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

The fourth issue of the newsletter which heralds the activities undertaken in the last quarter (January to March 2026) of the financial year 2025-26. The numbers during the period are impressive. The sustained and continued efforts of the faculty of CMDR resulted in the organisation of 27 training programmes/workshops, delivery of 12 invited lectures by the faculty, publication of 12 research publications and participation in 36 workshops/meetings and lectures.

CMDR organised "Essay Writing Competition 2.0" with the participation of 49 young bright minds from 11 states representing IIT, Engineering and Medical colleges, Central and State Universities etc. A unique experimental event of "Ideathon-2026" focusing on the implications of dividing Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation into TWO units attracted participation of 22 premier institutions of the region.

Publication of monographs on diverse issues like Sacred Landscapes of India – Exposition of Cosmic Geometry and Pilgrimage Traditions, Decolonizing Bhartiya Legal System: Colonial Inheritance, Indigenous Jurisprudence and the Path to Reform, Natural Farming and Sustainable Development: Aligning India's Agricultural Future with Global Goal, and Pushpa Samhita : Decoding the Knowledge Behind Flowers and Leaves used for Worshipping: Reinforcing the relevance of these practices in Contemporary Society are also remarkable in nature. The Ph.D. programme also saw strong participation, with 3 new scholars enrolling, 18 continuing their research, and 9 successfully completing their degrees.

During the financial year 2025-26, CMDR has organized 47 events with the participation of 5140 members including faculty, researchers and Postgraduate scholars. The faculty members of CMDR delivered 45 invited lectures on different occasions with the invitation from various institutions within the state and outside the state with the participation of 3,688 members including faculty, researchers and Postgraduate students. Put together, CMDR was able to meet 8828 professionals directly. During the period of April 2023 to April 2026, the website of CMDR observed a total of visitors 11,28,513, total number of page views 23,89,405 and total downloads of CMDR contents including Newsletter, Monographs, Reports of various activities, project reports etc, is 3600.

The events, particularly those related to socio-economic issues, gained notable media attention, being reported in around 73 newspapers as well as FIVE broadcasts in All India Radio, highlighting the institution's broad outreach and impact.

I extend my profound gratitude to the Governing Council of CMDR for their unwavering guidance, vision, and encouragement, which have been instrumental in shaping the Centre's activities and research directions. The institutional leadership, embodied in the Governing Council, REAC, IQAC, Finance Committee, and allied policy-making bodies has provided not only critical inputs but also the ideological framework that inspires and sustains the Centre's vision and mission.

Equally significant is the contribution of faculty and non-academic staff, whose commitment and intellectual support complement the researchers' efforts, ensuring that CMDR's work resonates with broader policy priorities. The recognition of these efforts through continued funding from the Department of Higher Education, GoK, CISSR, Ministry of Education, GoI, and other agencies further affirms the value of CMDR's contributions, emphasizing the collaboration between institutional vision, policy guidance, and the Centre's research excellence.

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## Activity/Training Programme

❖ *Essay Writing Competition 2.0* on the theme “**Bharatiya Jnana Parampara for Today’s Life**” was organised under the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Unit of CMDR during December 2025–January 2026. The competition aimed to promote awareness of India’s rich intellectual heritage and highlight its relevance in addressing contemporary societal challenges. The initiative encouraged students to engage deeply with traditional knowledge systems such as Ayurveda, Yoga, Vedic mathematics, environmental ethics, and philosophical concepts like Dharma, Karma, and Ahimsa. Participants reflected on how these time-tested ideas can contribute to modern issues including health and well-being, sustainability, and ethical governance.

A total of 49 participants from across India took part in the competition, demonstrating wide geographical and institutional diversity. The highest participation was from South India (55.1%), followed by Western and Northern regions. Notably, female participants constituted 63.3%, indicating strong academic engagement among women. Participants represented a range of institutions including degree colleges, engineering colleges, agricultural universities, and other higher education institutions. The evaluation process was conducted by an expert panel, focusing on originality, analytical depth, clarity of thought, and relevance to the theme. The competition witnessed a high quality of submissions, reflecting critical thinking and a strong appreciation of India’s knowledge traditions. Mahima R. K. (Karnataka) secured the first position, followed by Rajeev Singh (Madhya Pradesh) and Aadya Gautam (Jharkhand).

The competition served as an effective platform for nurturing research aptitude and encouraging young minds to integrate traditional wisdom with contemporary perspectives. It reinforced the importance of Indian knowledge systems as a valuable resource for building a balanced, sustainable, and ethically grounded future.

## CMDR-IDEATHON 2026

❖ “Innovate for Dharwad: Implications of Dividing HDMC as an Independent Dharwad Municipal Corporation”

The Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, organised **CMDR-Ideathon 2026** on **26<sup>th</sup> February 2026** at its Seminar Hall. The event brought together students, research scholars, professionals, and civic-minded individuals to deliberate on the future of urban governance and development in Dharwad.



The programme was inaugurated by **Dr. Basavaprabhu Jirli**, Director, CMDR, who highlighted the relevance of the theme in addressing emerging urban challenges. **Dr. Dundappa Y. Badlakkanavar** outlined the guidelines and evaluation framework. A total of **25 participants** registered, with **20 innovative ideas** presented across themes such as digital governance, smart mobility, waste management, environmental sustainability, emergency services, and water resource management. Several proposals incorporated advanced solutions such as AI-based decision systems, IoT-enabled monitoring, and sustainable urban models.

The presentations were followed by engaging discussions with an expert panel comprising academicians, professionals, and civic leaders. The deliberations emphasised that urban development cannot rely solely on administrative division but requires efficient governance, financial sustainability, transparency, and active citizen participation.

### Key Insights

❖ Participants highlighted persistent urban challenges such as sanitation gaps, delayed grievance redressal, drainage issues, water leakage, and lack of inter-departmental coordination. It was noted that while decentralisation can improve responsiveness, structural division alone is insufficient without accountability, improved work culture, and stronger institutional mechanisms.

Three key pillars for sustainable urban development were identified:

- **Administrative efficiency and decentralised governance**
- **Technological integration with accountability**
- **Active citizen participation and behavioural change**

The discussions concluded that the focus should not merely be on “*division or no division*,” but on building a governance framework that is transparent, efficient, and socially accountable.

Winners

- **First Prize:** Darshan P. Pawar & Venugopal V. Pyati
- **Second Prize:** Moseen and Neha Jambanagoud & Team
- **Third Prize:** Dr. Tanuja R. Patil & Team
- **Consolation Prizes:** Selected participants

❖ **Prof. Nayanatara S. Nayak** organised a workshop on “*Financial Sector Reforms and the Vision of Viksit Bharat 2047*” on **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**, in association with the Department of Economics at the Golden Jubilee Auditorium, Karnatak University, Dharwad. Prof. Umakant Dash, Vice Chancellor, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, delivered the keynote lecture. Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, CMDR, was the Guest of Honour, and Dr. B. H. Nagoor, Professor and Chairman, Department of Economics, presided over the programme. Prof. Nayanatara S. Nayak, Prof. T. Brahmanandam, and Dr. N. S. Magadur served as coordinators.



❖ **Dr. A. R. Kulkarni** co-coordinated a One-Day Workshop on “*Progress of Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs): Issues and Challenges*” organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, on **17<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at the Seminar Hall, CMDR. The workshop focused on key themes such as poverty-free and livelihood development, a healthy and child-friendly district, a water-sufficient district, and a clean and green district. Around **70 stakeholders**, including academicians, students, government officials, NGOs, Gram Panchayat representatives, SHG members, farmers, and community leaders, participated in the programme. **Dr. Narayan Billava** was the co-coordinator. Prof. N S Nayak and Dr. S V Hanagodimath have coordinated the different sessions.



❖ **Dr. A. R. Kulkarni** coordinated the programme and facilitated the interaction session. The Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, organised a special lecture on “**Trade Wars, Trump Tariffs and India**” at the Department of Economics, Karnatak University on **18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. The lecture was delivered by **Prof. Kavita Mathad**, who provided an insightful analysis of the evolving global trade environment and its implications for India. She explained the emergence of trade wars, particularly focusing on tariff policies introduced during the administration of Donald Trump, and discussed their impact on international trade relations, global supply chains, and developing economies. The speaker also highlighted how this trade tensions influence India’s exports, imports, domestic industries, and policy responses. The lecture offered students and faculty members a deeper understanding of contemporary global economic challenges.



❖ **Dr. A. R. Kulkarni** coordinated the lecture programme. CMDR, Dharwad, organised another special lecture on “**Karnataka’s Growth and Development**” at the Department of Economics, Karnatak University on **28<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. The lecture was delivered by **Prof. M. Govinda Rao**, a distinguished economist, who discussed the growth trajectory of Karnataka and the major developmental challenges facing the state. He elaborated on issues such as regional disparities, fiscal management, industrial growth, infrastructure development, and the role of public policy in

promoting inclusive development. The speaker also emphasized the need for balanced regional development and sustainable economic planning to ensure long-term progress in Karnataka. The lecture generated meaningful discussions among participants and enhanced their understanding of the state’s economic development dynamics.



❖ **CMDR Social Science Lecture Series: Coordinated by Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C & Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli**  
**1. Human–Environment Dynamics in the Evolution of Disease**

The Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with the Department of Studies in Anthropology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, organized a lecture under the **CMDR Social Science Lecture Series (2025–26)** on **12<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at the Department of Anthropology, Karnatak University. The programme began with a welcome address by **Prof. T.T. Basavanagouda**, Chairman, Department of Anthropology, followed by introductory remarks from **Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C.**, Associate Professor and Programme Coordinator of CMDR, who highlighted the objectives of the lecture series and the significance of anthropological perspectives in understanding health and disease.

The lecture was delivered by **Prof. Gulrukh Begum**, Professor of Biological Anthropology, Gauhati University, on the theme “**Human–Environment Dynamics in the Evolution of Disease.**” In her insightful lecture, she emphasized the coevolutionary relationship between humans and pathogens and explained how ecological, cultural and biological factors shape disease patterns across human history. She discussed disease transmission, host–pathogen adaptation, symbiotic relationships between humans and microorganisms, and the influence of subsistence, settlement patterns and environmental conditions on disease ecology. Drawing from an anthropological perspective, Prof. Begum highlighted how human adaptation, genetics and environmental interactions have contributed to the evolution of diseases, stressing the importance of understanding health through a holistic human ecological framework. The lecture generated active participation and scholarly interaction among faculty, research scholars and students.

The programme concluded with an interactive discussion and a vote of thanks proposed by **Dr. S.B. Sugandhi**, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology. The lecture was well received and contributed significantly to interdisciplinary dialogue on health, environment and human adaptation.



## 2. Mental Health and Wellbeing of Students and Palliative Care Orientation Programme

The Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with **Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)** and **Sanskaar Nursing and Paramedical College, Hubballi**, organized a special programme under the **CMDR Social Science Lecture Series 2025–26** on **28 March 2026** at Sanskaar Nursing and Paramedical Campus, Hubballi. The programme focused on the theme **“Mental Health and Wellbeing of Students and Palliative Care”**, bringing together academics, health professionals and students for an interdisciplinary dialogue on psychological wellbeing and compassionate healthcare. The event was presided over by **Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, CMDR**, and coordinated by **Dr. Jai Prabhakar, Associate Professor, CMDR**.

The keynote address was delivered by **Dr. Vijayalaxmi Amminbhavi**, Retired Professor and Former Dean, Department of Psychology, Karnataka University, Dharwad, who spoke extensively on mental health, emotional resilience and the role of mind in healing. She emphasized that health is not merely physical wellbeing but an integration of mental, emotional and social wellness. Drawing from psychological perspectives, she highlighted the importance of self-awareness, stress management, positive thinking and empathy in caregiving professions. She also underscored the relevance of compassion and human touch in healthcare, reminding students that service and humanity are central to nursing and paramedical practice.

**Dr. Mohankumar Thambad** from SVYM delivered a session on palliative care, emphasizing holistic support, dignity in care and the importance of sensitivity while working with patients facing chronic and life-limiting conditions. The orientation sensitized students to the ethical and humane dimensions of palliative care.

The programme witnessed active participation from students and faculty of the institution and generated meaningful discussions on student wellbeing, mental health awareness and compassionate healthcare practice. The event successfully combined academic insight with practical orientation, reflecting CMDR's commitment to promoting socially relevant and interdisciplinary engagement through its lecture series.

Principal, Karnatak Arts College (KCD), Dharwad. Prof. V. Jagadeesh, faculty members of Anthropology Department, KCD, Dr.S.B. Sugandhi and Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C., Programme Coordinator, CMDR, were also present.

In his keynote address, Prof. Ajeet Jaiswal emphasised the pivotal role of anthropology in the scientific, social and holistic development of future human beings and in realising the vision of Viksit Bharat–2047. He highlighted that India's development should be measured not only by economic growth but also by improvements in human development indicators, in which anthropology has significant contributions to make. He underscored the relevance of anthropological perspectives in sectors such as health, education, technology, Digital India and Skill India and argued that anthropology offers solutions to critical issues such as poverty, unemployment, hunger, inequality and social welfare. He further stressed that the success of Viksit Bharat depends upon the effective implementation of welfare and development programmes and that anthropology can provide culturally informed, people-centred frameworks for inclusive development.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C. highlighted the growing relevance of anthropology in addressing contemporary developmental challenges and noted the importance of such academic forums in strengthening interdisciplinary dialogue and exposing students to emerging perspectives in social sciences.

The lecture generated enthusiastic participation from faculty members, research scholars and students, followed by a lively interaction session. The programme significantly contributed to academic discourse on the future of anthropology and nation-building and received wide coverage in regional print media, reflecting its broader social and academic relevance.



❖ **Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath** coordinated the National Seminar on **“Balanced Development in India: Addressing Intra-State Regional Imbalances”**, organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, on **22–23 January 2026**. The seminar brought together academicians, policymakers, administrators, research scholars, and civil society practitioners from across the country to deliberate on the pressing issue of regional disparities within Indian states. The seminar received an overwhelming response, with 160 abstracts submitted and 63 research papers presented across thematic sessions. The deliberations highlighted persistent intra-state inequalities across sectors such as health, education, agriculture, infrastructure, gender, and governance. Participants emphasised that state-level averages often conceal significant disparities between developed and backward regions, underscoring the need for disaggregated, district-level analysis and evidence-based policy interventions.



## 3. “Future of Anthropology and Viksit Bharat–2047.”

The Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with the Department of Anthropology, Karnatak Arts and Science College, Dharwad, organised a lecture under the CMDR Social Science Lecture Series (2025–26) on 30 March 2026 at Farron Hall, KAC, Dharwad, on the theme **“Future of Anthropology and Viksit Bharat–2047.”** The lecture was delivered by Prof. Ajeet Jaiswal, Professor and Head, Department of Anthropology, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh. The programme was presided over by Prof. I.C. Mulagund,

The seminar adopted a multidisciplinary and evidence-based approach, integrating empirical research, field insights, and policy experiences. A major outcome was the formulation of comprehensive and actionable policy recommendations focusing on data-driven regional equalisation, decentralised planning, fiscal reforms, and sectoral rebalancing. Emphasis was placed on developing district and grassroots-level composite indices, strengthening institutional mechanisms such as District Planning Committees, promoting inclusive human development strategies, and addressing structural imbalances in agriculture and industrial growth. The seminar reflects CMDR's continued commitment to advancing policy-oriented research and fostering informed dialogue on critical development issues. It reinforces the institution's role as a leading centre for multidisciplinary research and evidence-based policy advocacy. The deliberations concluded that achieving balanced regional development requires a shift towards decentralised, data-driven, and inclusive policy frameworks, ensuring equitable growth, social justice, and sustainable development across regions.

highlights the importance of institutional partnerships in promoting knowledge dissemination and capacity building. The deliberations reaffirmed GST's significance as a transformative fiscal reform contributing to economic integration, improved revenue systems, and inclusive growth in India.



- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** conducted a Training Programme on “Implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Rural Karnataka” on **9–10 February 2026**.



- ❖ **Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath** served as the Coordinator from the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, for the One-Day Workshop on “Goods and Services Tax (GST): Benefits for People, Business, Government Revenue & India's Journey Towards Viksit Bharat 2047”, organised at the Central University of Karnataka in collaboration with CMDR on **30<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. The workshop brought together academicians, policymakers, tax practitioners, professionals, and students to deliberate on the role of GST in strengthening India's taxation system and supporting the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.



- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** co-coordinated an awareness programme on the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) at Kankuru Gram Panchayat, Dharwad Taluk, Dharwad, on **19<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.



The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 250 participants, including faculty members, research scholars, students, entrepreneurs, and chartered accountants from various institutions. The sessions provided valuable insights into the evolution, structure, and implementation of GST, highlighting its transition from a production-based to a consumption-based taxation system and its role in enhancing transparency, tax compliance, and fiscal efficiency. The workshop featured expert lectures and an engaging panel discussion involving academicians, tax professionals, and industry experts. Key themes included GST compliance, constitutional provisions, cooperative federalism, technological integration, and its impact on MSMEs and regional economies. The discussions also emphasised the importance of digital systems, accurate filing practices, and awareness among stakeholders to improve the effectiveness of GST implementation. The programme reflects CMDR's active role in collaborative academic initiatives and policy-oriented engagement on contemporary economic reforms. It also \

- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** co-coordinated an awareness programme on the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) at Betageri Gram Panchayat, Navalgund Taluk, Dharwad, on **7<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

- ❖ **Dr. Narayana Billava** coordinated a One-Day Workshop on “Report Writing and Data Analysis in Social Science Research” for undergraduate and postgraduate students on **10<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at the Conference Hall of Government First Grade College and PG Centre, Shankarnarayana, Kundapur. The workshop was organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with GFGC & PG Centre, Shankarnarayana. The programme witnessed the participation of around **130 faculty members and students**.

The inaugural session was conducted under the guidance of **Dr. Venkaraman Bhat**, Principal. The programme commenced with a welcome address by **Dr. Nalinashree R. N., IQAC Coordinator**, who highlighted the importance of academic skill development and mentorship. **Dr. Narayana Billava** outlined the objectives of the workshop, emphasising the growing relevance of report writing and data analysis skills in an AI-driven academic environment. He stressed the need for developing analytical thinking, systematic research approaches, and strong academic writing competencies among students. The workshop was inaugurated by **Dr. Kavitha R., Joint Director, Regional JD Office, Mangaluru**, who emphasised the importance of such academic programmes in the present research-oriented era and highlighted the benefits for students, especially in rural areas.

The technical sessions were handled by **Prof. N. Sivanna** and **Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath**, who provided valuable insights into report writing and data analysis techniques. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by **Dr. Nalinashree R. N.** The active participation of faculty members and students contributed to the overall success of the workshop.



- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** coordinated a One-Day Workshop on “*Report Writing, Data Analysis, and Modern Tools in Social Science Research*” for undergraduate students on **26<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at the Conference Room of Government First Grade College (GFGC), Alnavar. The workshop was organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with GFGC, Alnavar. Around 120 participants, including faculty members and students, attended the programme.

The inaugural session was conducted under the guidance of **Dr. Suresh Doddamani**, Head of the Department of History and In-charge Principal. The programme was co-coordinated by **Dr. Narayan Billava**, Assistant Professor (ANSR Chair), CMDR, and **Dr. Parveen Shaikh**, Head of the Department of Economics and Convener of the workshop.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by **Shri Patil M., IQAC Coordinator**, who highlighted the importance of academic skill development and mentorship. **Dr. Narayan Billava** outlined the objectives of the workshop, emphasising the relevance of report writing and data analysis skills in an increasingly AI-driven academic environment. He stressed the need for analytical thinking, systematic research, and strong academic writing competencies among students.

**Dr. Parveen Shaikh** briefly explained the structure and objectives of the workshop, while **Dr. Suresh Doddamani** encouraged students to actively engage in research and pursue continuous learning. The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by **Shri Patil M.** The technical session was handled by **Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath**, CMDR.

who served as the resource person and provided practical insights into research tools and data analysis techniques. The workshop was highly interactive and beneficial, equipping participants with essential research and analytical skills.



- ❖ **Dr. Dundappa Y. Badlakkanavar** coordinated a one-day seminar on “*Indian Knowledge System and Adikavi Sri Valmiki*”, jointly organised by CMDR, Dharwad, and the Adikavi Sri Valmiki Study Chair, Karnatak University, Dharwad, on **27<sup>th</sup> January 2026** at KUD. The seminar explored the richness of Indian Knowledge Systems and the literary, historical, and philosophical contributions of Adikavi Sri Valmiki. The resource persons included **Dr. Venkatagiri Dalavai**, Professor, Kannada University, Hampi, and **Prof. Shriram Bhat**, Professor of Sanskrit, Government First Grade College, Bengaluru.



- ❖ **Dr. Dundappa Y. Badlakkanavar** coordinated a special lecture on “*Rajmata Ahilyabai Holkar: Life and Achievements*” held on **7<sup>th</sup> March 2026**, organised by CMDR, Dharwad, in collaboration with Shri Sathya Sai Women's College, Dharwad. The lecture highlighted her administrative excellence, ethical governance, and leadership. The resource person was **Dr. Sujatha K.**, Associate Professor, Karnatak University, Dharwad.



- ❖ **Dr. Dundappa Y. Badlakkanavar** coordinated an awareness programme on “*Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's Vision for Modern Bharat*” held on **14<sup>th</sup> March 2026**, organised by CMDR, Dharwad, in collaboration with the College of Agriculture, Dharwad. The programme focused on social justice, equality, and constitutional values. The resource person was **Sri Rajeev Shanku**, Advocate and Legal Expert.



❖ **Dr. Dundappa Y. Badlakkanavar** coordinated a one-day workshop on *“Swa-Drishti in Research (Self-Perspective / Indigenous Perspective in Research)”* held on **27<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at the Senate Hall, Karnatak University, Dharwad. The programme was presided over by Dr. A. M. Khan, Vice-Chancellor, KUD, and featured sessions by Dr. Mallappa Bandi, Prof. Bhalchandra Tembe, and Prof. Vijayalaxmi Amminabhavi.



❖ **Dr. Prateek Mali** coordinated a workshop on *“Healing the Brain, Heart, and Psyche through Pranayama and Kriya: An Indian Knowledge Systems Perspective”* organised by CMDR, Dharwad, in collaboration with IIIT Dharwad, on **6<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. The session was delivered by Prof. Ramakrishnan A. G., who highlighted the scientific and traditional significance of pranayama, fasting, and yogic practices in improving brain function, heart health, immunity, and overall well-being. The workshop included hands-on training in techniques such as *Sama Vritti, Bhramari, Ujjayi, and Conscious Connected Breathing*, along with various mudras. The speaker explained the role of oxygen, mitochondria, and nitric oxide in enhancing health and preventing diseases, while also emphasising the impact of breathing practices on gene expression and immunity. More than 165 students from IIIT Dharwad participated in the workshop. Dr. Mahadeva Prasanna, Director, IIIT Dharwad, shared practical insights, while Dr. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, CMDR, encouraged students to engage in research initiatives. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Prateek Mali.



❖ **Dr. Prateek Mali** coordinated a State-Level Special Lecture on *“Indian Knowledge Tradition and Languages”* organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with Shivananda College, Kagawad (under Shri Mallikarjuna Ashrama Trust) and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), under the aegis of the Department of Economics, on **18<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at the college auditorium.

The programme was inaugurated by **Prof. B. A. Patil** Secretary of the Governing Body, along with **Major V. S. Tugashetti**, Administrator of the Governing Body. The session was presided over by **Dr. S. P. Talawar**, Principal of the college.

The keynote lecture was delivered by **Shri Gajanan Basalingappa Mannikeri**, Retired Joint Director, Department of School Education, Dharwad, who elaborated on Indian languages and knowledge traditions, highlighting their role in shaping knowledge systems and life values in contemporary society.

**Dr. Prateek Mali**, Research Associate, CMDR, addressed the gathering on the importance of integrating Indian Knowledge Systems with modern education through the medium of Indian languages.

The programme was also graced by Prof. B. D. Damannavar, IQAC Coordinator; Dr. Chandrashekhar V., Head of the Department of Economics; and Prof. Ashok A. Patil, Lecturer in the Department of Economics, along with faculty members.



❖ **Dr. Prateek Mali** coordinated a Special Lecture Programme on *“Indian Languages as Carriers of Indian Knowledge Tradition”* organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with Smt. Y. G. Kulagude Shikshana Mahavidyalaya, Athani (KLE Society), on **17<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at the college auditorium.

The programme was presided over by **Dr. R. G. Vantagudi**, Principal of the college. The keynote lecture was delivered by **Shri Gajanan Basalingappa Mannikeri**, Retired Joint Director, Department of School Education, Dharwad, who highlighted the role of Indian languages in preserving and disseminating India’s rich knowledge traditions and their relevance in contemporary education.

**Dr. Prateek Mali**, Research Associate, CMDR, addressed the gathering as Chief Guest and emphasised the importance of promoting Indian languages within academic and research frameworks to strengthen Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS). The programme witnessed active participation from over **180 students and faculty members**, making it an engaging academic event.



- ❖ **Dr. Prateek Mali** coordinated the *Inauguration of the Indian Knowledge Tradition (IKS) Unit* along with a Special Lecture Programme organised by CMDR, Dharwad, in collaboration with Shri Rama First Grade College, Kalladka (Dakshina Kannada), and Vidyabharati Uchcha Shikshana Sansthana, Karnataka, on **11<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at Sadhana Sabhabhavana.

The programme was inaugurated by **Dr. Prabhakar Bhat Kalladka**, President, Vivekananda Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Puttur, and presided over by **Shri Vasanth Madhav**, Director, Shri Rama Vidyakendra. The keynote lecture was delivered by **Prof. Pavan Kiran Kekere**, Principal, Assems Educational Institution, Kalyadi, and a renowned Yakshagana scholar, who spoke on *“Indian Knowledge Tradition – From Antiquity to Modernity.”*

**Dr. Prateek Mali**, Research Associate, CMDR, addressed the gathering as Chief Guest, highlighting the need to integrate Indian Knowledge Systems into higher education and research. The programme was coordinated at the institutional level by **Shri Dhananjaya K., IKS Unit Coordinator**.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over **250 students and faculty members**, making it a significant academic gathering. The programme concluded with a strong message on bridging tradition and modernity through the promotion of Indian Knowledge Systems.



- ❖ **Dr. Prateek Mali** coordinated a lecture programme on *“Indian Knowledge Tradition as a Bridge Between Tradition and Innovation”* organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with Vivekananda College of Education, Tenkila, Puttur, on **11<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

The programme witnessed the participation of more than **180 students and faculty members**, reflecting growing interest in Indian Knowledge Systems and their contemporary relevance. The session was presided over by **Sri Balakrishna Nayak A.,** Member of Vivekananda College of Education, who highlighted the importance of preserving cultural heritage while adapting to modern developments. The keynote lecture was delivered by **Prof. Pavan Kiran Kekere**, Principal of ASEMS Educational Institution,

Kalyadi, and a noted Yakshagana scholar, who elaborated on the relevance of Indian knowledge traditions as a bridge between tradition and innovation.

**Dr. Prateek Mali**, Research Associate, CMDR, addressed the gathering as Chief Guest and emphasised the need to integrate traditional knowledge systems into modern academic and research frameworks for sustainable and inclusive development.

The programme was also attended by **Dr. Shobhita Satish** Principal of Vivekananda College of Education, who appreciated the initiative. The event concluded successfully, leaving participants with a deeper understanding of the role of Indian Knowledge Tradition in shaping a progressive and culturally rooted future.



- ❖ **Dr. Prateek Mali** coordinated a lecture programme on *“Indian Languages as Carriers of Indian Knowledge Traditions”* organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Government of Karnataka, under the aegis of IQAC and the Kannada Department, on **9<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at Kuvempu Auditorium, Government First Grade College, Malleswaram, Bengaluru.

The programme was presided over by **Dr. Swaminathan C.,** Principal of the college. The keynote lecture was delivered by **Dr. H. M. Krishna**, Professor, Department of Political Science, who elaborated on the vital role of Indian languages in preserving and transmitting the rich heritage of Indian Knowledge Systems.

**Dr. Prateek Mali**, Research Associate, CMDR, addressed the gathering as Chief Guest and emphasised the importance of integrating Indian languages into academic and research frameworks to strengthen Indian Knowledge Systems.

The programme was also attended by **Dr. Uma B. M.,** Head of the Kannada Department, along with **Mrs. Gayathri S. G.** and **Mr. Kalyanaraju**, and other faculty members. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff, making it a meaningful academic engagement.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks and appreciation to all participants and organisers.



❖ **Dr. Prateek Mali** coordinated a Special Lecture Programme on “*Indian Languages as Carriers of Indian Knowledge Tradition*” organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with Vishwanath M. Katti First Grade Arts and Commerce College, Bellad Bagewadi, on **13<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at the college auditorium.

The programme was presided over by **Shri Pavan Ramesh Katti**, Mentor, Shri M. V. Trust, Bellad Bagewadi. The keynote address was delivered by **Dr. V. S. Mali**, Retired Professor, who elaborated on the vital role of Indian languages in preserving, transmitting, and enriching the heritage of Indian Knowledge Systems. He emphasised that languages act as living repositories of cultural wisdom, philosophy, and indigenous knowledge.

**Dr. Prateek Mali**, Research Associate, CMDR, addressed the gathering as Chief Guest and highlighted the importance of integrating Indian languages into academic research and higher education to strengthen Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS).

The programme was also graced by **Dr. V. S. Hoogar**, Principal of the college, and **Shri K. C. Muchkhandi**, Administrator of Shri M. V. Trust, along with other distinguished guests. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from more than **280 students and faculty members**, making it a vibrant academic engagement.

The programme concluded on a meaningful note, reinforcing the need to promote Indian languages as essential carriers of knowledge and cultural continuity.

❖ **Prof. T. Bramhanandam** attended the *8th Social Change Annual Lecture* titled “*The Female Voice: Reinstating Life*” delivered by distinguished anthropologist Prof. Veena Das. The lecture was jointly organised by the Council for Social Development (CSD) and the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi, on **5<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

❖ **Prof. T. Bramhanandam** attended an online workshop on “*Trends and Reforms in GST Compliance and Sectoral Implications*” organised by the Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research (SPIESR), Ahmedabad, on **20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

❖ **Prof. T. Bramhanandam** attended an online workshop on “*Cultivate a Greener Tomorrow*”, focusing on environmental and economic sustainability issues, organised by SPIESR, Ahmedabad, on **16<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

❖ **Dr. A. R. Kulkarni** delivered a keynote address on “*Analysis of Union Budget 2026–27*” at a national-level students’ seminar organised by the Department of Economics, KLE Society’s Shri Mrityunjaya College of Arts & Commerce, Dharwad, on **21<sup>st</sup> February 2026**.

❖ **Dr. Jai Prabhakar** attended as an Expert Committee member to prepare ‘Anthropology Encyclopedia’ conducted by the Department of Anthropology, Kannada University, Hampi on **14<sup>th</sup> January .2026**.

❖ **Dr. Jai Prabhakar** served as Co-Chair in a two-day national seminar on “*Balanced Development in India: Addressing Intra-State Regional Imbalances*” held at CMDR, Dharwad on **22–23 January 2026**.

❖ **Dr. Jai Prabhakar** presented a paper titled “*Struggle for Retaining Identity and Recognition for a Better Future: A Case of the Indian Siddi Tribe of African Descent*” a seminar on “*Balanced Development in India: Addressing Intra-State Regional Imbalances*” held at CMDR, Dharwad on **22–23 January 2026**.

❖ **Dr. Jai Prabhakar** participated as an expert in a one-day consultative workshop on “*Key Findings from Fieldwork and Academic Insights*” organised by the Centre for Educational and Social Studies, Bengaluru, on **21<sup>st</sup> January 2026**.

**Dr. Jai Prabhakar** presented a paper titled “*Cultural Beliefs and Healthcare Practices of Tribal Communities in Karnataka*” at a two-day national seof *Globalisation and Cultural Beliefs on Tribal Health and Healthcare Practices*” held at the Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI), Mysuru, on **23–24 February 2026**.

❖ **Dr. Jai Prabhakar** chaired a session in a two-day national seminar on “*The Impact of Globalisation and Cultural Beliefs on Tribal Health and Healthcare Practices*” held at the Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI), Mysuru, on **23–24 February 2026**

❖ **Dr. Jai Prabhakar** served as Co-Chair in the “*18th Kannada Vijnana Sammelana*” held at Chamarajanagar University on **6–7 March 2026**, organised by Chamarajanagar University, Swadeshi Vijnana Andolana, and KSOU, Mysuru.

❖ **Dr. Jai Prabhakar** served as a Selection Committee Member for a project on “*Weavers and Their Subgroups and Durga Murga (Bur Bur Cha) Communities*” sponsored by the Government of Karnataka, held on **10<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at Karnatak University, Dharwad.



## Participation in Workshops / Seminars/ Meetings / Lectures

❖ **Prof. Nayanatara S. Nayak** participated in the “*Training Programme on Preparation of District Human Development Report (DHDR)*” organised by the Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SIRDPR), Mysuru on **2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**.

❖ **Prof. Nayanatara S. Nayak** presented a paper titled “*Struggle for Retaining Identity and Recognition for a Better Future: A Case of the Indian Siddi Tribe of African Descent*”, jointly with Dr. Jai Prabhakar, Dr. N. S. Magadur, and Dr. Sharada Prasad, at the National Seminar on “*Balanced Development in India: Addressing Intra-State Regional Imbalances*” organised by CMDR on **22–23 January 2026**.

❖ **Prof. Nayanatara S. Nayak** participated in a virtual state-level coordination meeting on DHDR organised by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru on **4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

- ❖ **Dr. Jai Prabhakar** engaged classes for the Ph.D. coursework in Anthropology (2025–26) at Karnatak University, Dharwad, from **7<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.
- ❖ **Dr. Jai Prabhakar S.C.** Participated in the International Academic Conference on “Ekatma Manav Darshan-Bharat's Worldview” held from **25-27 March, 2026** at KSOU, Mysuru, Karnatak
- ❖ **Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath** attended the State-Level Training Programme on District Human Development Report (DHDR) and Integrated and Sustainable District Development Plan (ISDDP), conducted by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, on **2–3 January 2026** at SIRD, Mysuru.
- ❖ **Prof. N S Nayak, Dr. A R Kulkarni, Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath** attended the State-Level Training Programme on DHDR and ISDDP conducted by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, on **12<sup>th</sup> January 2026** at Vikas Soudha, Bengaluru.
- ❖ **Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath** served as an External Member of the Interview Committee at the Central University of Karnataka for the selection of candidates for DHDR-2025 and ISDDP-2023 of Bidar and Yadgir districts on **19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**
- ❖ **Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath** was invited as a Member of the Board of Studies in Economics (PG) at KLE's Lingaraj College, Belagavi, on **7<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.
- ❖ **Dr. S V Hanagodimath** delivered a presentation on the Integrated Sustainable District Development Plan (ISDDP) at the Subcommittee Meeting of departments associated with the DHDR and ISDDP project, held at the Zilla Panchayat Meeting Hall, Uttar Kannada, on **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**.
- ❖ **Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath** attended the State-Level Review Meeting conducted by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, on **7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad.
- ❖ **Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath** was invited as a Resource Person to teach *Research Survey and Tools* in the *Ten-Day Research Methodology Course (RMC) for PhD/PDF Scholars in Social Sciences* at the Department of Economic Studies and Planning, Central University of Karnataka, on **18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**
- ❖ **Prof. N S Nayak, Dr. A R Kulkarni, Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath** presented the status of DHDR and ISDDP at the Subcommittee Meeting of all departments of the Zilla Panchayat, held at the Zilla Panchayat Meeting Hall, Dharwad, on **24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.
- ❖ **Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath** attended a special lecture on “*Karnataka's Growth and Development*” held at the Department of Economics, Karnatak University, Dharwad, on **28<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.
- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** presented a paper titled “*Decentralised Planning and Rural Development in Karnataka: A Regional Analysis*” at the Two-Day National Seminar on “*Balanced Development in India: Addressing Intra-State Regional Imbalance*” held on **22–23 January 2026** at CMDR, Dharwad.
- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** delivered a presentation on the Integrated Sustainable District Development Plan (ISDDP) at a Subcommittee Meeting of departments associated with DHDR and ISDDP held at the Zilla Panchayat Meeting Hall, Uttara Kannada, on **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**.
- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** presented the status of DHDR and ISDDP at a Subcommittee Meeting of all departments of the Zilla Panchayat held at the Zilla Panchayat Meeting Hall, Uttara Kannada, on **24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.
- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** participated in a webinar on “*Viksit Bharat Gram Rozgar Abhiyan (VBGRG) as a Proposed Alternative to MGNREGA*” organised by the Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGSARI), Tirupati, on **29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.
- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** attended the State-Level Training Programme on DHDR and ISDDP conducted by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, on **2–3 January 2026** at SIRD, Mysuru.
- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** attended the State-Level Training Programme on DHDR and ISDDP conducted by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, on **12<sup>th</sup> January 2026** at Vikas Soudha, Bengaluru.
- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** attended the State-Level Review Meeting conducted by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, on **7<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad.
- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** attended the State-Level Review Meeting conducted by the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, on **20<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad.
- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** attended a special lecture on “*Karnataka's Growth and Development*” held at the Department of Economics, Karnatak University, Dharwad, on **28<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.
- ❖ **Dr. Dundappa Y. Badlakkanavar** presented a paper titled “*Integral Humanism and Contemporary Development Models*” at a Three-Day International Academic Conference on “*Ekatma Manav Darshan – Bharat's Worldview*” held from **25–27 March 2026** at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru.

## Invited Lectures

- ❖ **Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli** delivered a lecture on “*Leadership Skills for Aspiring Leaders*” in the training programme Marketing Officers Resurgence & Excellence (MORE) organised by CCS National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM), Jaipur, on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.
- ❖ **Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli** delivered a lecture on “*Wisdom Beyond Time: Unveiling the Architecture of Indian Knowledge Systems*” in the Online Faculty Improvement Programme organised by UGC–Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Karnatak University, Dharwad, on **22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**.
- ❖ **Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli** delivered a lecture on “*Essentials of Entrepreneurship Development for Food Processing and Value Addition*” in the ICAR Winter School organised by the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, on **9<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.
- ❖ **Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli** delivered a lecture on “*The Architecture of Indian Knowledge Systems: Bridging Ancient Insights with Contemporary Understanding*” in a 6-Day Training Programme organised by UGC–MMTTC, Karnatak University, Dharwad, on **9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

- ❖ **Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli** delivered a lecture on “*Deep Roots of Traditional Farming: Exploring Ancient Agricultural Wisdom*” at the National Conference on *Indian Knowledge Systems* organised by Karnatak University, Dharwad, on **24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.
- ❖ **Prof. T. Bramhanandam** delivered an online lecture on “*Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP): Whether Justifiable or Not*” as a Resource Person in the Faculty Induction Programme organised by UGC–Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Karnatak University, Dharwad, on **25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.
- ❖ **Dr. Jai Prabhakar** delivered two lectures on “*Identification of Research Problem in Social Sciences*” in a seven-day training programme on Research Methodology organised by the Karnataka State Higher Education Academy, Dharwad, on **9<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.
- ❖ **Dr. Jai Prabhakar** delivered a keynote address a two-day national seminar on “*The Impact of Globalisation and Cultural Beliefs on Tribal Health and Healthcare Practices*” held at the Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI), Mysuru, on **23–24 February 2026**
- ❖ **Dr. S. V. Hanagodimath** delivered a lecture on “*Modern Tools in Research*” for participants of the Faculty Induction Programme (Sri. Madanmohan Malavia Teachers Training Centre, Karnatak University, Dharwad. online) on **5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.
- ❖ **Dr. S V Hanagodimath** delivered a lecture on “*Data Collection Through the Kobo Tool Box*” during the One-Day Workshop on Report Writing and Data Analysis for undergraduate students, held on **26<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at the Government First Grade College (GFGC), Alnavara. The workshop was jointly organised by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, in collaboration with Government First Grade College, Alnavara.



- ❖ **Dr. Narayan Billava** delivered a lecture on “*Report Writing and Data Collection*” during a One-Day Workshop on Report Writing and Data Analysis for undergraduate students held on **26<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at Government First Grade College (GFGC), Alnavar, organised by CMDR, Dharwad, in collaboration with GFGC, Alnavar.



- ❖ **Dr. Dundappa Y. Badlakkanavar** delivered a lecture on “*Relevance of Babu Jagjivan Ram's Ideals in Contemporary India*” at a special lecture organised by CMDR, Dharwad, in association with the Babu Jagjivan Ram Study Centre, Karnatak University, Dharwad, on **26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

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## Other Activities

- ❖ **Prof. T. Bramhanandam** has been nominated to the Board of Studies of the Women's Studies Centre at Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University.
- ❖ **Dr. Jai Prabhakar** attended as an Expert Committee Member for the preparation of the "Anthropology Encyclopedia" organised by the Department of Anthropology, Kannada University, Hampi, on **14<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.
- ❖ The Centre organized the National Youth Day / Swami Vivekananda Jayanati on January 12, 2026 in its Seminar Hall.
- ❖ The Centre celebrated 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of the India on January 26, 2026 in its Campus.

## Meetings

- ❖ A meeting of the **Review Committee for Promotion of Non-Academic Staff** of CMDR was held on **3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026** at CESS, Bengaluru.
- ❖ The **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Meeting** of CMDR was held on **10<sup>th</sup> January 2026** in the Seminar Hall of the Centre.
- ❖ The **Finance Committee Meeting** of CMDR was held on **10<sup>th</sup> January 2026** in hybrid mode.
- ❖ The **Physical Verification Committee** meeting (for verification of CMDR assets and stock) on **28<sup>th</sup> January, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2026** were held in the Seminar Hall of the Centre.
- ❖ The **Research Ethics and Advisory Committee (REAC) Meeting** of CMDR was held on **13<sup>th</sup> February and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026** in hybrid mode.

## Students' Corner

## Ph. D Award

- ❖ **Prof. Biradar Rudragouda Revanasiddappa**, Registrar, Central University of Karnataka, has been awarded his second Ph.D. degree under the guidance of Prof. Nayantara S. Nayak. His doctoral thesis, titled "Fiscal Policy Reforms' Impact on Fiscal Performance and Economic Development: An Analysis of Major States in India", was awarded by Mangalore University, Mangalore, on 28th March 2026.
- ❖ **Mr. Shanmukh Hiremath**, under the guidance of Dr. A. R. Kulkarni, has been awarded a Ph.D. for his thesis titled "Corporate Social Responsibility: An Impact Study with Special Reference to Karnataka" from Karnatak University, Dharwad, on 3rd February 2026.
- ❖ **Mr. Basavaraj Pundappanavar** was awarded a Ph.D. degree in Anthropology from Karnatak University, Dharwad, in January 2026. His doctoral thesis is titled "Anthropology of Ageing and Wellbeing among Scheduled Tribes in Karnataka, India" and was carried out under the supervision of Dr. Jai Prabhakar, Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad.



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