

## **The 3<sup>rd</sup> event of Acharya Devendra Nath Sharma Birth Centenary Celebrations held at Kochi**

The third event in the Acharya Devendra Nath Sharma birth centenary celebrations were hosted at Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi on twentyfifth of August 2017. The theme was linguistics and was anchored by the Hindi Department of the University in collaboration with DK International Foundation New Delhi

Like the prior two events in Delhi and Ranchi it was widely subscribed to with participation from different parts of the country.

The Chief guest was Prof. Ravinder Gargesh, former Head Department of Linguistics and visiting professor Aligarh Muslim University. While celebrating Acharyaji's contribution to the subject area he quickly moved on to make a thematic presentation. His key propositions were that phonemes and morphemes in Hindi need to be analysed and presented with an eye to the regional variations of the language. He said that though the standard language has a clearly defined phonology and morphology, the regional variations of the language are equally important and need to be taken into consideration.

He was supported in his approach by Prof.K.Vanaja, Head of the department of Hindi CUSAT. Dr. Vanaja did a critical appraisal of Acharyaji's contribution to Linguistics where she felt that Acharyaji's touched on some fundamental postulates of linguistic analysis. This is why even after nearly two decades and a half of Acharyaji's passing away his book on linguistics is equally popular with students, researchers and seasoned scholars.

Prof.Dipti Tripathi, former Director, national Mission for Manuscripts and SG DKInternational Foundation made a discursive presentation on the theme and the current state of Art. Building on that Dr. Tripathi made some interesting formulations on the future areas of growth in the field of linguistics. She proposed that there is a need to look at linguistics from a new angle incorporating the traditional knowledge base of the country in order to develop an Indian School of Linguistics.

The Seminar concluded with an evening of fellowship amongst the participants and the



guests.