REPORT ON

"ONE WEEK WORKSHOP IN SPOKEN SANSKRIT"

FROM 01.02.2021 - 07.02.2021

The Department of Sanskrit, University College for Women, Koti conducted a "One Week Online Workshop in Spoken Sanskrit" in collaboration with SamskritaBharathi from 01.02.2021 to 07.02.2021. Virtual platform was chosen as a medium to conduct these workshop classes during COVID-19 times. It was the best alternative to bring together a wide range of audience and enthusiasts from various streams.

University College for Women, under the auspice and constant encouragement of our Principal Prof. A. Roja Rani could conduct such a wonderful and informative workshop. We from the Department of Sanskrit aimed at motivating the students in taking part in this language building workshop. To our surprise we received more registrations than expected.

The main aim of the workshop was to encourage a positive attitude towards learning Sanskrit language among students, to gain self-confidence and clarity in speech, to improve their Sanskrit vocabulary, to identify the genders and construct basic sentences.

Our resource person Mrs. Devaki Anugu from SamskritaBharathihas readily accepted to conduct this workshop at a short notice. She had run the sessions in the most appealing way where the students as well as the lecturers had turned themselves into kids listening to her lectures, participating in the activities that she carried all throughout. These sessions have been motivating, thought provoking and inspiring as well.

Prof. A. Roja Rani Principal, had delivered her ever encouraging speech both on the initial and final days, her story on "a drop of water" had instilled faith in young minds. She did encourage as well as permit the Sanskrit faculty to carry out more such programs for students' language acquisition as well as all round development. She stressed on the point that Sanskrit must be implemented right from secondary schools so that students will not just learn a new language which is an added advantage but also will carry the Indian culture which is diminishing these days.

Dr. M. Kavitha, Vice- Principal had hummed a melodious Sanskrit shloka "Kevyurani Na BhushayantiPurusham" which says speech itself is an ornament but not our external appearance or richness. She did quote examples from our daily life where Sanskrit is in use.

Dr. Karuna Reddy, HoD, Department of Sanskrit,UCW had stated the objectives of the workshop and uttered simple lines in Sanskrit for the easy understanding of the students which boosted and created enthusiasm in the students to learn and take the workshop seriously. On the final day she expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the resource person for shaping the students after finding a notable change wherein the

students started uttering Sanskrit words, introducing themselves in simple Sanskrit, identifying the nouns, verbs, differentiating the genders etc.

Dr. K. Varalaxmi, faculty Department of Sanskrit ,UCW had introduced herself as well as the Resource person MrsDevaikiAnungu in simple Sanskrit which was a much needed inspiration for the students. She did even share her personal experience with the resource person and acknowledged her as her mentor in her education days.

Mr. Aditya Bharadwaj, faculty Department of Sanskrit ,UCW had hosted the workshop, on Day 1 he recited a shloka and proved that "Knowledge is the only wealth which cannot be stolen. On the final day he narrated a wonderful short story which signified the importance of Sanskrit in ancient days and depicted "How Sanskrit was the language of all" irrespective of class,creed,caste,sect. In the Vote of Thanks address, he payed his sincere thanks and gave credits to the Principal, Vice-Principal, HoD, Faculty, Resource person and acknowledged the technical support of Mr. Arun. He did praise Dr. P. ArunaHoD, Department of History who constantly encouraged the Department of Sanskrit in conducting this lively workshop.

Youtube links of all the lectures have been provided and e- certificates have been issued to the participants who did submit their workshop assignments.











