

Report of Kannada Rajyotsava

Kannada Rajyotsava was held for the fifth consecutive year on 12th November, 2019 by the Editorial Board in an attempt to honour Karnataka's rich heritage and language.

In the morning, there was a flag hoisting ceremony in the university Quadrangle, after which the *naada geethe* was sung in unison by all those present with the music club taking the lead.

The crux of the event was held in the afternoon of the same day, at IS Seminar Hall. Prof. M Krishna Gowda, a columnist and a famous speaker, was the chief guest for the event. Dr. Lenin Jawahar Nesan, the Vice Chancellor of JSSSTU presided over the main function. Dr. M. S. Prabhuswamy, the Principal-in-charge of JSSSTU, Dr. Vanishri Arun, the staff coordinator, were also present.

The programme began with the welcoming of the guests. Ms. Sinchana performed the *Pushpanjali* and offered flowers to Kannadambe, as a mark of respect. This was followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, which signified the beginning of the event. After this, the state anthem was played. Professor Krishna Gowda spoke about how Kannada as a language provides experiences and the importance of it as a highly structured language, while also stressing on how students must apply themselves in this beautiful language. The rest of the dignitaries spoke about what the language means to us, how we can possibly contribute to its upliftment and the necessity of language and society in education.

After the main event, there were two other events that were organised. The first was Vedike, which provided a stage for fine arts enthusiasts to showcase their talents in drama, singing, and other such activities. The second was the Kannada Quiz, which tested the participants' knowledge of Kannada literature, history, and pop culture. It was a closely contested event until the very end. Both these events kept the audience engaged and saw active participation from them. The day of celebrations ended with the distribution of prizes to the winners of these events, as well as the pre-fest events that had been conducted the previous week.

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