

**THE MADRAS SANSKRIT COLLEGE, CHENNAI-600 004.
REPORT FOR 2025-2026**

**REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE MADRAS SANSKRIT COLLEGE RUN BY
SRI V.KRISHNASWAMI IYER SANSKRIT EDUCATION TRUST**

FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026.

I have great pleasure in presenting a brief report on the working of the Madras Sanskrit College run by Sri V.Krishnaswami Iyer Sanskrit Education Trust for the year 2025-2026.

The Madras Sanskrit College was founded by late Hon'ble Sri V.Krishnaswami Iyer on 1-2-1906 and has completed one hundred and eighteen years of its useful and purposeful existence. The College provides education on various Sastras as per the syllabi prescribed by the University of Madras and prepares students to appear for the Oriental Title 'Siromani' (M.A.) Examination in Mimamsa, Advaita Vedanta, Nyaya, Vyakarana, Sahitya, Jyothisha, and Saivagama. It also offers M.A. (Sanskrit), and Ph.D. programmes. The College is affiliated to the University of Madras and recognized by the Government of Tamil Nadu, Directorate of College Education, under grant-in-aid. The duration of the course for Prak - Siromani is 2 years, (Foundation Course), Siromani Madhyama,- B.A. is 3 years and Siromani - M.A. is 2 years.

The College came under the Government of India Scheme of Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas in the year 1977 and from then on has been receiving annual grant without a break from the Government of India, Ministry of Education at the rate of 95% on staff salaries & scholarship and at the rate of 95% on other approved items from January 2025 to March 2026. Students studying in the college receive scholarships besides hostel facilities at free of cost. Apart from the regular courses, two part-time courses i.e. Certificate and Diploma courses in Sanskrit of the Madras University are conducted for the benefit of general public.

Other classes are conducted by the College under "Sanskrit for All Scheme". They are namely, 1) Diploma in Jyotisham Class, 2) Krishna Narayana Vedanta Chair, 3) Geetha Tripurasundari Sandhyavandanam Chair, 4) Anna Subramania Iyer Bhagavata Chair for Bhagavata Parayana Class and 5) Tiruppanthurai Smt. Parvathavarthini – Sri T.S. Mahalinga

Iyer Ramayana Chair for Ramayana Parayana Class. Nearly 20 general public were benefited by these classes in the current academic year.

During the current year, the strength of the students studying in the college is 180 (one hundred and eighty) – 136 regular students, 16 students for Certificate course and 28 students for Diploma courses in Sanskrit and 28 students in Ph.D.

College has achieved cent percent result in the Siromani M.A. Final year examinations held in April 2025. The credit for this achievement goes to our college faculty members who made it possible by their continued and dedicated teaching. 24 students appeared for the Certificate Course in Sanskrit Examination and 23 students appeared for Diploma course in Sanskrit Examination of the University of Madras held in April 2025 and all of them have been successful.

Digital Campus : During this year, the Digital Campus achieved significant academic and outreach milestones.

A total of *11 new courses* were launched, including:

Yoga Pravesika, Mudrarakshasam, Amudhathamizh, Ankura, Namadu Samskrutam, Pravesika (multiple levels), Indian Knowledge Systems, Ayurvedic Pravesika, Ramodantam, Hitopadesha, Nyaya Bodhini, Karnabharam, Vicharasagara, Naalvar Natramizh, and Laghu Vasudeva Mananam.

In addition, *11 new interactive batches* were conducted for existing courses such as Pravesika I & II, Ankura, and Namadu Samskrutam, reflecting strong continuity and learner engagement.

The platform recorded *1,848 new registrants* and *1,765 course subscriptions*, indicating steady growth in reach and participation.

A notable academic highlight of the year was the successful completion of the Vicharasagara course conducted by Mahamahopadhyaya Shri Mani Dravid Shastrigal.

Overall, this year marks a phase of expansion, consolidation, and deepening of academic offerings in the Digital Campus.

Academic Activities:

Teaching Staff :

All the academic staff participated in the National and International level Webinars / Seminars conducted off-line / on-line and submitted their papers.

Students :

Our College students participated in the All India Sanskrit Elocution Contests (63rd) conducted by the Central Sanskrit University at Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Viswamaha Vidyalaya, Kanchipuram, from 11th March 2026 to 13th March 2026. Dr. S. Umapathi & Dr. S. Murali accompanied the students as guides.

Karthikraja, Sanskrit Siromani Madhyama BA 2nd Year got bronze in Jyothisa Shalaka competition

Dakshinamurti, Sanskrit Siromani MA 2nd Year got bronze in dharma shastra bhashanam competition.

Inter Collegiate Competitions :

Nandagopalan and Visweswaran of Prak Siromani 2nd year got first prize for computer talent competition held at New Delhi.

Aniruddh C.S M.A. 2nd year got 1st prize in Purana Ithihasa Bhashanam and 3rd prize in Mimamsa Bhashanam in talent festival that had been conducted by National Sanskrit University Tirupati.

Aaksh Senthil, M.A. 1st year won gold medal in chess tournament conducted by National Sanskrit University Tirupati.

Anirudh C.S, M.A. 2nd year and Krishna Ramanujam, B.A. 1st year got first prize in Rasaprashna Conducted by Sri Chandrasekarendra Vishvamaha Vidhyalaya, Kanchipuram

R. Nithyan, Prak siromani 1st year got first prize in Sanskrit Elocution Competition conducted by Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College.

Umapathi. K, Prak Siromani 2nd year got second prize Sanskrit elocution competition conducted by Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College.

Aaksh Senthil, M.A. 1st year won gold medal in chess competition conducted by Kendriya Samskrta Vishvamaha Vidhyalaya, Nasik.

Shivabarani won bronze medal in chess competition conducted by Kendriya Samskrta Vishvamaha Vidhyalaya, Nasik.

Shyam Aravind, M.A. 2nd year won bronze medal in Varta Lekanam News written competition conducted by Kendriya Samskrta Vishvamaha Vidhyalaya, Nasik.

Aakash Senthil, M.A. 1st year got 1st prize in Bagavathgeetha recitation competition conducted by Mylapore Academy.

Nandagopalan got 2nd prize in Bagavathgeetha recitation competition conducted by Mylapore Academy.

Raja, Prak Siromani 2nd year got 3rd prize in Bagavathgeetha recitation competition conducted by Mylapore Academy.

Medha Udupa, Madhyama Siromani B.A. 1st year got 1st prize in Carnatic singing competition conducted by Mylapore Academy.

Ramaswamy, Madhyama Siromani B.A. 2nd year got 2nd prize in Carnatic singing competition conducted by Mylapore Academy.

Umapathi, Prak Siromani 2nd year and Gosakan, Prak Siromani 1st year got 3rd prize in Inter collegiate Oratorical Competition conducted by Mylapore Academy.

Functions held during the year:

Rama Navami Lecture : "Archa Raman" was delivered by Sri U.Ve. Dr. V.S. Karunakarachariyar Swamigal under Late Sri R. Narayanaswami Iyer Endowment on Wednesday, 09.04.2025. He was honoured by the Trustee Sri Ravi Narayanaswami (endowment creator).

Mahakavi Sri Nilakanda Dikshithar Endowment Lecture was held on 19.04.2025. Dr. O.R. Devanathan, Associate Prof. & Head, Dept. of Sanskrit, Presidency College, delivered a lecture on Sabharanjanashatakam

Sri Sankara Jayanthi Mahotsavam was celebrated for 5 days from Monday 28.04.2025 to Friday 02.05.2025 under Sri T.V. Viswanatha Iyer & Sri T. Venkatarama

Dikshitar Trust. Lectures from texts of Sri Adi Sankara were given by scholars on all the 5 days.

Pujyasri Omkarananda Swamigal Memorial Lecture was held under **Vaiyakalathur Anantha Subramanian – Meenakshi Endowment** on 10.05.2025. Sri Krishna Jagannathan, Disiple of Pujyasri Omkarananda Swamigal, delivered a lecture on Advaita Siddhanta – Sanathana Dharma & Tamil Literature. Awards of Scholarships were distributed to the students.

Geetha Tripurasundari Endowment - Krishna Yajurveda Sandhyavandanam Camp was held from May 21 to May 30, 2025 for the benefit of Children & Youngsters. Dr. L. Sowjanya Kumar conducted the camp & 10 public were participated.

Sri R. Venkatraman Endowment - Maha Periyava Jayantyutsavam **Thirupan thurai Smt. Parvathavarthini - Mahalinga Iyer Endowment & Thirupan thurai Smt. Bhagirati - Sri Seetharama Iyer Endowment** - Bhashya classes were conducted in Advaita Bhavana in Brahmasutras - Lecture by Dr. K.S. Maheswaran from 10.06.2025 to 14.06.2025. Scholarships were given to Bhashyam students under the above mentioned endowments.

Inauguration of 4 institutions – Ramaratnam Bharatiya Vidyalayam, Sri Chandra Shekharendra Saraswati Veda Pathashala, Shri Kirshnaswami Iyer Shastra-Varidhi Programme & Department of Saivagama Siromani. H.H. Sri Sri Sri Vijayendara Saraswati Mahaswamigal inaugurated these institutions on 18.06.2025 in a grand manner and delivered his Anugraha Bhashanam. A large number of people participated in this programme.

International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21.06.2026. Sri. Muthu Raj, Yoga Instructor talked about Yoga in our life.

Mahamahopadhyaya Brahmasri E. Balasubramania Sastrigal Endowment Lecture was held on 27.06.2025. Mm. Dr. Mani David Sastrigal, Prof. of Mimamsa, The Madras Sanskrit College, delivered a lecture on Mimamsa Sastra – An Introduction.

Dr. S.S. Janaki Memorial Endowment Lecture was held on 15.07.2025. Dr. T.V. Vasudeva, Deputy Director, The Kuppaswami Sastri Research Institute, delivered a lecture on Savtmayogapradipa of Amarananda.

Sastra Chudamani Prof. Sivasri K.A. Sabharatna Sivacharyar Memorial Endowment Lecture was held on 21.07.2025. Mm. Dr. Mani Dravid Sastrigal, Prof. of Mimamsa, The Madras Sanskrit College, delivered a lecture on Srikanda Bhasye Iksatyadhikaranam.

Spoken Sanskrit Classes were conducted in association with Samskrita Bharati from 21.07.2025 to 30.07.2025 by Smt. Latha Ravindran & Smt. Lalitha Narasimhan.

Inaugural Function of Sri Sarada Vilasini Sabha was held on Monday, 21.07.2025. Dr. K.V. Suryaprakash, Asst. Prof. (Research), Adarsh Sanskrit Sansthan, Sanskrit Academy, Osmania University Campus, Hyderabad was the Chief guest and delivered his inaugural address to the students.

Prof. N.R. Bhat Memorial Endowment Lecture was held on 24.07.2025. Sri. K. Subramanya Sivacharyar, Principal, Sri Iyamani Sivacharya Siddhanta Saiva Veda Sastra Jnana Patasalai, Nattarasnkottai, delivered a lecture on Patyaksha Sabdha Pramanam in Saiva Paribhasha Granthas.

Sastra Ratnakara Brahmasri S.R. Krishnamoorthy Sastrigal Endowment Lecture was held on 07.08.2025. Brahmasri V. Kutumbasastri, Hon'ble Chancellor, Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya, Enathur, Kanchipuram, Former Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (CSU), New Delhi delivered a lecture on Nyaya Sastra Parichaya.

Under **Swami Dayananda Saraswati Endowment**, Swami Dayananda Saraswati's Birthday Memorial Lecture was organized on Arsha Vidya – Clarity, Compassion and Commitment : The Life and Light of Swami Dayananda. The lecture was delivered by Brahmasri Dr. K. Ramasubramanian on 15.8.2025 and at the end of the lecture Scholarships were presented to 5 students. On that day, two books titled 'Reflection on the Song Divine' written by Mm. Dr. R. Krishnamoorthy Sastrigal, and 'Vedapaurusheyadavada' by Dr. K.S. Maheswaran, faculty of the Madras Sanskrit College, were released and distributed freely to the students, Sanskrit lovers & Sanskrit Institutions.

Sri Mahalinga Sarma Memorial Endowment Lecture was held on 18.08.2025. Sekkizhar-Seer-Paravuvar" Tillai "Sambhava-sir" Ve. Ramanan Ayya, delivered a lecture on

Sivanama Ashtothra Sada Stotra Vyakyana Sri Siva Tattva Rahasyam & Award of Scholarship distributed to eligible student.

Mathrushree R. Rajam Memorial Endowment Lecture was held on 25.08.2025. Mm. Dr. Mani Dravid Sastrigal, Prof. of Mimamsa, The Madras Sanskrit College, delivered a lecture on Srikanda Bhasye Anandamayadhikaranam & Awards of Scholarships were distributed to eligible students.

Vikas Ratna, Dr. Sivasri K. Pitchai Sivacharya Endowment Lecture was held on 29.08.2025. Mm. Dr. Mani Dravid Sastrigal, Prof. of Mimamsa, The Madras Sanskrit College, delivered a lecture on Srikantabhasya-Itaranupapattyadhikaranam.

Nidamangalam Sunderasan – Sarada Endowment Lecture was held on 30.8.25. Brahmasri N. Neelabala Sarma, Former Prof. of Mimamsa, The Madras Sanskrit College, Chennai delivered a lecture on Adivaita Siddhantam – Yoga Vasishtam.

Svacchata Pakhwada event was held on 15.09.2025 and the students cleaning the campus under the guidance of Dr. P.P. Sridhara Upadhyaya.

Sivadiksa Prayoga Karyasala was held from 18 to 20th September 2025 under the financial aid from Central Sanskrit University. A large number of students from various patasalas participated.

Angarai Brahma Shree Ramanatha Iyer Endowment Lecture was held on 20.09.2025. ‘Shivagama Siromani, Shivagama Vachaspati’ Dr. K.S. Balasubramaniya Sivacharyar, Principal, Sri Vaidyanatha Shivacharyar Saveda Shivagama Shastra Patasala, Udaiyaloor, delivered a lecture on Sri Lalitha Sahasranama – Bhaskararaya’s Bhasyam along with a musical rendering ‘Lalitha Geeta Narayanam’ by Kalakad Sri R. Thyagarajan & Kalakad Dr. R. Srinivasan & Party.

On the occasion of Appayya Dikshita Jayanti, Dharmapuram Sivasri S. Swaminatha Sivacharya Memorial Endowment Lecture was held on 06.10.2025. Mm. Dr. Mani Dravid Sastrigal, Prof. of Mimamsa, The Madras Sanskrit College, delivered a lecture on Svetasvataropanisat.

Sanskrit Week was celebrated from 07.10.2025 to 13.10.2025. Prof. K.E. Devanathan, Chairman, Management Committee of the Madras Sanskrit College was the Chief Guest and delivered the inaugural address.

Various competitions were held in Sanskrit. Students participated in all competitions very eagerly.

The Valedictory function was held on 13.10.2025. Sivasri. V. Somasekara Shivacharyar was the Chief guest and distributed prizes to the students and gave his valedictory address.

Kulithalai Arangasami Iyer Meikanda Saiva Siddhantam Memorial Endowment Lecture was held on 09.10.2025. Saiva Siddhanta Sarabam, Sikampattiyar, Kulithalai Shaiva Su. Ramalingam Ayya, delivered a lecture on Sivagnana Botha Mapadiyam – 1st Sutram of Sri Maatava Sivagnana Swamigal.

Bhagavad Gita inter-school Competitions held for 6th to 12th Std. Students on 26.10.2025. More than 110 students participated from 12 schools in Chennai. 12 scholars were nominated as Judges for the competitions. Students bagged 7 first prizes, 7 second prizes & 7 third prizes. Dr. V. Rajalakshmi, Retd. Prof. in English, Madras Sanskrit College distributed prizes to the winners. This programme was sponsored by Smt. Hemalatha Venkataraman Endowment.

Vigilance Awareness Pledge was taken by all the staff & students as per the guidelines from the Central Sanskrit University on 30.10.2025. Sri V. Veeraraghavan, Guest Teacher in Computer Education conducted this programme.

Brahmasri. B. Mahdavan Memorial Endowment Lecture was held on 30.10.2025. Vyakarana Siromani Dr. S. Sivaguhan, Asst. Librarian, GOML & RC, Chennai, delivered a lecture on Siddhanta Prakasika - Sarvatamasambhu viracita.

National wide Celebration of the Commemoration of 150 years of the National Song Vande Mataram – A live telecast by the Govt. of India was seen by the Staff & students. “Karaoke with Vante Mataram” was conducted by Dr. K.S. Maheswaran and staff & students repeated the lyrics along with him.

Bhagavad Gita Jayanti was celebrated on 01.12.2025.

2 day National level Seminar on “Greatness of Skanda Puranam” in association with Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi was conducted from 01.12.2025 & 02.12.2025. In the inaugural event of the seminar, Dr. R. Thyagarajan, Retd. Prof. Presidency College, Chennai was the Chief Guest who delivered his address on the occasion. More than 50 delegates participated.

Dr. C.S. Radhakrishnan, Retd. Prof., Central University, Pondicherry was the Chief Guest of the Valedictory function of the Seminar on 02.12.2025 and delivered his valedictory address to the participants.

Bhagavad Gita Day was celebrated on 30.12.2025. Dr. S. Murali, Guest Teacher in Jyotisha, Chanted the slokas & Dr. G. Karthikeyan, Sastra Choodamani Teacher gave his Discourse on the same. Publics were participated in large number. This programe was sponsored by Tennangur Arunachala Ramachandra Iyer Endowmnet.

Pre All India Sanskrit Elocution Contest was held on 6th & 7th January 2026. 64 students participated from 17 institutions from Tamilnadu & Pondicherry region. Various competitions were conducted in Sanskrit & the winners participated in final. Central Sanskrit University sponsored this programme.

Dr. A.S. Ramanathan Endowment Lecture was held on 10.01.2026. Dr. S. Murali, Guest Faculty, Dept. of Jyotisha, The Madras Sanskrit College delivered a lecture on An introduction to Vedanga-Jyautisham.

Abhinava Vidyatheertha Swati Vidvat Sabha : Abhinava Vidhyatheertha Swati Vidvat Sabha is a year-long Vakyartha sabha constituted by Dr S Narayanan and Jalaja Narayanan in memory of Abhinava Vidyatheertha Swamigal of Sringeri Sarada Peetham and co-ordinated by Dr P R Vasudevan. This year there were so many Vakyarthas of the Sabha in which chief guests from various institutions all over India participated and delivered Vakyartha Vichara.

Dr. P C Muraleemadhavan , Retired Professor , Department of Sahitya , Central Sanskrit University, an erudite scholar spoke about वक्रोक्तौ - :बाह्यन्तरचारुत्वहेतव काव्ये ।:ध्वनिसाक्षात्कार

H.H. Vidyashreetha Swamigal, the Pontiff of Vyasaraya Mutt, Udupi, presided over and blessed everyone who attended the sabha. Dr. Mani Dravid Sastrikal, Senior professor of the college had delivered an extensive Vakyarthavichara on गुरुत्वम् in Tarka Sastra, M Varadarajan presented his Vakyartha on शब्दप्रमाणम् according to Vaisesika Darshanam, Sarveshwaran S, student of our college spoke about ईश्वरानुमानम् from शिवार्कमणिदीपिका.

In faculty category, **Dr. P.R. Vasudevan**, Guest Teacher in Nyaya was honoured with “**Shiksha-bhushanam**” Award by the Vice Chancellor of Central Sanskrit University.

This year, we received donations from 90 donors towards Kumara Bhojanam, Provisions for bhojanam, hostel facilities, Sanskrit Studies and other general purposes.

Generous donations were received from the following donors:

1. Zoho Corporation Pvt. Ltd. & Samskriti Trust for upcoming programmes.
2. Sri Venkataraman Swaminathan, USA, Smt. Chandra B. Chandran, Sankara Kailasam Iyer, Sri S. Sankar towards Swami Dayananda Endowment.
3. Sri Sivakumar, Thirugnanasambandar Foundation for Tantra Prakasika course in this College.
4. Smt. Lakshmi Devnath for Vedanta & Vyakarana students (2027 onwards)
5. Smt. Uma Krishnaswami for Dept of Mimamsa (2027 onwards)
6. Super Auto Forge Pvt. Ltd. & Chakiat Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd. towards infrastructure improvement

We express our heartfelt and sincere thanks to all the donors of the endowments for the award of prizes on Founder’s Day of the College.

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Thank you.

Dr. C. Hariharan

Principal i/c