KANNADA RAJYOTSAVA 2024

On the auspicious occasion of the **69th Kannada Rajyotsava Celebration "CHETHANA",** Sri Chamundeshwari Medical College Hospital And Research Institute witnessed a vibrant and enthusiastic gathering on **6th November 2024.**

The event was graced by the presence of the chief guest **Dr. PK Rajashekara, a renowned folklorist, Principal Dr. Pravin G.U, the Medical Superintendent Dr. Roshan Kumar and Vice Principal Dr. Nanjaraj.**

The celebration of Kannada Rajyotsava **"CHETHANA"** began with a heart-touching quote '**Kannadavene kunidaduvudennade kannadavene kivi nimiruvudu',** evoking profound emotions while scaling the peaks of Kannada language. The Karnataka flag was hoisted, symbolizing the unity and pride for the state of Karnataka. As the flag fluttered in the wind, the **Naada geethe** stirred a sense of joy and patriotism among the attendees.

The highlight of the day was "**Karnataka Rajyadevathe Bhuvaneshwari devi**" accompanied by some of the faculty who were dressed as Kannada Jnanapeeta Awardees. Dr. Pratibha portrayed Bhuvaneshwari Devi, Dr. Yogesh as Kuvempu, Dr. Premnath as Da Ra Bendre, Dr. Mohan Goudar as Shivaram Karanth, Dr. Satyanarayan as Masti Venkatesh Iyengar, Dr. Vasanth Kumar as V K Gokak, Dr. Surendran as U R Ananthmurthy, Dr. Umesh as Girish Karnad, Dr. Shivkumar as Chandrashekhar Kambara. They were taken on a procession from the college building to the venue in the '**Kannada Ratha'.**

Dr. PK Rajashekara, the chief gues, in his address, expressed his gratitude to the Kannada language, culture, and heritage. He also mentioned how some of the words in English are influenced from Kannada language, providing some examples to illustrate the depth of the language's impact. He motivated Non-Kannadigas to develop interest in learning Kannada to foster better communication with the patients and local people. Dr. Rajashekara highlighted the importance of celebrating Kannada Rajyotsava as a way to honour the formation of the state and pay tribute to its rich history. He stressed the importance of embracing and respecting diverse cultures and languages while fostering a sense of unity and pride in being a part of Karnataka. He emphasized the need for unity and harmony among the people of Karnataka, regardless of their diverse backgrounds, in order to collectively strive for the progress and development of the state.

Dr. Pravin G.U., Principal of SCMCH, also took the stage to highlight the significance of Kannada Rajyotsava in the context of the medical institution. He acknowledged the contributions of Kannada culture and language in shaping the medical education and healthcare system in Karnataka. He underscored the importance of preserving and promoting Kannada within the medical field. He also congratulated second-year MBBS student Miss Khazeena, a Non-Kannadiga, who delivered a speech in Kannada, leaving the audience amazed by her fluency.

The spirit of unity and pride resonated deeply among all present, further strengthening the bond within the medical community and their collective commitment to serving the people of Karnataka.

As we reflect on this joyous celebration, let us remember that we are not only healthcare professionals but ambassadors of our state's rich cultural heritage. May the spirit of Kannada Rajyotsava continue to inspire us to work diligently and contribute to the well-being of Karnataka and its people.

The program concluded with the National Anthem, followed by an energetic flash mob by first- and second-year MBBS students, performing to famous Kannada songs.

The Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations continued with cultural programs in the auditorium post-lunch. Dr. CN Manjunath, Member of Parliament for Bengaluru Rural, was the special guest. He spoke about the contributions of doctors to society and urged all budding doctors to serve the nation with sincerity and kindness.

The second-year students presented a skit on the *Versatility of Karnataka* and the *Hoysala Dynasty*, followed by graceful dance performances and retro Kannada songs. A ramp walk was also presented by first-year MBBS students, representing the cultural ethnicity of Karnataka. In honour of Kannada Rajyotsava, a painting and poetry competition was organized by the Cultural Committee, with prize distribution at the conclusion of the event.

Jai Hind, Jai Karnataka, Jai Bhuvaneshwari, Jai Chamundeshwari.