

## **VASANTA SAHITYOTSAVA – 2013 PROGRAM**

**Saturday, May 18, 2013**

### **08:00 am – 09:30 am: REGISTRATION and BREAKFAST**

8:00 - 09:30 Breakfast (Foyer) Registration (Lobby)  
9:30 First Bell/Announcement  
9-35 Second Bell/Announcement/Guests are escorted to the stage.

### **09:40 am - 12:30 pm: INAUGURAL SESSION**

09:40 - 9:50 Welcome Songs  
Group Music by Texas Kannada Kootas  
Coordinator: Neela Chakravarthy

09:50 - 10:00 Welcome and Recognition of Invitees and Special Guests by HKV  
President Vatsa Kumar and KSR President M.S. Nataraja

10:00 - 10:05 Welcome by KSR Board of Trustees Chair H.Y. Rajagopal and Introduction  
of The Honorable Consul General of India

10:05 - 10:15 Inauguration of Conference- Lamp Lighting and Message of Good Wishes  
by The Honorable Parvathaneni Harish, Consul General of India

10:15 – 10:20 Introduction of Chief Guest Prof. K.V. Tirumalesh  
H.Y. Rajagopal

10:20 – 10:50 **Release of KSR Publication – ‘bEru sUru’**  
Coordinators: Guru Prasad Kaginele, Triveni Shreenivasa Rao and  
Jyothi Mahadev (Editors)  
Release – Prof. K.V. Tirumalesh

10:50 – 10:55 Introduction of Special Guest Prof. S.N. Sridhar  
Jyothi Mahadev

10:55 - 11:10 **Release of Raja Rao’s Kannada novel “naareegeeta”**  
Coordinators: Subby Subramayam, M.S. Nataraja and C.N. Srinath  
Book Release: Prof. S.N. Sridhar  
Remarks : Susan Raja Rao

11:10 – 11:15 Introduction of Special Guest Prof. Sripati Tantri  
Triveni Shreenivasa Rao

11:15 - 11-25 **Other Books Received for Release**

Coordinators: Jyothi Mahadev and Triveni Shreenivasa Rao

Book Release: Prof. Tantri

1. **'Aha'** – (amerikannaDa haasya) - Bala V. Manyam

2. **'bhaaSheyiMda bhaaShege'** (Selected English poems in Kannada) -  
M.S. Nataraja

3. **'Beyond Words'** (Selected Kannada poems in English) - M.S. Nataraja

11:25 - 11:30

Remembering HKV Bhagavata project and presentation of complimentary copies to the Chief and Special Guests  
Holalkere Chandrashekhar

11:30 - 12:30 pm

**Keynote Address by Prof. K.V. Tirumalesh on 'Development of Kannada - Challenges and Opportunities'**

**12:30 pm - 01:30 pm: MYSORE LUNCH**

**01:30 pm - 04:30 pm: LITERARY SESSION - I**

01:30 - 03:00

**sAhitya gOShThi** (Literary Seminar)

Conducted by Nalini Maiya (KSR) and Nataraja Kallur (HKV)

**Participants:** Mohan Ram (poem), Jyothi Mahadev (poem), Purnima Subramanya (poem), P.S. Maiya (essay), Triveni Shreenivasa Rao (poem), Srivatsa Kundalgarki (poem), Naga Aithal (poem), Vaishali Hegde (essay), Vallisha Shastry (essay), Nalini Maiya (poem), Vimala Rajagopal (essay), and H.V. Rangachar (poem – Recorded)

03:00 - 03:15

**oMdu iMdina dina**

(Kannada translation of Richard Blanco's poem read on Obama's second inaugural ceremony)

M.S. Nataraja

03:15 - 04:00

**'nirvaaNa'** Drama Reading (Adaptation of Vivek Shanabag's Story by Guruprasad Kaginele)

Coordinators: Guruprasad Kaginele and Meera, P.R.

Participants: Guruprasad Kaginele, Vallisha Shastri, Ram Mohan, Meera P.R.

04:00 - 04:20

Slide Show –**"A Decade in Pages"** - Ten years of KSR

Presented by Vallish Shastry and H.Y. Rajagopal

04:20 - 04:30

**Announcements**

Book sales – Sweta Jagadeesh

Banquet – Nataraja Rao

**04:30 pm - 05:30 pm: BREAK – COFFEE, TEA AND SNACKS (FOYER)  
VISIT TO BOOK STORE/EXHIBITION/ SALES (LOBBY)  
Please encourage our authors by buying their books!**

**05:30 pm - 08:00 pm: CULTURAL PROGRAM BY TEXAS KANNADIGAS**  
Presented by Mangala Prasad

**Invocatory Dance** by Indrani Parthasarathy and Troupe

**'Hamsa'** – Based on the Ballet 'Swan Lake' with Narration in Kannada  
Produced by: Dr. Rajam Ramamurthy, San Antonio

Kannada Yakshagana - "**Shamantakopaakhyaana**"  
Presented by "Yakshagana Kalavrinda - USA"

**"Swaatantrya Purvottara"** - Choreographed and Directed by Rashmi  
Shashi, with participants from Houston, Dallas and Austin  
Kannada Kootas

**08:00 pm - 10:00 pm Banquet at the Grand Hall in the Student Center**

**Sunday, May 19, 2013**

**08:00 am - 09:00 am Karnataka Breakfast (Lobby) and Group Photo of HKV and KSR  
Committee Members**

09:00 - 09:10 **Kannada GeetegaLu**  
Rajeshwari Bhat and Students

09:10 - 09:15 Announcements

**09:15 am - 11:15 am: LITERARY SESSION II**

09:15 - 10:30 **namma hemmeya barahagAraru** ('Writers We are Proud of')  
Presented by: Meera P.R. and Guruprasad Kaginele

**Naga Aithal** – 'talemaarina sele' (novel) – Guruprasaad Kaginele

**H.Y. Rajagopal** – 'gaaMdhiyugakke kannadi' – Meera R. R.

**M.S. Nataraja** - 'bhaasheyiMda bhaaShege' (Selected English poems in  
Kannada) and 'Beyond Words' ( Selected Kannada poems in English) –  
Triveni shreenivasa Rao

**Bala V. Manyam** 'Aha' (collection of humorous writings) – Meera P.R.

**Krisnaraju Tonse** – Stories and Novel – Guruprasad Kaginele  
**Jyothi Mahadev** – “bhaava loka’ (collection of stories and essays) and  
‘bhaava yaana’ (collection of poems) – Meera P.R.

**Triveni Shreenivasa Rao** – ‘tili neeli pennu’ (collection of poems) –  
Guruprasad Kaginele

**Vaishali Hegde** – ‘odde hima, uppu gaali’ (collection of columns) – Meera  
P.R.

10:30 - 11:15

**Tribute to Raja Rao**

Presented by Subby Subramanyam and Samhita Prasannamurthy

Raja Rao’s Contribution to World Literature

Samhita Prasannamurthy, Rice University

‘naareegeeta’ Re-creation Overview

M.S. Nataraja

‘naareegeeta’ Translation from ‘Song of Woman’ Manuscript, Challenges  
Faced

C.N. Srinath

‘naareegeeta,’ the novel

Prof. S.N. Sridhar

Common Themes of ‘naareegeeta,’ ‘Kanthapura’ and  
‘Serpent and the Rope’

Sim Murthy

Closing (Samhita/Subby)

**11:15 am - 11:30 am: COFFEE BREAK**

**11:30 am - 12:30 pm: LITERARY SESSION III**

**saMvAda** – Q & A Session with Prof. Tirumalesh, Prof. S.N. Sridhar, and  
Prof. Tantri

Moderator: Vallish Shastry

**12:30 pm - 01:30 pm: Lunch Break (Tex-Mex Lunch)**

**1:30 pm - 02:45 pm: LITERARY SESSION IV**

01:30 – 02:15

**paScima karAvaliya BAshegaLu mattu saMskRuti** (Languages and  
Culture of West Coast of Karnataka)

Lecture by Special Guest, Prof. Tantri  
Presented by: H.Y. Rajagopal

02:15 – 3:00

**“kannaDa kali”** – Discussion and performance by: Texas Kannada students and organizers  
Presentation of gifts (books) to Kannada students  
Conducted by: Nataraja Kallur

**3:00 pm - 03:45 pm: CLOSING SESSION**

Coordinator: Vatsa Kumar

Recognition of Artists (Paintings)  
Rashmi Murthy

Closing Remarks by Chairs of Texas Kannada Kootas

Recognition of Volunteers and Closing Remarks  
Vatsa Kumar

Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks  
M.S. Nataraja

‘naaDageete’ Songs Rendered by: Participants from  
Texas Kannada Kootas  
Coordinator: Neela Chakravarthy)

**03:30 pm COFFEE & SNACKS, LEAVE TAKING**

*(Note: Program may be subject to minor modifications.)*