

Dravidian University, Kuppam,

Department of Folklore and Tribal Studies

Report of Special Lecture conducted on 26.8.2021 to mark the importance of World Folklore Day

Department of Folklore and Tribal Studies of Dravidian University at Kuppam has organized an online special Lecture on Thursday 26.8.2021 to mark the importance of World Folklore Day. Hon'ble Vice chancellor of Dravidian University Prof. Tummala Ramakrishnagaru has inaugurated the programme and delivered Inaugural address. He has pointed the importance of study of Folklore by highlighting how knowledge is codified and transferred from one generation to the next. He has mentioned that Folk knowledge system is the product of the experience of our senior generations and have human values to follow. Prof. Ch.A. Rajendra Prasad, Rector of Dravidian University, has expressed his happiness for conducting this special Lecture because it is the need of the hour to see the various sources of knowledge sources to work with the alarming conditions in this pandemic situation. Dr. A.K. Venugopala Reddy expressed his wishes on the occasion of this World Folklore Day celebrations. Prof. M. N. Venkatesha, Head of the Department of Folklore and Tribal Studies has invited the dignitaries and also introduced the reasons behind celebrating world Folklore Day. He has mentioned that the Anglo-saxon word FOLK-LORE is coined by W.J.Thoms in the year 1846. W.J. Thoms in a pseudo name as Ambrose merton wrote a letter to the Editor of the Journal The Athenium and the letter is printed on 22nd August 2021. As this would be the beginning of Academic analysis of studies in Folklore in print form with the establishment of the word Folk-Lore, the day has got special importance for academicians who are working in this field. Prof. K. Shyamala, Dean in-charge of School of Human and Social Sciences, introduced the theme of the Special Lecture and also the Guest. She has highlighted the need of understanding the History of Knowledge systems that too in the field of Indigenous Medicinal Practices.

Dr. B.Eshwara Rao, Associate Professor of Department of History of University of Hyderabad delivered a thought provoking special lecture on Histories of Medical Plurality and Marginality in South India. He has highlighted how Medical Plurality is serving the need of the down trodden communities in India. He has highlighted the need of scientific understanding of various folk medicinal practices because, unless it is done one cannot signifies the important of alternate source of medicine. Because, once British Medicinal system got introduced long back in India it has contradictions with the existing practices and therefore, the roots of existing practices destabilized. The programme is concluded with the vote of Thanks by Prof. K. Shyamala. Dravidian University Teaching & non-Teaching Faculty, Research Scholars and Students have participated in thin on-line programme.



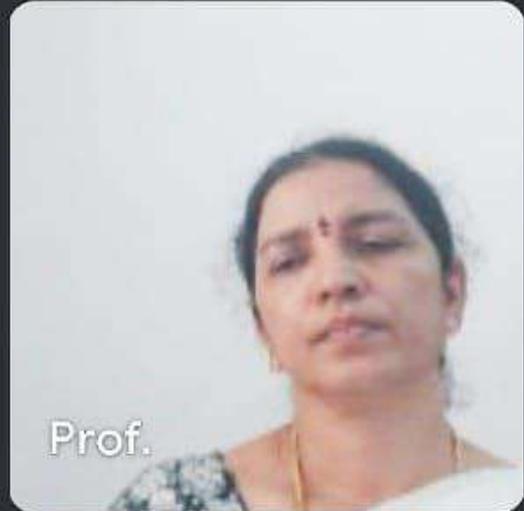
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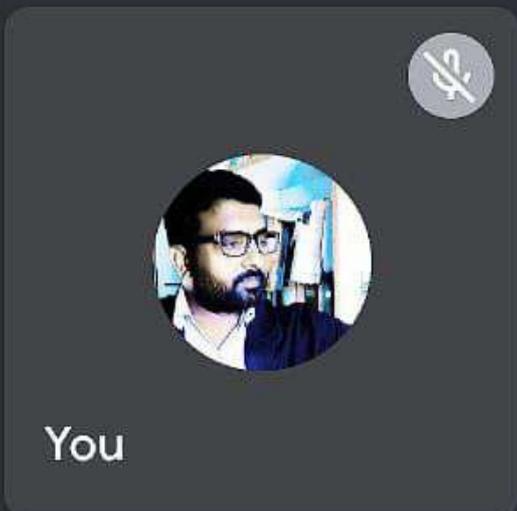
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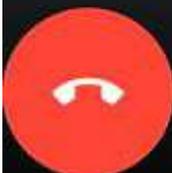
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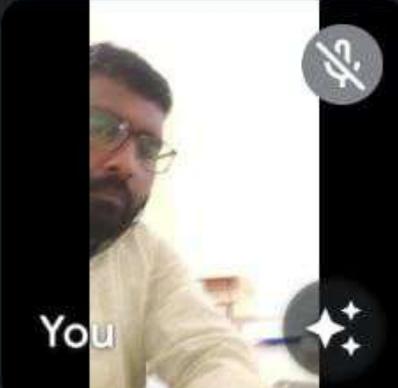

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