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From the Director's Desk.....

The CMDR Newsletter is celebrating its third anniversary. The events of CMDR are reaching the masses with special reference to the academic and research communities. A unique effort was made to understand how many people have come into contact with CMDR directly. Also, the number of institutions with which CMDR has worked is an indicator of the penetration of the institution among the stakeholders.

A series of workshops focusing on skill development with special reference to the social sector is a unique effort in the current quarter. Workshop on journalistic skills, life skills, food processing, and strategic development of an institution, youth empowerment programmes, and many more were the products of discussion during the core committee meeting.

On the occasion of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanti, a unique programme “on the spot painting competition” was organised, and surprisingly, 42 students from across neighboring districts participated in the event. It gave a new dimension to the 134th birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, wherein the participants tried to depict the ideas of Dr. Ambedkar in the form of a drawing. The judges of the event were freelance artists of high repute.

Academic and research institutions keep on inviting the faculty of CMDR as a resource person. The continued invitation proves the caliber of the faculty of CMDR over a period of time. Collaboration is the key to the development of a research institution. In the previous year, CMDR could reach more than 5,500 research scholars, academicians, and researchers through various activities like seminars, trainings, capacity building programmes, workshops etc. The website of CMDR has witnessed more than 2.5 Lakh hits, which heralds the visibility of CMDR in the academic world.

The faculty members of CMDR are geared up for preparing a monthly action plan and implementing it in the same month, and preparing a new plan for the next month. The new financial year may witness new heights with the new arrangement. This is an experiment by a research institution. This arrangement is in addition to the writing of proposals for competitive grants from various funding agencies. CMDR has submitted three proposals for the competitive grant of ICSSR longitudinal studies worth about 8 crore, of which one proposal has already had an interaction with the expert committee of ICSSR.

In addition, CMDR has entered into an MOU with the Karnataka Historical Research Society (KHRS), Dharwad. Hope to have a series of meaningful events with the age-old institution like KHRS. With the constant guidance and support of the learned Governing Council of CMDR, the forthcoming days will observe a series of evocative research and development activities.

Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli
Director

Professor V.R. Panchamukhi is receiving Padmasri Award from President of India

Professor V.R. Panchamukhi, also known as Vachaspati Vadiraj Panchamukhi is a highly distinguished Indian economist and Sanskrit scholar. His academic journey began with top honors, securing first rank in Mathematics and Statistics from Karnatak University in 1956, and then achieving the Chancellor's Gold Medal for his Master's degree in Statistics with Econometrics from Bombay University in 1958. Winner of Chancellor's Gold Medal from Bombay University at M.A. (Statistics), he was invited to undertake Ph.D. research from Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University by the then Vice Chancellor Prof. V.K.R.V. Rao. His Ph.D. thesis was highly praised by his Ph.D. examiners, Prof. Harry Johnson, eminent Professor of Chicago University and Prof. Gerhard Tintner, an eminent Austrian-American econometrician from Princeton University, as 'outstanding research work better than the best thesis submitted in any western universities'.

Professor V.R.Panchamukhi has made substantial contributions to the field of economics, particularly in international trade policy. His pioneering work on applying game theory to international trade analysis, and his collaborative research on "Effective Rates of Protection and Domestic Resource Cost" with Jagdish Bhagwati and T.N. Srinivasan, significantly influenced trade policy regimes in India during the 1960s and 1970s. He also worked on development models and resource gaps for countries in the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) region, under the guidance of Nobel Laureate Jan Tinbergen. He was instrumental in establishing and developing the "Research Information System (RIS) for the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries" into a prominent global think tank. His expertise also extends to WTO issues, agricultural trade, food quality, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Beyond economics, Professor Panchamukhi is a celebrated Sanskrit scholar. He has authored several books in Sanskrit on themes of Economics and Management and has composed numerous Sanskrit poems and verses. As the Chancellor of Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha in Tirupati for two terms (1998-2008), he initiated innovative programs such as Sanskrit-Science exhibitions, Sansk-Net, and the digitization of Sanskrit manuscripts, along with establishing a new department of Dvaita Vedanta. His scholarly pursuits often bridge ancient Indian thought with modern economic principles, advocating for their integration for holistic development. He was the Chancellor of Shri Gurusarvabhoma Samsodhan Mandir, Manatralayam. As Chancellor of Sri Gurusarvabhoma Sanskrit Vidyapeetham, Mantralayam, Professor V.R. Panchamukhi played a vital role in promoting Dvaita Vedanta, encouraging Sanskrit research and publications, and possibly introducing modern technologies for learning within the institution. His leadership reinforced the Vidyapeetham's academic rigor and its commitment to traditional Indian knowledge.

Throughout his illustrious career, Professor Panchamukhi has held numerous prestigious positions. He served as the Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Economic Advisor to the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, and President of both the Indian Economic Association and The Indian Econometric Society for multiple years. He was also the Founder Director General of the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS),

Professor V.R. Panchamukhi has been recognized with numerous accolades throughout his distinguished career, reflecting his significant contributions to both economics and Sanskrit. Most notably, he was honored with the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian award, on January 26, 2025, by the Government of India, for his profound impact on literature and education.

Earlier in his academic journey, he received the Chancellor's Gold Medal from Bombay University in 1958 for achieving first rank in his Master's degree. His contributions to the state of Karnataka were acknowledged with the Karnataka Rajyotsav Award in 2002, and his Sanskrit scholarship was celebrated with the President's Certificate of Honour for Sanskrit in 2003. Further academic recognition came in 2008 with the "Vachaspati" (Honoris Causa) title from Sri Lal Bahadur Shastriya Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, and he also received the Late Shri BML Jain Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award in 2024.

Prof. V.R.Panchamukhi is the Founder Member, Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad. His dedication and intellectual prowess were instrumental in laying the foundation and nurturing the growth of CMDR, enabling it to become a respected center for interdisciplinary social science research in India.



Report on A workshop on “Agricultural Journalistic Skills”

Newspapers are “Open Universities” – Prof. Jambulingappa Chandunavar

A workshop on “Agricultural Journalistic Skills” was organised for the students of UG and PG students of Agriculture at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, on 06th June 2025 by the Centre for Multidisciplinary Development Research, Dharwad.

Dr. Jambulingappa Chandunavar, Professor and Former Chairman, Department of Journalism, Karnataka University, Dharwad, and President of Dharwad Journalist Guild, Dr. Basavaraj Hongal were the resource persons of the workshop.

The workshop on Agricultural Journalistic skill was organised with the following objectives

- Enhancing the ability to research and analyze agricultural issues.
- Strengthening reporting skills for accurate and impactful communication.
- Understanding the needs and expectations of different stakeholders, including farmers, agribusiness experts, and policymakers.
- Developing proficiency in multimedia reporting (print, digital, radio, and television).
- Learning ethical reporting practices and responsible journalism in the agricultural sector.
- Gaining expertise in simplifying complex agricultural topics for general audiences.

Dr. Jambulingappa began the discussion with the statement, “Communication is a weapon.” It can correct the pillars of democracy and live like a fourth pillar of the democratic society. He elaborated on the historical background of journalism in India and world. Dr. Chandunavar mentioned that the media paves the way for bargaining power at the national and international level. He quoted many examples of power bargaining due to media inputs. Ideas rule the world, and the media is the message. Explain the role of media in rural society. He mentioned that in the past, journalism was a passion and service, but in today's world, journalism is business and industry, more driven by economics.

Developing success stories is the key to development, and the editorial column is the spirit of journalism. He elaborately explained the types of articles as literary writing, academic writing, research writing and journalistic writing. In this context, he said that the message should be more like a bullet. Journalists should not behave like a judge, but behave like a mirror.

Dr. Basavaraj Hongal emphasized more on the role of print media for agricultural stakeholders. He said that “Agricultural Journalists should win over commercial advertisements”, but it is a major challenge for the practicing journalist. By quoting various incidences, Dr. Hongal proved that “Traditional farming practiced in India over centuries was more scientific than the current methods of scientific farming.”

Looking into the biological nature of agriculture, he said that “timely reporting of agricultural events can yield better outputs than the potential of the scientific practice alone”. His entire focus of discussion was that every season in agriculture should have a happy ending, not only from the economic point of view but also from the overall satisfaction of farmers and their families.

Dr. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, CMDR, welcomed the resource persons and delivered the concluding remarks. Dr. S.S. Dolli, Head, Department of Agricultural Extension, presented a vote of thanks. Dr. Sunil Halakatti, Professor, narrated about the workshop. More than 80 undergraduate and postgraduate students of Agriculture participated in the workshop. Dr. Prateek Mali, Dr. DA Nityashree, and others were present on the occasion.



Report on A workshop on “Life Skills ”

A workshop on **Life Skills** was organised for students spanning from PUC to PhD scholars on 26-27 May 2025 at CMDR, Dharwad. The workshop focused on skills like communication, decision-making, stress management, and adaptability—things that aren't always taught in the classroom but are crucial for success in professional life. Dr. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, CMDR, Dharwad, inaugurated the workshop with remarks on the importance of life skills in professional life. Dr. Prateek Mali, the coordinator of the workshop, briefed about the need and importance as well as the objectives of the workshop. Dr. Jai Prabhakar welcomed the participants and gave a brief outline of CMDR activities.

The workshop helped the participants to gain confidence, build resilience, and improve their ability to handle relationships and work environments effectively. The workshop was attended by 26 participants from six different institutions. Whether for students, professionals, or anyone looking to grow, life skills workshops provide practical tools to thrive in a fast-changing world.

The Workshop was organised to help participants understand their strengths, weaknesses, emotions, and motivations, to teach participants how to express themselves clearly and listen actively, to enable individuals to think critically, assess situations, and make sound choices, and promote innovative thinking and strategic problem-solving methods, and to develop skills in collaboration, adaptability, and conflict resolution and inspire lifelong learning, self-improvement, and a positive approach to challenges.

The workshop adopted the methods of Experiential Learning, Games & Activities, Self-Reflection Exercises, Peer Learning and Collaboration, and Practical Workshops.

The topics covered in the workshop included What are, and Why life skills for students, What is and Why Communication? Dr. Basavaprabhu Jirli dealt with oral Communication Skills, Glossophobia, and misconstructions about Communication and Listening.

Time Management Skills was by Dr. Dundappa Y B. The activities to learn how to understand team building, the importance of communication, and risk-bearing ability were taught by involving participants in “Tower Building.” An effort was made to teach participants about understanding self and team building by involving them in “Johri's Windows” activity.

Stress Management and Hindi – a powerful Communication tool were dealt with by Dr. Pratik Mali. Dr. Jai Prabhakar introduced the participants about Decision-making skills.



After attending the workshop, participants expressed that the learnings will help them in personal and professional success in ways that go far beyond the short-term lessons. Participants revealed that they developed the ability to express themselves clearly, listen actively, and navigate conversations with confidence. The workshop helped them to gain critical thinking skills that help them to make sound, thoughtful choices in both personal and professional life. Participants expressed that they learnt how to handle setbacks, stay calm under pressure, and bounce back from challenges. The workshop helped the participants to become more open to change, be able to embrace new opportunities, and thrive in dynamic environments. The incumbents expressed that the workshop helped them to increase self-confidence, build a growth mindset, trust their abilities, and feel more empowered to take on life's challenges. The learnings from the workshop are going to sharpen the ability to assess situations, think creatively, and find solutions efficiently.

The valedictory session was held on 27th May 2025. The successful participants were awarded with certificate of participation. The Director of CMDR advised the participants to inculcate the learnings in their day-to-day life and improve their professional performance. The life skills are not limited only to students of social science, but professionals from all streams are the beneficiaries of such a workshop. Dr. Prateek Mali, Workshop Coordinator, presented the report of the two-day workshop. Dr. Dundappa Y B. conducted the programme, and Dr. Jai Prabhakar presented a vote of thanks. Prof. Bramhanandam, T, Dr. A.R. Kulkarni, Dr. S V Hanagodimath, Dr. N. Billava, and other faculty from CMDR were present on the occasion.



Report on A workshop on “Shaping Our Future Directions: Opportunities, Competencies, Constraints and Strategies” 29th April 2025

In a rapidly evolving landscape marked by technological disruptions, demographic shifts, environmental challenges, and socio-economic transformations, the need for a collective dialogue on shaping future directions has never been more urgent. This workshop seeks to bring together thought leaders, practitioners, educators, researchers, and policy influencers to explore the dynamic intersections of opportunities, competency development, systemic constraints, and strategic foresight.

Rationale

- **Navigating Complexity:** Contemporary issues such as climate change, digital transformation, equity in education, and sustainable agriculture require interdisciplinary solutions. This workshop provides a platform to unpack complexity and co-create actionable strategies.
- **Harnessing Emerging Opportunities:** With advances in intelligent technologies, regenerative practices, and inclusive policy frameworks, there is a growing potential to leapfrog developmental bottlenecks. Identifying and aligning with such opportunities will be central to the dialogue.
- **Competency Mapping for the Future:** As the demands on individuals and institutions evolve, there's a need to redefine core competencies—ranging from strategic thinking and ethical reasoning to digital fluency and collaborative problem-solving.
- **Addressing Constraints:** Whether infrastructural, institutional, cultural, or epistemological, constraints often hinder systemic progress. The workshop will critically examine these barriers and reflect on ways to transform them into levers of change.
- **Strategic Integration:** By aligning goals with available resources, stakeholder expectations, and future scenarios, the workshop intends to catalyze well-informed strategies that are sustainable, inclusive, and scalable.
- **Expected Outcomes**
- A refined understanding of current and emerging challenges across sectors
- Frameworks for competency-based education, policy-making, and community engagement
- Strategic insights to address systemic constraints through innovative and culturally sensitive approaches
- Actionable recommendations for shaping equitable and resilient futures

The workshop began with a formal introduction of Chief Functionary Prof. M R Dixit, Rtd. Professor of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. Prof. Dixit initiated the discussion with the following key questions

1. To shape the future directions of an institution, what are the opportunities?
2. Where are the competencies of the personnel in the institution?
3. How to build the competencies?

The process of thinking should begin within. The draft answer has the following three levels.

1. – 2 (minus 2) Level 1: I don't know what I am thinking about, random thoughts, write down the ideas, I don't know what I have written.
2. – 1 (minus 1) Level 2: Because we know each other, because we are friends/colleagues, I can understand what you are telling/writing. We can ponder the issues.
3. 0 (Zero) Level 3: Ideas are framed. Sense is being developed. There are grammatical errors and inconsistencies; we can correct and improve them.

To achieve these stages, each stakeholder of the organisation should Pre-Read, Read, and Internalise the case studies, key issues in case studies, and later bring the learnings into practice. It is similar to the process of entering into the process of entrepreneurship. Basically, the urge to become an entrepreneur is basically internal force. Then comes the role of regulations, understand the regulations, follow them, and make the best

use of the regulations. In addition, other factors work in this direction include non-regulatory forces, non-internal forces, social factors, and roles played by the development leaders. Ultimately, there will be the emergence of principles of participation and cooperation.

Prof. Dixit took the case of a success story/case study of AMUL. Starting from the historical background of AMUL, where the journey began with the abundant availability of milk in the region, because of the plentiful population of buffalo. The issue was the sale of milk and earning handsome net profits. The absence of a local market forced them to look for a market, which was visualised as the Mumbai market. To reach customers in Mumbai was an experiment on the customers, which was an outcome of Cooperation.

Here comes the role of development leaders like the opinion leader of the region Shri. Tribhuvandas Patel. He played the key role in ensuring the cooperation. But there was a lack of technical expertise and a professional approach. The situational analysis leads to a situation, if I don't have the Competency, Funds, People, and required equipment, then what to do? The answer is “Search for professionals”.

The market available in Mumbai was identified as the “Bombay Milk Scheme” (BMS). The established market was procuring the milk from the Cooperative society from Anand, and later established their own milk cooperative “Aarey Milk Society”. This incident led to a crisis situation again for the Milk Cooperative from Anand (Gujarat). Then the society identified it as a competitive pressure. The challenge was to translate the situation from competitive pressure to competitive advantage. To achieve this, the society learnt to ensure a Steady supply, With quality and Assured quantity.

At this juncture, the role of professional expertise was felt, which was achieved with the timely intervention of Dr. Vergheese Kurian, who was a qualified engineer, trained in Dairy Technology in America. The processes of enhancing the shelf life of milk, by the process of pasteurisation, and diversifying the commodity milk by launching the indigenous processed products of milk.

Explaining the nuances of AMUL, Prof. Dixit revealed the roles played by the leaders like Mr. Palson, Mr. Dalaya, Mr. Tribhuvandas Patel, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Lalbahadur Shastriji, and so on. The role played by the regulations, the formation of regional Dairy Cooperatives, like Mehasana Milk Cooperative Society, Baroda Milk Cooperative Society, Banaskantha Milk Cooperative Society, and finally, the formation of the Federation under the umbrella of GCMMF. Also, there was an interesting discussion on the formation of the brand like AMUL, which is a conglomerate of brands of Gujarat as a unified brand. The institution, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), was formed to replicate the success of GCMMF in the entire country in a similar pattern.

Reconciling the learnings from AMUL, the leadership roles of China and Korea were also added to the participants of the workshop. Through this journey, Dr Dixit took the participants to the parables of leadership, which reveal the qualities of a leader and the events that define leadership. The leader should hear the unheard, see the unseen, and feel what is not felt. If an individual can practice it, definitely emerge as a leader.

To conclude Prof. Dixit emphasized that, a leader should build beyond the obvious by leveraging and learning from experiences. These processes help in developing competencies. To develop competencies, one has to thoroughly involve oneself in the event. To achieve this, the leader has to change the lens and, based on the needs, wear multiple lenses.



Report on Celebration of 134th Birth Anniversary of Bharata Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

The Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, commemorated the 134th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar with a vibrant and engaging celebration on 14th April 2025. A key highlight of the event was organisation of "On the Spot Painting Competition," which witnessed enthusiastic participation from 42 UG, PG students and research scholars. The participants come from 19 different institutions from Koppal, Gadag, Belagavi, Haveri, Rayabag, Sirsi, Hangal, and Hubli-Dharwad. The theme of "On the Spot Painting Competition" was "Ambedkar's Dream of an Inclusive Bharat" and "Vikasit Bharat: Vision of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar"

The atmosphere at CMDR was filled with artistic energy as participants, loaded with their brushes and palettes, translated their interpretations onto canvas. The competition provided a platform for both seasoned artists and budding talents to showcase their skills and pay tribute to the iconic leader.

At the outset, the CMDR faculty, staff, and all participants paid floral tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Inaugurating the occasion, Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director CMDR, remembered the dedication and contribution of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to the Indian Constitution and the development of India. The ideals of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar are still alive and are being adopted all over the world through the institutionalization of democracy in their respective countries. On the occasion, Prof. Jirli said, "We are delighted by the overwhelming response to the 'On the Spot Painting Competition' organized as part of our Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations." The enthusiastic participation reflects the deep respect and admiration people have for Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and his enduring message of social justice. The diverse artistic expressions we witnessed today were truly inspiring."

Renowned senior freelance artists of Dharwad, Shri B. Maruti and Shri F. V. Chikmath, were the judges on the occasion. Addressing the participant, Shri B Maruti said that the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti celebration at CMDR served a meaningful purpose. He expressed celebration of birth anniversary with events like "on the spot painting competition" was the most apt way to remember and reflect upon the invaluable contributions of Dr. Ambedkar to the nation. He advised the young artists that art has its own role in every sector and has a great future too. Dedication and creativity are the basic instincts to become a valuable artist.

Shri F.V. Chikmath opined that one photograph has the power of one thousand words. An artist can transform his imagination into a picture which will communicate his emotions and feelings to the viewers. The best creation of an artist will be a

great value in the market. The "On the Spot Painting Competition" added a creative and engaging dimension to the commemoration, fostering a sense of community and artistic expression inspired by the ideals of Dr. BR Ambedkar.

He thanked CMDR for organising and providing such an opportunity to the young talented artists to express their thoughts about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar through painting.

Mr. Shivaraj K. Poojari was awarded the first prize (With a cash prize of Rs.5000/-) for his exceptional artistic drawing. The Second prize was bagged by Ms.Manjushree Gavade (With a cash prize of Rs.3000/-) and the third prize was awarded to Mr.Anand Imadennavar (With a cash prize of Rs.2000/-). Ms.Saba Parvenn Peerzade, Ms.Radhika N., and Ms.Vijeta V. Prabhu won consolation prizes(With a cash prize of Rs. 500/- each).

Prof. Nayanatara Nayak, Prof. T. Brahmanandam, Dr. A. R. Kulkarni, Dr. Jai Prabhakar S. C., Dr. Prateek Mali, Dr. Dhundappa Y. B., Dr. D. R. Revankar, and CMDR staff members were present on the occasion.



Report on One-Day Seminar on Caste Census in Contemporary India Organized by CMDR, Dharwad & ISEC, Bangalore

- ❖ The one-day seminar titled '*Caste Census in Contemporary India: Relevance, Challenges, and Policy Implications*' On 19th June, 2025 is a collaborative seminar between CMDR, Dharwad and ISEC of Bangalore. The Programme was initiated by inviting guests and others by Amrapalli Jambhulkar. It started with initial remarks on caste census and its impact by the programme coordinator Prof. T. Brahmanandam and it followed by formal opening remarks by the ISEC Director as well as by CMDR Director. The keynote address was delivered by the Justice Shri Kumara Swamy former Judge of Karnataka High Court, Bangalore.
- ❖ The whole programme was divided into pre-lunch and post-lunch session. In the pre-lunch session, three speakers have delivered their talk. They are Prof. Srinivasulu from Osmania University. He mainly focussed on political economy of the caste census, examining why successive governments have hesitated to conduct it. Prof. Srinivasulu pointed out that the tension between caste-based political mobilisation and the rhetoric of a "casteless" society, arguing that the latter often serves to maintain the status quo. It followed by Prof. Anil Kumar from ISEC. He argues that granular caste data could enhance the precision of affirmative action, ensuring benefits reach the most disadvantaged. The last speaker in the pre-lunch session was Prof. Somshekar, University of Mysore. He made PPT presentation with meticulous data and linked caste enumeration to broader goals of inclusive growth, highlighting its potential to address disparities in education, healthcare, and employment.
- ❖ The post-lunch session was started with online presentation by Prof. Shaikh Mujibur Rahman from Jamia Milia Islamia of New Delhi. He strongly advocated for a caste census as an instrument of social justice, drawing parallels with the Mandal Commission's impact. Argued that updated data would expose "creamy layer" disparities within OBCs, enabling better-targeted policies. Cited his research in Maharashtra showing how the lack of caste data has led to misallocation of welfare funds. Proposed a decentralized approach, with states conducting their own caste surveys to account for regional variations.
- ❖ Prof. Nagaraj addressed the methodological challenges of conducting a caste census in a rapidly changing society. He questioned the feasibility of rigid caste categories in an era of urbanisation and globalisation, advocating for a dynamic framework that accounts for intersectional identities. While a caste census could democratize governance by ensuring equitable resource distribution, it also risks reinforcing caste identities if misused for political gains. He cited examples from states like Bihar and Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh, where caste-based mobilisations have both empowered marginalised groups and deepened societal divisions.
- ❖ The final speaker in this session Shri Kiran Gowda of University of Hyderabad and he is President, All India Other Backward Caste Students Association (AIOBSA). He mainly focused on policy implications.
- ❖ Prof Kumar proposed a roadmap for translating caste data into actionable policies, stressing the importance of transparency and public participation. He called for the establishment of an independent body to oversee caste enumeration, insulating the process from political interference.
- ❖ The one-day seminar was attended by 11 professors and they are Prof. Basvaprbbu Jirili, Prof. Srinivasulu, Prof. Somshekar, Prof. Lakshmana, Prof. Anil Kumar, Prof. Nagaraj, Prof. Sivanna, Prof. Maruthi, Prof. Brahmanandam, Dr Smitha, Dr Kusanna. There are 3 senior bureaucrats and they are Shri Lakshminarayana IAS (Rtd.), Shri K.H. Anil Kumar IAS (Rtd.), and Shri Rajashekar IFS (Rtd.). The former High Court Judge of Karnataka, Justice Kumara Swamy has graced the programme by delivering the introductory speech. Along with more the 25 research scholars from ISEC, University of Mysore and a faculty from Shri Krishnadevaraya University of Ananthapuram, Andhra Pradesh. One Rev.Manohar Chandra Prasad also attended from church of South India (CSI). Cythia Stephn representing a women's organisation, also attend and contributed to the discussions.
- ❖ The programme finally concluded with vote of thanks by Dr Smitha of ISEC.



Participation in Workshops / Seminars/Meetings

Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli,

Inaugural Address

- ❖ The Village Camp organized by the Social Work Department of Karnataka University, Dharwad, serves as an immersive experience for students to engage with rural communities, understand grassroots challenges, and apply theoretical knowledge in practical settings. Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad inaugurated the camp on 1st April 2025 in B Gudihal, Kuruvinakoppa, village, Kalaghatagi taluka of Dharwad. Dr. Jirli highlighted the importance of integrating agriculture, education, and social work to create holistic development models. He stressed the need for evidence-based interventions that combine traditional knowledge with modern methodologies.
- ❖ Prof. Jirli discussed about the implications of NeGPA (National e-Governance Plan in Agriculture) and their integration with traditional farming systems. He urged students to actively engage with government schemes and contribute to systemic improvements in rural governance. The emphasis of inaugural address was on blending tradition with modernity resonated with the broader goals of environmental sustainability, agricultural resilience, and educational innovation.



Prof. Nayanatara Nayak

- ❖ Prof. Nayanatara Nayak participated in online training on “Become a Smart Researcher :Essential Tips and Step-by-Step Guide to ONOS and Springer Nature Platforms organised by Springer and ONOS Member Institutions” on 17th April, 2025.

Dr. A. R.Kulkarni

- ❖ Dr. A. R.Kulkarni has coordinated a State-Level Special Lecture on the visionary theme “Viksit Bharat@2047 at Department of Economics, Karnatak University, Dharwad on 6th June 2025 in collaboration with the Department of Economics, Karnatak University, Dharwad,



- ❖ Dr. A.R.Kulkarni has coordinated One-Day Workshop on “Empowering Youth through Government Schemes and Financial Support for Self-Employment” on 12th June 2025. The event brought together distinguished speakers from various government and financial institutions to educate and motivate youth, students, aspiring entrepreneurs, and job seekers about the vast array of self-employment opportunities and financial support schemes available in India. Dr. D. R. Revankar and Dr. Prateek Mali were the Co-coordinators of the workshop.



- ❖ Dr. A. R.Kulkarni has coordinated a one-day workshop on “Equipping Youth with Skills for Sustainable Self-Employment” on 13th June 2025. The event brought together key officials from various government departments to share valuable insights on schemes and opportunities available for marginalized communities, youth, and women. Dr. D. R. Revankar and Dr. Prateek Mali were the Co-coordinators of the workshop.



Participation in Workshops / Seminars/Meetings

- ❖ Dr. A.R. Kulkarni, Co-ordinated a special lecture on the topic “Revisiting Regional Imbalances in Karnataka” at Department of Economics, Karnatak University, Dharwad on 30th June 2025 in collaboration with the Department of Economics, Karnatak University, Dharwad.



- ❖ Dr. S V Hanagodimath was invited by the Revenue Mobilisation Committee, Government of Karnataka to present a paper entitled “Challenges and Opportunities for Own Source of Revenues of PRIs in Karnataka”, on 12th June, .2025 held at IAS Officers association Bengaluru.



Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C

- ❖ Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C participated in a national webinar on ‘Indian Festivals: Where Culture Comes Alive’ under CESS Talk Series on 28th April, 2025. Organised by Centre for Education and Social Studies (CESS), Bengaluru
- ❖ Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C attended Board of Studies Annual Meeting in Anthropology to prepare syllabus for UG courses held on 14th May, 2025 in the Department of Anthropology, Univesity of Mysore, Manasagangotri, Mysuru-06

Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath

- ❖ Dr S. V. Hanagodimath, presented a research paper titled "Bridging Regional Disparities through Need-Based Transfers: An Analysis of PRI Funding in Karnataka" during the One-Day National Workshop on Pathways to Achieve Sustainable Development organized by the Centre for Economic Studies and Policy (CESP) of the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) held at ISEC Bengaluru, on 23rd May, 2025.

- ❖ Dr. S V Hanagodimath presented on Financial Devolution to the PRIs in Karnataka, before the 5th State Finance Commission, Government of Karnataka on 19th April, 2025
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- ❖ Dr. S V Hanagodimath & Dr. Narayan Billava have made presentation of final report to 5th State Finance Commission office, Khanija Bhavan, Bengaluru on 3rd May 2025.



Dr. S V Hanagodimath

- ❖ Dr. S V Hanagodimath addressed the M. Com Student of Mruthunjaya College, at CMDR, on “Data Collection Through the KoboToolbox Software”, in One-day Orientation Programme on Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research for Dharwad: 26th June, 2025.



- ❖ Dr. S V Hanagodimath given a lecture on “Use of Modern tools in Social Science Research”, in One Day workshop on Data Analysis and Report Writing for M. Com, M Sc. Physics and Mathematics, MA Economics, History Students of Shree Siddeshwara Government First Grade College and PG Study Studies Centre Nargund, on 27th June 2025.



Dr. Narayana Billava

- ❖ Dr. Narayana Billava 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 9th April 2024.
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- ❖ Dr. Narayana Billava delivered a lecture on Data Collection Methods and Practical Experience for M. Com Students of Mrutunjayya College, Dharwad during the one-day workshop on Research Methodology held at CMDR, Dharwad on 26th June 2025



- ❖ Dr. Narayan Billava delivered a lecture on Report Writing and Data Collection Methods during the one-day workshop on Report Writing and Data Analysis for PG Students held at Government First Grade College and PG Center, Naragunda on 27th June 2025.



- ❖ Dr. Narayan Billava delivered lecture on various Scholarships Programme and Loan Facilities for Students Conducted by Adardha Trust Hubballi held at MMS School Old Hubballi on 29th June, 2025.



- ❖ Dr. Narayan Billava conducted a One-Day Regional Workshop on Empowering Rural Development through Self-Help Groups, held at the GPLF Meeting Hall, Mugad, on 24th June 2025. Dr. D.R. Revankar served as the Programme Co-coordinator. The resource persons included Shri V. Rottigawada, Shri Manjunath J. Gowda, Smt. Ratna, and Smt. Suma and various members from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) actively participated in the workshop.



Publications

Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli

- ❖ Kanchha Kumari, Basavaprabhu Jirli, Prashish Singh, and Jagriti Kumari, (2025) Relevancy of Agri-Clinic and Agri-Business Center Training Curriculum for Agripreneurs: A Study in Uttar Pradesh. *Indian Journal of Extension Education* Vol. 61, No. 2 (April-June), 2025, (30-34), <https://doi.org/10.48165/IJEE.2025.61206>
- ❖ Chintawar Shraddha, Basavaprabhu Jirli, Rayirala Rakesh, Pandhiri Kruparani, Kethireddy Abhilash Reddy and Somdutt Tripathi (2025). Problems and suggestions from various stakeholders in the use and implementation of the Rythu Bandhu scheme. *International Journal of Agriculture Extension and Social Development* Volume 8; Issue April 2025; Page No. 458-460. <https://www.doi.org/10.33545/26180723.2025.v8.i4g.1812>
- ❖ Vengal Rao Pachava1, Basavaprabhu Jirli, M. S. Basavaraj, Shashi Kumar R. and Siva Krishna Golla, Forecasting Milk Production in India: Strategic Insights for Policymakers and Farmers. *Indian Journal of Extension Education*, Vol. 61, No. 2 (April-June), 2025, (14-18) (<https://doi.org/10.48165/IJEE.2025.61203>)
- ❖ Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli Edited THREE units of the course on Community Organisation and Community Development, School of Continuing Education (SOCE), Indira Gandhi National Open University, as an initiative of Continuing Education.
Block 3: Community Mobilisation and Community Development
Unit 9: Community Mobilisation and Community Development
Unit 10: Community Mobilisation and Group Process
Unit 11: Programmes on Community Development

Prof. Nayanatara S.Nayak

- ❖ Mogaveera Jyothi, Nayanatara S.Nayak, Narayana Billava (2025) "Empowering women: The silver lining enabled by decentralisation" *Research Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 16(2): 119-4 [doi: 10.52711/2321-5828.2025.00020].
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- ❖ Kurabatalli, Hemashree, and S. V. Hanagodimath. "Association of Infrastructure with Development Indicators." *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences and Humanities (IJRSSH)*, vol. 15, no. 1, Jan.-Mar. 2025, www.ijrssh.com. e-ISSN: 2249-4642, p-ISSN: 2454-4671.

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- ❖ Narayana Billava and Priya Hegde (2025). Assessing the Impact of the Jal Jeevan Mission in Karnataka: Implementation and Community Insights, *Journal of Local Government Quarterly*, Vol XCV (5): 01-12 April-June 2025.
- ❖ Jyothi M, Nayanatara Nayak, and Narayana Billava (2025). Empowering women: The silver lining enabled by decentralisation, *Research Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 16 (2), April - June, 2025.

Dr. Prateek Mali

- ❖ Prateek Mali : भारतीय भाषाएं और भारतीय ज्ञान परंपरा : एक तुलनात्मक सांस्कृतिक अध्ययन. *National Journal of Multidisciplinary Research and Development (Indexed Journal, Refereed Journal, Peer Reviewed Journal)* Volume : 10 ,Issue : 2 Page Number : 72-77 Reference No. : 10039, Published Date : 24 Jun, 2025, Impact Factor. : RJIF-8, ISSN: 2455-9040
- ❖ Prateek Mali : Title : संविधान के अमृतकाल में युवाशक्ति का संकल्प: राष्ट्र सर्वोपरि , लोकतंत्र सर्वोच्च. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Research*, Indexed Journal, Refereed Journal, Peer Reviewed Journal ISSN: 2455-2070, Volume : 11 ,Issue : 3, Page Number : 92-95, Reference No. : 11053 Published Date : 17 Jun, 2025, Impact Factor. : RJIF-8
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Invited Lectures

Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli

- ❖ Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli was presented “Essentials of Entrepreneurship Development” in a National Workshop on “Entrepreneurial Blueprint: From Concept to Enterprise” (10-15 April, 2025). Organised by Dr. M S Swaminathan School of Agriculture, Centurion University of Technology and Management, Paralakhemundi, Odisha
- ❖ Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli has delivered an invited talk on “Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs): A Platform for Teaching and Learning” in an Online Faculty Induction Programme organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (formerly HRDC), Karnataka University, Dharwad on 02nd June 2025.

Prof. T. Brahmanandam

- ❖ Prof. T. Brahmanandam delivered a lecture on “Dr B.R. Ambedkar contribution to women in India” in Government First Grade College for women, on 14th April, 2025.



- ❖ Prof. T. Brahmanandam was invited as a Guest of Honour to 134th DR B R Ambedkar Birth Anniversary Celebrations.

Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C

- ❖ Dr. Jai Prabhakar delivered an invited lecture on ‘Decision-Making Skill’ on 27th May, 2025, in the ‘Two-Day Life Skills Workshop’ organised by CMDR, Dharwad

Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath

- ❖ Dr. S V Hanagodimath was invited as a Resource Person for State Level Workshop on "Research Methodology" organized by the Department of Commerce, Department of Sociology and Department of Economics in association with Centre for Multidisciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad to be scheduled on 15th May, 2025.

- ❖ Dr. S V Hanagodimath was 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 16th June 2025.
- ❖ Dr. S V Hanagodimath delivered lectures on performance of GP’s in Devolution and Performance index for PRIs in Karnataka in the training programme for elected representatives and officials of Mudbol and Begur gram panchayats, Yadagiri, held at Jnana Vikasha Training Institute, Rayapura, Dharwad from 17th -18th June, 2025.

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Dr. Narayan Billava

- ❖ Dr. Narayan Billava presented a paper entitled “Challenges and Opportunities for Own Source of Revenues of PRIs in Karnataka”, on 12.06.2025 organized by Revenue Mobilisation Committee, Government of Karnataka held at IAS Officers association Bengaluru (jointly with Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath)
- ❖ Dr. Narayan Billava 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 Mudbol and Begur gram panchayats, Yadagiri, held at Jnana Vikasha Training Institute, Rayapura, Dharwad from 17th - 18th June, 2025.

Invited as expert and examiner

Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath

- ❖ Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath was invited to train the investigators for the fieldwork for the study titled "Social Exclusion in the Rural Agricultural Credit Market: A Study of Karnataka", which has been entrusted by the Karnataka Adijambava Development Corporation and is being undertaken by Dr. Karthick V and Prof. S. Madheswaran of the Centre for Economic Studies and Policy (CESP), ISEC held on 21st June 2025.

- ❖ Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath was invited to serve as the Internal Examiner to conduct the VS 3.1 Data Mining and Processing for Economics Practical Examination scheduled on 31st May 2025 at Mahatma Gandhi Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag.



Training Programme

Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath & Dr. Narayan Billava

- ❖ CMDR, KPRP and Zilla Panchayat Yadagiri jointly organized Training Programme for elected representatives and officials of selected gram panchayats, Yadagiri district, held at Jnana Vikasha Training Institute, Rayapura, Dharwad from 17th -18th June, 2025.



- ❖ One-day Orientation Programme on Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research for M. Com Student of Mruthunjaya College, at CMDR, Dharwad: 26th June, 2025. Totally 45 students were trained on how to do review of literature, data collection, through different software and scientific report writing.



Dr. S V Hanagodimath and Dr. N Billava

- ❖ One-day Orientation Programme on Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research for M. Com, M Sc. MA Economics Students of GFGC PG and Degree College Students of Nargund, Venue: Nargund 27th June 2025. Totally 150 students were trained on how to do review of literature, data collection, through different software and scientific report writing.



Dr. Dundappa

- ❖ Awareness programme on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013
- ❖ An awareness programme on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013, was organized on 28 June 2025 by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with Technymon Technology India Pvt. Ltd., Dharwad. The objective was to educate employees about legal safeguards and promote a safe and inclusive work environment. Smt. Sujata Anishettar, Branch Manager, Family Planning Association of India (FPAI), Dharwad, was the Guest of Honour and shared insights from her experience in women's rights and family welfare, highlighting the importance of continued awareness and institutional accountability.
- ❖ The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Manjula S.R., Professor and Principal of Sir Siddappa Kambali Law College, Dharwad, who offered a detailed and insightful overview of the POSH Act, including the definition and forms of sexual harassment, the structure and role of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), complaint procedures, employer obligations, landmark legal cases, and implementation challenges. Her session provided legal clarity and emphasized the need for trained ICC members, ongoing awareness programmes, and a workplace culture grounded in respect and accountability. It concluded with a vote of thanks and a collective commitment to uphold dignity, safety, and equality in the workplace.



A special lecture titled - "Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's Vision for Modern India"

- ❖ A special lecture titled "Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's Vision for Modern India" was successfully organized by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, on 14th June, 2025, at the Karnatak University, in collaboration with Department of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Studies, Karnatak University Dharwad.
- ❖ The special lecture program witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 360 students, research scholars, and faculty members from various departments. Dr. Subhachandra Natikar, Coordinator of the Ambedkar Studies Department, presided over the session and emphasized the relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's ideals in shaping an equitable and progressive society. Prof. Sadasiva Marji, Retired KAS Officer, served as the Guest of Honour and reflected on Ambedkar's monumental contributions to democracy, law, and social equality. The special lecture was delivered by Dr. Dundappa Y. Badlakkanavar,



- ❖ Faculty at the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, who offered a thought-provoking analysis of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's vision for an inclusive and democratic India. Drawing from Ambedkar's writings and constitutional contributions, Dr. Dundappa highlighted the importance of social justice, education, and economic empowerment, and emphasized their continued relevance in addressing contemporary issues such as inequality and exclusion. The program was smoothly anchored by Ms. Kirthi Nagasamapgi, with the welcome address delivered by Ms. Chandra Pujar and the vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Ashwini Devanagol. Their effective coordination ensured the seamless execution of the event and contributed significantly to its success.

One-day Workshop on "Research Methodology and Search Engines for Social Sciences"

- ❖ The Department of Studies and Research in Social Work, Research Centre for Women's Studies (RCWS), Karnatak University Dharwad, and the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, jointly organized a one-day workshop on "Research Methodology and Search Engines for Social Sciences" on 23rd June 2025 at Lecture Hall-1, Department of Social Work, KUD.

- ❖ The workshop was designed to enhance the research competencies of faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students from the social sciences by providing them with a deeper understanding of research methodology, critical perspectives on social science research, and hands-on training in the use of academic search engines and digital tools essential for effective information retrieval and scholarly work.
- ❖ The workshop featured five distinguished resource persons who led the technical sessions with their expertise in various domains of social science research. Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath, Assistant Professor at the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, opened the technical sessions by introducing participants to modern tools in social science research, focusing on digital platforms and collaborative technologies. Prof. Shaukath Azim, Professor in the Department of Sociology and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Karnatak University Dharwad, presented the second session, offering valuable insights into the evolving perspectives of social research and the importance of maintaining a balance between empirical rigor and contextual sensitivity. In the third session, Prof. Gururaj Hadagali, Professor in the Department of Library & Information Science, KUD, provided hands-on training on the use of academic search engines and digital databases for effective literature review and scholarly research. The fourth session was conducted by Prof. Shivakumara K., Professor in the Department of Psychology, KUD, who elaborated on the process of defining research variables and the formulation of logical and testable hypotheses in social science research.
- ❖ The final session was led by Dr. Dundappa Y. Badlakkanavar, Assistant Professor at CMDR, Dharwad, who discussed the application of quantitative and qualitative statistical tools in social research, with a special emphasis on their use in policy formulation and analysis.



11th International Yoga Day Celebration

- ❖ The Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, a national institute supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, organized a special event to celebrate the 11th International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2025 at its campus. The program commenced at 9:30 AM at CMDR Campus. The event witnessed active participation from faculty and staff reflecting CMDR's commitment to promoting holistic development and wellness.
- ❖ The session featured two experienced resource persons: Ms. Savita Agadi (M.A. in Yoga, Karnatak University Dharwad) and Mr. Pratap Basavaraj Kali (M.P.Ed and M.A. in Yoga, Karnatak University Dharwad), who played a key role in making the event impactful. They began by explaining the importance of yoga in promoting physical health, mental clarity, emotional balance, and spiritual growth. Emphasizing its relevance in today's stressful lifestyle, they guided participants through a series of asanas, exercises, and pranayama techniques as per the official Common Yoga Protocol. Their clear demonstrations and step-by-step instructions enabled participants to follow the practices with ease and confidence.



- ❖ The event was coordinated by Dr. Dundappa Y. Badlakkanavar, with administrative support from Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director & Shri V. T. Hunagund, Registrar. The session concluded with a vote of thanks and a renewed commitment among participants to incorporate yoga into their daily lives, truly embodying the spirit of "Yoga Sangam - Unity of Body, Mind, and Spirit."

Indian Knowledge Systems: Relevance of Ancient Practices for Contemporary Problems

- ❖ Centre for Multi Disciplinary Development Research (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 aims and objectives of the Centre include, conducting research on issues of socio economic development and decentralized planning at the sub regional, regional and national levels in a multi disciplinary framework covering economic, social, political and cultural dimensions of human behavior

❖ There is also an attempt to combine judiciously the conceptual and empirical perceptions in its research studies The Centre has aims to examine the relevance of the received theories in social sciences which have alien origins and form new theories and conceptual frames of greater relevance to Indian conditions

❖ Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Unit

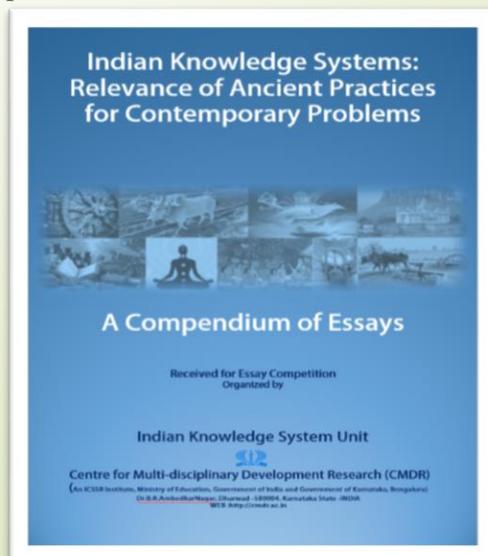
❖ The Indian Knowledge Systems Unit at CMDR is dedicated to preserving and promoting India's rich heritage of knowledge systems This unit conducts research on various aspects of IKS, including traditional medicine, mathematics, astronomy, yoga, and more. They develop and integrate IKS modules into academic curricula to expose students to India's intellectual legacy Additionally, the unit organizes workshops, seminars, and conferences to disseminate knowledge about IKS to a wider audience Through collaboration with other institutions and organizations, the IKS Unit at CMDR fosters interdisciplinary research and knowledge sharing, contributing to the understanding and appreciation of India's unique knowledge systems

❖ Essay Writing Competition

❖ CMDR's IKS Unit has organised an Essay Writing Competition to explore the relevance of Indian Knowledge Systems (in addressing contemporary challenges This competition was open to all Indian students, both domestic and international By researching into the rich heritage of IKS, participants can uncover the timeless wisdom that can be applied to modern problems.

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One Day Workshop on Food Processing and Language Skills”

❖ Dr. Prateek Mali

(CMDR Dharwad, in collaboration with the Sanjeevini Women Federation, organized a one-day workshop on 9th June 2025 at Mugad Gram Panchayat, Dharwad Taluk. The workshop, attended by 65 women from 11 villages, focused on "Empowerment of Rural Women through Skills", aiming to enhance economic self-reliance through practical training in food processing and language skills. Participants learned to prepare food items such as peanut chikki, masala peanuts, chakkali, and potato chips, along with sessions on packaging, branding, and marketing. The importance of basic Hindi communication to improve market outreach was also highlighted.

Key speakers included Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli (Director, CMDR), Dr. Prateek Mali (CMDR), Mrs. Rekha Dollin (Project Director, Zilla Panchayat), and Mr. Vinod Kanthi (District Program Manager), among others. Trainers from Sanjeevini Federation shared insights and health benefits of ingredients like groundnut and jaggery.

The event successfully combined skill development with entrepreneurial motivation, encouraging women to form village-based brands and strive toward economic empowerment. Ratna anchored the program, and Dr. Prateek Mali delivered the vote of thanks.



❖ **MOU** - CMDR, Dharwad signed MOU with Karnataka Historical Research Society (KHRS), Dharwad today 11th June 2025. Dr. Basavaprabhu Jirli and Shri. Giridhar Kinhal, Shri.V T Hungund, Dr. Avinash Rasalkar were present on the occasion.



Projects Completed

- ❖ “A report on tracking the progress and feasibility of alternatives to tobacco cultivation”, was submitted to World Health Organisation (WHO), South East Asia Regional Office, New Delhi. PIs: Nayanatara S.Nayak, A.R.Kulkarni, D.R.Revankar
- ❖ “Financial Devolution to the PRIs in Karnataka”, was submitted to the 5th State Finance Commission, Government of Karnataka on 03rd May.2025 PIs : Dr. S V Hanagodimath and Co.PI : Dr. Narayana Billava.

Other Activities

Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath

- ❖ Dr. S V Hanagodimath has reviewed two Research Article of Karnatak University Social Science Journal.
- ❖ Dr. S V Hanagodimath has reviewed a Research Article of CMDR Journal of Social Research Karnatak University Social Science Journal.

Dr. Narayan Billava

- ❖ Dr. Narayan Billava reviewed a manuscript for the PLOS Water, on 06-5-2025.

Students' Corner

Ph.D. Submissions

- ❖ Mr. Basavaraj, under the guidance of Dr. A. R. Kulkarni has submitted his Ph.D thesis titled “An Economic Analysis of Millet Cultivation: A Case Study of Dharwad District” on 29th May, 2025
- ❖ Mr. Shanmukha B Hiremath under the guidance of Dr. A. R. Kulkarni has submitted his Ph.D thesis titled. “Corporate Social Responsibility: An Impact Study with Special Reference to Karnataka” on 04th June, 2025.
- ❖ Ms. Hemashree Kurabattalli, under the guidance of Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath has submitted her Ph.D thesis titled “Infrastructure and Economic Development in India” on 13th June, 2025.

Meetings

- ❖ Expert Committee Meeting held on 1st May, 2025 in the Seminar Hall of the Centre.
- ❖ IQAC Meeting of the Centre held on 2nd May, 2025 in the Seminar Hall of the Centre to discuss the matter relating to CAS-AGP promotion of eligible faculty members of CMDR
- ❖ The Core Committee meeting (constituted to look into the administrative and academic matters), CMDR held on 18th May 2025 at Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS), Nagarabhavi, Bangalore

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