

Hindi Day Function

This year's Hindi Day Function, held at the S R Valluri Auditorium on 14 September 2001, started, as always, with an invocation (by Mr Shekar Anandan). Mr M Prabhakaran, AO, welcomed the gathering and introduced the chief guest Ms B S Shanta Bai, who is the Secretary, Karnataka Mahila Hindi Seva Samithi. Although 70, Ms Shanta Bai looks much younger, and has served the cause of Hindi for half a century, both in India and in USA and Canada.

Dr B R Pai, in his presidential address, said that Hindi is a simple language and rightfully deserves to be the link language of our country. Our constitution adopted Hindi as our National Language in 1949. Explaining how all languages develop by more frequent usage, Dr Pai advised everyone to use Hindi in all their communications. He also pointed out that we all know basic Hindi; TV has taught us most of our Hindi. We must, therefore, use the language and solemnly pledge to support Hindi as our National Language, as enshrined in our Constitution.

Dr S K Saxena, Senior Scientist, NAL, delivered the fifth Hindi Day Lecture on the Growth of CFD at NAL. He said "as the power of computers increased, the capability of solving more and more complex CFD problems became possible. The Flosolver series of powerful computers developed by Dr U N Sinha and the optic fibre connectivity between Belur and Kodihalli campuses has helped NAL's CFD teams to solve complex CFD problems from the Belur campus using computers in the Kodihalli campus." He pointed out that CFD work is being done at lot of places, but the uniqueness of NAL's CFD effort is that it has focused on aerospace areas. He said "NAL's CFD teams have solved a lot of problems for LCA and for civil aviation projects like HANSA and SARAS. CFD teams have also undertaken projects for non-aerospace applications like ships, submarines and radomes". It was remarkable how Dr Saxena made a complex subject like CFD very simple to understand even for a layman who knows little basic Hindi and proved that even complex scientific subjects can be dealt in Hindi if one has the will.

Ms Shanta Bai released the Hindi version of the NAL Report of the Director 2000-2001 and distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions held during the Hindi Week. In her remarks she appreciated the Hindi atmosphere discernible on the NAL campus. She said that people are interested in using Hindi but the influence of English is still an obstacle. She said there have to be more and more Hindi medium schools so that students who study in the Hindi medium will have a bright future. She appreciated Dr Saxena for delivering his technical lecture in Hindi. She pointed out that Hindi is not a language of any particular state and all states can easily adopt it.

Mr P S R Muthy, Hindi Officer, NAL, compered the event in his impeccable Hindi and proposed the vote of thanks. NAL's Hindi Cell continues to do wonderful work to promote and popularize the National Language.

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