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From the Director's Desk……

It gives me immense pleasure to present Volume 4, No. 1 of the CMDR Newsletter, capturing a vibrant and productive quarter of academic exploration, policy dialogue, and institutional milestones between April and June 2026. Over these three months, the Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, has continued to establish itself as a dynamic forum for connected research, expanding its horizons through critical new projects, nationwide webinars, and social justice initiatives.

A major milestone of this quarter was the initiation of an internationally significant research project titled "Bidi Rollers' Livelihood Status, Skills and Options for Alternate Employment: Reporting from Selected Regions in India," funded by the WHO, New Delhi. Our academic footprint widened with the conceptualization of the "Bharatiya Social Science webinar series". This initiative has already successfully hosted distinguished Pan-Bharat experts including Prof. Anand Thakur from the Central University of Punjab, Bhatinda, Dr. Souvik Ghosh from Visva-Bharati, West Bengal and Dr. Gopal Parasari from IIT Dharwad, delivering impactful lectures on Sustainable Development Goals, Farmer Producer Companies, and the contemporary relevance of indigenous economic thoughts.

Our campus remained a hub of student and community activities. On May 14, 2026, we celebrated the 135th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by organizing an innovative Research Proposal Presentation Competition designed to nurture critical thinking among young researchers. We extended this cultural and social responsibility by celebrating Jagajyoti Sri Basaveshwar Jayanthi, participating collectively in International Yoga Day, and observing World Environment Day 2026 under the theme "Inspired by Nature, For Climate, For Our Future" by planting sacred Bilwa saplings across the campus. This quarter also brought a bittersweet moment as we hosted a heartfelt farewell ceremony for our long-serving Research Assistant, Dr. D.R. Revankar, honoring his years of dedication upon retirement.

None of these milestones would have been possible without the vibrant ecosystem of support that sustains CMDR. I extend my profound thanks to all our financial and institutional contributors, most notably the WHO, the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Government of Karnataka and the Planning Department of the Government of Karnataka, for their unwavering trust and collaboration on vital state-level projects like the District Human Development Reports (DHDR).

I am incredibly grateful to our expert juries, resource persons, and the numerous bright student participants and interns who filled our seminar halls with intellectual energy. Finally, my deepest appreciation goes out to our dedicated faculty members for their prolific publication outputs, invited lectures, and research supervisions, as well as to our relentless non-academic and editorial staff whose meticulous, behind-the-scenes operational and administrative handling keeps the wheels of CMDR turning seamlessly. As we move forward, let us remain inspired by this collective duty to drive holistic, sustainable, and inclusive societal growth.

Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli
Director

New Project

Prof. Nayanatara S.Nayak

- **Title:** "Bidi Rollers' Livelihood Status, Skills and Options for Alternate Employment: Reporting from Selected Regions in India"
- **Funding:**WHO, SEARO Office, New Delhi
- **Period:** April 17 –September 30, 2026
- **PI/Co-PI:** Dr. Nayanatara S.Nayak, Dr. Jai Prabhakar, Dr. S.V.Hanagodimath

Activity/Training Programme

Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli

Brief Report

- The Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad has organized a Research Proposal Presentation Competition on the occasion of 135th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar on 14th May 2026 at 10.00 AM in the Seminar Hall of the Centre to encourage young researchers, scholars and teachers to enhance their academic excellence.

  Dr. Triveni S. Professor, Department of Psychology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, Dr.Rangaswamy D.Naik, Professor, Karnataka Law University and Dr.Gopal Sharan Parashari, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology were invited as the Juries for the event.

  The distinguished panel of juries highly appreciated the initiative, noting that the Research Proposal presentation competition provides a vital academic platform for young scholars to engage with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's transformative vision. They commended the high quality and analytical depth of the proposals received, emphasizing that such programs are essential for fostering critical thinking and evidence-based research on social justice and inclusive development. The juries also lauded the Centre's consistent efforts in organizing meaningful intellectual activities that bridge the gap between constitutional ideals and contemporary academic discourse.

  Ms. Swheta Neelannavar of CMDR presented the proposal entitled "Education, Health and Economic Development among Rural Women: An Evidence from Kalyana Karnataka"and won the First prize with cash award of Rs.10,000/-.

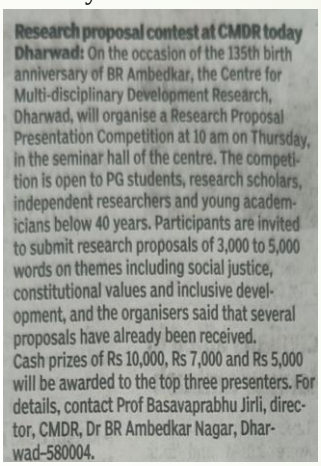
  Dr. Mohan Thambad of Swamy Vivekanand Youth Moment (SVYM) presented the proposal entitled "Assessment of Caregiver Burden and Training of Caregivers, Family Members, and Volunteers in Palliative Care to Improve the Quality of Life of Patients and Caregivers: A Multicentric Cross-Sectional Study Research Proposal" and Dr. Ashok Kori of Dharwad Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences,(DIMHANS) presented the proposal entitled " Suicide Prevention Program for Students in Education Institutions in Dharwad District" and shared the Second Prize with a cash prize of Rs.7,000/-. Each.

  Mr. Sunil Garag of University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad presented the proposal entitled " Does Caste Still Influence Opportunities in Modern India? A Study of Perception and Reality among Youth " and won the Third Prize with a cash prize of Rs.5,000/-

  Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, CMDR briefed about objectives and usefulness the programme in capacity building of young researchers and scholars. Dr.Jai Prabhakar, S.C., Associate Professor welcomed and Dr. S.V.Hanagodimath, Assistant Professor, CMDR extended vote of thanks. Prof. T. Brahmanandam, Dr. Arunkumar Kulkarni, Dr. DundappaY. Badlakkanavar and Dr. Prateek Mali were present.

Media Coverage

Samyukta Karnataka 14-05-2026



Research proposal contest at CMDR today

Dharwad: On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of BR Ambedkar, the Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research, Dharwad, will organise a Research Proposal Presentation Competition at 10 am on Thursday, in the seminar hall of the centre. The competition is open to PG students, research scholars, independent researchers and young academicians below 40 years. Participants are invited to submit research proposals of 3,000 to 5,000 words on themes including social justice, constitutional values and inclusive development, and the organisers said that several proposals have already been received. Cash prizes of Rs 10,000, Rs 7,000 and Rs 5,000 will be awarded to the top three presenters. For details, contact Prof Basavaprabhu Jirli, director, CMDR, Dr BR Ambedkar Nagar, Dharwad-580004.



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ಧಾರವಾಡ: ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಡಾ. ಬಿ.ಆರ್. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ ನಗರದ ಬಹುಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ವಿಕಾಸ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಡಾ. ಬಿ.ಆರ್. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ ಜಯಂತಿ ಅಂಗವಾಗಿ ಮೇ 14ರಂದು ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 10ಕ್ಕೆ "ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆ ಮಂಡನೆ" ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ ಆಯೋಜಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗೆ ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು, ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು, ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರ ಸಂಶೋಧಕರು ಹಾಗೂ 40 ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನ ಯುವ ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸಕರು ಮತ್ತು ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಕರು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ನ್ಯಾಯ, ಸಂವಿಧಾನಿಕ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮಾವೇಶಾತ್ಮಕ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕುರಿತ ವಿಷಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 3,000 ರಿಂದ 5,000 ಪದಗಳ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ನಿಖಾಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಪ್ರತಿಭೆಯನ್ನು ಉತ್ತೇಜಿಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಮೊದಲ ಮೂರು ಅತ್ಯುತ್ತಮ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ 10,000, ರೂ. 7,000 ಹಾಗೂ 5,000 ನಗದು ಬಹುಮಾನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು ಎಂದು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಪ್ರೊ. ಬಸವಪ್ರಭು ಜೀರ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Times of India 14-05-2026, AIR – Broadcast 15-05-2026 at 7.05 am

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World Environment Day 2026

- World Environment Day is celebrated every year on 5th June as the United Nations' principal platform for encouraging global awareness and action to protect our environment. Established in 1972 during The Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment, it has grown into one of the largest global observances, engaging governments, organizations, communities, and individuals in collective efforts to safeguard the planet. The purpose of world environment day is to raise awareness about pressing environmental issues such as climate change, deforestation, pollution, and biodiversity loss.

Each year, the UN announces a theme focusing on a specific environmental challenge (for example, the theme of 2026 was "Inspired by Nature, For Climate, For Our Future." emphasizing the link between climate action and nature-based solutions. Encouraged individuals, communities, and governments to adopt sustainable practices and reduce emissions.

World Environment Day is not just symbolic, it is a call to action. It reminds us that:

- Protecting nature is essential for human survival and well-being.
- Small, local actions (like planting trees or reducing plastic use) contribute to global impact.
- Cultural traditions and indigenous knowledge often align with sustainable practices, offering valuable lessons for modern environmental stewardship.

The significance of the day emphasizes that environmental protection is not the responsibility of governments alone, it requires participation from every individual. It also bridges science, policy, and culture, encouraging communities to integrate ecological responsibility into daily life. In essence, World Environment Day is both a celebration and a responsibility, a reminder that the Earth is our shared home, and its care is a collective duty.

World Environment Day is a global call to act decisively on climate change, inspired by nature's resilience and wisdom. It urged communities worldwide to integrate ecological responsibility into everyday life, aligning perfectly with CMDR's initiative of planting Bilwa (Aegle marmelos) saplings in CMDR Dharwad campus. Bilwa or Bael, scientifically known as Aegle marmelos, is a mid-sized deciduous tree belonging to the Rutaceae family. It is regarded as one of the most sacred trees in the Shaivite tradition, often called the "Tree of Enlightenment" or the "Golden Apple." The tree is easily recognized by its thorny branches and unique three-leaf cluster, in which one stem carries three leaflets, a feature that holds deep symbolic meaning. Known by many names such as Bael, Wood Apple, Golden Apple, Sriparni, and Sandilya, the Bilwa tree is deeply respected across India for its spiritual importance, healing qualities, and rich cultural heritage.

Bilwa is highly significant in both medicine and Hindu traditions. The plant is rich in compounds of medicinal importance. The fruit pulp contains substances that help improve digestion, while the leaves contain natural oils that help fight bacteria and fungal infections. The leaves also contain helpful compounds that support healthy blood sugar and cholesterol levels. Additionally, the leaves are used to treat diarrhea and other stomach ailments. Beyond its medicinal value, the Bilwa tree also supports the environment by releasing oxygen and absorbing harmful air pollutants, helping to keep the air cleaner and the surroundings healthier. On the other hand, it is of religious importance in the worship of Lord Shiva.

The Director, Registrar, all teaching and non-teaching staff of CMDR participated in the event.



Participation in Workshops / Seminars/ Meetings / Lectures

Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli

- Basavaprabhu Jirli earned certificate by attending "Faculty AI Masterclass" in the Google for Education AI Implementation Program 2026 (held on 16th May 2026)

Prof. Nayanatara S.Nayak

- Participated in a Workhop organised by the State Planning Department at ANSIRD, Mysuru for the District Coordinators of District Human Development Report (DHDR)on 16.5.2026.
- Participated in a state level online meeting organised by the State Planning Department, Govt of Karnataka for the District Coordinators of District Human Development Report (DHDR)on 8.6.2026.
- Participated in District level Sub Committee Meeting of state departments at Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad on 29.6.2026.

Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C.

- Dr Jai Prabhakar has served as one of the Coordinators, along with Dr S. V. Hanagodimath, for the Research Proposal Presentation Competition organised on the occasion of the 135th Birth Anniversary of Dr B. R. Ambedkar by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, on 14 May 2026.

Dr. S V Hanagodimath

- Dr. S V Hanagodimath delivered two lectures on 'Preparation of Questionnaire' and 'Preparation of Questionnaire (Practical)'as a Resource Person for the FIP-13 Programme, organized for Assistant Professors of Economics at the Higher Education Academy, Dharwad, on 21-22 of May 2026.
- Dr. S V Hanagodimath delivered two lectures – 'Primary Data Collection Tools' and 'Data Processing and Analysis in Scientific Research' as a Resource Person at Three Days Workshop on Research Methodology, sponsored by Dr. Babu Jagajivana Ram Studies, Research and Extension Centre, Karnatak University, Dharwad, on 22.05.2026.
- Attended the State-Level Workshop Programme on District Human Development Report (DHDR) and Integrated and Sustainable District Development Plan (ISDDP), conducted by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, on 15 May 2026 at SIRDPR, Mysuru.
- Dr. S V Hanagodimath attended the State-Level Review Meeting on District Human Development Report (DHDR) and Integrated and Sustainable District Development Plan (ISDDP), conducted by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, on 5th June 2026 at Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad.
- Dr. S V Hanagodimath attended the State-Level Review Meeting on DHDR and ISDDP Project conducted by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, on 20th June 2026 at Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad.
- Dr. S V Hanagodimath attended the State-Level Review Meeting on DHDR and ISDDP Project conducted by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, on 12th May 2026 at Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad.
- Dr. S V Hanagodimath participated in the Sub-committee on Dharwad District Human Development Report (DHDR) and Integrated and Sustainable District Development Plan (ISDDP), conducted by the Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad on 5th May 2026 at Meeting Hall, Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad.
- Dr. S V Hanagodimath attended the State-Level Review Meeting on DHDR and ISDDP Project conducted by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, on 6th May 2026 at Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad.
- Dr. S V Hanagodimath attended the Project Meeting on DHDR and ISDDP Project conducted by Zilla Panchayat, Uttar Kannada on 25th June 2026.
- Dr. S V Hanagodimath participated in the Sub-committee on Dharwad District Human Development Report (DHDR) and Integrated and Sustainable District Development Plan (ISDDP), conducted by the Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad on 29th June 2026 at Meeting Hall, Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad.
- Dr. S V Hanagodimath was invited as the Resource Person to talk on Data Analysis and Report Writing in Social Science Research at Government First Grade College, Haliyal, on 06.05.2026
- Dr. S V Hanagodimath was invited as the Resource Person to talk on Skill Gap and Employability among Graduates in North Karnataka at VKS GBR Degree College and PG Centre Hoovina Hadagali on 27.05.2026

Dr. Narayan Billava

- Presented paper on Intermittent vs. Continuous Water Supply: Access, Affordability, and Sustainability in Karnataka's Urban Cities, in the Two-Day Stakeholder Workshop on Urban Water Supply: Pathways for Improving Reliability and Equity," held on 24th-25th April 2026.



- Delivered a lecture on 'Preparation of Questionnaire' as a Resource Person for the FIP-14 Programme, organized for Political Science teachers at the Higher Education Academy, Dharwad, from June 5–25, 2026 (lecture held on June 18, 2026).
- Delivered a lecture on Data Collection and Report Writing' as a Resource Person for the FIP-14 Programme, organized for Political Science teachers at the Higher Education Academy, Dharwad, from June 5–25, 2026 (lecture held on June 18, 2026)

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- Attended the Project Meeting on DHDR and ISDDP Project conducted by Zilla Panchayat, Uttar Kannada on 25th June 2026.
- Participated in the CMDR webinar series titled 'Bharatiya Social Science – Economic Thoughts of Bharat: Relevance for the Nation and the World', conducted on June 30, 2026, at 4:30 PM.
- Participated in an online master class on 'Time Series Analysis using SPSS,' organized by the IBM SPSS Cell on June 12, 2026,
- Participated in the Sub-committee on Dharwad District Human Development Report (DHDR) and Integrated and Sustainable District Development Plan (ISDDP), conducted by the Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad on 29th June 2026 at Meeting Hall, Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad.

Invited Lectures

Prof. Nayanatara S.Nayak

- Prof. Nayanatara S.Nayak delivered two lectures on I Understanding Research/Importance of Research in Higher Education, II. Recent Trends in Research in Economics with regard to FIP-13 Programme organized for Faculty of Economics at Higher Education Academy, Dharwad on 21.05.2026.

Publications

Dr. A R Kulkarni

- Book titled "Swacch Bharat Abhiyan-Grameen (SBM-G)-Achievements, Impacts and Challenges: A Study of Select Areas of Karnataka" by Dr. Arunkumar R. Kulkarni Nayanatara S Nayak, Dr. N S Mugadur Dr. Jyoti S Pattnshetti Dr. Bharati Y Khasnis Dr. D R Revankar, Dr. Dundappa Y Badlakkanavar. Published by ICSSR & Mac Millan, New Delhi- May 2026
- Kulkarni, A. R., Annigeri, V. B., Ramu, A. M. R., & Revankar, D. R. (2025). Public expenditure on children in Dharwad district: A district-level analysis using Karnataka's child budget framework. CMDR Journal of Social Research, 2(2), 14–32.
- Neelannavar Shweta and Kulkarni A R (February, 2026) "Foundations for an Empowered Bharat: Addressing Regional Imbalances in Women-Health and Empowerment in Karnataka" Journal of Research and Development, Vol-18 Issue-2 (V), ISSN: 2230-9578

Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C.

- Madhukar N. J. and Jai Prabhakar S. C. (2026). Tribal Identity and Political Representation: Political Marginalisation and Emerging Aspirations among the Koraga Tribe of Karnataka. International Journal for Multidisciplinary Research (IJFMR), Vol. 8, Issue 3 (May–June 2026).
- Maithili Karthik, Jai Prabhakar S C, Prafulla Shriyan,Suresh Shapeti,Prashanth Thankachan,Tanya Seshadri and Giridhara R Babu (2026). Dietary Diversity, Iron Status, and Anaemia Among Adivasi Women: Insights from the Chiguru Cohort in Chamarajanagar District, Southern Karnataka, in Well-come Open Research, Vol. 10, Article 608.
- Dr Jai Prabhakar S. C., and B. Jirli, authored the policy document "Echoes from the Margins: Towards Inclusive Development of Tribes and Nomadic Communities" published in June 2026 (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.20180563) The publication highlights evidence-based policy recommendations to promote the inclusive development and well-being of tribal and nomadic communities in India.

Other Activities

Prof. T. Brahmanandam

- Prof. T. Brahmanandam has been recognized as a Research Guide by the Board of Studies, Mangalore University. With this, he was been invited for the inaugural day of the Ph.D. coursework programme for the provisionally selected full-time and part-time research scholars for the academic year 2024-25.

  The University has allotted the following research scholars under his guidance: Mr. Guruprasad Hegde, Ms. Anagha, Mrs. Naseema Begum S, Mr. Mahesh K., and Mr. Sudarshana Kumar N K.
- The Ph.D. coursework classes commenced on 18th April 2026 at the Department of Political Science, Mangalore University. The inaugural session was conducted by Prof. T. Brahmanandam. Prof. Raj Praveen, Chairman of the Department of Political Science, and the Senior Professor Dr. Jayaraj Amin, was also present on that day (occasion).
- Subsequently, the Ph.D. coursework class for the first time in Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR) campus was held on 20th May 2026 to the Ph.D scholars.
- The session marked the beginning of the academic and research journey of the newly admitted scholars under his supervision. The Department expressed its commitment in promoting high-quality research and academic excellence through the Ph.D. programme.



- First draft of State Government sponsored project Anna Bhagya Scheme and its impact on dalit women has been submitted

Dr. A. R. Kulkarni

- Participated in a training programme conducted at ATS, Mysore, on 16-05-2026 as part of the DHDR and ISDP studies

- The Institute organized 135th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on April 14, 2026 in its seminar hall



- Institute organized Jagajyoti Sri Basaveshwar Jayanthi on April 20, 2026 in its Seminar Hall



- Dr. D.R. Revankar, Research Assistant, CMDR, retired from the Services, a Felicitation-cum-Farewell Ceremony organized in the Seminar Hall of the Centre on May 29, 2026.



- Institute (CMDR) organized International Yoga Day (IYD) on June 22, 2026 in its Lounge.



Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C.

- Dr. Jai Prabhakar has been appointed as the Ph.D. Programme Coordinator of the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, with effect from 01stJuly 2026, as per Office Order Ref. No. CMDRD/259/2026 dated 02nd June 2026.

- Dr Jai Prabhakar has served as a Selection Committee Member (External Subject Expert) for a project titled "Ethnographic study on Bhairagi and Darvesha communities," funded by the D. Devaraja Urs Research Centre, Bengaluru, Government of Karnataka, held on 11th and 16th June 2026 at Karnatak University, Dharwad.

- Dr Jai Prabhakar has served as a mentor for the IKS Internship Programme (2025–2026),organised by Vidya Bharati Uchcha Shiksha Sansthan (VBUSS) in collaboration with the IKS Division, Ministry of Education, Government of India, and successfully guided the assigned intern.

- Dr Jai Prabhakar has prepared and submitted the question papers for Paper II and Paper III of the PhD. Course Work Examination (Academic Year 2025–2026), scheduled to be conducted from 01.07.2026 to 04.07.2026, at the Department of Anthropology, Karnataka University, Dharwad, on 05.06.2026.

Webinar

Bharatiya Social Science Webinar Series 2026

- CMDR, Dharwad conceptualized the "Bharatiya Social Science" webinar series to nurture a deeper understanding of contemporary issues. The contributions of Pan Bharat Resource persons will significantly enrich the academic discourse of this series and provide the participants with fresh, actionable insights into how sustainable practices can be integrated into the economic and social fabric of our society. In this academic year, CMDR is planning to organise 24 lectures in the form of a Webinar Series.

Webinar Series – Lecture – 1

Sustainable Development Goals and Green Marketing



Prof. Anand Thakur
Professor, Department of
Financial Administration
and Associate Dean Students' Welfare
School of Management,
Central University of Punjab, Ghudda, Bathinda (Punjab)

Date : 20th May 2026

Prof. Anand Thakur, Professor, Department of Financial Administration, School of Management, Associate Dean Students' Welfare, Central University Of Punjab, Ghudda, Bathinda (Punjab) delivered a webinar on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Green Marketing, explaining how green marketing practices can contribute to achieving the United Nations 17 SDGs by 2030. Professor Thakur presented on how green marketing plays a crucial role in achieving SDGs and business transformation, explaining that companies must integrate environmental considerations across all four Ps (product, price, place, and promotion) of marketing. He discussed specific SDGs that green marketing directly supports, including affordable and clean energy (SDG 7), responsible consumption and production (SDG 12), and climate action (SDG 13), using examples from companies like Patagonia, Unilever, Starbucks, IKEA, and Nike to illustrate best practices. The session covered how green marketing communication is becoming increasingly important, with research showing strong consumer bias toward eco-friendly brands and 48% of consumers willing to change habits for environmental impact. Participants asked questions about implementing SDGs in Indian agricultural markets, policy coordination between central and state governments for solar initiatives, quality education challenges, and strategies for engaging students in sustainability efforts.

The webinar concluded with appreciation for Professor Thakur's presentation and a request for feedback to improve future events in the series. The session concluded with a discussion about implementing SDGs at school education levels and the importance of holistic participation from businesses, consumers, and governments to achieve sustainable development goals.

Webinar Series – Lecture – 2

Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) at the Crossroads: Potential, Navigating Dynamics, and Securing sustainability



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Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) have immense potential to empower small and marginal farmers by improving access to inputs, credit, technology, and markets through collective action. However, they operate in a dynamic environment shaped by market competition, climate change, changing consumer demands, and evolving agricultural policies. To navigate these challenges effectively, FPCs need strong governance, professional management, active member participation, and strategic partnerships with financial institutions and agribusinesses. Securing their future requires enhanced access to finance, capacity building, adoption of digital technologies, value addition, and supportive policy interventions. By addressing these areas, FPCs can strengthen farmers' incomes, improve agricultural competitiveness, and contribute significantly to rural economic development.

Webinar Series – Lecture – 3

Economic thoughts of Bharat: Relevance for the nation and the world



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Economic Thoughts of Bharat emphasize a holistic, sustainable, and inclusive approach to development rooted in Indian civilizational values. Traditional Indian economic thinking highlights the balance between wealth creation (Artha), ethical conduct (Dharma), social welfare, and environmental harmony. Concepts such as self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat), decentralized governance, community participation, and responsible consumption remain highly relevant in addressing contemporary challenges like inequality, unemployment, climate change, and unsustainable growth. For India, these ideas support inclusive development, rural empowerment, and sustainable resource management. Globally, Bharat's economic philosophy offers an alternative development model that promotes human well-being, social justice, and ecological balance alongside economic progress, making it increasingly significant in the search for sustainable and equitable growth in the 21st century.

Students' Corner

Dr. Narayan Billava

Internship Programme: Ongoing

- Dr. Narayana Billava guided Ms. Geeta Badiger, MBA student at the School of Agribusiness Management, Mahatma Gandhi Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag, on her research titled *"Shakti Guarantee Scheme and Women Empowerment: An Impact Assessment in Dharwad District, Karnataka"*.during the period from 11th May 2026 to 8thAugust 2026.
- Dr. Narayana Billava guided Ms. Sushma Kavalur, MBA student at the School of Agribusiness Management, Mahatma Gandhi Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag, on her research titled *"Assessing the Role of MGNREGA in Promoting Rural Employment and Sustainable Livelihoods: Evidence from Dharwad District"* during the period from 11th May 2026 to 8thAugust 2026.

Meetings

- Faculty Meeting of the CMDR held on May 13, 2026 in the Seminar Hall.

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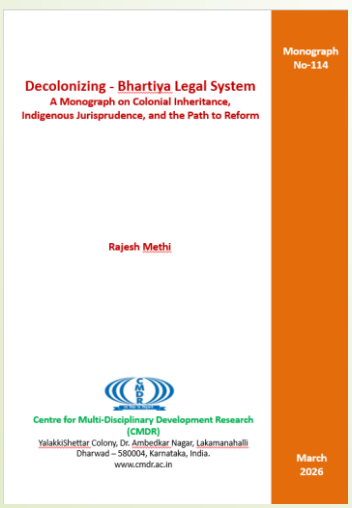
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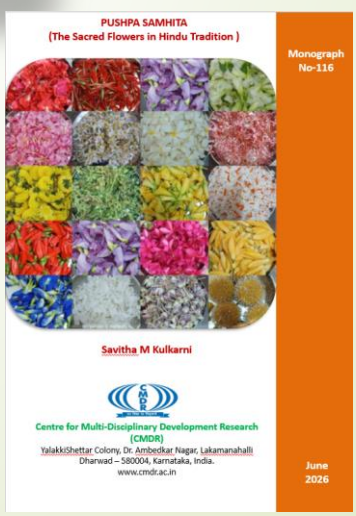
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