

CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore  
KANNADA SANGHA  
Report of Kavidina 2024

General Information

Type of Activity	Commemoration of the 128 th birth anniversary of Kannada Poet Dr. D.R Bendre
Title of the Activity	KAVIDINA 2024
Date/s	31 January 2024
Time	4.30-6.30pm
Venue	802, Syndicate Room, Central Campus, Bangalore
Collaboration/Sponsor (if any)	Nil

Speaker Details

Name	<b><i>Dr. H S Shivaprakash</i></b>
Title/Position	A leading poet and play writer in Kannada language & Central Sahitya Academi award winner . He was a Professor at the School of Arts and Asthetics Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
Organization	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
Title of Presentation	Chief Guest Speaker
Name	<b><i>Dr. M S Sriram</i></b>
Title/Position	Professor in IIM, Bangalore & Kannada Short story writer and column writer.
Organization	Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore.
Title of Presentation	Chief Guest Speaker

(Add/repeat above rows if there is more than one Speaker)

Participants profile:

Type of Participants	Academicians, Faculty, Students, Invitees & General Public
No. of Participants	130

Synopsis of the Activity (Description)

Highlights of the Activity	<p>Kannada Sangha was founded in the year 1972. It has encouraged and provided an opportunity to write for hundreds of writers. It has created and spread a sense of cultural sensitivity across the Karnataka state. Kannada Sangha arranged and conducted Kavidina programme to commemorate the 128th birth anniversary of Kannada Poet Dr. D.R Bendre. 3 books were released on that day.</p> <p><b><i>Harida Chaddi Mattu Innitara Kathegalu</i></b>, a book on Column essays written by Dr. M S Murthy, <b><i>Banu Surisida Neeru</i></b>, a prize-winning poem by various college students and <b><i>Dr. A.Na. Kru. Katha Spardhe- 12 &amp; 13</i></b> by various College students across Karnataka were released.</p>
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Key Takeaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Bendre contributed to Kannada literary field.</li> <li>• His linguistic talent was unique.</li> <li>• Bendre developed the taste of reading poetry</li> <li>• Inspiring and motivating young minds to propagate Karnataka culture, Kannada language and art form</li> </ul>
Summary of the Activity	<p>It was a two- hour programme and started with invocation. Dr. H S Shivaprakash released the above mentioned 3 books. The book –<i>Harida Chaddi Mattu Innitara Lekhanagalu</i> a column essays written by Dr.M S Murthy. Dr. M S Sriram the Chief guest for the day reviewed the book. Rev. Fr. Dr. Varghese K J, Chief Finance Officer of Christ Deemed to be University gave the presidential address. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Mukund Naragund, Dr. Vagishwari S P and was the master of Ceremony and Dr. Abhaya N B presented the welcome address.</p>

#### Rapporteur

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#### Descriptive Report

Kannada Sangha was created for Inspiring and motivating the young minds to propagate the Karnataka culture, Kannada language and art form. Christ university Kannada sangha has conducted and arranged a Kavidina program on the 128<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dr. D. R. Bendre on 31 January 2024. The program started with the history and introduction of the Kannada Sangha by Dr. Vagheswari S P Head of the department for History & International studies. The program was then ushered in by the melodious singing of Mr. Vinoop Ram a student of 4<sup>th</sup> Semester B.Sc. class. Dr. Abhaya introduced and welcomed, the chief guests and the audience. HS Sivaprakash, an eminent literary figure, launched the books with great enthusiasm. Addressing the audience, the noted poet spoke a few words about D. R. Bendre. Bendre described in detail his linguistic talent and his contribution to Kannada literary world. Then Dr. M S Sriram introduced the newly released book 'Harida Chaddi mattu Innitara Lekhanagalu ' by M S Murthy to the audience. He described the linguistic style of the various article styles that were exhibited. Also, Christ fondly recalled the contributions of the Kannada Sangha to the development of literature. Later, Dr. M S Murthy introduced his book and the philosophy behind his article. He felicitated his immediate relatives, friends and well-wishers for their achievement. Later, prizes were distributed to the winners of Poetry and Short story writing competitions organized by the Kannada Sangha. The president for the program and CFO of Christ

Deemed to be University Rev. Fr. Dr. Varghese K J felicitated the chief guests with great honour. Later, the president, Father Varghese, addressed the gathering and with the couple of talks on the art of writing. Finally, Dr. Mukund, Professor of Physics and Electronics department, proposed the vote of thanks. The program ended with light refreshments to the assembled guests. Thus, the book release ceremony of the year 2024 was held with great success.

### **Speaker profile**

**Dr. H S Shivaprakash** is a leading poet and playwright writing in Kannada. He is a professor at the School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He heads the Cultural Centre at Berlin, known as the Tagore Centre, as Director run by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). He has seven anthologies of poems, twelve plays, and several other books to his credit. His works have been widely translated into English, French, Italian, Spanish, German, Polish, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu. His plays have been performed in Kannada, Hindi, Assamese, Bodo, Tamil and Malayalam. Shivaprakash is also a well-known authority on Vachana literature, Bhakti movements of India, and Sufi and other mystic traditions. He was honoured with many awards like Kusumagraja Rashtriya Puraskar, Karnataka Sahitya Akademi Award for his Poetry *Male Bidda Neladalli*, Ministry of Human Resource Development fellowship for Kannada literature etc.

**Dr. M S Sriram** is currently Visiting Faculty and Chairperson at the Centre for Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. Previously, he was the ICICI Bank Lalita D Gupte Chair Professor of Microfinance at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, Vice President (Finance) at BASIX and on the faculty of Institute of Rural Management 'Anand'. Professor Sriram has served on several committees set up by Government of India, RBI and NABARD. He has been actively involved within the policy space, Chairing the Expert Committee on Kerala Co-operative Bank, External Advisory Committee of RBI to license Small Finance Banks, member on the Financial Inclusion Advisory Committee of the RBI, Vaidyanathan Committee on co-operative reforms and the RBI Expert Committee on Primary (Urban) Cooperative Banks.

