



**BHARATIYA BHASHA SAMITI, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION GOVT. OF INDIA &  
BHARATHEEYA VIDYA NIKETHAN COLLEGE OF TEACHER EDUCATION  
KALLEKKAD, PALAKKAD**

**(Affiliated to University of Calicut, Accredited by NAAC)**

***In collaboration with***

**Kendriya Sanskrit University, Guruvayur Campus and  
Samskritha Bharathi, Kerala**

**Two-day National Workshop**

**“From Veda to Sangam: A Journey through the  
Interwoven Heritage of Tamil and Sanskrit”.**

**on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026**



**Dear Sir/Madam,**

We are happy to invite you to attend two-day National Workshop on “From Veda to Sangam: A Journey through the Interwoven Heritage of Tamil and Sanskrit” on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 scheduled to be held at Bharatheeya Vidya Nikethan College of Teacher Education, Kallekkad, Palakkad. Looking forward to the grace of your presence.

**Dr. Ramachandran T. S**  
(Programme Coordinator)

**Dr. Renuka P.C.V.**  
(Principal, BVNCTE)

## **BHARATIYA BHASHA SAMITI**

The Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti was constituted by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, with the mandate to promote Indian languages in their deep, wide, and organic spirit. As a high-level committee, BBS explores the diverse features and vast potential of Indian languages with the aim of strengthening them across all domains of their usage and transmission. Accordingly, the objectives and programmes envisioned by BBS are both innovative and challenging, reflecting a comprehensive and forward-looking approach to language promotion.

### **College at a Glance:**

With a view to promoting teacher education, the college is owned and managed by Bharatheeya Vidya Nikethan, the Kerala chapter of Vidya Bharati, Lucknow. Vidya Bharati is the largest non-governmental educational organization in Asia, comprising over 34,000 educational institutions, including 13 B.Ed. colleges. It is affiliated with the Vidya Bharati All India Education Society, headquarters in Lucknow. The college was established in 2008 and affiliated with the University of Calicut in 2009. It was accredited by NAAC with B<sup>+</sup> Grade. The institution functions with the noble motto of nurturing socially responsible, duty-bound individuals by imparting education aimed at life-building and character formation, and by providing high-quality training to develop competent and committed teachers.

### **About the Workshop**

This workshop seeks to explore the profound, organic, and enduring relationship between two of India's most ancient classical languages Sanskrit and Tamil. Rather than viewing them as isolated or competing traditions, the workshop foregrounds their shared civilizational roots, mutual exchanges, and complementary roles in shaping Indian knowledge systems, philosophy, literature, and culture.

Sanskrit, the language of the Vedas, Upanishads, epics, and śāstric traditions, represents early systematic expressions of metaphysical inquiry, ritual thought, and linguistic sophistication. Tamil, with its rich Sangam corpus, ethical literature, and devotional texts, stands as a living testament to the intellectual and aesthetic achievements of South India. The workshop traces how these traditions, emerging from distinct contexts, converged through centuries of dialogue, adaptation, and cultural interaction.

A key focus is the transmission of ideas across linguistic boundaries. Core Vedic concepts such as ṛta, dharma, yajña, and brahman find resonant expressions in Sangam poetry and later Tamil works. Likewise, Tamil ethical ideals, especially in texts like the Thirukkural, reflect a shared moral and philosophical universe with Sanskrit dharma literature.

The workshop also examines the role of both languages in the evolution of Indian Knowledge Systems, including grammar, poetics, medicine, astronomy, and pedagogy. Special attention is given to the Bhakti movement, where Sanskrit philosophical thought found powerful expression through Tamil devotional poetry.

Ultimately, the workshop invites participants to appreciate the plural yet unified character of Indian civilization, reaffirming Sanskrit and Tamil as a shared cultural continuum that continues to inspire education, research, and national consciousness.

### **Key Objectives (point-wise in bullets):**

- To explore the connections between Vedic and Sangam traditions
- To showcase the similarities in ideas, values, and literary expressions.
- To highlight mutual influence between Sanskrit and Tamil.
- To appreciate the role of Sanskrit and Tamil in Indian Knowledge Systems.
- To encourage integrated learning and cultural harmony.

### **Developmental strategies for languages:**

- Encourage textual Readings from Vedas, Upanishads, Thirukkural, Thirumantram, and other classical works in Tamil and Sanskrit.
- To Explain the historical interaction between Sanskrit and Tamil, highlighting how Tamil retained its uniqueness while absorbing Sanskrit vocabulary.
- To develop a timeline from Vedic age to Sangam and Bhakti periods, highlighting cultural and philosophical continuities.
- To create concept maps to show how Tamil and Sanskrit articulate the same wisdom through distinct linguistic cultural lenses
- To examine how Sanskrit origin words, acquire distinct Tamil semantic shades

### **Sub-themes of the Programme (related to dedicated sessions / issues to be covered)**

- Common moral ideals of Vedic literature Reflected in Sangam Literature
- Presence of Vedic Ideas and
- Life Values in Classical Sanskrit and Tamil Texts
- Human values expressed in the Vedas, Upaniṣads, Thirukkural, and other classical works.
- Linguistic and Cultural Interconnections of Sanskrit and Tamil
- Shared roots, mutual influences, tatsama–tatbhava elements, and cultural exchange.
- Common sacred spaces, legends, epics, and Puranic connections in Tamil and Sanskrit traditions.
- Gurukula system, learning through values, oral traditions, and holistic education.

### **Expected Outcomes**

- ❖ An insight to understand the linguistic interconnections and mutual influences of Sanskrit and Tamil
- ❖ To understand the role of Tamil & Sanskrit in shaping Indian civilizations
- ❖ Strengthening National Integration through classical languages.
- ❖ Promotion of Interdisciplinary Research
- ❖ Promotion of Indigenous knowledge system
- ❖ Identification of philosophical perspectives between Sanskrit and Tamil literary tradition

**Inauguration** : **Dr. K. Sivaprasad**  
(Former Vice Chancellor, Kerala Technical University (KTU), Kerala.)

### **Keynote Address**

**Panditha Ratnam Prof. (Dr.) P.K.Madhavan**

(Former President, Samskritha Bharathi, Dakshina Kshethra)

### **Special Guests**

**Sri.A.K.Anuraj**

(Syndicate member, University of Calicut)

**Dr.N.A.Shibab**

(Associate Professor, H.O.D. Department of Sanskrit, University of Calicut)

**Dr.P.K.Sankaranarayanan**

(President, Samskritha Bharathi, Kerala)

### **Valedictory Address**

**Prof.K.K.Shine**

(Director, Central Sanskrit University, Kerala)

### **Resource Persons**

1. **Dr. Sandeep Kumar P.**  
(Director, Centre for South Indian Studies, Chennai)
2. **Dr. M. V Natesan**  
(High Power Committee Member for Sanskrit studies, Ministry of Education)
3. **Dr. Harinarayanan K.R.**  
(Principal, NCTE Irinjalakkuda)
4. **Dr.Ravi V.**  
(Associate Professor, Department of Tamil and Research Centre, Govt. College, Chittur)
5. **Dr. Uma Maheswari**  
(H.O.D., Department of Sanskrit, Queen Mary's College Chennai)
6. **Dr. Parvathy K.P.**  
(H.O.D., Department of Sanskrit, VTB College, Sreekrishnapuram)

## **Chair**

### **Dr.Suja**

(H.O.D., Department of Sanskrit, NSS College, Nemmara)

### **Dr. Sujana Banu**

(H.O.D. Department of Tamil, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad)

### **Dr. Suma Parappattoli**

(Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit Chembai Memorial Govt. Music College, Palakkad)

### **Dr.C.K.Jayanthi**

(Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady)

### **Dr.Vanisree K.**

(H.O.D., Associate Professor of Sanskrit, Mercy College, Palakkad)

### **Prof. Devidasan Vellat**

(Principal, BVN Arts & Science College, Kallekkad)

**No Registration Fee**

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