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Setting up of CMDR was inspired by the advice of a band of dedicated and eminent social scientists. Being located in Dharwad, which combines both urban and semi-rural features, the Centre has the unique advantage of providing a suitable environment for the analysis of the socio-economic problems of the rural people and regional economy at the grass root level. Hitherto, there has been an unusual concentration of research institutions in urban and metropolitan areas in the country. Further, there is no adequate effort made to induct multi-disciplinary approach in the analysis of the socio-economic problems of the people. In North Karnataka, there is a significant scope for strengthening the institutional infrastructure for conducting socio-economic analysis of regional problems. Considering these needs and the unique features of CMDR, the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, an all-India apex body created by Govt. of India to promote social science research in the country, recognized CMDR as a national level research institute for social science research.

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Time	Session
09:30–10:00 AM	Registration & Tea
10:00–10:10 AM	Inaugural Session – Welcome Address & About the Workshop by Dr. A R Kulkarni
10.10-10.20 AM	Opening Remarks by Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, CMDR, Dharwad
10:30–11:00 AM	Keynote Address: Localization of SDGs and District Development by Prof. S T Bagalkot, Registrar, Haveri University, Haveri
11:15–11:15 AM	Tea Break
11:15–12:30 PM	Technical Session I: Poverty-Free & Livelihood Development, Co-ordinator: Dr. S V Hanagodimath
12:30–01:30 PM	Technical Session II: Healthy & Child-Friendly District, Co-ordinator: Prof. N S Nayak
01:30–02:15 PM	Lunch Break
02:15–03:30 PM	Technical Session III: Water-Sufficient District, Co-ordinator: Dr. A R Kulkarni
03:30–04:15 PM	Technical Session IV: Clean & Green District Co-ordinator: Dr. N. Billava
04:15–04:45 PM	Open Discussion & Stakeholder Interaction
04:45–05:15 PM	Presentation of Recommendations
05:15–05:30 PM	Valedictory Session & Vote of Thanks. Dr. A. R. Kulkarni

One- Day Workshop on Progress of Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) : Issues and Challenges



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About Workshop

- ❖ The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by the United Nations in 2015, provide a global framework for inclusive, equitable, and sustainable development. Localizing SDGs at the district and Gram Panchayat level is essential for translating global commitments into measurable grassroots outcomes.
- ❖ Karnataka has made notable progress in rural development, agriculture, education, water supply, and social welfare initiatives. However, achieving sustainable and inclusive growth requires coordinated efforts among local governments, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and communities.
- ❖ This workshop aims to review district-level progress, encourage participatory dialogue, and develop actionable strategies aligned with Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs). The initiative will also complement ongoing rural development and governance efforts undertaken by institutions such as Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR).

Themes of the Workshop

The workshops will focus on key localized SDG themes relevant to district development:

- ❖ Income generation and employment opportunities
- ❖ Strengthening agriculture, allied activities, and rural enterprises
- ❖ Financial inclusion and SHG empowerment
- ❖ Access to primary healthcare services
- ❖ Nutrition, sanitation, and maternal & child health

- ❖ Preventive healthcare awareness
- ❖ Education access and quality
- ❖ Child protection and welfare
- ❖ Reduction in child labour and school dropouts
- ❖ Drinking water availability and quality
- ❖ Sustainable water management practices
- ❖ Community participation in water governance
- ❖ Waste management and sanitation
- ❖ Environmental conservation
- ❖ Climate-resilient village practices and
- ❖ Other LSDGs

Objectives of the Workshop

- ❖ To create awareness about SDGs and their localized implementation.
- ❖ To assess and discuss the progress and challenges in achieving SDGs at grassroots levels.
- ❖ To strengthen community-based and participatory solutions for sustainable development.
- ❖ To document best practices, innovations, and success stories.
- ❖ To promote inter-departmental coordination and evidence-based planning.

Target Participants

- ❖ The workshop will bring together a diverse group of stakeholders, including: Gram Panchayat Members and Presidents, Taluk and Zilla Panchayat Officials, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Officers, Representatives from NGOs and Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Farmers and Local Entrepreneurs, Students and Faculty from

- ❖ Colleges and Universities, Women and Youth Groups, Representatives from Banking and Financial Institutions and Community Leaders and Social Activists, etc.
- ❖ Expected Outcome: The workshop is expected to help identify gaps in the current implementation strategies of the SDGs, strengthen coordination between the government and local communities. It will also provide recommendations and a roadmap for action toward making a Viksit (developed) district.

Research Team and Organising Committee

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- ❖ Prof. N S Nayak

ABOUT CMDR

Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR) is an autonomous social science research institute recognised and financially supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Education, Government of India as well as Government of Karnataka.

The Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR) has been functioning since 1976 as an autonomous non-profit research organization. The genesis of CMDR can be attributed to the foresight and advice of a band of dedicated and eminent social scientists in the country.