

## Christ University Kannada Sangha

Christ University Kannada Sangha released its 250th publication 'Gandu Rachane Henu Rachane', a collection of articles on Gender Issues by Prashanth Madtha on 24 February 2019. Renowned writer and Journalist Smt. C G Manjula released the book. Speaking after the book launch, she said that Fr. Prashanth Madtha has contributed a very rare book to the Kannada literary world. He proved through this book that the present world has changed and discrimination between male and female is not a good sign. Women are also strong enough to lead the life. For many ages, the Women are ignored from the male dominated society. Though she is having equal education, equal employability, equal intelligence, male dominated society does not allow her to come up in all the ways. We are witnessing women exploitation in the present scenario. The writer is unveiling all these truths in this book. All great works help us to understand ourselves, explore our inner and outer world and are relevant to most of us.

Reviewing the book, Dr. R Rajaram said that we can compare this writings to O.L.Nagabhushanaswami and D. R Nataraja's writings, because we could see the same contemplativeness of the language in Madtha's writings also. This book can be divided in to three concepts. 1. Text- Content or Ideas have discussed through this book is a text, 2. Discourse – Language does not express thought, it creates. Creating a personality done by Vachanakaaras. He quoted Basavanna “ayya endare Swarga Elavoo endare naraka”- whereas Madtha created a Women personality. 3. Inter relationship between language and power- showing ownership in the language.

Writer Fr. Prashanth Madtha told that men also have nourishing and fondling quality. But the women will show all these qualities in their activities. But men will hide. Men thinks that only they have heroism and rational thinking. They are not ready to show love, affection, nourishment and fondling, these qualities are only women's property. Those are not applicable for men. He opined that unless men have become calm and soft, the society will not move forward, hand in hand. He appreciated and thanked Christ University Kannada Sangha for its silent true service to Kannada literature.

Rev.fr. Dr Thomas C Mathew, Vice- Chancellor of Christ University who presided over the function encouraged the students to cultivate the habit of reading good books. He remembered the work and contribution of Srinivasaraju, Ramakrishna rao and others in the growth of Kannada Sangha. In 1978 the Kannada Sangha had published 'Kristana Anukarane' by Fr. Prashanth Madtha, after 40 years the Sangha is publishing his second book, he recognized and appreciated the Suggestion Committee and the Coordinator of Kannada Sangha.

Dr. P.Krishnaswami, a former Dean and Head of Dept. of Languages and writer Fr. Prashanth Madtha together felicitated Vice Chancellor Fr. Thomas C Mathew. Registrar Dr. Anil Joseph Pinto, HOD of Languages Dr. Mallika Krishnaswami Faculty members, Guests and students witnessed the programme.

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