

## **Report on the Golden Jubilee Valedictory Ceremony of Kannada Sangha**

The Kannada Sangha of Christ (Deemed to be University) celebrated the Valedictory Ceremony of its Golden Jubilee on 3 March 2026 at 3.00 PM at Campus View, Central Block, marking fifty years of dedicated service to the promotion of Kannada language, literature, and culture. The programme was presided over by the Vice Chancellor of Christ University. The event was graced by distinguished chief guests Ramalinga Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of Karnataka, and Purushothama Bilimale, Chairman of the Kannada Development Authority. Their presence added great significance to the occasion and reflected the importance of the Sangha's contributions to Kannada culture and scholarship.

Established in 1971, the Kannada Sangha of Christ University has consistently worked towards promoting Kannada through sustained literary and cultural activities. Over the decades, the Sangha has played a crucial role in nurturing young writers, organising inter-collegiate competitions, hosting literary discussions, and encouraging academic engagement with Kannada language and literature. The Sangha has also made notable contributions to Kannada publications and has mentored more than 700 young writers through its various initiatives. A special highlight of the ceremony was the felicitation of 26 distinguished personalities associated with Kannada Sangha who have significantly contributed to its growth, activities, and cultural initiatives over the years. The honourees and their family members attended the programme, travelling from different places to be part of the celebration.

During his address, Ramalinga Reddy appreciated the Sangha's sustained efforts in promoting Kannada through year-round programmes and publications. He emphasised the importance of such organisations in strengthening regional language engagement and cultural awareness. In his speech, Purushothama Bilimale highlighted the role of Kannada Sangha's in preserving and promoting the Kannada language at a time when institutional support for regional languages is often limited. He commended the Sangha for maintaining continuity, relevance, and public engagement for five decades. The Vice Chancellor of Christ University, in his presidential address, acknowledged the Sangha's remarkable contributions to Kannada scholarship and culture. He also highlighted several recent digital initiatives of the Sangha, including contributions to Kannada knowledge platforms and efforts to convert publications into digital formats.

The event was organised by Dr. Rathi M. T., Coordinator of Kannada Sangha, along with the department members. In recognition of her eighteen years of dedicated service, Dr. Rathi was also felicitated by the dignitaries during the programme. The celebration brought together scholars, writers, students, and well-wishers and received wide media coverage in leading English and Kannada newspapers, highlighting the Sangha's significant contribution to Kannada language and cultural promotion. The valedictory programme successfully brought together scholars, writers, students, and well-wishers, reaffirming the Sangha's mission to sustain and promote Kannada in both academic and public spheres.

Kannada Sangha has published 266 books so far, and all these 266 books were displayed on the occasion.

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# CHRIST University Kannada Sangha Marks 50 Years of Sustained Cultural Intervention

At a time when spaces for regional language discourse are steadily shrinking, the CHRIST University Kannada Sangha marked its golden jubilee valedictory on March 3, 2026, with renewed emphasis on sustained literary engagement, publication and public scholarship. The valedictory ceremony honoured eminent writers, critics, translators and scholars who have contributed to the Sangha's five-decade-long journey.

Founded in 1971, the Sangha has consistently worked to promote Kannada language, literature and culture. Since its inception, it has published 246 books and mentored over 700 young writers through inter-collegiate competitions and literary initiatives. More than 30 publications have received recognition from national and state literary bodies.

Hon. Minister for Transport and Muzal Government of Karnataka, Ramalinga Reddy, said the Sangha's distinction lies in its year-round literary engagement rather than symbolic celebration. He noted that its sustained publishing programme across decades represents a major cultural contribution in an era of declining institutional support for Kannada discourse. He also underscored the responsibility of all residents of Karnataka to learn and preserve the language.

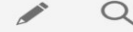
Chairman of the Kannada Development Authority, Purushottama Bilimale, observed that while several Kannada Sanghas have become less active, the CHRIST University Kannada Sangha has maintained continuity and public relevance. He called for renewed institutional commitment to strengthen organisations working for Kannada preservation and



Dr. Purushottam Bilimale, President, Kannada Development Authority, Government of Karnataka being honored for his contribution to Kannada Language and Literature

contributions of over 5,000 articles to Kannada Wikipedia, conversion of publications into e-books, and expansion through digital platforms to widen public access.

Through its journey, the CHRIST University Kannada Sangha has functioned as a sustained institutional space for Kannada literary activity through publications, competitions, lectures and digital initiatives. In a context where many language forums have witnessed reduced engagement, its continuity underscores the importance of structured, enduring platforms that foster dialogue and engagement in regional languages, positioning Kannada firmly within both academic inquiry and public cultural life.



## ಕೃಷಿ

ರಂಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಇದರಿಂದ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪಣಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹೆಸರು ಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತರ. ಲಿರಿತಂತೆ ಬಾಯಿಯ ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ. ಐದುಗಳಿಗೆ ಐದುದು ಹಿತಿ ಕಲೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಮೂಲಕ ಲೋಕಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿದ ನುದಾನ ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ.

## ಕೃಷಿವಿವಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘದ ಸುವರ್ಣ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ ಆಚರಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು. ವಾರಾಂಕಿತ ಸಂಘಕ್ಕೆ ಸುವರ್ಣ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ 50 ವರ್ಷದ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಪಯಣ ಅಂಗವಾಗಿ ಕೃಷಿವಿವಿ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘವು ತನ್ನ ಸುವರ್ಣ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ ಸಮಾರಂಭವನ್ನು ಆದ್ಯಕ್ಷರಂಜನಿ ಆಚರಿಸಿತು.



ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮುಜರಾಯಿ ಸಚಿವ ಶ್ರೀರಾಮಲಿಂಗ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಕನ್ನಡ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಡಾ. ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ ಬಿಳಿಮಲೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಗಣ್ಯ ವಿಮರ್ಶಕ ಡಾ. ಎಚ್.ಎಸ್. ರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರರಾವ್ ಅವರ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ಈ ಸಮಾರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಘದ ಐದು ದಶಕಗಳ ಪಯಣಕ್ಕೆ ಮಹತ್ವದ ಕೊಡುಗೆ ನೀಡಿದ ಲೇಖಕರು, ವಿಮರ್ಶಕರು, ಅನುವಾದಕರು ಮತ್ತು ಪಂಡಿತರನ್ನು ಗೌರವಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಸಮಾರಂಭದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯನ್ನು ಕುಲಪತಿ ರೆವ್. ಫ್ರಾ. ಡಾ. ತೋನ್ಸೆ ಫಿ.ಸಿ. ವಹಿಸಿದ್ದರು. 1971ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿತವಾದ ಈ ಸಂಘವು ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆ, ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಪ್ರಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ

ತೊಡಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದು, ಇದುವರೆಗೆ 246 ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದೆ. ಅಂತರರಾಜ್ಯ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ 700ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಯುವ ಲೇಖಕರನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸಿದೆ. 30ಕ್ಕೂ ಅಧಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ ಪಡೆದಿವೆ. ವರ್ಷಪೂರ್ತಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳೇ ಸಂಘದ ವೈಶಿಷ್ಟ್ಯವೆಂದು ಸಚಿವ ರಾಮಲಿಂಗ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಪಟ್ಟರು. ಗೌರವ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ಡಾ. ಎಚ್.ಎಸ್. ರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರರಾವ್, ಸಂಘವನ್ನು ತರಗತಿಯನ್ನು ಮೀರಿದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಚಳವಳಿಯಿಂದ ವರ್ಣಿಸಿದರು.

