Mr Ramanuja Tatarcharya, visiting Professor at the French Institute was given the prestigious Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur given by the President of France. The 84 year scholar is from Vandavasi near Thiruvangamalai and he had a long career at the Kendriya Sanskrit Peet in Tirupathi, working as a lecturer, professor, reader and finally retired in 1994 as its Vice Chancellor. He has written over 50 books in and on Sanskrit. Recognising his services to Sanskrit the French government decided to honour him. The event took place at the French Consulate. The Ambassador of France to India Mr François Richier presided over the function and decorated the scholar.

Many of his disciples who are readers and professors of Sanskrit today, and members of French Institute were there. The scholar has been decorated with over 24 awards like the President’s award, Birla Award and Dalmia Award.