

7. MAIN EVENTS OF THE YEAR 2006-07

7.1 SANSKRIT SAPTAHOTSAVA (7-12 AUGUST, 2006)

A week long 'Sanskrit Saptahotsava' was organised covering different programmes from 7th to 12th August, 2006. One of the feature programmes was 'Sanskrit Diwas Samaroha'. It was celebrated on 9th August, 2006 at National Museum, New Delhi under the joint auspicious of the Central Ministry of Human Resource Development, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, New Delhi. The inaugural function started with Vedic Chants of the teachers and lighting of lamp by the chief guest Shri Arjun Singh ji, Hon'ble Minister of Human

Resource Development, Govt. of India. Shri Sudeep Banerjee, Adviser, Higher Education, Central Ministry of H.R.D. was the guest of honour on the occasion which was presided over by Prof. Srinivas Rath, Vice Chairman, Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratisthan, Ujjain and former Director, Kalidas Akademi, Ujjain. Shri Keshav Desiraju, Joint Secretary (Languages) addressed the gathering of dignitaries, galaxy of scholars and others. Prof. Vachaspati Upadhyaya, Vice Chancellor, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, New Delhi felicitated the occasion with his welcome address and Prof. V.Kutumba Sastry, Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi thanked all the guests.



Hon'ble Minister of HRD Shri Arjun Singh ji addressing on the occasion of Sanskrit Diwas Samaroha

Hon'ble Shri Arjun Singh ji released the following twelve publications of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan during the function :

1. Sabdabodhamimamsa (Vol II)
2. Vidur Neetih
3. Prayaschittavilochana
4. Balashiksha
5. Sri Krishnavilasmahakavyam
6. Bhattanayodyotah
7. Yagyaseni
8. Chitram (in 2 vols.)
9. Sanskrit Sahitya mein Rahim
10. Siddhanjanam
11. Bharatiya Jyotisha
12. Vyakarnadarshanasya Darshanantirah Phalit Parichaya Pathyakrama Sah Tulanatama-kamadhyayanam.

Opening Session of the Saptahotsava was inaugurated at Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan by

Govind Prasad Tripathi- Principal, Muktinath Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Dr. A.A. Vetal and Dr. Vishva Prakash- both retired Principals of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Jha - Reader, St. Stephens College, Delhi University, Dr. Baldevanand Sagar - Director, Sanskrit News Channel (All India Radio, Delhi), Dr. Mahananda Jha, Dr. K. Anantha, Dr. Hare Ram Tripathi, Dr. Shadanand Pathak, Dr. Bhagirathi Nanda, Dr. Jaikishan- all Readers of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, New Delhi and Sarvashri Vishnu Prasad Sharma, Bhairav Jha, Virendra Jha, Patiram Sharma, Rajendra Khewati- all faculty members of Shri Motinath Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi.

Winner students were given away cash prizes from Rs. 100/- to Rs. 500/- along with mementos and certificates.

Shri Keshav Desiraju, Joint Secretary (Languages), Ministry of H.R.D., Govt. of India graced the valediction moments of Sanskrit Saptahotsava with his benediction on 12th August, 2006. Dr. C. Giri, Registrar delivered the welcome address and briefed the activities of week long celebrations. Prof. V. Kutumba Sastry, Vice Chancellor thanked all contributors, participants and witnesses of the programmes.



Shri Keshav Desiraju, Joint Secretary (Languages), Ministry of H.R.D., Govt. of India addressing at Valedictory Function of Sanskrit Saptahotsava

Various programmes were also organised in campuses of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan during Sanskrit Saptahotsava.

7.2 INAUGURATION OF NEW BUILDING OF SHRI RANBIR CAMPUS, JAMMU (18 MARCH, 2007)

Inaugural function of new building of Shri Ranbir Campus at Kot Bhalwal, Jammu was held on 18th March, 2007. Hon'ble Dr. Karan Singh ji, a renowned scholar and Member of Parliament inaugurated the main building, library and residential block of the campus. He also unveiled the portrait of Maharaja Ranbir Singh, in whose name the campus was established. Hon'ble Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma,

Rural Development Minister of Jammu & Kashmir State and Shri Madan Lal Sharma, Member of Parliament, both guests of honour, Prof. V. Kutumba Sastry, Vice Chancellor, Dr. C. Giri, Registrar, Prof. V.M. Shastri, Principal and highly respected people of the locality were present. During the occasion, the chief guest Hon'ble Dr. Karan Singh Ji also released the book on different campuses of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Kashmir Shaiva Darshan Kosha, Campus' periodical Sri Vaishnavi and the Souvenir. Prof. V. Kutumba Sastry, Vice Chancellor presented a shawl and remembrance token to the chief guest. Prof. V.M. Shastri also honoured the State Minister Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma, Shri Madan Lal Sharma, M.P., Prof. V. Kutumba Sastry, Vice Chancellor and Dr. C. Giri, Registrar with a

7.4 VISIT OF THE TEAM OF ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES (24 MARCH-22 MAY, 2006)

A High Power Committee constituted by the Association of Indian Universities visited the Headquarters of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi

and Campuses at different parts of the country in connection with Sansthan's membership to the Association of Indian Universities from 24th March to 22nd May, 2006. The result proved to be fruitful and the Sansthan has been granted the membership.



Dr. C. Giri, Registrar, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, second from right at discussion with high power committee of Association of Indian Universities

7.5 VISIT OF DR. T.R. KEM, SECRETARY, U.G.C. TO THE SANSTHAN (20 OCTOBER, 2006)

On the occasion of Foundation Day of the Sansthan organised on 20th October, 2006, Dr. T.R. Kem, Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi was invited as the chief guest in the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi. He planted a tree in Sansthan's garden. During the occasion, he

distributed prizes to the winners of different competitions held during Hindi Pakhwara from 1-14 September, 2006. He also visited the library and Sales Unit of the Sansthan and extended appreciations on the publications, audio-video programme and other activities. Prof. V.Kutumba Sastry, Vice Chancellor welcomed the chief guest and Dr. C. Giri, Registrar proposed vote of thanks.



From left : Prof. V.Kutumba Sastry, Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Dr. T.R. Kem, Secretary, U.G.C., Dr. C.Giri, Registrar & other officers of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan

7.7 WORLD SANSKRIT CONFERENCE AT EDINBURG (10-14 JULY, 2006)

13th World Sanskrit conference was held at Edinburg, Scotland, U.K. from 10th to 14th July, 2006. During the occasion, Shastracharchasar and Kavi Sammelan were organised from Indian side for the first time. Department of Higher Education of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India selected 30 renowned scholars from different parts of the country for the conference. Out of them,

19 scholars availed of the grant to participate. Smt. Rashmi Chowdhary, Director (Languages), Ministry of H.R.D., Deptt. of Higher Education, Govt. of India represented as official delegate.

Prof. V.Kutumba Sastry, Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi presided over the Shastracharchasar session. He was also elected as the President, International Association of Sanskrit Studies, Paris for a period of six years.



From left : Mrs. Rashmi Chowdhary, Director (Languages), Ministry of H.R.D., Prof. V.Kutumba Sastry, Vice Chancellor, R.Sk.S., Prof. John Brokington and Prof. R.K. Sharma, President, I.A.S.S. during World Sanskrit Conference

7.8 Vasantotsava (20-22 February, 2007)

On the occasion of Vasantotsava, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan organized Inter Campuses Natak Pratiyogita during 20-22 February, 2007 at Little Theater Group Auditorium, New Delhi. The function was inaugurated by Shri Jayant Kastuar, Secretary, Sangeet Natak Academy, New Delhi. Prof. V. Kutumba Sastry, Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan presided over the function. Prof. K.D. Tripathy, former Director, Kalidas Akademy, Ujjain and Prof. Rajendra Mishra, Adviser, Uttaranchal Sanskrit University, Haridwar & former Vice Chancellor, Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi were the Guests of Honour. Dr. C. Giri, Registrar, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Deemed University), New Delhi welcomed the guests and Dr. Hind Kesari, Principal, Jaipur Campus thanked the guests on the inaugural function.

Shri Jayant Kastuar in his inaugural address praised this type of cultural function and assured to help from the Academy in future.

Prof. V. Kutumba Sastry in his presidential address enumerated the objectives of organising this kind of festival in the capital. He briefly presented the efforts that are being put in for organising Vasantotsava.

As part of inaugural function, Purva Ranga (Prelude of all dramas) by the students of the Campuses and mono acting of 'DURYODHANA' by Sri Ventatesh Murthy, Research Assistant, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Delhi were staged.

On the 20th February, 2007 evening "Sanskrit Pala" in a traditional style was staged by an invited troop of Puri in which "Kichakvadh" was played. This pala was directed by Pandit Gadadhar Dass. He also acted alongwith Sh. Raghunath Padhi and Sh. Kishore Chandra Shatapathi.

On 21st February, 2007 morning "Kavi Sannidhyam" programme : a discussion on the contemporary Sanskrit Poet Series was organised. The poet was Prof. Ram Karan Sharma, former President, Indian Association of Sanskrit Studies,

GLIMPSES OF VASANTOTSAVA-2007



◀ Inaugural function

From left : Prof. Rajendra Mishra, former Vice Chancellor, Sampurnanand Skt. University, Varanasi, Prof. K.D. Tripathi, Former Director, Kalidas Akademy, Ujjain, Prof. V.Kutumba Sastry, Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Shri Jayant Kastuar, Secretary, Sangeet Natak Academy.

Kucchipudi Dance by a Student of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan. ▶



◀ Prof. V.Kutumba Sastry, Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan delivering welcome address at Valedictory Function.

Sitting from left : Prof. R.K. Sharma, former President, I.A.S.S., Shri Sudeep Banerjee, Adviser Higher Education, Ministry of H.R.D., Govt. of India, Prof. V.N. Raj Shekharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor, I.G.N.O.U., Prof. Vachaspati Upadhyaya, Vice Chancellor, Shri L.B.S. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Shri K.M. Acharya, Addl. Secretary, Ministry of H.R.D., Govt. of India and Dr. C.Giri, Registrar, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan.



◀ Purva Ranga-by the students of Campuses



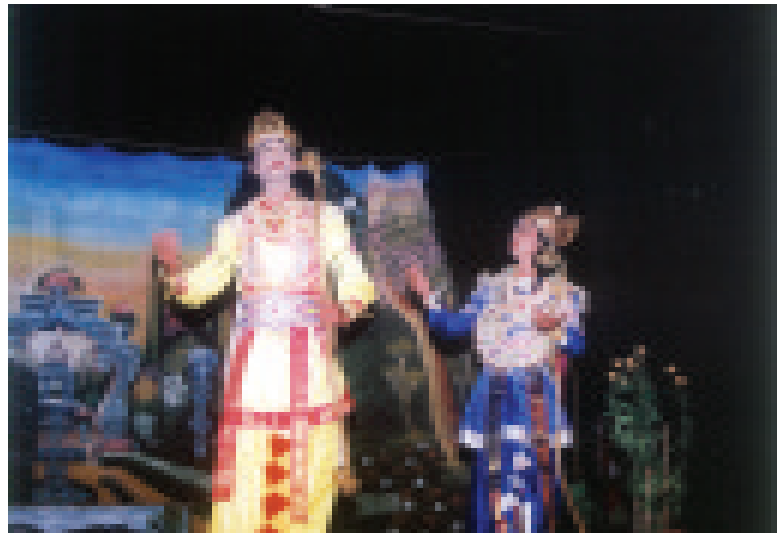
'Duryodhana' by ▶
Shri Venkatesh Moorthy.



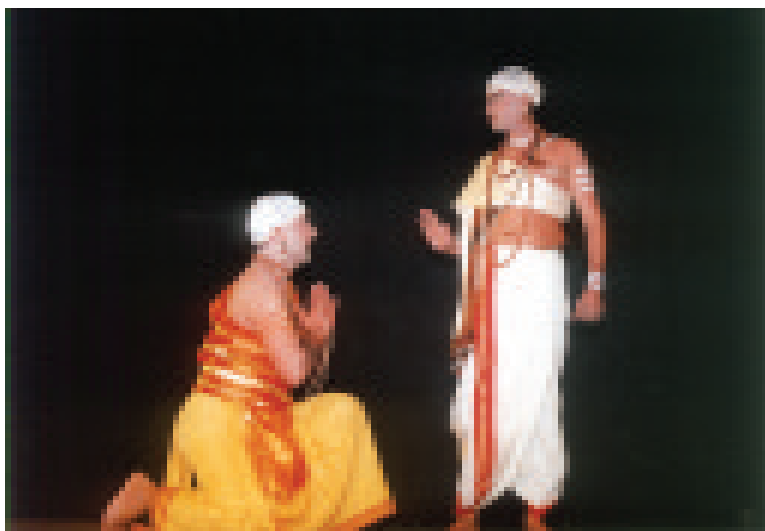
◀ Swapnavasavadattam by Guruvayoor Campus, Guruvayoor.



◀ 'Rajavaibhavam' by Shri Sadashiv Campus, Puri.



'Prasannaraghavam' by Shri Rajeev Gandhi Campus, Sringeri. ▶



◀ 'Chanakyavijayam', by Shri Ranbir Campus, Jammu.



➤ Shri Venkatesh Moorthy, receiving prize for performing mono acting.

➤ Prof. N.R. Kannan, Principal, Guruvayoor Campus receiving first prize for the drama performed by Guruvayoor Campus.



➤ Prof. Surendra Jha, Principal, Lucknow Campus receiving second prize for the drama performed by Lucknow Campus.

➤ Faculty member of Bhopal Campus receiving third prize for the drama performed by Bhopal Campus.

