Departments of Indian Languages

- Department of Kannada
- Department of Malayalam
- Department of Sanskrit
- Department of Telugu & Comparative Literature

0452-2458471 + Extension Numbers
- Kannada: 362
- Malayalam: 327
- Sanskrit: 452
- Telugu: 309
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Profile of the School

Chairperson: Dr. V. Kalaiselvan

The School of Indian Languages was established in 1971-1972 with the objective of inculcating advanced studies in Sanskrit and other South Indian Languages. The school consists of four Language Departments namely, Department of Kannada, Department of Malayalam, Department of Sanskrit and Department of Telugu. All the four departments function under the leadership of a common Chairperson, materializing the ideal of linguistic unity in diversity. All the four departments, housed in the same building allotted for the school of Indian languages, impart avenues of higher learning in these languages. They offer all the reputed courses of the University as per the norms of the U.G.C with the help of their respective Boards of Studies. Seminars and literary Workshops are conducted with mutual collaboration of the departments every year. Minor and Major Research Projects are carried out individually and collaboratively by the faculty form the highlight of research activity in the School. Publications of individual and collective literature, besides the presentations of Research Papers by faculty and scholars also enhance the School’s academic caliber. Extension activities like Village Adoptions and Literacy Drives besides ventures of Medical and Environmental Awareness add feathers in the cap of the School’s global accreditation.

Department of Kannada

The Department of Kannada was started in the year 1972. The Department offers a two year PG course besides M.Phil, Ph.D programme. The Department has already earned reputation by the translation of Books like Thirukural, Kurunthogai into Kannada and Translation of Thirukural in Tulu language. A Tamil Kannada bilingual Dictionary was completed. A comparative study of Tamil and Kannada was carried out by the Department of Kannada and Culture. The Government of Karnataka State has released one time Grant of Rupees One crore for the overall Development of the Department of Kannada, Madurai Kamaraj University, including the appointments of Teaching Staff in the month of May 2009.

Department of Malayalam

The Department of Malayalam was established in the year 1972. This Department is now offering M.A., M.Phil. Courses and Ph.D. Programs besides conducting Certificate and Diploma Courses. It has produced many Ph.D’s in the field of language and literature, and more than 140 M. Phil. Degree holders and about 140 Post-graduates. The faculty members have published books and research papers. The Department has organized national and regional level seminars. The faculty members have attended and presented papers in various seminars and symposia in different parts of India. The Department has also been actively involved in extension activities and organizing lectures. On cultural aspects, Onam celebration
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is one of the ethnic events, which is successfully organized and celebrated every year in all its cultural flavours.

Department of Sanskrit
Since its inception in 1971, the Department of Sanskrit has created milestones in its path of serving the sublime cause of higher and the highest Sanskrit education and expertise in language, literature, culture and philosophy. It has catered excellently to the ever growing need for scientific semantic, hermeneutic and esoteric base of our ancient and stupendous heritage. Through its courses it has addressed the emergent need to handle the ups and downs of physical, mental, intellectual and spiritual stresses in the lives of the common folk abiding by the implications of real education. The Department inculcates the values of national and global integration, culturally and holistically. It has represented and continues to imbibe the sublime educational tradition required to groom the modern society in making it an elite, enlightened and harmonious one. It realizes the goal of the Vedic norm in ‘sculpturing ladies and gentlemen of the globe’ cited as, ‘Kṛṇvanto Viśvamāryam’.

Department of Telugu
The Department of Telugu & Comparative Literature was started way back in the year 1971. The Dept. Faculty have translated Tolkappiam, Tirukkural, Tiruppaavai, Sri Sadguru Thyagarajaswamy kirthanans, Katamarajan kathai, Puyal, Prathapa Modaliyar Caritra. These are major important works and besides this there are many works the Department has undertaken, completed and published. The Department is now concentrating on Comparative Dravidian Literature and Translation studies. The Department has already organized National Seminars and Regional Seminars on various aspects funded by different agencies. The Department staff participated in many National and International Seminars, conducted in many places and presented valuable research papers.

Extension Activities

The village adopted by the School is Nagamalaipuram which is located near Melakkal around ten-kilometers from the University. It has around eighty families. The people living there must walk one kilometer for transport facilities.

Faculty and students of the school approached each and every family of the village and filled the questionnaire prepared by our honorable Vice-Chancellor, Dr. P. P. Chellathurai based on the information given by the family members. The village does not have school, hospital nor library facilities. Proper road is not there to connect the village with the main road.

The faculty and students created awareness regarding sanitation in and around the village and explained the causes of dengue fever, which is a life threat in recent days. The faculty and students cleaned the village and planted trees. Then educational opportunities, importance of professional skill development and soft skill development were explained to the village people in general and students in particular.
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(Ongoing) M.Phil: 1 Ph.D. - 6
Books Authored: 1
Research Articles Published: 10
Invited Lectures – 5, Resource-personship - 2
Sessions Chaired in Seminars/Conferences – 1
Workshops Attended - 2

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(Ongoing) M.Phil: 1 Ph.D. - 7
Books Edited: 4    Authored: 4
Research Articles Published: 18
Invited Lectures – 3, Resource-personship - 3
Sessions Chaired in Seminars/Conferences - 12
Workshops Attended - 8

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(Ongoing) M.Phil: - Ph.D. - 1
Research Articles Published: 10
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Invited Lectures – 3    Resource-personship - 2
Sessions Chaired in Seminars/Conferences – 2
Workshops Attended – 5, Thesis Adjudication – 10
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Books Edited: 1 Under Publication: 2
Research Articles Published: 5
Research Papers Presented: National - 11 International- 6
Invited Lectures - 6
Resource-personship - 2
Sessions Chaired in Seminars/Conferences – 1
Workshops Attended - 6

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Research Papers Presented: National - 3 International- 4
Invited Lectures - 3
Resource-personship - 1
Sessions Chaired in Seminars/Conferences – 1
Workshops Attended - 2

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           (Submitted) Ph.D.: 4
           (Ongoing) M.Phil: 3 Ph.D. - 6
Books Edited: 1 Authored: 3 Under Publication: 3
Research Articles Published: 7
Research Papers Presented: National - 23 International- 4
Resource-personship - 1
Sessions Chaired in Seminars/Conferences – 1
Workshops Attended - 2
Courses Offered

01. M.A. Kannada
02. M.A. Malayalam Language & Literature
03. M.A. Sanskrit
04. M.A. Telugu
05. M.Phil. Kannada
06. M.Phil. Malayalam
07. M.Phil. Sanskrit
08. M.Phil. Vedangas
09. M.Phil. Telugu
10. Ph.D. Kannada
11. Ph.D. Malayalam
12. Ph.D. Sanskrit
13. Ph.D. Telugu
14. Ph.D. Vedangas
15. Certificate Course in Kannada
16. Certificate Course in Malayalam
17. Certificate Course in Sanskrit
18. Certificate Course in Telugu
19. Diploma Course in Kannada
20. Diploma Course in Malayalam
21. Diploma Course in Sanskrit
22. Diploma Course in Telugu

SSS Courses for Kannada, Malayalam, Sanskrit, Yoga, Sanskrit Dalit Studies and Telugu

Essential Qualifications:
Admission for M.A. – Graduation with a pass
Admission for M.Phil. & Ph.D. – 55% in Post-graduation

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Dr. Jayaprakash, Professor of Telugu won for his book “Pratapamuthalair Charithram.”

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MALAYALAM DEPARTMENT LIBRARY – 5000+ Books and Journals
SANSKRIT DEPARTMENT LIBRARY – 5000+ Books and Journals
TELUGU DEPARTMENT LIBRARY – 10000+ Books and Journals

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