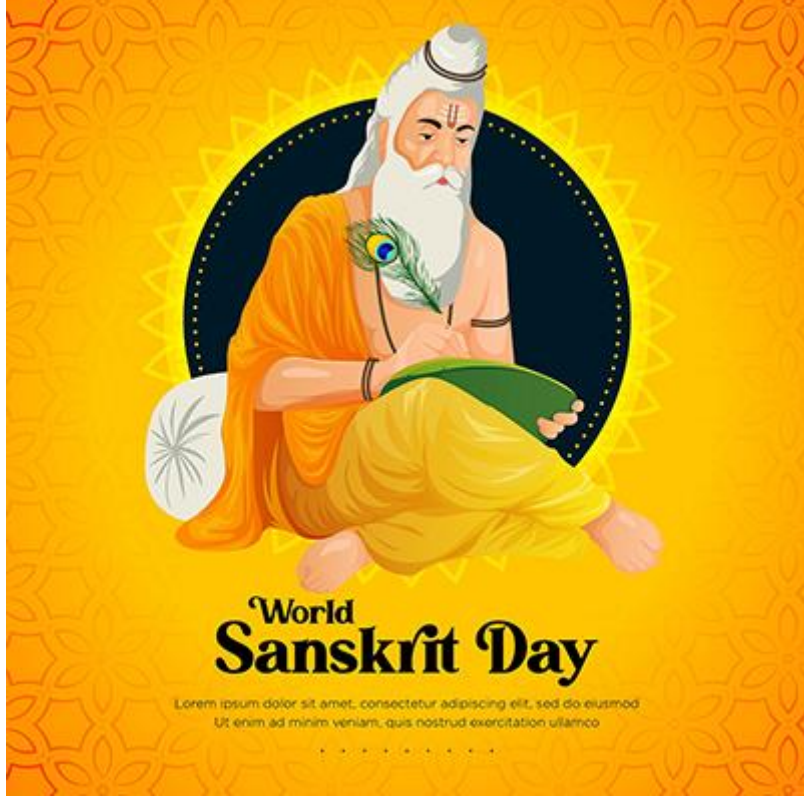


Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya

Department of Sanskrit

Report of the Seminar on “Sanskrit Diwas”



Date: 31.08.2018

Organizer: Dr. Debasree Sadhu, Department of Sanskrit, BHKM

Participants: 43 students

Introduction to the event

Department of Sanskrit of Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya recently organized a seminar on “Importance of Sanskrit Studies in Modern Age” in the occasion of World Sanskrit Diwas” on 31.08.2018 at the seminar hall of the college.

The objectives of the seminar:

- **To create awareness about the importance of Sanskrit language and its contribution to Indian culture and literature.**
- **To provide a platform for scholars, researchers, and academicians to share their knowledge and research on various aspects of Sanskrit language and literature.**
- **To discuss the challenges and opportunities in the field of Sanskrit studies and to explore ways to promote and preserve the language.**
- **To highlight the role of Sanskrit in various fields such as philosophy, religion, science, medicine, and arts.**
- **To showcase the richness and diversity of Sanskrit literature and its relevance in modern times.**
- **To encourage the study of Sanskrit language and literature among students and young scholars.**
- **To celebrate the cultural heritage of India and promote national integration through the study and appreciation of Sanskrit.**

Activity Report

Welcome address by Sri Arup Kr Banerjee:

The programme was started by the Welcome Speech delivered by departmental teacher Sri Arup Kr Banerjee. At the onset of the programme Sri Banerjee, welcome all the students and teachers. He said that Sanskrit Diwas, also known as Sanskrit Day, is an annual celebration observed in India to promote and honor the ancient language of Sanskrit. It is celebrated on the occasion of the birthday of the famous Sanskrit poet and grammarian, Maharshi Panini, who is considered the father of Sanskrit grammar. He informed the audience that the celebration of Sanskrit Diwas began in the year 1969, and it has been observed every year since then on Shukla Paksha Panchami of the month of Shravan (usually falls in July or August). The celebration is organized by the government of India, and various cultural and educational institutions also participate in the event.

Inaugural Speech by Dr. Subhash Biswas:

Then the main programme was inaugurated by Dr. Subhash Biswas, Principal of the college by lighting up the Candle, and Sanskrit chanting by the departmental teachers and students.

After that Dr. Biswas delivered his inaugural speech. He said that Sanskrit is considered to be one of the oldest languages in the world and has a rich history and heritage. It is also the root language of many modern Indian languages and is still used in religious and spiritual practices in India. On Sanskrit Diwas, various programs and events are organized by schools, colleges, and cultural organizations to promote the language and its importance. This day is

also an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of ancient scholars and teachers who made significant contributions to the development of the language and its literature. In recent years, efforts have been made to revive and promote Sanskrit as a living language, and Sanskrit Diwas plays an important role in this endeavor. The day serves as a reminder of the cultural and intellectual heritage of India and the rich legacy of the Sanskrit language.

Speech by Dr. Debasree Sadhu

After the inaugural session Dr. Debasree Sadhu, Convenor of the programme explained the main objectives of the programme. She told that the main objective of Sanskrit Diwas is to create awareness about the importance of Sanskrit and its contribution to Indian culture and heritage. On this day, various programs are organized to promote the language, including seminars, workshops, cultural programs, and competitions. Schools and colleges also organize special events to encourage students to learn Sanskrit and appreciate its rich history and literature. She said that Sanskrit is considered to be the mother of all Indian languages and has contributed significantly to the development of various fields such as science, philosophy, and literature. Therefore, celebrating Sanskrit Diwas is an excellent way to preserve and promote this ancient language for future generations to come. Sanskrit Diwas is a day celebrated in India to honor the ancient Indian language, Sanskrit. It is celebrated on Shraavana Poornima, which is the full moon day in the month of Shraavana in the Hindu calendar. Coincidentally this year the day was August 15 which is the day of India's independence from British colonial rule. The day is also known as Vishva Sanskrit Diwas or World Sanskrit Day.

She said that Sanskrit is an ancient language that has played a significant role in shaping the culture, religion, and philosophy of India. Although it is not widely spoken in modern times, it continues to hold great importance in various fields. Here are some ways in which Sanskrit is important in the modern age:

- **Spiritual and Philosophical Texts:** Many spiritual and philosophical texts in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism are written in Sanskrit. These texts are still relevant today and continue to influence people's lives and beliefs. Sanskrit is also used in the recitation of hymns and prayers in religious ceremonies.
- **Linguistic Studies:** Sanskrit is a highly structured and complex language with a rich vocabulary and grammar. Its study can enhance one's understanding of language structure and improve language learning skills. It also provides a window into the ancient Indian civilization and its intellectual history.
- **Ayurveda:** Ayurveda, an ancient Indian system of medicine, relies heavily on Sanskrit for its terminology and principles. Sanskrit terms are used to describe various herbs, minerals, and other natural remedies used in Ayurvedic treatments.
- **Modern Sciences:** Many modern scientific terms and concepts have their roots in Sanskrit. The language has contributed to fields such as mathematics, astronomy, and chemistry, and continues to be relevant in fields such as computer science and artificial intelligence.
- **Cultural Identity:** Sanskrit is an important part of India's cultural heritage, and its preservation and promotion serve as a source of national pride and identity. Sanskrit

has been designated as one of the official languages of India and is taught in schools and universities.

She concluded with the submission that Sanskrit continues to play an important role in various aspects of modern life, and its rich heritage and contributions cannot be overlooked. Its study and preservation are vital for the enrichment of human knowledge and understanding.

Vote of thanks:

At last on behalf of the organizing committee, Prof. Sumita Chatterjee, Assistant Professor of department of Education provides vote of thanks to all the participants.





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