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Padma Shri

Prof. V.R. Panchamukhi, Founder Member of CMDR, is a multifaceted scholar who has made significant contributions to both economics and Sanskrit studies, bridging the gap between ancient wisdom and modern economic thought. His work reflects a deep understanding of Indian intellectual traditions and their relevance to contemporary issues.

On 26.1.2025 Government of India announced the Padma Shri (2025) Award for his contributions to literature and education.

As a **founder member** of this esteemed institution, His intellectual prowess, visionary leadership, and continued association have been vital in nurturing CMDR into a prominent Center For Multi-Disciplinary Development Research.

This award is a moment of immense pride for the entire CMDR family, and CMDR is celebrating this milestone with great enthusiasm.

The founder member of CMDR, Dr. V. R. Panchamukhi Sir, was awarded with “**Padma Shri**” for excellence in teaching and research. The Chairman, Governing Council, all members of the Governing Council, faculty, research scholars, and staff of CMDR extend hearty congratulations to our Founder member. The next generation of CMDR will derive inspiration from the achievements of founder members and is expected to reach the sky limits.

The significant contributions of the faculty of CMDR are heralded in Issue Four of Volume Two. This quarter of the year was hectic for every academic as well as non-academic staff member of CMDR. A series of activities including a Two-days CMDR Development Conclave on transformation of Bharat: A Story of a Decade and Future Outlook, a National Seminar on Tribal issues, a series of Regional seminars, a CMDR lecture series on ‘Current and Pertinent Issues Influencing the Society’, a CMDR webinar series on ‘Trends in Anthropology’, project-based training programmes, workshops, etc.

Collaborative events like Training on “Socio-Economic Development of Kalyana Karnataka Region: Challenges and pathways for Development”, with University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur, National Conference On “Right To Skill & Right To Employment: Skills For All, Jobs For All- Bridging Gaps, Building Futures” and Sixth Science and Technology Conference in Kannada entitled “Science and Technology for Sustainable Development”, 25-26 March 2025, with Kodagu University, Kodagu marked the academic year.

The launching of the CMDR Journal of Social Research was a noteworthy achievement of the institution under the able editorship of Dr. Jai Prabhakar. The Journal was released on the occasion of the inaugural session of the CMDR Development Conclave on 27th March 2025. The founder members of CMDR expressed their happiness by saying, “*Delighted to see multidisciplinary papers and some papers by CMDR scholars also. Date of receipt of papers, dates of peer review and acceptance may also be printed at the bottom of each paper, which gives a good impression about the seriousness of the journal. In any case, best wishes for the success of this venture. The task involves tremendous challenges and full-time pursuit in order to maintain the quality and continuity*”. The Chairman, CMDR, and all Governing Council Members expressed their contentment on the beginning of new steps in the academic arena with the introduction of a new journal on Social Research.

CMDR is truly indebted to ICSSR, New Delhi, and all competent authorities for providing a one-time grant of Rs. 75.00 Lakhs for the repair and maintenance of CMDR premises. The performance of the faculty of CMDR is heralded through the invitation by various institutions to deliver lectures, keynote speakers in various seminars/conferences, organising collaborative programmes for various stakeholders. Renewal of MOU with Karnataka University Dharwad gives a boost to the student research programmes and supports faculty members for showcasing their academic excellence.

I must congratulate Dr. T. Bramhanandam on assuming the position of Professor at CMDR on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and approval of the Governing Council of CMDR. The promotions motivate the professionals to put more effort and take the institution to different heights. Also, I take this opportunity to congratulate all faculty members for their continued academic excellence and the non-teaching staff of CMDR for their tireless efforts to extend their support to faculty in reaching different heights.

New Project

- ❖ The study titled *"Tracking the Progress and Feasibility of Alternatives to Tobacco"* was undertaken with support from the World Health Organization (WHO), New Delhi, from February 2025. The study is led by Principal Investigators Dr. Nayanatara S. Nayak, Dr. A. R. Kulkarni, and Dr. D. R. Revankar. It aims to assess the transition from tobacco cultivation to alternative crops in selected regions of Karnataka by evaluating the socio-economic impacts, sustainability, and replicability of such shifts. Through a case study approach and field-based household surveys, the study aims to provide critical insights into the viability of crop diversification as a strategy for reducing dependence on tobacco farming. Bennihalli village in the bidi tobacco region of Belagavi district and Adaguru village in the FCV tobacco region of Mysuru district are selected for the study. The findings are expected to inform policy recommendations for sustainable agricultural practices in traditionally tobacco-growing regions.

Ongoing Projects

- ❖ Evaluating the Impact of Karnataka's Direct and Indirect Cash Assistance Schemes on Beneficiaries and State Finances, funded by CMDR, Dharwad PI: S T Bagalkoti and S V Hanagodimath
- ❖ Strengthening of Decentralised Planning in Karnataka: A Regional Analysis. PI: Narayana Billava
- ❖ The Post-Term Experience in Panchayat Bodies: A Study of SC and ST Representatives of Grama Panchayats in Karnataka. PI: Narayana Billava

CMDR Lecture Series

- ❖ CMDR in collaboration with Government Arts and Science College (Autonomous), Karwar, organized a lecture series under the title: *'Current and Pertinent Issues Influencing the Society'*. The lecture focused on *'Addressing Adolescents' Mental Health Challenges'* and was held at Karwar on 28th February 2025.
- ❖ A lecture on *'The Youth Power of India: Need for a Path of Personal Excellence'* was delivered by Sri Govindappa Goudappagol, Former Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Tax, Hubli, on 1st March 2025 at the Department of Social Work, Karnatak University, Dharwad, organized by CMDR in collaboration with college of Agricultural Science, UAS Dharwad.
- ❖ A lecture on *"Skill Development in Higher Education"* was delivered by Prof. R.S.P. Singh, Director, School of Vocational Education and Training, IGNOU, New Delhi, on 24th March 2025 at the College of Agriculture, Hanumanamatti, Ranibennur, organised by CMDR in collaboration with Social Work Department, Karnatak University, Dharwad. Dr. Jai Prabhakar coordinated the CMDR Lecture Series.

CMDR Webinar Series

- ❖ Dr. Abhishikta G. Roy, Superintending Anthropologist, Anthropology Survey of India, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, delivered a lecture on "Innovations and Molecular Anthropology" on January 15, 2025 through ZOOM Platform
- ❖ Dr. Natasa Gregoric Bon, Research Associate and Assistant Professor, Institute of Anthropological and Spatial Studies, Ljubljana, Slovenia delivered a lecture on "Environmental Anthropology : Its Scope and Future" on March 6, 2025 through ZOOM Platform.
- ❖ Dr. Jennifer Studebaker, Studebaker Consulting LLC and Anthropology Career Readiness Network (ACRN) delivered a lecture on "Discovering Careers in Business Anthropology" on March 14, 2025 through ZOOM Platform. Dr. Jai Prabhakar was the coordinator for the webinar series.



Seminars /Conferences/Training/Workshops

- ❖ The Centre organized "A Three-Week Refresher/Capacity Building Training Programme on the Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research" for faculty members and Ph.D. scholars from February 27 to March 19, 2025, (two weeks offline and one week online mode) Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath was the coordinator.



- ❖ A Two - day National Seminar on "Programmes and Policies for the Development of Tribes: Issues and Challenges" under the sponsorship of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi organized on 3rd and 4th March 2025 in the Seminar Hall of the Centre. Prof.T.Brahmanandam co ordinated the seminar. Nearly 30 paper presenters from across India, including scholars, activists, and representatives from the NGO sector, attended the national seminar.



- ❖ Keynote address delivered by Prof. Sangamitra Acharya, Professor, JNU and Special Thematic lecture by Prof. D. Narsimha Reddy, Former Dean, University of Hyderabad



❖ Release of seminar souvenir.

- ❖ Institute with knowledge partnership with CESS, Bengaluru organized a Two Day Development Convention on "Transformation of Bharath: The Story of a Decade and Future Outlook" on March 27 and March 28, 2025 at Hotel Ocean Pearl, Rayapur, Dharwad. (Details are provided on Page No-10).
- ❖ A National Conference on the theme "Right to Skill & Right to Employment: Skills for All, Jobs for All – Bridging Gaps, Building Futures," organized by Kodagu University on the 17th and 18th of March, 2025 sponsored by The National Human Rights Commission. The event was held at the Jnanakaveri Campus, Kodagu University, located in Chikkaaluvara, Kushalnagar Taluk, Kodagu District. The conference was conducted in collaboration with Laghu Udyog Bharati – Mysore Vibhag, with knowledge partnership from Chamarajanagara University, Hassan University, Haveri University, Koppal University, Bagalkot University, Bidar University, and the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad.
- ❖ The 6th Seminar on Science and Technology in Kannada language, themed "Science and Technology for Sustainable Development," was organized by Kodagu University, Kodagu, from 25th to 27th March 2025. The event was held in collaboration with the Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Bengaluru, and the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka. Knowledge partners for the seminar included Haveri University, Chamarajanagar University, Hassan University, Bagalkot University, Bidar University, Koppal University, the Coffee Board, the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), and the Indian Institute of Science Education (IISE), Appangol (Kogikod). The seminar took place at Kodagu University, Kodagu.
- ❖ CMDR organized one-day National seminar on "Agricultural entrepreneurship in coastal Karnataka: Challenges and opportunities" with Lakshmi Soma Bangera Government First Grade College Kota padukare, Mangalore District on 24th March, 2025. Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath coordinated the seminar.
- ❖ CMDR organized One-Day National seminar on "Issues and Challenges of Unorganized Labour in Karnataka" with KLE Society's SVS Bellubbi Arts & Commerce college, Saudatti, Belagavi on 19th March, 2025. Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath coordinated the seminar.
- ❖ CMDR organized Two-Day National seminar on "Bridging the gap: Gender inequality, education, and the pursuits of sustainability in emerging economies" with St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru on 17th-18th March, 2025. Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath coordinated the seminar.

- ❖ A Training Course entitled "Socio-Economic development of Kalyana Karnataka Region: Challenges and pathways for Development" was conducted by University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Raichur, with the support of Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad from 3rd March 2025 to 8th March 2025 in the Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur.

Training Programme on "Socio-Economic Development of Kalyana Karnataka Region: Challenges and pathways for Development".

- ❖ The Kalyana Karnataka region, previously known as Hyderabad-Karnataka region, holds significant historical, cultural and economic importance within the state of Karnataka. Encompassing districts such as Kalaburagi, Bidar, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Ballari and Vijayanagara, the region is rich in natural resources, fertile agricultural lands and cultural heritage. Despite its potential, the region continues to lag in socio-economic indicators, with challenges such as persistent poverty, limited industrialization, low literacy rates, inadequate healthcare infrastructure and high unemployment levels.
- ❖ Historically disadvantaged due to systemic neglect, the region was granted special status under Article 371(J) of the Indian Constitution, providing it with specific developmental privileges. However, despite these provisions, achieving balanced and inclusive growth in Kalyana Karnataka remains a complex challenge, necessitating a multi-faceted approach that addresses structural barriers, builds capacity and fosters innovation.
- ❖ The aims and objectives of the Centre include, conducting research on issues of socio economic development and decentralised planning at the sub regional, regional and national levels in a multidisciplinary framework covering economic, social, political and cultural dimensions of human behaviour. There is also an attempt to combine judiciously the conceptual and empirical perceptions in its research studies.
- ❖ Training program was organised by the **University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Raichur**, with the support of **Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad** with the aim to provide a comprehensive understanding of the socio-economic dynamics of Kalyana Karnataka while equipping participants with practical tools to address these challenges.

Participation in Workshops / Seminars/Meetings

Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli

- ❖ The program focussed on empowering key stakeholders including policymakers, academicians, community leaders and entrepreneurs to develop and implement sustainable solutions. By leveraging local strengths and addressing systemic gaps, the training was to create a pathway for socio-economic transformation that is inclusive, equitable and sustainable.
- ❖ Training Course was conducted for 6 days from 3rd March 2025 to 8th March 2025 in the Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur.
- ❖ The broad array of participants included academicians and Research Scholars, Government officials and policymakers, NGOs, community leaders and social workers, Entrepreneurs, small business owners and industry stakeholders, Representatives from rural development and agricultural organizations.
- ❖ The training course had enrolled 30 participants and majority were the research scholars from UAS, Raichur. Among the participants two were from Davangere University and one from Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi. One participant was representing a NGO from Koppal. One faculty from Raichur University, one from Horticulture University Bagalkot, one from Navayug College, Raichur, two Research Associates and three faculty from UAS, Raichur were the other participants.

The broad coverage of issues included

- ❖ Overall Economic Development and Issues of the Region
- ❖ Agriculture and Resource Management: Issues and Challenges
- ❖ Rural Development: Sanitation, Drinking Water and Employment
- ❖ Education: Higher Education and Primary Education
- ❖ Gender Issues: Women and Health
- ❖ Information and Technology: Technology Innovations, Institutions, Growth and Development
- ❖ About 20 lectures from various disciplines relevant to the objectives of the training were arranged. The resource persons included retired Professors from Bidar, Davangere and Koppal, Faculty from UAS, Dharwad, Faculty from ISEC, Bangalore, Heads of Departments of University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur, Faculty from UAHS, Bagalkot.
- ❖ The training programme was inaugurated on 3rd March, 2025 by the Honourable Vice- Chancellor of the University Dr. M. Hanumanthappa. Dr. Suresh S. Patil was the Chief Guest and programme was presided over by Dr. Narayana Rao K., Dean (Agri.), College of Agriculture, Raichur.
- ❖ The valedictory function was held on 8th March, 2025 in the presence of Director of Research, UAS, Raichur, Dr. Amaregouda who distributed the certificates of participation to the eligible participants.

- ❖ Chaired a session on “AI-based application for promoting pre-production and post-production activities: controlled greenhouse, precision farming, climate-smart farming, GIS application, automated pest, and disease detection, automation of equipment etc” at the national conference on the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) through extension services for sustainable development in agriculture and allied sciences, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur on 9th January 2025.
- ❖ Presented a LEAD paper entitled “Excerpts of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications in Education based on inputs from AI tools” at the national conference on the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) through extension services for sustainable development in agriculture and allied sciences, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur on 10th January 2025.
- ❖ Invited as Guest of Honour in “Innovators-Industry Meet – 2025” Organised by ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Southern Regional Research Station, Dharwad on 25th March, 2025



Prof. Nayanatara Nayak

- ❖ Delivered two lectures i. Introduction to Research Process ii. Sampling and Survey Methods on 2.3.2025 at the Three-Week Refresher Course/Capacity Building Training Programme organised by CMDR during February 25 to March 17, 2025
- ❖ Participated and presented paper on "Intermittent versus Continuous (24x7) Water Supply: Examining the Access, Costs and Sustainability issues in Selected cities of Karnataka" jointly (Pushkarni Panchamukhi, Narayan Billava, Nayanatara S. Nayak) at the ICSSR sponsored online Conference on “Socio-Economic determinants and Inequalities in access to water” organized by IIT Tirupati on 24th February 2025.

Prof. T. Brahmanandam

- ❖ Paper presented on “Private Health Care System on Marginalized Communities: A case of Dalit” in a two-day national conference on the theme of technology, public policy and marginalized communities in India: Challenges and strategies organized by Dept. of Political science, Bangalore university, in collaboration with Indian institute of public administration, Karnataka regional Branch, Bangalore on 6-7 February, 2025.
- ❖ Presented a Paper on “**Private Health Care System and Scheduled Tribes of India**” in a National Seminar on Programmes and Policies for Tribes: Issues and Challenges held on 3rd & 4th March, 2025.

Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath

- ❖ Participated and served as a Discussant for the technical session at 65th Annual conference of Indian Society of Labor Economics (ISLE), Bengaluru: 8-11 January, 2025
- ❖ Participated in a Project workshops on “Financial Devolution to the PRIs in Karnataka”, held at the 5th State Finance Commission office, Khanija Bhavan, Bengaluru on 20th January 2025.
- ❖ Participated in a Project workshops Meeting on “Financial Devolution to the PRIs in Karnataka”, held at the 5th State Finance Commission office, Khanija Bhavan, Bengaluru on 20th and 21st March 2025.

Dr. Narayana Billava

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Invited Lectures

Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli

- ❖ Lecture on 5th February 2025 “Extension Skills for Supply Chain Management in Agriculture and Allied Sectors” in the short course “Leveraging Innovative Approaches for VIKSIT Marketing in Agriculture: A Way Forward for Atma Nirbhar Krushi” sponsored by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, Organized by the Department of Agribusiness Management, College of Agriculture, UAS, Dharwad from 5 to 14 February 2025.
- ❖ Delivered an online lecture on “Intergenerational Bonding” in the 8th One- Day Sensitization Program on Intergenerational Bonding organized by Central University of Punjab, in collaboration with National Law University, Sponsored by the Ministry of Youth, Social Justice, and Empowerment on 4th March 2025, at National Law University Patiala.
- ❖ Delivered a Webinar/Talk on "Shri Siddanta Shikhamani: A Dialogue between Shri Jagadguru Renukacharya and Shri Agastya Muni" organized by IGNOU Regional Centre, Shimla, to commemorate the occasion of 'Kashi. Tamil Sangamam 3.0, on 7th March, 2025 at 11:00 AM.
- ❖ Delivered an invited talk on “Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs): A Teaching-Learning Platform” in an Online Faculty Induction Programme organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (formerly HRDC), Karnataka University, Dharwad on 25th March 2025.

Prof.T.Brahmanandam

- ❖ Delivered a lecture on “Use of Case Study Method in Social Science Research” at CMDR, during the Three-Week Training Programme on “Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research” Conducted by CMDR, Dharwad on 6th March, 2025.

Dr. A. R. Kulkarni

- ❖ Delivered a lecture on, Construction of Schedule/Questionnaire” at CMDR, during the Three-Week Training Programme on “Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research” Conducted by CMDR, Dharwad 27/02/2025 to 20/03/2025.

Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C

- ❖ Delivered two invited lectures on “Action Research and Participatory Research Method” and “Applied Research” to the participants comprising Ph.D/M.Phil scholars, College and University teachers in ‘Ten days Capacity Building Programme for Social Science ST Research Scholars’. Organised by Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI), Government of Karnataka, Mysuru on 03.03.2025.
- ❖ Moderator for session 3 and spoke on ‘Agastya Muni’s Contribution to Traditional Medicine’. Organised by Chamarajanagara University in collaboration with Vivekananda Seva Souhardha Sahakar Sangha and JSS College of Arts and Commerce, Gundlupet, Chamarajanagar district. Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, GOI sponsored one-day national seminar on ‘Agastya Muni’s Contribution toward IKS, literature and traditional medicine through Bharatiya Bhasha’.
- ❖ Delivered a lecture in an online session on March 18, 2025. Organised by Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), under the title ‘a Three-Week Refresher Course/Capacity Building Training Programme on the Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research for faculty members and PhD scholars’, scheduled from February 27 to March 19, 2025 (two weeks offline and one week online).

Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath

- ❖ Invited as a Resource Person and delivered lecture on the “Kobo Toolbox – for Data analysis” organised by Post Graduate Student Association for Economics, St. Joseph’s University, Bengaluru on 17th February, 2025.
- ❖ Invited as a Resource Person for Faculty Induction Programme and delivered two lectures on the “Modern Tools in Research” at UGC-MMTTC, Karnataka University, Dharwad on 28th February, 2025.
- ❖ Delivered lectures on Kobo Toolbox, SPSS, QGIS, Data Analysis etc. during “Three-Week Refresher/Capacity Building Training Programme on the Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research for faculty members and Ph.D. scholars” at CMDR from 27th February to 19th March 2025 (two weeks offline and one week online).
- ❖ Delivered lectures on “Construction and Status of GPs in Devolution and Performance Index in Karnataka” in the training programme for elected representatives and officials of Kodiyal and Joisarahalalli gram panchayats, Ranebennur taluk, Haveri district, held at Zilla Training Resource Centre, Haveri from 4th -5th March, 2024.

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Dr. Narayana Billava

- ❖ Delivered lecture on "Karnataka Decentralised Planning initiatives" for Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship Training (batch 2) at Christ University, Bengaluru, on 30-01-2025.



- ❖ Delivered a lecture on Data Collection Methods and Practical Experience in the A Three-Week Refresher/Capacity Building Training Programme on the Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research for faculty members and Ph.D. scholars on 9th March, 2025 held at CMDR Dharwad.
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- ❖ Delivered lectures on Preparation of Questionnaire for conducted Devolution and Performance index for PRIs in Karnataka in the training programme for elected representatives and officials of Mantrodi, Kalasuru, and Hiremaralihalli gram panchayats, Savanuru Taluk, Haveri district, held at Zilla Training Resource Centre, Haveri from 10th -11th March, 2025.
- ❖ Delivered lectures on Preparation of Questionnaire for conducted Devolution and Performance index for PRIs in Karnataka in the training programme for elected representatives and officials of Yalavigi and Ichangi gram panchayats, Savanuru Taluk, Haveri district, held at Zilla Training Resource Centre, Haveri from 12th -13th March, 2025.

Other Activities

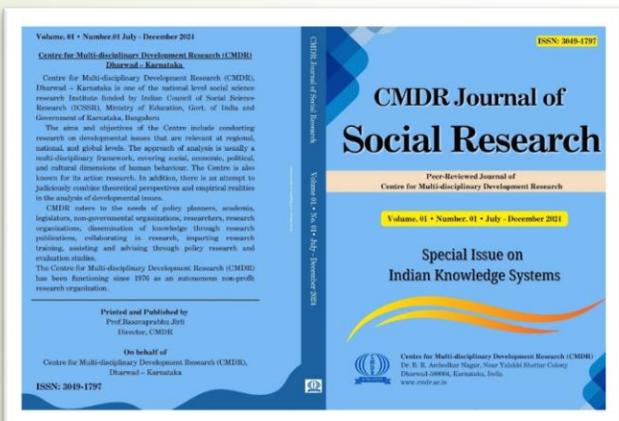
- ❖ Dr. Manohar Pawar, BA, MA, PhD, Professor of social work at the School of Social Work and Arts, Charles Sturt University (NSW Australia), and the President of the International Consortium for Social Development visited CMDR on 20th January 2025 and interacted with Faculty and research scholars of CMDR.
- Dr. Pawar recalled his memories with Prof. M. S. Gore, Former Chairman of CMDR and founder Director of TISS Mumbai. Dr. Pawar and team are writing a book chapter on Prof. M. S. Gore as a Social Development Thinker.
- Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli welcomed Prof. Manohar Pawar on behalf of CMDR and narrated the vision, mission, and objectives of CMDR. Gave a brief outline of projects undertaken by the institute in previous decades.



CMDR Journal of Social Research

- ❖ The first edition of CMDR Journal of Social Research (ISSN: 3049-1797), an academic research journal, was released on 27th March, 2025 in the National Conclave organised by CMDR and CESS, Bengaluru. It is a biannual peer-reviewed journal published by the Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad. It provides a platform for interdisciplinary research across diverse social science fields, addressing key issues of society. The journal welcomes original research papers, review articles, short notes, and book reviews, and invites submissions for its upcoming June 2025 issues from scholars, academicians, practitioners, and policymakers. Editor: Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C

- ❖ Republic Day was celebrated by the Institute on January 26, 2025
- ❖ Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) renewed between Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development and Research (CMDR), Dharwad and Karnatak University, Dharwad for the recognition of research Centre to guide the Ph.D. students registered under Ka'rnatak University, Dharwad on February 4, 2025 at Karnatak University, Dharwad.
- ❖ One Day Orientation program to Master in Social Works Students of Karnatak University, Dharwad held on February 6, 2025 in the Seminar Hall of CMDR.
- ❖ Dr. Prakash. H. Hosamani, Regional Joint Director, Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka visited CMDR on 5th March, 2025



Documentary Video

- ❖ Developed video depicting the anecdotes of farmers shifting from tobacco to other crops in Adaguru village of Periyapatna taluk in Mysuru district and Bennihalli village of Chikkodi taluk in Belagavi district as part of the WHO sponsored project titled "A report on tracking the progress and feasibility of alternatives to tobacco" jointly with Dr. A.R.Kulkarni, Dr. D.R.Revankar and Shri Saddam



Training Programme

- ❖ A Training Programme for elected representatives and officials of selected gram panchayats, Haveri district, held at Zilla Training Resource Centre, Haveri from 4th -13th March, 2025.



Elocution Competition

The Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad in collaboration with Vanita Women Arts and Commerce PU College Dharwad, organized an elocution competition to commemorate the centenary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi's historic 1924 Belgaum Congress session at Vanita Pre-University College, Dharwad on February 24, 2025 on "Building Bharat Gandhiji's Dream: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". The following are the winners of the competition.

- ❖ First prize : Kavita Hanchinamani - Rs. 10,000
- ❖ Second prize : Bhuvaneshwari Madar - Rs.7,000
- ❖ Third prize : Prakruti Naganur - Rs.5,000

The competition was judged by an esteemed panel of experts from different academic backgrounds, including Prof. Sunil Halikatti from Agriculture University, Dharwad, Dr. Mallappa Bandi from the Kannada Department, Karnataka University, Dharwad, and Smt. Pratibha Patil from Vanita School, Dharwad.



Dr. Narayana Billava

- ❖ Dr. Narayana Billava Conducted a project training program on "Strengthening of Decentralised Planning in Karnataka: A Regional Analysis" and "The Post-Term Experience in Panchayat Bodies: A Study of SC and ST Representatives of Grama Panchayats in Karnataka" for field staffs at the Seminar Hall, CMDR, on February 21 to 24th, 2025.
- ❖ Chief Editor for the "Shatasinchana Shala Smarana Sanchike", Yelajith, Byndoor Taluk, Udupi.
- ❖ Reviewed a manuscript on "Prospects of Artificial Intelligence (AI) And Personalized Learning in Inclusive Education Integrated to NEP-2020", for the [Asian Journal of Education and Social Studies](#), on 25-3-2025.
- ❖ Participated as a Resource person in Shala Satamanosyava Programme, Govt. Higher Primary School Yelajitha Udupi Distrcit, on 25thJanuvery, 2025.

Internship Programme

Narayana Billava. (2024–2025). provided research guidance to MBA and BA students on rural development topics at Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University (KSRDPR University), Gadag:

- ❖ Guided Ms. Thriveni A (MBA, School of Agribusiness Management and Management) from October 28, 2024, to January 11, 2025, on the topic "Grama Panchayat Development Planning in North Karnataka."
- ❖ Guided Ms. Farheen U (MBA, School of Agribusiness Management and Management) from October 28, 2024, to January 11, 2025, on the topic "The Role of Digital Transformation in Enhancing Rural Development."
- ❖ Guided Ms. Lakshmi Bandi (BA, Department of Bachelor of Arts) from December 28, 2024, to February 13, 2025, on the topic "A study on Digital Library facilities to citizens by Gram Panchayats in Karnataka."

All India Essay Writing Competition On "Indian Knowledge Systems"

- ❖ All India Essay Writing Competition On "Indian Knowledge Systems: Relevance of Ancient Practices for Contemporary Problems". The Competition was open for to all Indian students currently enrolled in an educational institution in India and abroad. The objective of the Essay Writing Competition is to create awareness among young students about the rich heritage of Indian Knowledge System and to uncover the timeless wisdom of IKS that can be applied to modern problems. More than 50 applications were received from all over India



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The following students have been selected as winners of the Essay Competition in order of their score assigned by the Judges

Prize	Name	Topic	Price Details
1 st Prize	Ms.Diksha Banaras Hindu University Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	Back to the "Aryavarta" Future: The Ultimate Jugaad Blueprint for Bollywood-level Chaos	Rs 10,000 With Certificate
2 nd Prize	Ms. Kona Mahalakshmi Andhra university, Visakhapatnam	Back to Roots: Unlocking the Potential of Ancient Knowledge In the futuristic era	Rs 7,000/- . With Certificate
3 rd Prize	Ms. Sakaray Vaishnavi, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi	Reviving Sacred Ecology: India's Ancient Practices As Solutions to Climate Change	Rs 5,000/- With Certificate

Consolation Prize

Prize	Name	Topic	Rs 3000 with Certificate
4 th Prize	Mr.Rajat Kumar Nath ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi	Ancient Practices for Modern Agriculture: Harnessing the Potential of Indian Knowledge System to Address Contemporary Challenges.	Rs 3000 with Certificate
5 th Prize	Ms.Teegala Shruthi Nizamiah Observatory Campus, CESS, Begumpet HYDERABAD, Telangana,	Indian Knowledge Systems: Relevance of Ancient Practices for Contemporary Problems	Rs 3000 with Certificate
6 th Prize	Ms.Suadath. V Nizamiah Observatory Campus, CESS, Begumpet HYDERABAD, Telangana,	Indian Knowledge Systems: Relevance of Ancient Practices for Contemporary Problems	Rs 3000 with Certificate

The evaluation process was designed to be impartial, focusing on criteria such as originality, clarity of thought, depth of research, and adherence to the competitions & guidelines. By inviting following experienced judges, the competition aimed to uphold the highest standards of fairness and accuracy, ultimately recognizing and rewarding the most insightful and well-crafted essays.

Dr.Mohana,

Principal Scientist (Genetics and Cytogenetics)
In-Charge, Agricultural Knowledge Management Unit,
ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research,
Puttur – 574 202 Dakshina Kannada District.

Dr. Triveni S.

Assistant Professor, Dept of
Psychology, Karnatak University,
Dharwad

Prof Bhalchandra Laxmanrao Tembe

Visiting Professor, Chemistry
Member, Senate, Indian Institute of Technology,
Chikkamalligewad, Dharwad.

Report on

A Two-Day Development Conclave On “Transformation of Bharat: The Story of a Decade and Future Outlook” organized by

A Two-Day Development Conclave on “**Transformation of Bharat: The Story of a Decade and Future Outlook**” was organized by Centre For Multidisciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with Knowledge Partner Centre For Educational And Social Studies (CESS), Bengaluru. The objectives of the Conclave were

- ❖ To reflect on India's socio-economic transformation over the last decade and evaluate the impact of policy reforms.
- ❖ To facilitate collaborative dialogue among policymakers, academicians, industry experts, and civil society representatives on inclusive and sustainable development.
- ❖ To formulate region-specific strategies for North Karnataka that contribute to balanced national development.
- ❖ To develop actionable policy recommendations to support the realization of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

The inaugural session of the conclave featured Dr.Vishal R IAS, Secretary of Finance Department (FR), Government of Karnataka, as the Chief Guest, with Prof. Kailash Chandra Sharma, Chairman of CMDR, presided over the event. The session emphasized the need for accurate development records and increased stakeholder participation in policymaking. Dr.Vishal highlighted Karnataka's evolving administrative framework and the importance of sustainable actions in tackling backwardness and resource utilization. Prof. Kailash Chandra Sharma underscored the transformative impact of NEP 2020 and the significance of Indian Knowledge Systems in fostering a knowledge-based society. The event also marked the release of the first edition of the 'CMDR Journal of Social Research' and felicitated the winners of the essay competition on 'Indian Knowledge Systems.' Distinguished academicians and members of the CMDR Governing Council, including vice-chancellors and professors from various universities, graced the occasion.

The technical sessions witnessed an insightful presentation from Sri Parashuraman, Chairman, ASSOCHAM State Development Council; Ex Executive Advisor, Toyota Kirloskar Motor,

Prof. Bhimraya Metri, Director, IIM Nagpur, Prof. Sandeep Shastri, Vice President, NITTE Education Trust; National Coordinator, Lokniti Network, Dr. Charan Singh, Former RBI Chair Professor of Economics, IIM Bangalore; CEO and Founder Director, EGROW Foundation, Dr. Vishnukant S Chatpalli, Former VC, KSRDRP University, Prof. P B Gai Director, KIDNAR, Dharwad & Former Vice-Chancellor, Karnatak University, Prof. P L Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad, Sri. Ramprasad V, Co-Founder, Friends of Lakes, Dr. B J Rao, Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad, Dr. S R Keshava, Professor, Department of Economics, Bangalore University, Dr. Shreekanth Deshpande, Trustee, Deshpande Skilling, Deshpande Foundation, Prof. M R Narayana, Consultant (Academic & Research), Fiscal Policy Institute, Bengaluru, Dr. S T Bagalkoti, Registrar, Haveri University, Prof. S. R. Mahadeva Prasanna, Director, IIIT Dharwad and Dr. S Muralidhar, Professor, GFGC, Kolar Member, and Executive Council, CESS.

The validity Session was presided over by Dr. Kailash Chandra Sharma, Chairman, CMDR, Dharwad. The challenge for education systems managers is how to prepare global citizens inculcated with Bharatiya value systems. The efforts should begin with the primary education and should continue till higher education so that it becomes a natural effect for every individual. He quoted the words of Prof. Bhimaraya Maitri, Director, IIM Nagpur, who categorically mentioned that there is no difference between “culture and spirituality”. Every cultural practice has a scientific and spiritual base. Adoption of a multidisciplinary approach for policy making makes it more holistic and moves towards more participation of stakeholders. Until and unless stakeholders participate in policy interventions, it may not work for the benefit of society.

Dr. Mahadev Prasanna, Director, Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Dharwad, in his Chief Guest address, delineated the role of information technology not only in the education sector, but in other sectors like production, marketing, fintech, supply chain management, and so on. To achieve the holistic and universal utilisation of information technology, the educational systems must have flexibility in the education process. The flexibility shall provide an opportunity to widen the mental horizon of the learner and help in the sustenance of passion for learning. Elaborated on the power of computing, which has reached the stage of artificial intelligence, a reality in today's world. The bright minds of Bharat are playing a key role in the IT sector, which needs to be nurtured more to create opportunities in the form of a favourable ecosystem. On the contrary, Dr. Mahadev Prasanna emphasized that the educational systems managers should "Learn to learn, Learn to unlearn, and Learn to relearn, then only the desirable changes can be brought into the society.

Dr. S Muralidhar, Professor, GFGC Kolar and Member, Executive Council, CESS, who was the guest of honour, deliberated on the need for improving the rankings in the happiness index and Human Resource Development Index. Dr. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, delivered the vote of thanks, and Dr. Jai Prabhakar, convener of the conclave, presented the two-day Development Conclave report.



Dr. Vishal R. Additional Secretary Finance, GOK, Dr. Kailash Chandra Sharma, Chairman CMDR, Dr. Gowrisha, Dr. Basavaprabhu Jirli and Dr. Jai Prabhakar lighting the inaugural lamp.



Prof. Bhimraya Metri, Director, IIM Nagpur



Prof. C. Raju, IIM Kozikode and GC Member CMDR

Conclave in Media



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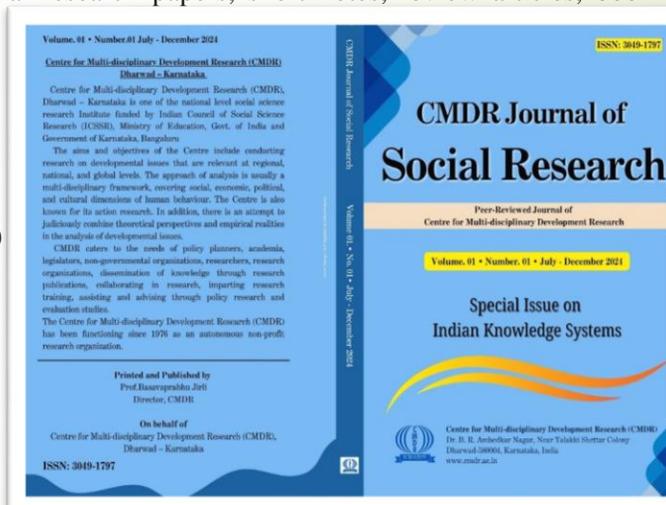
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Meetings

- ❖ A meeting of all the Faculty Members of CMDR was held on 27th January 2025 in the Seminar of the Institute.
- ❖ Finance Committee (FC) meeting and Governing Council (GC) meeting of CMDR were held on 27th March 2025.
- ❖ General Body (GB) meeting of CMDR held on 28th March 2025

Students' Corner

- ❖ Ms. Pooja R. Kulkarni submitted her PhD thesis (Anthropology) under the guidance of Dr. Jai Prabhakar to Karnatak University, Dharwad. Title of the thesis- "Adaptation, Variation and Personal Identification among Mangoloid population of Mundagod, Karnataka: An Anthropological Study"

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