

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL LECTURE

“Relevance of Sanskrit in Today’s World”

An International Special Lecture on the theme “Relevance of Sanskrit in Today’s World” was successfully organized by Central Sanskrit University, Guruvayoor Campus, on 19th February 2026 (Thursday) at 11:00 AM in the Campus Conference Hall. The programme was conducted under the distinguished leadership of the Director and witnessed the gracious presence and active participation of faculty members, research scholars, students, and staff of the campus.

The programme formally commenced with the welcome address delivered by **Prof. K. E. Madhusudan**. In his address, he warmly welcomed the Chief Guest and the gathering, and formally introduced **Dr. Jyotsna Kalavar** to the audience. The session was presided over by **Prof. K. K. Shine**, Director of the Guruvayoor Campus, who delivered the presidential address. In his remarks, he underscored the importance of organizing international academic engagements that facilitate scholarly exchange and interdisciplinary dialogue. He observed that Sanskrit, as a language of immense philosophical depth and scientific structure, continues to offer valuable insights relevant to present-day academic inquiry and innovation.

The Chief Guest and keynote speaker of the programme was **Dr. Jyotsna Kalavar**, Professor of Psychology at Georgia Gwinnett College, USA. The programme included a formal welcome address in which the significance of international collaboration and the timeless relevance of Sanskrit were highlighted. In her keynote lecture, Dr. Kalavar presented a comprehensive and insightful exposition on the relevance of Sanskrit in the contemporary world. She articulated that Sanskrit is not merely an ancient classical language but a vast repository of knowledge systems encompassing philosophy, psychology, linguistics, literature, ethics, and scientific thought. Adopting an interdisciplinary perspective, she demonstrated how Sanskrit texts continue to contribute to modern discourses in cognitive science, consciousness studies, mental health, and holistic well-being. Through comparative analysis, she established the continuing applicability of Sanskrit wisdom to both academic research and practical life. Dr. Kalavar further highlighted the growing international interest in Sanskrit studies. She noted that universities and research institutions across the globe increasingly recognize the scientific structure, phonetic precision, grammatical sophistication, and computational potential of Sanskrit. She emphasized its relevance in interdisciplinary domains, including artificial intelligence, linguistics, and knowledge representation systems. The lecture was intellectually stimulating and highly engaging. The interactive session that followed provided an opportunity for meaningful dialogue, wherein participants raised thoughtful questions regarding the integration of Sanskrit with modern technological advancements, the preservation of traditional knowledge systems, and the role of youth in revitalizing Sanskrit learning. The speaker responded with clarity and depth, encouraging innovative research that harmonizes tradition and modernity. The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks, expressing heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Kalavar.

The programme was efficiently anchored by **Dr. Shreedhar Rajan**, who conducted the proceedings in a systematic and engaging manner, ensuring the smooth flow of the event. The formal vote of thanks was delivered by **Shri.Ujjwal S.** who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Guest, the dignitaries on the dais, the organizing committee, faculty members, and all participants for their valuable presence and cooperation in making the programme a grand success.



“The programme began with the auspicious lighting of the ceremonial lamp, signifying the triumph of knowledge over ignorance.”



As a mark of respect and appreciation, the Chief Guest was felicitated with a memento by the dignitaries on the dais.



“Prof. K. E. Madhusudanan delivered the welcome address and formally introduced the Chief Guest to the audience, highlighting her academic achievements and contributions.”



“The Chief Guest, Dr. Jyotsna Kalavar, delivering her keynote address during the International Special Lecture at Central Sanskrit University, Guruvayoor Campus.”



“Prof. K. K. Shine, Director of the Campus, delivered the presidential address, emphasizing the academic significance of the lecture and the continued relevance of Sanskrit in contemporary scholarship.”