

## MANEESHA – THE DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT

On 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016, MANEESHA the Department of Sanskrit started its activities for the academic year 2016-17. The seminar hall was transformed as Nandagokula with traditional decoration and was graced by the Principal, Director, Heads of the Departments, and indeed by the students in traditional attire.

'Naandi'- The Inauguration, began by the lighting of the lamp which was done by the Director B.T.Venkatesh, Principal, Dr. S N Natraj, Dr. Suneel HoD of Sanskrit department followed by 'Vedaghosha' rendered by Rohit Nadig. The event was invoked by our own vocalist Smruthi. A welcome speech was delivered by Sri. Girish Bhat, and the dignitaries present in the venue were felicitated.

Dr. Suneel KS, Head of the Department, Sanskrit, enlightened the gathering about the Department's activities and initiatives taken for student community. He briefly explained the significance of the titles of the Inaugural function and related aptly to the event. Sri Shivanand gave an overview of the events that will be conducted by the Nivaha for the year 2016-17.

An eye-catching 'Bharatanatyam' by Meena, Anusha, and Trayee enthralled the gathering for "Baaro Krishnayya" in traditional way.

Later, Dr. S N Natraj, the Principal, addressed the budding young Sanskritists, about the necessity of Sanskrit in their lives, and motivated them to take part actively in the events conducted by the Samskr̥ta Nivaha.

Dr. B T Venkatesh, Director of PU Programs, addressed the gathering by praising the Department of Sanskrit for conducting events that enrich the students with the very essence of Sanskrit – the mother of all languages. He too, enlightened the students about the necessity of Sanskrit in lives. The Introduction of the Volunteers was made by Sri Shivanand, Coordinator of the Samskr̥ta Nivaha. Finally, the inaugural ended with the vote of thanks by Smt. Padmaja.

The first event 'Rasanaa'-Tongue twisters started after the inaugural function. The task was to read the given Shloka or a Prose extract effectively, with a clear speech. The judges for the event were Sri. Girish Bhat and Smt. Padmaja. Around 340 students actively participated in the competition and rejuvenated themselves.



