

REPORT ON SANSKRIT DAY CELEBRATIONS – 2026

Organised by: Loyola Sanskrit Association, Department of Sanskrit, Loyola College, Chennai

Date: 11 September 2026

Chief Guest: Dr. Prashanth Kallay

The Loyola Sanskrit Association of the Department of Sanskrit, Loyola College, Chennai, celebrated **Sanskrit Day on 11 September 2026** with great enthusiasm and academic fervour. The programme was organised with the objective of creating awareness about the richness and relevance of the Sanskrit language and providing students with a platform to express their talents through Sanskrit.

The programme commenced with a **welcome address**, extending a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, Rev. Father Principal, faculty members and students. This was followed by the **traditional lighting of the lamp**, symbolising the dispelling of darkness through knowledge and the beginning of the celebrations on an auspicious note.

A variety of cultural and literary programmes were presented by the students, showcasing their interest and proficiency in Sanskrit. The events included **sacred text reading, speeches, storytelling, Sanskrit songs, dance and skits**. All the programmes were presented in Sanskrit, demonstrating the versatility of the language as a medium for communication, literature, performance and cultural expression.

A notable feature of the celebration was the enthusiastic participation of the students. **Nearly 90% of the students participated in various events**, either individually or as members of different groups. Their active involvement reflected their growing confidence in using Sanskrit beyond the classroom and highlighted the effectiveness of experiential and participatory learning.

The **Chief Guest, Dr. Prashanth Kallay**, delivered an insightful and engaging talk on the **importance and relevance of Sanskrit**. He highlighted the richness of Sanskrit literature and its continued significance in contemporary education and society. His address encouraged the students to appreciate Sanskrit not merely as an ancient language but also as a language with enduring intellectual, cultural and literary value.

Following the Chief Guest's address, Rev. Father Principal **addressed the students** and appreciated their enthusiastic participation in the Sanskrit Day celebrations. Rev. Father Principal emphasised the importance of cultural awareness, active learning and the holistic development of students.

The programme concluded with the **distribution of certificates to the participating students**, recognising their efforts and encouraging them to continue their involvement in Sanskrit-related academic and cultural activities.

The **Head of the Department** delivered the **vote of thanks**, expressing gratitude to the Chief Guest, the Principal, faculty members, student coordinators and all the participants for their valuable contributions towards the successful conduct of the programme.

The Sanskrit Day celebration was marked by enthusiastic student participation, meaningful academic engagement and vibrant cultural presentations. The programme provided

students with an enriching opportunity to experience Sanskrit as a living medium of expression while strengthening their appreciation of India's linguistic and cultural heritage.

