

THE CHAIR OF VALMIKI STUDIES

(2012-13 to 2016-17)

1. Introduction

Shri Valmiki was the great talent of tribal community. He was great poet who wrote the epic poem 'Ramayana' Maharshi Shri Valmiki was not a poet by an accident, his continuous struggle. some vyadha-tribal life indicating the epic 'Valmiki Ramayana' has made him immortal as well Rama is immortalized by it. The epic 'Valmiki Ramayana' was written approximately 2000 years ago, it tells not only the story of Rama but also tells the stories of some great respectable heroes and the persons. This entails the necessity of the studies to be conducted on the original Valmiki Ramayana. Moreover, there is need to awaken the Valmiki Tribal Community through conducting of studies on their life-conditions along with the studies on Valmiki Ramayana. In this background the 'Chair of Valmiki Studies' was established by the alma meter Kannada University Hampi. The 'Chair of Valmiki Studies' has been organising actively several intellectual academic activities, keeping in mind the academic research objectives of the Kannada University.

2. Vision

- (i) To extend the gospels, teachings and the life of great personalities such as Maharshi Valmiki.
- (ii) To telecast the moral values of such personalities to the society.
- (iii) To co-operate in awakening of the community in the contemporary world.

3. Mission

- (i) To undertake the work of extending the preaching of Valmiki Ramayana by the Chair of Valmiki Studies to Kannada Community, conducting comparative studies on various versions of Valmiki Ramayana and conducting debates of poetic and literary significance of Valmiki Ramayana.
- (ii) To organize the various schemes to study the various aspects of the cultural life of Valmiki Community.

- (iii) To formulate the projects on creating awareness among the Valmiki Community peoples about the contemporary world knowledge.
- (iv) To publish a journal by the Valmiki Studies Chair.
- (v) To organize festive-conferences of Valmiki Community Awareness.
- (vi) To organize the seminars and workshops on Valmiki Community by the Chair of Valmiki Studies and publishing the information thus collected in form of books

4. Uniqueness

Under the chairmanship of Honourable Vice Chancellor the Advisory Committee including two experts as members is constituted to formulate and materialize the programs and activities of the Chair of Valmiki Studies, the Convener implements the programs as per the advice of the Honourable Vice Chancellor.

The chair has been conducted seminars workshops and special lectures at state, national and international levels and published relevant books on Valmiki Community Studies thereby the messages of Valmiki Ramayana, cultural facts and history of Valmiki Community are extended to the people and contemporary world is also introduced.

5. Major Programs

- (i) To conduct research on life of Maharshi Valmiki.
- (ii) To conduct research on the various aspects of Valmiki Ramayana.
- (iii) To conduct research on History and culture of Valmiki Tribe.
- (iv) To organize seminars, workshops, conferences on the above mentioned subjects at regional, state, national and international levels.
- (v) To record the achievements of dynasties and the great personalities of the Valmiki Tribes.

6. Major Contributions

Sl No-	Title of Book	Author/Editor	Year	Pages	Price

7. Details of the Faculty

Name	Qualification	Service-Period
Dr.AmareshYatagal Associate Professor Dept of Epigraphy Kannada University, Hampi Vidyaranya-583276	M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D, Dip. in Epi.	16 Yeras

8. Conferences,Seminars, Workshops, Special Lectures etc conducted by the Chair

Name of Organiser	Title/Topic	Sponsor	Place	Date/Year
Dr.Tarihalli Hanumantappa	Nayaka Province Surpur	Kannada University, Hampi	Vidyaranya, Hampi	18,19,20 February 2011
Dr.Tarihalli Hanumantappa	Beda-Nayakas of Kamalapur	Kannada University, Hampi	Vidyaranya, Hampi	24,25 January 2012
Dr.Virupakshi Pujarahalli	Valmiki Thoughts	Kannada University, Hampi	Vidyaranya, Hampi	21 October 2013
Dr.Virupakshi Pujarahalli	Life and Achievements of L. G. Havnoor	Kannada University, Hampi	Vidyaranya, Hampi	15, 16 Janaury 2014
Dr.Virupakshi Pujarahalli	Beda Tribal Clan : Historical and Cultural Study	Kannada University, Hampi	Vidyaranya, Hampi	22,23 December 14
Dr.Tarihalli Hanumantappa	Valmiki Thoughts	Kannada University, Hampi	Vidyaranya, Hampi	04-02-2016
Dr. A.S.Prabhakar	How to Read Ambedkar?	Kannada University, Hampi	Vidyaranya, Hampi	17,18 June 2017
Dr. Veeresh Badiger	Globalization: Crisis and Measure of Valmiki Community	Kannada University, Hampi	Vidyaranya, Hampi	05-10-2017

Dr.Veeresh Badiger	L. G. Havanoor and Current Karnataka	Kannada University , Hampi	Vidyaranya, Hampi	27-11-2017
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9. Details of Students: Not Applicable

10. Research Projects

Researcher's Name	Title of Project	Sponsor	Cash	Year	Remarks

11. Publication Details: Books and Research Papers (with ISBN,ISSN and withoutISBN,ISSN)

Writer's Name	Title of Book/Paper	Publisher's Name	Year of Publication	ISBN/ISSN No-

12. Best Practices of the Department

- (i) The Chair of Valmiki Studies has been continuously conducting conferences seminars workshops and special lectures on history and culture of Valmiki Community.
- (ii) Publishing the books on history and culture of Valmiki Community.

13. Future Plans of The Department

- (i) To conduct research on Valmiki, Valmiki Ramayana and Valmiki Community
- (ii) To organize library and gathering of information on subject mentioned above.
- (iii) To organize conferences, seminars, workshops and special lectures on Valmiki and history and culture of Valmiki Community jointlywith various associations and societies.
- (iv) To organize the conference seminars workshop and special lecture by well versed experts in studies on Valmiki, Valmiki Ramayana and Valmiki Community.