजातयश्च)

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A Two Day Seminar on 'Janabhasha Samskritam BharatiyaJanajatayasca' was jointly organized by Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi and Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Narendrapur, Kolkata on 10-11 October, 2018. The seminar was inaugurated in the morning of 10th October with the 'Lighting of the Lamp' by the dignitaries and the students of the Department of Sanskrit, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College performed Vaidika and Laukika Mangalacharan. Inaugural session was chaired by Prof. Abhiraj Rajendra Mishra, Convener, Sanskrit Academy Board, Sahitya Akademi, Govt. of India and Former Vice-Chancellor, Sampurnanad Sanskrit University, Varanasi, UP. Swami Sarvalokanand, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission graced the occasion as guest of honour.

The inaugural session started with the introduction of the theme and welcome of the dignitaries by Sh. Mihir Sahoo, In-charge, Sahitya Akadmi, Regional Centre, Kolkata. The inaugural speech was given by Prof. Banamali Biswal, Head, Department of Vyakaran, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, RaghunathKirti Campus, Dev Prayag, Uttarakhand. He highlighted the etymological meaning of the words like - jana, bhasha, lokavyavahara, jati, janajati etc. He has also indicated the importance of our culture and Sanskrit language. The ancient and modern Sanskrit literature shows the life and culture of our great nation. The different magazines and research journals are being published in this language. In his speech, he highlighted the position of tribes in ancient and modern Sanskrit literature with so many examples. We should work for the upliftment of the tribal students and the society.

The Guest of Honour, Swami Sarvalokananda Maharaj indicated that Vedic hymns are more powerful and after chanting the mantras we become more energetic and enlighten. Sanskrit was the medium of Shastric debate. He also emphasized that Sanskrit is being taught in the schools of the foreign countries. Without studying the Sanskrit language, we cannot know the Indian culture. So, everybody should learn this language. Sanskrit should be taught as compulsory subject at school level. He highlighted the contribution of Max Muller for the promotion of Sanskrit language in the foreign countries.

In the presidential remarks, Prof. Abhiraj Rajendra Mishra pointed out historical development of the country and the Sanskrit literature. He emphasized the use of Sanskrit language in the Arabian countries. He described the thoughts involved in the Vedic hymns. He explained in details the position of tribes in Vedic Literature, Ramayana, Mahabharata, Kadambari, Mrcchakatika etc. The word 'Jana' was explained by him as in five different ways. In Ramayana, 54 castes(tribes) are described and they represent the different forms of Indian Art. He praised the contribution of modern writers on culture, caste and society. The inaugural session was coordinated in Sanskrit by Dr. Narayana Dash, Head, Department of Sanskrit, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Kolkata, West Bengal.

The first academic session of the seminar was presided by Dr. Ranjit Behera, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi. The session was coordinated by Dr. Rachna Rastogi, Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Bankura University, Bankura, West Bengal. The following scholars have presented their research papers in the first session – Dr. GaurangaBagh, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, ShriSadashiv Campus, Puri, Odisha., Dr. Sasmita Bandar Nayak, Assistant Professor, Department of SarvaDarsan, Sh. Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri, Odisha., Ms. ShyamashriKisku, Research Scholar, Department of Sanskrit, Calcutta University, Kolkatta, West Bengal.

The second session was organized as Kavyapatha. The session was chaired by the famous Sanskrit Poet Prof. Abhiraj Rajendra Mishra. The session was coordinated by Dr. M.Kishan, Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi. The following scholars have recited their Sanskrit poems –Dr. M Kishan, Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi, Dr. PradipBagh, Assistant Professor, Department of Sahitya, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh., Dr. RanjitBehera, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi, Prof. BanamaliBiswal, Head, Department of Grammar, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, ShriRaghunathKirti Campus, DevPrayag, Uttarakhand., Dr. Narayana Dash, Head, Department of Sanskrit, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Kolkata, West Bengal, Prof. AbhirajRajendra Mishra, Former Vice-Chancellor, Sampurnanad Sanskrit University, Varanasi, UP.

On the second day of the seminar, the academic session was started with Vaidika and laukikamangalacharana. The third session was chaired by Dr. Tek Chand Meena,Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi. Dr. Pranab Bar was the coordinator of the session. The following scholars have presented their research papers –Dr. M. Kishan, Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi, Dr. Bhashkar Roy, Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata, Dr. PradipBagh, Assistant Professor, Department of Sahitya, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh., Dr. Tek Chand Meena, Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi,The Fourth Session was organized as Kathavachana. This session was chaired by Prof. BanamaliBiswal,Head, Department of Grammar, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, ShriRaghunathKirti Campus, DevPrayag, Uttarakhand. The session was coordinated by Dr. RanjitBehera, University of Delhi. The following scholars have recited the Sanskrit stories –Dr. PradipBagh, Assistant Professor, Department of Sahitya,

Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh., Ms. Yogamaya Roy, Asst. Prof., Ranaghata College, Ranaghat, W.B. Mr. Laxmikant Murmu, Research Scholar, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, Dr. Ranjit Behera, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi, Dr. Narayana Dash, Head, Department of Sanskrit, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Kolkata, West Bengal, Prof. Banamali Biswal, Head, Department of Grammar, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, ShriRaghunathKirti Campus, DevPrayag, Uttarakhand.

The valedictory session of the seminar was conducted in the afternoon of 11th October, 2018. The session was chaired by Prof. Abhiraj Rajendra Mishra, Convener, Sanskrit Academy Board, Sahitya Academy, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Dr. Ranjit Behera, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi, Delhi gave the concluding remarks. He talked about the Sanskrit Bhasha and Vyakarana. The position of tribes in Vedic Literature was highlighted in his talk. The caste system in the Vedic period was on the basis of Karma. The word *jati* is not used in the Vedic Literature as caste system. He tried to give a picture of the position of Scheduled Tribe students after the independence of India. He discussed about the focus group paper on Problems of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Children published by NCERT, New Delhi for the better education of the particular group. The message of the Vedic Mantra – ‘Samgachhadhvam Samvadadhvam’ should be followed by the people. In the presidential remarks, Prof. Mishra highlighted the contribution of Swami Vivekanand for the promotion of Sanskrit Language and culture of our country. The position of tribes is described in the different Sanskrit texts on the basis of that particular time and society. He motivated the participants of the seminar and students of the college to teach and learn the Sanskrit language through Sanskrit Medium. The good practice of the Ramakrishna Mission Residential College is the teaching of Sanskrit is being done through Sanskrit medium which is a model for the Sanskrit Education. The new generation will be an asset for promotion and propagation of Sanskrit language in the country as well as in the foreign countries. The valedictory session was nicely coordinated by Dr. Narayana Dash. The programme ended with a vote of thanks and shanti patha.