

## INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

On 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 ‘International Mother Language Day’ was celebrated. Prof Dhanjaya, SharadaVidya Mandir spoke on importance of language. Addressing the students he said that international mother language day is worldwide annual observance to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and promote multilingualism. He expressed his concern towards Kannada language since Kannada language is being affected by science, modernization and modern technology. According to linguistic experts, out of 6000 languages in the world, about 43% of languages are in threat of fading away. He further opined that Mother Language can only be saved and protected through art and literature and specially folk art. Giving example of Da Ra Bendre, though his mother tongue was Marathi his work in Kannada was remarkable. Kannada language has more than 2000 years of history and it is listed out of 18 scheduled languages in Indian Constitution. One should also respect other languages and also respect other regional languages.

Every year UNESCO chooses a theme for Mother Language Day and this year it is “Indigenous languages matter for development, peace building and reconciliation”. The Guest concluded by giving a note that unless we love and respect our mother language no programme or convention will help us so let us love and respect our mother language.

The coordinator of the programme Smt K Meerabai proposed vote of thanks.

