

# CMDR'S NEWSLETTER



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**A Forum for Connected Research & Academic Activities**

## *From the Director's Desk.....*

Continued efforts in channelising the ideas of research and development among the existing and future researchers marked the period of October to December 2025. Faculty of CMDR taking an active part in interacting with multidisciplinary researchers and inviting them for academic interactions are the key steps for development of research aptitude among budding researchers and upskilling and re-skilling of potential researchers. The concern is what type of participation both counterparts are engaged in, the success of the entire research effort on active participation of stakeholders. Nevertheless, having or beginning interaction is the first step. CMDR is, as always, actively engaging the researchers from diverse domains for inculcating a holistic approach in social science research.

A series of MOUs, faculty participation in seminars, conferences, organisation of various events like national seminar on the role of gram panchayats, Tribal issues, research methodologies, brainstorming on pertinent national and international issues, preparation of comprehensive development plans etc., depict the multidisciplinary role being played by the institute.

Organisation of a series of skill development programmes for the benefit of farmers, youth, weaker sections of society, women helps in developing the research insights for the young researchers. Such programmes shall lead to establish a symbiotic relationship with the stakeholders. wherein, the researchers start getting the primary exposure to their research settings and the stakeholders shall provide the meaningful inputs for the researchers. Organisation of such events is not the end rather it is the beginning of planning and conducting research project/programme. Such interactions lead to meaningful dialogue between and among the stakeholders of social system.

The social system of the region/state and nation as a whole is looking for a progressive input from the research system. What kind of innovations can be generated from the research system is the responsibility of the researcher. On the contrary, the innovation must be socially (including every section of the society) acceptable, technically feasible culturally adoptable and economically viable. In such efforts if any section of social system is not covered, then it is going to create a sort of imbalance in the society. Such initiatives and innovations have far reaching implications on the society as a whole. Hence the researcher should adopt a holistic view in framing the research questions. The research question should continue with formulation of hypotheses with the view to embrace the society as a whole.

It is the high time for the parent bodies like ICSSR, ICHR, ICCR and similar institutions to think of formulating network research projects covering diverse social and economic section of the state and nation as a whole. Network research projects and programmes build synergy among the coordinating institutions. The outputs and outcomes of the regional institutions and national level bodies shall pave the way for the established governments to frame policies and programmes for the people of the nation.

I must extend my sincere thanks to the governing council of CMDR for their constant support and encouragement for the activities of CMDR and providing critical inputs and directions to the researchers of the centre. The dedicated team of CMDR is progressing ahead under the able leadership of Governing Council. The entire team of researchers are making every possible efforts to rise up to the expectations of the policy makes of CMDR may it REAC, IQAC, Finance Committee and GC as a whole. The team CMDR also deserves rich appreciation. The funding from the State, Centre, other funding agencies is encouraging the researchers and it is depicting the recognition of efforts of Team CMDR. In to, CMDR is making every possible effort to meet the expectations of society and its ultimate aim is to cater to the needs and aspirations of the local communities as well as the national agenda.

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## New Projects

### Uttara Kannada District Human Development Report (DHDR) – 2025

*Sponsored by:* Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Department, Government of Karnataka  
*Duration:* 6 Months

*Principal Investigator:* Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath  
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### Inclusive and Sustainable District Development Plan (ISDDP) – 2031, Uttara Kannada District

*Sponsored by:* Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Department, Government of Karnataka  
*Duration:* 6 Months

*Principal Investigator:* Dr. Narayana Billava  
*Co-Principal Investigator:* Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath

### Dharwad District Human Development Report (DHDR) – 2025

*Sponsored by:* Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Department, Government of Karnataka  
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*Principal Investigator:* Prof. Nayanatara S. Nayak  
*Co-Principal Investigator:* Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath

### Inclusive and Sustainable District Development Plan (ISDDP) – 2031, Dharwad District

*Sponsored by:* Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Department, Government of Karnataka  
*Duration:* 6 Months

*Principal Investigator:* Dr. A. R. Kulkarni  
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## MoU Signing between CMDR and Zilla Panchayat, Uttara Kannada and Dharwad



- Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad and the Zilla Panchayats of Uttara Kannada and Dharwad were signed on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025, respectively. The MoUs were signed for the preparation of the District Human Development Report (DHDR)–2025 and the Inclusive and Sustainable District Development Plan (ISDDP)–2031 for the districts.

- CMDR was represented by Mr. V. T. Hungund, Registrar, CMDR; Dr. A. R. Kulkarni; Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath; and Dr. Narayana Billava. The Zilla Panchayat of Uttara Kannada was represented by Mr. Somshekar Mesta, Chief Planning Officer, while the Zilla Panchayat of Dharwad was represented by Mr. Deepak Madival, Chief Planning Officer.



## Participation in Workshops / Seminars/ Meetings

- Prof. Nayanatara S. Nayak participated in a three-day hybrid workshop on “Public Policy in Practice”, organised by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Tirupati, in association with the Centre for Research in Schemes and Policies (CRISP), IIT Tirupati, from 30<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025.
- Prof. Nayanatara S. Nayak participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> International Electronic Conference on Water Sciences (ECWS-9), organised online by Sciforum.net / MDPI (Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute), Sweden, from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
- Dr. A. R. Kulkarni participated as a panel member in the *Brainstorming Session on “Changing Role of the United Nations in a Multipolar World”*, organised by CMDR, Dharwad, on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025, and presented views on “*Implications of Technology for World Politics.*”
- Dr. A. R. Kulkarni presented a paper titled “Towards Sustainable Rural Sanitation: An Analysis of Solid Waste Management Practices in Selected Villages of Karnataka” at the Two-Day National Seminar on “Role of Gram Panchayats in Viksit Bharat: Achievements, Challenges, and Solutions”, held at CMDR, Dharwad, on 21–22 November 2025.
- Dr. A R Kulkarni participated in a three-day workshop on “Qualitative Research Techniques: Data Collection and Analysis”, organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with the Population Research Centre (PRC) and the JSS Institute of Economic Research (IER), Dharwad, held from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at PRC, Dharwad.

- ❖ Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C. presented a paper titled “Indigenous Health Care Wisdom: Traditional Practices among the Kolam Tribe of Maharashtra” at the National Seminar, held on 11–12 November 2025, organised by the Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute, Mysuru, under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, and the Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka.
- ❖ Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C. participated in a three-day workshop on “Qualitative Research Techniques: Data Collection and Analysis”, held from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025, organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR) in collaboration with the Population Research Centre (PRC) and the JSS Institute of Economic Research (JSS IER), Dharwad.
- ❖ Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath participated in the 18th National Conference of the All India Panchayat Parishad, jointly organised by the Karnataka Panchayat Raj Parishad, Bengaluru, and the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University (MGRDPRU), Gadag, held on 13–14 December 2025 at MGRDPRU, Gadag, Karnataka.
- ❖ Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath and Dr. Narayana Billava (2025) presented a paper titled “Devolution and Development: Regional Imbalances in Panchayat Empowerment and Socio-economic Outcomes in India” at the Two-Day National Seminar on “Role of Gram Panchayats in Viksit Bharat: Achievements, Challenges, and Opportunities”, held on 20–21 November 2025 at CMDR, Dharwad.
- ❖ Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath (2025) co-chaired a session at the Two-Day National Seminar on “Role of Gram Panchayats in Viksit Bharat: Achievements, Challenges, and Opportunities”, held on 20–21 November 2025 at CMDR, Dharwad.
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- ❖ Dr. Narayana Billava participated in the Brainstorming Session on “Changing Role of the United Nations in a Multipolar World”, held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the Seminar Hall, CMDR, Dharwad.
- ❖ Dr. Dundappa Y. B. participated in a three-day workshop on “Qualitative Research Techniques: Data Collection and Analysis”, organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with the Population Research Centre (PRC) and the JSS Institute of Economic Research (IER), Dharwad, held from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at PRC, Dharwad.
- ❖ Dr. Dundappa Y. B. participated as a delegate in the one-day special lecture on “Karnataka Budakattu Samudayagala Sabalikalarana Mattu Samakalina Savalugalu”, organised by Chamarajanagar University, CMDR, Dharwad, and Kodagu University, held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at the Chamarajanagar University Campus.
- ❖ Dr. Prateek Mali participated in a three-day workshop on “Qualitative Research Techniques: Data Collection and Analysis”, organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with the Population Research Centre (PRC) and the JSS Institute of Economic Research (IER), Dharwad, held from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at PRC, Dharwad.
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## Publications

- ❖ **Arunkumar R. Kulkarni, Nayanatara S. Nayak, N. S. Mugadur, Dattatreya R. Revankar, and Dundappa Y. Badlakkanavar** (2025). *Provisioning, maintenance, and utilization of sanitation infrastructure in government schools of Karnataka: Insights from a field survey*. **Aarthika Charche – FPI Journal of Economics & Governance**, Vol. 10, No. 1, pp.65–5. [https://fpibengaluru.karnataka.gov.in/uploads/media\\_to\\_upload/1761036564.pdf](https://fpibengaluru.karnataka.gov.in/uploads/media_to_upload/1761036564.pdf)
- ❖ **Brahmanandam** (2025). *Civic engagement and the constructive programme in the digital era*. In **G. Sunil Kumar & P. Kishorkumar** (Eds.), *Gandhian approach to participatory politics in the digital era*. **Prudhvi Publishers**, Visakhapatnam. ISBN: 978-93-92256-47-3.
- ❖ **Brahmanandam** (2025). *Decentralization and self-governance: Revisiting Gandhi's vision of Swaraj*. In **G. Sunil Kumar & P. Kishorkumar** (Eds.), *Constructive politics and ethical governance: A Gandhian approach*. **Prudhvi Publishers**, Visakhapatnam. ISBN: 978-93-92256-47-9.
- ❖ **Jagriti Kumari, Basavaprabhu Jirli, Arun Kumar Singh, Prashish Singh, M. Chennamadhava, and Harshit Paliwal** (2025). *Development and validation of a nutrition literacy scale for rural women in India*. **Indian Journal of Extension Education**, Vol. 62, No. 1 (January–March 2026), pp. 153–158. ISSN: 0537-1996 (Print), 2454-552X (Online).
- ❖ **Jai Prabhakar S. C., Kavitha P. N., and Aruna S.** (2025). *Transforming traditions of Aadi Kritikai festival: A comparative study on rural and urban practices*. **Indian Journal of Research in Anthropology**, Vol. 11, No. 2, pp. 103–115. <https://doi.org/10.21088/ijra.2454.9118.11225.3>
- ❖ **Syed Abdul Qadar B. Makandar and Jai Prabhakar S.C** (2025). *Culture Crisis and Contagion: An Anthropological Review of Covid-19 responses*. **CMDR Journal of Social Research**, Vol. 2, No. 1, pp. 19-25.
- ❖ **Kurabatalli H. N. and S. V. Hanagodimath** (2025). *Public expenditure on infrastructure development in India*. **Indian Journal of Economics**, Conference Volume, December 2025.
- ❖ **Narayana Billava** (2025). *Decision-making power and community participation of past presidents of Gram Panchayats: Evidence from Dharwad District, Karnataka*. **Indian Journal of Social Studies** (Karnataka State Higher Education Academy, Dharwad), Vol. 2, No. 1, pp. 59–77.

- ❖ **Narayana Billava, Emily Kumpel, Nayanatara S. Nayak, and Karina A. Chavarria** (2025). *Assessing drinking water quality in Karnataka, India: A comparative study of continuous and intermittent supply systems*. **CMDR Journal of Social Research**, Vol. 2, No. 1, pp. 7-18.
- ❖ **Nayanatara S. Nayak, Rudra N. Mishra, Karabi Mujumdar, Tara Nair, and N. L. Narasimha Reddy** (2025). *Livelihood and status of tobacco processing workers: Insights from selected states in India*. **Health Empirics**, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 64–81.
- ❖ **Pushkarni Panchamukhi, Narayana Billava, Nayanatara S. Nayak, Emily Kumpel, Ayşe Ercumen, and Zachary Burt** (2025). *Intermittent versus continuous (24×7) water supply systems: Empirical findings from Hubballi–Dharwad, Belagavi, and Kalaburagi cities in Karnataka, India*. **Review of Development and Change**, Vol. 30, No. 2, pp. 169–196. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0972266125139267>
- ❖ **Seema Kulkarni and S. V. Hanagodimath** (2025). *Intra-state regional imbalance and multidimensional poverty index in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu*. **Indian Journal of Economics**, Conference Volume, December 2025.

## Invited Lectures

- ❖ Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli delivered a lecture titled “Direct Marketing of Agricultural Produce: Models, Issues, and Challenges” as part of the Training Programme on Management of Agricultural Markets for Extension Service Providers from 14 districts of Karnataka, organised by the State Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute (SAMETI), Directorate of Extension, in association with the Division of Agricultural Business Management and the Agricultural Development Sub-component of ATMA, on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025.
- ❖ Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli was invited as Chief Guest on the occasion of inaugural session of Two Day Workshop on Research Methodology organized by IQAC of Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi on 19-12-2025.

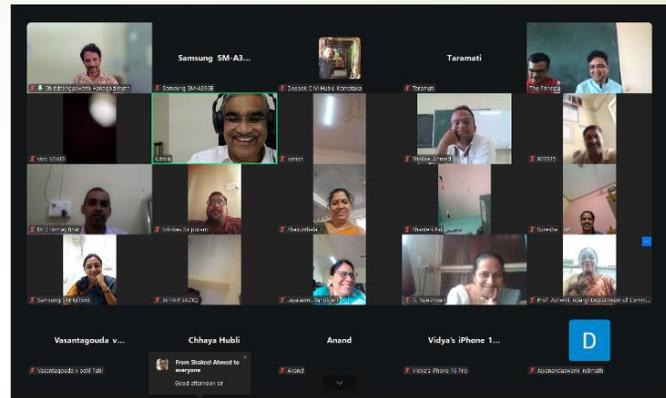




❖ Prof. Nayanatara S. Nayak delivered lecture on the “Relevance of research: Opportunities and challenges” at the Inter-collegiate workshop on “Free Legal Aid” organised by CMDR in association with Smt. K.S.J. Arts College for Women, Dharwad on 16.10.2025

❖ Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath delivered two lectures on “How to Do Social Science Research through Modern Tools and Techniques” at SKDR University, Ballari, on 28–29 October 2025.

❖ Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath was invited by Government First Grade College & P.G. Centre, Haveri, as the Keynote Speaker for a “Five-Day Virtual National-Level Faculty Development Programme”, held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025.



❖ Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli delivered a lecture during the Induction Training for ATMA (Agricultural Technology Management Agency) district-level functionaries on “Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (ACABC) and Essentials of Entrepreneurship Development”, organised by the State Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute (SAMETI), North Karnataka, Directorate of Extension, University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad, on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025.

❖ Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath was invited by Shree Sharana Nuliya Chandayya, Dr. B R Ambedkar Smaraka Arts and Commerce College Hubballi as a Resource Person to address the NSS Camp Participants on “Role of Gram Panchayats in the Infrastructure Development in India” on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at Kadapatti-Halyal of Hubli Taluka

❖ Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli delivered a lecture titled “Blended Learning for Academic Excellence: A Platform for Up-Skilling and Re-Skilling of Students” as part of the Faculty Improvement Programme, organised by the Karnataka Higher Education Academy, Dharwad, on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015.



❖ Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C. was invited to deliver two lectures as part of a 10-day Research Methodology Course sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi, and organised by the Department of Anthropology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, held from 8th to 17th October 2025. The lectures were on: 1) “Process of Questionnaire and Schedule Development” on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025, and 2) “Fieldwork in Social Science Research” on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

❖ Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath was invited by Government First Grade College, Baidooor, as a Resource Person to deliver a talk on “Modern Tools and Techniques for Social Science Research” on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

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## ಬೈಂದೂರು ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶೇಷ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಗಾರ

ಬೈಂದೂರು: ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಪ್ರಥಮ ದರ್ಜೆ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಕೋಶ ಮತ್ತು ಐಕ್ಯವಿಸಿ ಸಹಯೋಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ 'ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ: ವಿಚಾರದಿಂದ ವಿಶಾಸದ ಕಡೆಗೆ' ಎಂಬ ಒಂದು ದಿನದ ವಿಶೇಷ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಗಾರ ನಡೆಯಿತು.

ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶಕ (ಸಿಎಂಡಿಆರ್) ಡಾ.ಎಸ್.ವಿ.ಹನಗೋಡಿಮಠ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸ ನೀಡಿ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ

ದತ್ತಾಂಶ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಳಸುವ ಕೆ.ಒ.ಬಿ.ಕೆ.ಲೆಕ್ಸ್ ಟೂಲ್ಸ್ ಬಾಕ್ಸ್ ಬಳಕೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡಿದರು.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆ ವಹಿಸಿದ್ದ ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪಾಲ ನಾಗರಾಜ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಗಾರ ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿ ಶುಭಾಶ್ವಾನೀಕರಿಸಿದರು. ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಕೋಶದ ಸಂಬಾಲಕಿ ಗೀತಾ ಸಂದಿಗೋಡಮಠ ಪ್ರಾಸ್ತಾವಿಕವಾಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು. ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಾದ ಹರ್ಷಿತಾ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸಿದರು. ಸುಕುಮಾರ ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸಿದರು. ಕೀರ್ತಿ ವಂದಿಸಿದರು. ಚೈತ್ರಾ ನಿರೂಪಿಸಿದರು.



ಬೈಂದೂರು ಡಿಗ್ರಿ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯೋಜಿಸಲಾದ ವಿಶೇಷ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಗಾರಕ್ಕೆ ನಾಗರಾಜ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ ಚಾಲನೆ ನೀಡಿದರು. ಡಾ.ಎಸ್.ವಿ.ಹನಗೋಡಿಮಠ ಧಾರವಾಡ, ಗೀತಾ ಮೊದಲಾದವರು ಇದ್ದರು.

- ❖ Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath delivered two lectures on “How to Do Social Science Research through Modern Tools and Techniques” at Government First Grade College of Education (GFGE), Arts and Commerce College, Bidi, Belagavi District, on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025.



- ❖ Dr. Narayana Billava presented a paper titled “Jal Jeevan Mission and the Governance of Rural Water Welfare: Policy Implementation and Challenges” at the National Conference on “Governance and Welfare Measures in India: Policies, Challenges, and the Way Forward”, held from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru.



- ❖ Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath was invited by the Department of Economics, Bangalore University, as a Resource Person to conduct eight sessions for Ph.D. scholars in the Two-Day Workshop on “Modern AI Tools in Research”, held on 14–15 November 2025.



❖ Dr. Narayana Billava delivered a lecture on “Report Writing and Data Collection” during the One-Day Workshop on Report Writing and Data Analysis for Undergraduate Students, held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at the Seminar Hall, Government First Grade College (GFGC), Beedi. The workshop was jointly organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with Government First Grade College, Beedi.



❖ Dr. Narayana Billava presented a paper (online) titled “Pathways to Presidentship: Exploring Determinants, Motivations, and Impact in Gram Panchayat Leadership” at the National Conference on Development, Democracy, and Governance: Debating New Social Imaginaries, held on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct-1<sup>st</sup> Nov, 2025, organized by Research Committee-19 (Urban Studies), Indian Sociological Society (ISS), Department of Holistic Education (DHE), and NIPER, Mohali.

## Training Programme / Activity

❖ Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli coordinated a FTI Training Programme “Direct marketing as a tool for empowering farmers”. The programme was organised by CMDR, Dharwad, in collaboration with the Farmers’ Training Institute, Directorate of Extension, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, on 28-29 October 2025. The programme highlighted the growing relevance of direct marketing in improving farm incomes and strengthening farmers’ market position. The inaugural session was presided over by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of UAS Bengaluru, Prof. S. V. Suresh, while the valedictory session featured Prof. Y. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension, UAS Bengaluru. Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, CMDR, Dharwad, deliberated on how farmers can leverage direct marketing to enhance net profits. Indian agriculture faces a structural challenge: although nearly 58 per cent of the workforce depends on agriculture, its contribution to GDP remains below 20. per cent. Traditional marketing systems are dominated by intermediaries, leaving farmers with only 25–35 per cent of the consumer’s rupee along

with problems of storage, transport, and poor market information. Direct marketing, which links producers directly with consumers, offers a viable solution. Evidence shows that farmers’ share can increase to over 60 per cent, while consumers benefit from fresher produce at competitive prices. Models such as Rythu Bazaar, Apani Mandi, and Uzhavar Sandhai demonstrate this potential.

The programme emphasised three pillars of empowerment: collective action through FPOs and cooperatives, digital platforms such as e-NAM and social media for price discovery and outreach, and value addition through processing, branding, and certification. With adequate institutional support, direct marketing can help reimagine farmers as entrepreneurs and ensure sustainable and dignified livelihoods.



❖ Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli coordinated A brainstorming session on “Changing Role of the United Nations in a Multipolar World” held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025, Seminar Hall, CMDR, Dharwad. The discussions focused on three interlinked themes: technology and world politics, global environmental governance, and global economic governance. Scholars, policy analysts, and experts from diverse disciplines participated, aiming to generate policy-relevant recommendations to strengthen multilateral responses in a rapidly changing global order. The inaugural session was chaired by

Prof. Vishnukant Chattapalli, Former Vice-Chancellor, RDPR University, Gadag, while Prof. S. S. Patagundi, Former Registrar, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, set the tone for the deliberations. The session on *technology and world politics* acknowledged the UN's long-standing role in peace and crisis management but cautioned that emerging technologies are reshaping global power structures. Participants highlighted risks such as digital divides, concentration of technological power, misinformation, cyber threats, erosion of privacy, and democratic manipulation. The panel urged the UN to promote inclusive digital policies aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, advance global AI governance, strengthen cybersecurity, and safeguard human rights while encouraging national investments in digital infrastructure and skills. Discussions on *global environmental governance* underscored persistent failures, including inadequate climate finance and missed emission targets. Participants called for equitable burden-sharing, grant-based climate finance, accelerated technology transfer, and stronger enforcement of global environmental frameworks. Recommendations included enhanced accountability mechanisms, integration of indigenous knowledge, environmental education, and reforms to improve UN representativeness and reduce dominance of powerful states. The *global economic governance* session stressed that globalization must be managed to ensure inclusive growth in a multipolar world. Experts advocated resilient supply chains, greater participation of emerging economies in global rule-making, protection for MSMEs, and adaptive trade diplomacy to manage rising geopolitical and technological competition. Overall, the session reaffirmed the need for a more democratic, accountable, and responsive United Nations to effectively address contemporary global challenges

- ❖ Prof. Nayanatara Nayak coordinated two workshops on **“Bridging the Gap: Empowering Youth Through Employability Skills and Higher Education Pathways”**. The programme was organised by CMDR in collaboration with Government First Grade College, Haliyal and Government First Grade College, Yellapur on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025. The initiative aimed to empower tribal and marginalised youth by enhancing employability skills and facilitating access to higher education, thereby promoting their socio-economic inclusion. The programme focused on developing both hard and soft skills, entrepreneurship orientation, and awareness of job-placement pathways. It was coordinated by Prof. Nayanatara S. Nayak along with faculty members from the two colleges, and facilitated by the Principals, Dr. Sangeetha Kattimani (Haliyal) and Prof. Janardhan (Yellapur). Resource persons from

Canara Bank Deshpande RSETI, Haliyal, the Social Welfare Department, and Deshpande Skilling highlighted employability skills, institutional support for education and employment, and the relevance of skilling in the contemporary job market. Participants were informed about RSETI's hands-on training programmes in agriculture, electrical work, mobile repair, food processing, beautician courses, tool making, and even social media content creation. Deshpande Skilling representatives noted that nearly 90 per cent of trained youth had secured placements in cities such as Hyderabad, Chennai, and Bengaluru. In his presidential address, Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli emphasised continuous learning and the importance of choosing career paths aligned with one's interests and talents, recalling the enduring relevance of Sarvajna's vachanas in guiding life and work through practical wisdom and human values.



❖ Prof. Nayanatara Nayak coordinated (along with Dr. Jai Prabhakar as co-coordinator) a three-day training programme titled **“Qualitative Research Techniques: Data Collection and Data Analysis”**. The programme was organised by CMDR in association with the JSS Institute of Economic Research / Population Research Centre, from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at PRC, Dharwad. The objective of the programme was to provide hands-on training in qualitative data analysis using software such as Atlas.ti and other QDA tools. Participants were trained in transcribing, organizing, coding, and analysing qualitative data, with emphasis on managing large textual datasets and identifying patterns and themes through digital tools. The inaugural session was presided over by Prof. Vijayalakshmi Amminbavi, Member, Governing Council, CMDR, who highlighted the importance of logical reasoning and the human mind in qualitative research. Shri Arihant Prasad Jain, Administrative Officer, JSS, Dharwad, served as Chief Guest and underscored the role of continuous research and the emerging relevance of AI for meaningful data visualization and policy communication. Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan, Assistant Professor, International Institute for Population Sciences, discussed core concepts of qualitative research, coding procedures, data management, and quality assurance. Dr. Jyothi Hallad, Director, PRC, demonstrated the use of Anthropic and Atlas.ti through practical sessions, which proved insightful for both early-career and experienced researchers. In the valedictory address, Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli emphasised the value of qualitative research grounded in indigenous knowledge and experience, while cautioning against overdependence on AI at the cost of critical reasoning.



❖ Prof. Nayanatara Nayak coordinated (Prof. Brahmanandam as cocordinator) a one-day workshop on **“Recent Developments in Education: Issues and Challenges”**. The programme was organised on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 in collaboration with the Central University of Karnataka (CUK), Kalaburagi, to create awareness among administrators, faculty, and students about the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and its implications for school, college, and higher education. Prof. Prashant, Dean, School of Earth Sciences and NEP Coordinator at CUK was the local coordinator. Prof. Vishnukant Chatpalli, Former Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Rural Development and Panchayati Raj University, and Adviser, National Assessment and Accreditation Council, was the Chief Guest. He highlighted that NEP 2020 rests on five pillars—access, equity (aligned with SDG-4), quality, affordability, and accountability—and noted its provisions for internationalisation of higher education. Prof. Gowrishya, Director, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, spoke on changing learner profiles, student engagement, vocational education, and global responses to NEP. Prof. Thiyagu (CUK) discussed the future of school education in a digital era, emphasising a shift under NEP from marks and rigid language norms towards holistic development, mother tongue-based learning, and flexible language systems. Prof. R. R. Biradar, Registrar, CUK, underlined NEP’s focus on quality, accessibility, affordability, and transparency in achieving *Atmanirbhar Bharat*. In his presidential address, Prof. Battu Satyanarayan, Vice-Chancellor, CUK, stressed the transition from theory-driven to skill-based, research-oriented education aimed at realising *Viksit Bharat@2047*. The workshop was attended by about 140 participants, including faculty, administrators, teachers, and students from universities and schools across Kalaburagi.



❖ Prof. T. Brahmanandam coordinated a **Two-Day National-Level Research Methodology Workshop on Social Science and Humanities**. The programme was organised by the CMDR, Dharwad in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University (VSKU), Ballari, on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. M. Muniraju, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, VSKU. The Programme Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. T. Brahmanandam, Professor of Political Science, CMDR, and Dr. S. Y. Surendra Kumar, Professor, Department of Political Science, Bengaluru University. The workshop comprised nine technical sessions, covering the following themes:

1. Exploring Sources of Data Collection
  2. Kobo Software
  3. Online Research and Research Ethics
  4. Application of SPSS in Social Science Research
  5. Quantitative Research Methods
  6. Research in Humanities
  7. Case Study Method in Social Science
  8. Basics of Regression Analysis
  9. Ethnography as Method and Writing: Exploring Qualitative Realities
- The valedictory session was presided over by Prof. K. Srinivasulu, Retired Professor and Former Dean, Osmania University, Hyderabad. A total of 80 participants, including teachers, Ph.D. scholars, and postgraduate students, attended the workshop.



❖ Prof. T. Brahmanandam coordinated a two-day workshop on **“Innovative Pedagogy for Social Sciences and Humanities: Integrating Outcome-Based Education (OBE), Digital Platforms, and AI Tools”**. The programme was jointly organised by the CMDR, Dharwad, and Haveri University, Haveri, on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 at K.L.E.'s G. H. College, Haveri. The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Prof. S. T. Bagalkoti, Registrar, Haveri University, Haveri. The inaugural address was delivered by Shri M. C. Koli, Governing Body Member of the KLE Society. Prof. T. Brahmanandam, CMDR, briefed the participants on the objectives and structure of the workshop. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Suresh H. Jangamshetti, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Haveri University, Haveri. The workshop comprised seven technical sessions covering the following themes:

1. Re-imagining Teaching through Outcome-Based Education (OBE): Framework, Mapping, and Assessment
2. Inclusive and Context-Specific Pedagogy for Karnataka's Classrooms
3. Leveraging Learning Management Systems (LMS) for Effective Teaching
4. Creating Digital Learning Resources: Micro-Lectures, Interactive Tools, and Open Educational Resources (OER)
5. AI in the Classroom: Practical Use of LMS and Intelligent Tools for Effective Teaching
6. Responsible and Ethical Use of Technology in Higher Education
7. From Lectures to Learning: Blended, Flipped, and Active Pedagogy

In addition, a panel discussion was held on **“21<sup>st</sup> Century Classrooms: Challenges and Best Practices.”**

The valedictory session was graced by Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, CMDR, Dharwad, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he highlighted the growing importance of AI tools in the modern education system and emphasised the critical role of teachers in shaping students' careers by drawing insights from both past experiences and contemporary practices. He also reflected on the significance of the Indian Knowledge System and noted that while countries like Japan have made significant progress in publishing research in regional languages, India still lags behind despite having 22 constitutionally recognised languages. In this context, he informed the gathering that CMDR is planning to bring out a special issue dedicated to research publications in regional languages. Certificates were distributed to the participants during the valedictory session. A total of 46 participants, including faculty members from social sciences and humanities disciplines, attended the workshop.

Professor, Department of Economics, Sharada Vilas College, Mysuru; Sri Ga. Ra. Suresh, social worker; and Dr. Jai Prabhakar, Programme Coordinator, were also present on the dais. The seminar brought together academicians, subject experts, tribal representatives, research scholars, students, and social workers to deliberate on key issues related to tribal culture, education, livelihoods, social inclusion, and sustainable development. Through multiple thematic sessions and a panel discussion, the programme emphasised the importance of inclusive policies, community engagement, and research-based approaches for the holistic development of tribal communities. The event provided a valuable platform for dialogue, knowledge sharing, and strengthening community participation in policy-making processes. A total of 135 participants attended the seminar, including 80 members from tribal communities and 55 participants from faculty and other sections of society.



❖ Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C. coordinated (along with Dr Dundappa and Dr Prateek Mali) a one-day seminar on **“Holistic Empowerment and Sustainable Development of Tribal Communities”**. The programme was successfully organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with Chamarajanagar University on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at Chamarajanagar University, to commemorate Sri Bhagavan Birsa Munda Jayanti – Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas. The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. M. Jadeyegowda, College of Forestry, Ponnampet, Kodagu, Karnataka. The Presidential Address was delivered by Prof. M. R. Gangadhar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Chamarajanagar University, Chamarajanagara. Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, CMDR, Dharwad; Prof. S. Girish, Retired

❖ Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C. and Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli coordinated A two-day closed-door expert brainstorming session on the **Preparation of the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) for Chamarajanagara District**. The programme was held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025. The programme was organised by the CMDR, Dharwad, in collaboration with Chamarajanagara University and Haveri University. The programme brought together experts from 16 key development sectors, along with faculty members, administrators, and dignitaries, to provide focused and evidence-based inputs for district-level

planning. The deliberations covered major areas such as human and social development; agriculture and environmental sustainability; industry and skill development; governance and digital systems; and spatial planning. Sector-wise discussions were consolidated during a plenary session to develop an integrated and holistic framework for the CDP, thereby laying a strong foundation for inclusive, sustainable, and research-driven development planning for Chamarajanagara District. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Udaya Shankar Puranik, International Cyber Security and AI Technology Expert. The session was presided over by Prof. M. R. Gangadhar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Chamarajanagara University. Prof. Suresh H. Janagamashetty, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Haveri University, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, CMDR, Dharwad, and Dr. Jai Prabhakar, Associate Professor and Programme Coordinator, Dr. Dundappa and Dr. Prateek Mali were also present

❖ Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C. coordinated an online special lecture delivered by Dr. Joydeep Majumdar, Scientist 'E', ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on "Avenues in Ergonomics" on 7th October 2025, as part of the CMDR Webinar Series on Trends in Anthropology. The webinar aimed to introduce participants to the scope and relevance of ergonomics, particularly its growing importance in interdisciplinary research and applied social sciences. Dr. Majumdar began his lecture by explaining the basic concept of ergonomics and its evolution as a scientific field concerned with human well-being, work efficiency, and the design of systems that suit human capabilities and limitations. During the lecture, the resource person highlighted how ergonomics intersects with anthropology, public health, occupational health, and allied disciplines. He discussed the relevance of ergonomic principles in understanding human-environment interactions, workplace design, health outcomes, and productivity across different occupational and social settings. Special emphasis was placed on the application of ergonomics in research, policy planning, and intervention programmes. The session also provided insights into emerging research opportunities and career avenues in ergonomics, especially for students and young researchers. Dr. Majumdar shared examples from field-based and institutional research, underscoring the importance of ergonomics in addressing contemporary challenges related to work conditions, technology use, and health. The webinar witnessed active participation from students, research scholars, and faculty members from anthropology and related disciplines. The interactive discussion towards the end of the session reflected keen interest among participants, who sought clarifications on research prospects, interdisciplinary collaboration, and practical applications of ergonomics. Overall, the lecture was informative and engaging, and it contributed meaningfully to the objectives of the CMDR Webinar Series by exposing participants to emerging themes and applied dimensions within anthropology. The session was well-received and added value to ongoing academic and research initiatives at CMDR.

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❖ **Dr. Narayana Billava coordinated a national seminar on “Role of Gram Panchayats in Viksit Bharat: Achievements, Challenges, and Solutions”** was held on 20-21 November, 2025 at Seminar Hall, CMDR, Dharwad. The Abdul Nazir Sab Panchayat Raj Chair, Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, organised a Two-Day National Seminar on “Role of Gram Panchayats in Viksit Bharat: Achievements, Challenges, and Solutions” on 20–21 November 2025 at the Seminar Hall, CMDR. The national seminar was organised in the context of Viksit Bharat @2047, underscoring the central role of Gram Panchayats as the foundation of democratic decentralisation, inclusive governance, and sustainable rural development. The event brought together eminent scholars, senior administrators, policymakers, elected representatives, practitioners, and researchers from across the country, fostering a dynamic platform for academic exchange and policy-oriented dialogue. The programme began with registration, followed by a welcome address by Shri V. T. Hungund, Registrar, CMDR, and Dr. Narayana Billava, Assistant Professor and ANSPR Chair, CMDR, presented an overview of the seminar, highlighting the critical role of Gram Panchayats in inclusive development and emphasising the need for fiscal autonomy, capacity building, and community participation for effective local governance. The inaugural session featured a keynote address by Prof. V. N. Alok (IIPA, New Delhi), who highlighted fiscal decentralisation, functional clarity, and administrative capacity as essential pillars for strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions. The Chief Guest, Dr. S. S. Meenakshi Sundaram, IAS (Retd.), emphasised empowered Gram Sabhas and active citizen participation as drivers of grassroots democracy. Presidential remarks underscored the need to bridge empirical research with local governance practice.

Six technical sessions examined state-wise decentralisation experiences, best practices, fiscal and planning challenges, social inclusion, digital governance, skill development, and sustainability. Case studies from Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Goa, Rajasthan, Haryana, Gujarat, and Odisha revealed significant inter-state variations in the devolution of funds, functions, and functionaries. The seminar concluded that strengthening Gram Panchayats is indispensable to achieving Viksit Bharat @2047. Key takeaways included predictable fiscal transfers, stronger State Finance Commissions, enhanced own-source revenues, capacity building of elected representatives and officials, effective Gram Sabha participation, digital transformation, and climate-resilient village planning. Distinguished scholars including Prof. Inderjeet Singh Sodhi, Prof. Sivanna N., Dr. M. Gopinath Reddy, Prof. Jeevan Kumar, Prof. M. Devendra Babu, Dr. Seema Fernandes, and several others participated in the seminar. CMDR faculty, and research scholars were also present, contributing to the academic rigour and success of the event.



❖ **Dr. Narayana Billava coordinated a Workshop on “24×7 Water Supply: Success, Challenges, Solutions, and Sustainability”.** The programme was organised by CMDR, Dharwad on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025. Officials from the Hubballi–Dharwad Municipal Corporation (HDMC), Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation (KUIDFC), Karnataka Water Board, L&T, SMEC, along with CMDR faculty, participated in the programme. The Hon’ble Mayor of Hubballi–Dharwad, the Chief Guest, stated that 24×7 water supply is the benchmark for safe and adequate urban water services. She expressed concern over delays in the project’s implementation and noted that the successful rollout in Navalur has generated optimism that Hubballi–Dharwad will soon achieve continuous supply. She assured full cooperation from the Municipal Corporation to support L&T for timely and successful project completion. In the keynote address, Prof. Pradeep Kalbar presented the pan-India urban water supply scenario, emphasising that urban planning must be closely integrated with water supply planning to avoid operational challenges. He underscored that water



production should adequately account for demand as well as system losses. Prof. T. Brahmanandam welcomed the guests and participants, while Prof. Nayanatara S. Nayak outlined the objectives of the workshop. The session was presided over by Prof. Vijayalakshmi Amminbavi. Shri M. Anjanappa highlighted the importance of community mobilisation in sustaining 24x7 water supply systems. Dr. Emily Kumpell (UMAS, USA) presented on water quality issues in the twin cities. Dr. Narayana Billava discussed the Ranebennur water supply system, and Shri Shivananda H. presented the performance of the 'Drink-from-the-Tap' system in Alnavar town. Smt. Savitha, KUIDFC, Dharwad along with CMDR Faculty and Staff members were present.



❖ Dr. Narayana Billava coordinated a **One-Day Workshop on Report Writing and Data Analysis for UG Students, GFGC, Bidi, Khanapur**. The programme organised by CMDR, Dharwad, in collaboration with Government First Grade College, Beedi, on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at the Seminar Hall, GFGC, Beedi. The programme witnessed the participation of around 130 faculty members and students. The inaugural session was held under the guidance of the Principal, Dr. Nasirahmad Jangubhai, and coordinated by Dr. Narayana Billava, Assistant Professor (ANSR Chair), CMDR, along with Smt. Veena Kumari K., Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce. The programme began with welcome address by Smt. Naveena K., Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, who highlighted the importance of academic skill development and mentorship. Dr. Narayana Billava outlined the objectives of the workshop, emphasising the relevance of report writing and data analysis skills in an AI-driven academic environment. The keynote

address by Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath, Assistant Professor, CMDR, stressed the need for analytical thinking, systematic research, and academic writing competencies among students. Dr. Manjula A. Soudatti, IQAC Coordinator, briefly explained the programme objectives, while the Principal, in his presidential remarks, encouraged students to actively engage in research and continuous learning. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Smt. Veena Kumari K



## Other Activities

- ❖ Prof. Brahmanandam conducted a pilot test of the Anna Bhagya Project schedule in Laxmeshwar Taluk, Gadag District.
- ❖ Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C. served as the Session Coordinator for Parallel Session 3, titled "*Global Economic Governance*", during the Brainstorming Session on the Changing Role of the United Nations in a Multipolar World, held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at CMDR, Dharwad.
- ❖ Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C. served as Co-Chair of the two-day National Seminar on "Role of Gram Panchayats in Viksit Bharat: Achievements, Challenges, and Solutions", held on 20–21 November 2025 at CMDR, Dharwad, organised under the Abdul Nazir Sab Panchayat Raj Chair, CMDR.
- ❖ Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C. was invited as an examiner for the C3 coursework assessment on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at the Department of Anthropology, Karnatak University, Dharwad.
- ❖ Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C. coordinated an orientation session for postgraduate students of the Department of Psychology, SDM College, Ujire, on "*Research Funding Agencies for Postgraduate Students*" on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

## Meetings

- ❖ The Finance Committee (FC), Governing Council (GC), and General Body (GB) meetings of CMDR were held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 in the Seminar Hall of the Centre.
- ❖ The Research Ethics and Advisory Committee (REAC) meeting of CMDR was held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 in hybrid mode.
- ❖ The IQAC–CAS Selection Meeting of CMDR was held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025.
- ❖ Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated at the Centre on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025.
- ❖ Kanakadasa Jayanti was celebrated at the Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
- ❖ The Research Ethics and Advisory Committee (REAC) meeting of CMDR was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in hybrid mode.
- ❖ Samvidhana Divas was celebrated at the Centre on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025. On this occasion, Dr. Manjula S. R., Associate Professor of Law, Karnataka University, Dharwad, delivered a lecture on “The Constitution of India.”
- ❖ The Physical Verification Committee meeting of the Centre was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025.
- ❖ The Research Ethics and Advisory Committee (REAC) meeting of CMDR was held on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2025 in hybrid mode.

## Students' Corner

- ❖ Ms. Hemashree Kurubattalli, Research Scholar, successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis titled ***“Infrastructure and Economic Development in India”*** for the award of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025, under the guidance of Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath.
- ❖ Mr. Basavaraj was awarded the Ph.D. degree for his study titled ***“An Economic Analysis of Millets Cultivation: A Case Study of Dharwad District”*** on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025, under the guidance of Dr. A. R. Kulkarni.
- ❖ Mr. Syed Abdul B. Makandar was awarded the Ph.D. degree in Anthropology on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025. His doctoral thesis, titled ***“Impact of COVID-19 on the Rural Population of Dharwad District of Karnataka: An Anthropological Study”***, was carried out under the supervision of Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C., Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad.
- ❖ Mr. Basavaraj Pundappanavar successfully completed his final Ph.D. viva-voce examination on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025 for the thesis titled ***“Anthropology of Ageing and Wellbeing among Scheduled Tribes in Karnataka, India”***, submitted to Karnatak University. The research was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C., CMDR, Dharwad.
- ❖ Ms. Brunda and Ms. Srujana registered for the Ph.D. programme in Anthropology at Karnatak University on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025, under the guidance of Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C.
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