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# Sanskrit Seminar on Eternal Values and the Sanskrit Language

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Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning conducted a Sanskrit Seminar on **Eternal Values and the Sanskrit Language** on 1 December 2016. Students of Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses from the university and Students from Higher secondary school attended this seminar. Around 850 students and staff gathered together in the SSSIHL Auditorium for the inauguration.

The seminar started with Lord Ganesha Bhajan followed by lightening of the lamp by Chief Guest **Prof. Ramachandra G Bhat**, Vice Chancellor, SVYASA (YOGA University); **Prof. Radhakrishna Nair**, Director Prasanthi Nilayam Campus, SSSIHL; **Sri Sanjay Sahani**, Controller of Examinations, SSSIHL and **Sri Siva Rama Krishnaiah**, Principal, Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School.

The proceedings of the seminar started with Divine Discourse of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba on the Importance of Sanskrit in Indian Culture. **Sri G R Praveena** spoke in Sanskrit and introduced the Chief Guest to the audience. This was followed by the Chief Guest speech on **Eternal Values in Sanskrit Language**. **Prof. Bhat** spoke eloquently in Sanskrit and English for about an hour and inspired them to appreciate the great language of Sanskrit - not just as one of the language - but as a bridge to communicate spiritual knowledge to all seekers through the Vedas. The **inaugural session** ended with the vote of thanks by **Dr. M B S S Narayana**, Assistant Professor in Sanskrit, SSSIHL.

The second part of the seminar proceedings were attended by over a hundred students who are learning Sanskrit at the University and School. It started with a **Divine discourse** by Bhagawan Baba on Sanskrit. Following this, two eighth grade students presented a conversation in Sanskrit to the delight of all the audience.

A quiz in Sanskrit was conducted covering the **Vedas and Sanskrit literature** which was enthusiastically participated by four groups consisting of six students in each group.

Undergraduate students from SSSIHL spoke in Sanskrit on eternal values. Students were shown Sanskrit videos depicting importance of **Sanskrit and Eternal Values**.

**Sri Umang Trivedi**, Sanskrit Teacher, Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School spoke passionately to students about importance on **dharma**. **Sri Veda Narayanan**, Sanskrit Teacher, Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School spoke and motivated students to **follow eternal values and samskriti**.

As the next step to this seminar - for the benefit of staff and students - it was suggested to conduct Sanskrit learning workshops (Vadatu Sanskritam) in the near future.

The seminar ended with Shanti Mantra followed by Mangala Arati.

