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Report on World Sanskrit Day Celebration - 2025

As per the guidelines of **NCISM**, various activities were planned under the Sanskrit club in **Department of Samhita Siddhant and Sanskrit**, BVDU, COA, for the World Sanskrit Day with meaningful academic and cultural programmes.

• **Date:** 23rd August 2025

• Day: Saturday

• Venue: Dhanwantari Hall, Old Building, Ground Floor, BVDU, COA

• **Time:** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm





"Programme Highlights"

- The celebration commenced with Ganesh, Devi, and Guru Vandana by students, followed by **Dhanwantari Stavan**.
 - The **lamp-lighting ceremony** was conducted by:
- Hon'ble Principal Dr. Shailesh Deshpande
- Vice Principal Dr. Rahul Kadam.
- Senior faculty members including Dr. Manasi Deshpande, Dr. Madhuri Pawar and Dr. Umesh Tekawade were also present. The dignitaries were felicitated with flowers as a token of respect.

The inaugural address was delivered by **Dr. Savita Nilakhe**, who spoke on the **importance of Sanskrit in the present era** and emphasized its relevance for Ayurved students as a medium of communication.

On the occasion of **Charaka Jayanti**, various competitions had been organized by the Sanskrit club in Department of Samhita Siddhant throughout August 2025. The **prize distribution ceremony** of these competitions was held during this programme, by the the hands of dignitaries.

The keynote lecture was delivered by **HOD**, **Dr**. **Madhuri Bhide**, on the contributions of the great Sanskrit poet **Kalidasa** and the **geological and meteorological references** in his famous epic *Meghadoota*.

Student Performances and Activities

- **Dramas (5 plays)** were performed on varied themes such as *Rasapanchaka*, the ill effects of mobile phone and social media overuse, and female foeticide, presented by 1st and 2nd-year students.
- News reading in Sanskrit was innovatively presented by the 2nd-year minor batch.
- Students performed mythological and Bollywood songs in Sanskrit, showcasing creativity in adapting modern compositions.
- Sanskrit-based advertisements were enacted, highlighting the versatility of the language.
-) Prahelikas (riddles) were posed between performances to engage the audience.

The cultural programme also highlighted the glorious Ayurveda tradition of **Shloka recitation and group chanting**:

- **1st-year students** chanted *Ganapati Atharvashirsha* and the first chapter (*Sangya Prakarana*) of *Laghu Siddhanta Kaumudi*, which covers fundamental Sanskrit definitions relevant for Avurveda.
- **2nd-year students** recited *Ashtanga Hridaya Sutrasthana, Chapter 15* (*Shodhanadi Gana Sangraha*), important for practical application in clinical practice.

Before the conclusion, **Dr. Renuka Deshpande** addressed the students on the **importance of studying Ayurvedic texts with their original Sanskrit commentaries**, illustrating this with references to Acharya Vagbhata's works.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Vasudha Asutkar, after which the programme concluded with a patriotic Sanskrit rendition of "Vande Mataram" by Dr. Sachin Kulkarni.

"Conclusion"

The celebration was a perfect blend of academic enrichment, cultural vibrancy, and social awareness, all expressed through the medium of Sanskrit. Students actively participated in diverse events, experiencing Sanskrit not merely as an ancient or bookish language but as a living, dynamic,

and flawless medium of communication. The programme successfully reflected the joy, creativity, and relevance of Sanskrit in contemporary times, especially for the Ayurveda fraternity the Ayurveda fraternity.







