

Ethical Literatures of Dravidian land : Past and Present

Two- day National Seminar on 'Ethical Literature in Dravidian Languages :: A Comparative Perspective' is organised under the financial aid of UGC and inaugurated on 24th February 2017 at 10:45 a.m., in the Dravidian University Campus by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. E. Sathyanarayana which is hosted by the Department of Tamil and Translation Studies.

The Rector of the University Prof. G. Balasubramanian presided over the function and expressed the need and necessity of the Didactical Literatures for the Dravidian community through the ages. It is quite natural that our mind always think about the abundance of didactical literatures in Tamil during the post sangam period. It brings to our mind that some different opinion on the position of our old society. Prof. P. Maruthanayagam of Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai in his keynote address, answered to all of these questions in a descriptive manner and delivered an elaborated speech. The Ethical writings of European classical languages like Greek, Latin and Sanskrit Indian context are entirely different and they are not considered as Literatures. Western theory of languages had no consideration for ethical literatures and they see ethics and literature are not going on side by side. Plato, Aristotle and Socrates are the three Giants in philosophy and they are not following any other. During 1st c. B.C., a Roman Seneca learned about Thiruvalluvar and his texts are influenced by Thiruvalluvar. Hence, Thiruvalluvar was known to him many centuries ago.

Dr. K. M. Sekar, the Director of World Tamil Sangam in his felicitation address, shared his ideas on ethical literature by quoting some ancient lines and discussed accordingly. Dr. T. Vishnukumar, Assistant Professor of our Department expressed vote of thanks to all. Earlier, the Head of the Department Dr. R. Vivekananda Gopal welcomed the gathering and at the end of the function the dignitaries were felicitated by the Rector. The Research Sessions had been started in the afternoon.

