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On

Spaces of Urban Marginality: Slum Settlements, Social Inclusion and Justice in India

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Date : Friday, 20th November 2026 **Time: 10.00 a.m.**

Venue : Golden Jubilee Hall, KUD

All are Cordially Invited

Prof. Subhaschandra C. Natikar
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18th KSA National Sociology Conference
Karnatak University, Dharwad

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Presence : **Shri Pralhad Joshi**
Hon'ble Minister of Education, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution & New and Renewable Energy, Govt. of India, New Delhi
Shri Saleem Ahmed
Hon'ble Chief Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Council

Inauguration : **Shri Santosh S. Lad**
Hon'ble Minister of Labour & Employment, Govt. of Karnataka and Dharwad District Incharge Minister

Release of Conference Volumes : **Shri Prasad Abbayya**
Hon'ble Chairman, Karnataka Slum Development Board, Bengaluru and Member of Legislative Assembly Hubli-Dharwad (East)

Chief Guests : **Shri Bharamagouda (Raju) Alagouda Kage**
Hon'ble Chairman, North-Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation and Member of Legislative Assembly, Kagawad.
Shri Sayad Azempeer S. Khadri
Hon'ble Chairman, HESCOM
Smt Shivaleela Vinay Kulkarni
Hon'ble Chairman, Karnataka Urban Water supply and Drainage Board

President : **Shri Aravind Chandrakanth Bellad**
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly Hubli-Dharwad (West)

Guests of Honour : **Prof. M. Nagaraj**
Hon'ble Member of Rajyasabha
Shri Basavaraj Horatti
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council
Shri Vinay Kulkarni
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly Dharwad (Rural)

Shri N. H. Konaraddi
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Navalagund

Shri S. V. Sankanur
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council

Shri Pradeep Shettar
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council

Shri Mahesh Tenginakai
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly
Hubballi-Dharwad (Central)

Shri M. R. Patil
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly Kundagol

Shri F. H. Jakkappanavar
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council

Shri Lingaraj Patil
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council

Shri Nagendra Kumar
Hon'ble Chairman, Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation, Hubballi

Shri Adiveppa Gireppa Itagi
Hon'ble Chairman, Karnataka Bal Vikas Academy, Dharwad

Smt Durgamma Shashikanth Bijawad
Hon'ble Mayor, Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Coporation, Hubballi

Shri Robert Daddapuri
Hon'ble Chairman, Hubballi-Dharwad Development Authority,
Navanagar, Hubballi

Shri S. R. Patil
Hon'ble Chairman, District Level Guarantee Implementation Schemes

Shri Rajat Vishwaprakash Ullagaddimath
Hon'ble Chairman, Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation
Guarantee Schemes Implementation Committee

Special Invitees :

Shri Kumar T. H. M. IAS
Hon'ble Secretary, Dept of Housing, Govt. of Karnataka
& District In-charge Secretary, Dharwad District

Smt. Janaki K.M. IAS
Hon'ble Regional Commissioner
Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Key Note Address : **Dr. Arvinder A. Ansari**
Professor of Sociology,
Jamia Milia Islamia University and
Secretary, Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi

Release of Conference Souvenir : **Dr. A. M. Khan**
Hon'ble Vice - Chancellor
Karnatak University, Dharwad

Invitees :

Smt. Anita Reddy
Padmashree Awardee, Bengaluru

Prof. M. Gurulingaiah
Hon'ble Director, Institute for
Socio-Economic Change, Bengaluru

Prof. Vijaya B. Korishetti
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka State
Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapura

Smt. Snehal R. IAS
District Commissioner, Dharwad

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Police Commissioner, Hubballi-Dharwad City

Dr. Rudresh Ghali KAS
Commissioner
Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation, Hubballi

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Commissioner
Karnataka Slum Development Board, Bengaluru

Shri Vishwanatha P. B.
Chief Accounts Officer
Karnataka Slum Development Board, Bengaluru

All Syndicate Members

Karnatak University, Dhawad

Lunch Break 1 pm to 2 pm

Plenary Session–I Time 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Topic : Slum as a Metaphor for Understanding Inequalities, Exclusions and Injustice in Urban India

Resource person : **Prof. Sujata Patel**
Professor of Sociology (Rtd.), University of Hyderabad and
The former President of Indian Sociological Society (ISS), New Dehli

Chairperson : **Prof. S. L. Hiremath**
Professor of Sociology (Rtd.) and Registrar (Rtd.),
Gujarat Central University, Ahmadabad

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Director & Professor, Centre for Social Impact,
Chanakya University, Bengaluru.and M.C. Member ISS, New Delhi

Prof. S. Yashodha
Chairperson, Dept. of Sociology, University of Mysore, Mysuru

Rapporteur : **Prof. G. T. Bhat**
Professor of Sociology and Principal,
M.M. Arts & Science College, Sirsi (U.K)

Plenary Session–II Time 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Topic : Marginalised Communities in Urban Spaces in India: A Sociological Analysis

Resource person : **Dr. M. Thamilarasan**
Professor and Head, Dept. of Sociology,
University of Madras, Chennai

Chairperson : **Dr. Jayashree S.**
Senior Professor of Sociology (Rtd.), K.U. Dharwad

Co- Chair : **Dr. H. D. Prashanth**
Senior Professor of Sociology, Kannada University, Hampi

Dr. H.R. Jayapal
Professor, Dept. of Sociology, KSOU, Mysuru

Rapporteur : **Dr. M.F. Wadekar**
Associate Professor of Sociology GFGC & PG Centre, Gadag

Research Committee's Paper Presentation : 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
KSA General Body Meeting : 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
CulturalProgramme : 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

1. **Shri Sadanand S. Bangennavar**
   Director, Natyaspoorti Arts and Cultural Academy and Team, Dharwad.
2. **Shri. Sayyad A.M.**
   Director, Cultural Academy and Team, Dharwad
3. **Smt. Shyalambi Khaseemsabh Mandavekar** and Team,
   Damami Kalatand Bhagavati, Haliyal

Day 2 : Date : 21.11.2026

Research Committee's Paper presentation : 8:00 am To 10:00 am

Prof. C. Parvathamma Memorial Endowment Lecture:

Time : 10.00 am to 11.00 am

Topic : Religion and Politics: Conceptual Trajectory, Contemporary Processes and Current Concerns

Resource person : **Dr. Ganesha Samayaji**
Professor of Sociology (Rtd.), D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioral Studies, Goa University, Goa

Chairperson : **Prof. R. Indira**
Provost, Social Sciences and Allied Faculties, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru

Co- Chair : **Dr. K. Kalachanne Gowda**
Principal (Rtd.), Maharaja's College, University of Mysore, Mysuru

Rapporteur : **Dr. Nagaraj Savatikar**
Principal, S.K. Bellubbi College, Savadatti

Dr. K. Ishwaran Memorial Endowment Lecture

Time : 11.00 am to 12.00 noon

Topic : Dr. K. Ishwaran's Contributions to Rural-Urban Continuum with Special Reference to Shivapura

Resource person : **Prof. Sadashiv Marji**
Joint Director (Rtd.), Dept. of Food and Civil supply, Dharwad.

Chairperson : **Dr. C. A. Somashekharappa**
Professor of Sociology (Rtd.), Karnatak University, Dharwad.

Co- Chair : **Dr. Jagannath Shindhe**
Professor of Sociology (Rtd.),Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi

Dr. Chandrashekhar E.
Professor of Sociology, Kuvempu University, Shivamogga

Guest : **Prof. Shashidhar Todkar**
Principal, Hiremallur Ishwaran P.U. Science and Commerce College, Dharwad.

Rapporteur : **Dr. Arvind Joshi**
President of Dharwad District PU College Sociology Teachers Association

PANEL DISCUSSION, **Time: 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm**

Topic : Sociology of Karnataka and Sociology : Perspectives, Challenges and Future Directions

Chairperson : **Dr. Shakuntala C. Shettar**
Professor of Sociology (Rtd.), K.U. Dharwad.

Co-Chairperson : **Dr. Chandrika K. B.**
Senior Professor of Sociology, Kittur Ranichennamma University, Belagavi.

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Dr. N. A. Adinayarayappa, Govt Arts College, Bengaluru

VALEDICTORY PROGRAMME

Time : 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

President : **Dr. A.M. Khan**
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Karnatak University, Dharwad.

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