

# **Report on Two-Day National Level Seminar**

## ***Prakrit and Pali Heritage – Language, Literature, Philosophy, and Contemporary Relevance***

### **Organised by:**

Bhagwan Mahaveer and Bhagwan Buddha Centre for Prakrit and Pali Language,  
Karnataka Samskrit University, Bengaluru

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**Venue: Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru**



Karnataka Samskrit University, Bengaluru, through its Bhagwan Mahaveer and Bhagwan Buddha Centre for Prakrit and Pali Language, successfully organized a Two-Day National Level Seminar on “*Prakrit and Pali Heritage – Language, Literature, Philosophy, and Contemporary Relevance*” on 16th and 17th January 2026 at Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru. The seminar aimed at promoting scholarly discussion on the rich heritage of Prakrit and Pali traditions and their relevance in contemporary academic and social contexts.



The inaugural session was presided over by Dr. S. Ahalya, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka Sanskrit University. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Ramachandra G. Bhat, Director, Prakrit Language Centre and Prof. Mallepuram G. Venkatesh, Director, Pali Language Centre. Hon. Bhikshu Ananda, Chief Secretary, Mahabodhi Society, Bengaluru, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Chandramouli Shivashankarappa Naikar, Professor and Chairman (Retd.), Post Graduate Department of Studies in Sanskrit, Karnataka University, Dharwad, who highlighted the philosophical depth, ethical values, and linguistic significance of Prakrit and Pali traditions and emphasized their role in fostering intercultural understanding.



The inaugural function was attended by **Prof. V. Girishchandra, Registrar (I/c), KSU**, and **Smt. Shruthil K.S.A.S., Finance Officer, KSU**, along with faculty members, research scholars, and students. The Vice-Chancellor, in her presidential address, stressed the importance of reviving classical languages through research, translations, and interdisciplinary studies, and appreciated the efforts of the Centre in organizing a national-level academic platform.



During the two days of the seminar, more than 120 research papers were presented by scholars from universities and institutions across different states of India. The presentations covered diverse themes such as Prakrit and Pali grammar, canonical literature, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Jain and Buddhist philosophical traditions, comparative linguistics, manuscript studies, cultural history, ethical teachings, and the contemporary relevance of these classical languages in education and society. The technical sessions were organized in parallel tracks to accommodate wide participation and meaningful academic interaction.



The second day continued with technical sessions, panel discussions, and interactive deliberations, which provided young researchers and students an opportunity to engage with senior scholars and receive constructive feedback on their research work. The sessions reflected active scholarly exchange and reinforced the need for sustained research in Prakrit and Pali studies.



The seminar concluded with a valedictory session wherein the organizers summarized the outcomes of the discussions and expressed gratitude to all participants, speakers, and supporting agencies. The efforts of the Co-ordinators, Dr. Sharathchandra Swami (Pali) and Dr. Tejaswini D (Prakrit), were specially acknowledged for their efficient planning and successful execution of the programme.





The seminar successfully fulfilled its objective of bringing together scholars from diverse academic backgrounds, facilitating productive exchange of ideas, and inspiring further research initiatives, thereby reinforcing the importance of Prakrit and Pali heritage in both classical scholarship and modern intellectual pursuits.

