

9th October 2015

Karnataka Gamaka Kala Parishat (R) in association with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts Southern Regional Centre conducted a **10th Annual State Level Gamaka Conference** on 9th October 2015 at AmphiTheatre, Southern Regional Centre, Bengaluru.

Report on the Programme:

Karnataka Gamaka Kala Parishat(R) in association with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts Southern Regional Centre, Bengaluru conducted 10th Annual Conference on "GAMAKA" on 9th, 10th, and 11th of October 2015. The conference was Chaired by Shri. Krishnagiri Ramachandra, a Veteran Gamaki & Scholar. Parishat hosts a number of Innovative sessions giving glimpses of the rich heritage of Kannada classical poetry and its musical rendition lesser known poetry form like KHANDA KAVYA a focus during the event, on par with the classical poetry of ancient as well as Medieval Kannada. A separate session of Kanakadasa's classical poetry, Keerthana's and other works threw a light on the intricacies of the subject that was dealt by the Saint Kanakadasa with a view to inculcate the appreciation of the art of Gamaka performances by the children.

10th October featured "Ghosti" by the children between the age group 10-15 and the youth 20-30, recitation from Valmiki & Vyasa both in Sanskrit & Kannada were the highlights. The evening session belonged to the students of Gangubai Hanagal – Music University who presented "BAKASURA" a dance drama based on Kumaravyasa Bharatha. The befitting finale of the entire event was the famous artist HUSSAIN SAB who sang Hari Dasa Keerthana's enthralled the audience till the end.

On the evening of 11th "Gamaka Rathnakara" the title was conferred on Gamaka Vidwan Krishnagiri Ramachandra by the well known poet and a politician Shri. Dr. Veerappa Moily, Member of Parliament. Several artists representing various fields were also honoured. Shri Moily expressed that Gamaka Art and Gamaki's are the ambassadors of poetry. Gamaka must get its due recognition. He also appraised the efforts of Karnataka Gamaka Kala Parishat and its President Shri. M. R. Sathyanarayana for a grand success of the 10th Vaarshik Sammelana.

Prof. Mallepuram Venkatesh, Former Vice Chancellor, Sanskrit University made valedictory speech. The three day festival filled with audience, artists and literature and music giants.

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