

#### ON-GOING PROJECTS

Director SAP- University Grants Commission : History of Kannada Folklore and History of Government of India Modern Kannada Criticism

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Dr.K.N.Ganganalik

Deputy Co-ordinator

Dr. M. Nanjalah

28,00,000/-

Sri Rajanna-Research Assistant

Dr. C. S. Ramachandra

Principal Investigator

Development of Dravidian Wordnet: An Integrated Wordnet for Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam  
(Exclusive Wordnet for Kannada)

30,74,000/-

Department of Information Technology  
Government of India

Dr. B.P. Hemananda, Senior Linguist

Smt. R.M. Ramya, Kannada Lexicographer

Smt. Chayadevi, Kannada Lexicographer

Dr. N. K. Lolakshi

Principal Investigator

University Grants Commission

Government of India

Indigenous knowledge Oral tradition of Schedule Caste Schedule Tribe Women: Representative Models of Hassan, Mandya, Mysore, ChamaraJanagara Districts, Karnataka  
4,57,000/-

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# Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies



**Manasagangotri, Mysore - 570 006 India**

## KUVEMPU INSTITUTE OF KANNADA STUDIES



Late His Highness Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV, at the time of inaugurating the First Senate of the University, was pleased to say: "I am naturally interested in the special encouragement of Kannada literature which is provided in the university scheme... The scheme provides for a fuller and core continuous course of teaching not only in Kannada but also in the other vernaculars of Southern India which are spoken in Mysore".

Kannada M.A. Course was started in July 1927 at the **Maharaja's College, Institute of Kannada Studies** was established on **December 8th, 1966**. Prof. D. Javaregowda played a vital role in the transition of the Department into the institute.

### First Batch M.A. Kannada - 1927



### DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS WHO SERVED THE INSTITUTE

Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies has long and scholarly tradition since its inception. The stalwarts like B.M.Srikantia, T.S.Venkannalal, A.R.KrishnaShastri, Kuvempu, D.L.Narasimhachar, T.N.Srikantiah and a host of learned men contributed for the growth of the Institute of Kannada Studies under the stewardship of prof. D. Javaregowda, Dr. H. M. Nayak and H.Thipperudraswamy.

### PROFESSORS WHO HAVE SERVED AS DIRECTORS

Prof. D. Javaregowda (1966-1969); Prof. H. M. Nayak (1969-1984); Prof. H. Thipperudraswamy (1984-1987); Prof. J. S. Paramashivaiah (1987-1991); Prof. C. P. Krishnakumar (1989-1991); Prof. T. V. Venkatachalastry (1991-1993); Prof. H. M. Chennayya (1993-1995); Prof. K. Kempegowda (1995-1997); Prof. D. K. Rajendra (1997-1999); (01.01.2002 – 12.04.2002) Prof. C. P. Siddhashrama (11.01.1999 -02.01.2001 and 02.04.2002 – 15.04.2004); Prof. Aravinda Malagatti (2001-02, 2004-06); Prof. H. S. Ramachandragowda (2006-2007); Prof. R. V. S. Sundaram (2007-2008); Prof. Ambalike Hiriyanna (2008-2010); Prof. K. N. Ganganalk (21.04.2010 – 20.04.2012; Prof.N. M. Talawar ( 21.04.2012 till now)

### EPIGRAPHIA CARNATICA SECTION

Karnataka is abundant in inscriptions. It has been said that Kannada is the language having the highest number of inscriptions next to Tamil. It was B.L.Rice who conceived the idea of collecting valuable inscriptions. In the recent past the Government of Karnataka sought the Institute of Kannada Studies to shoulder the responsibility of bringing out the revised edition of the Epigraphia Carnatica volumes in 1970. So far the institute has brought out 15 volumes.

### HARIDASAHITYA SECTION

Haridasa literature marks an important epoch in Medieval Kannada Literature with its bearing on the refinement of social life as well as literary excellence. With the assistance of the University Grants Commission collection, editing and research under the project began in July 1968. So far 330 valuable manuscripts have been brought to the Institute. Besides, hundreds of Kirtanas have been recorded and preserved in the section which facilitate studying different singing and reciting ways of these kirtanas in various parts of the land.

### FOLKLORE RESEARCH AND MUSEUM

Karnataka is fairly affluent from the point of view of folklore and hence study of Folklore, Folk literature and research has been one of the important academic activities of the Institute. Scholars and aspirants from the Section travel to various places and collect folklore materials and items from the people. Till date about 68 books have come out from this section. The folklore museum, which was established in 1968, is a centre of attraction in the heart of the campus. Over 6000 folklore items, diligently collected and scientifically classified under more than 20 heads have been displayed in the museum. The museum enjoys worldwide reputation in the Folklore circles and has won great appreciation by several dignitaries and foreigners.

### LIBRARY OF THE INSTITUTE

A unique library endowed with books useful for teachers, researchers and students is also a pride possession of the Institute. The library contains several valuable and very rare books. Collection of Encyclopaedias of different languages is a specialty here. This reference library is equipped with more than 47,000 books.

### PROJECT ON HISTORY OF KANNADA LITERATURE

The Project envisages to bring out a comprehensive History of Literature pertaining to Ancient, Medieval and Modern Kannada literature in 10 volumes. The first volume came out in 1974. 7 volumes have come out till date. The Fifth volume comprises three parts of which the last one part is going to be published shortly.

### COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS OF DEPARTMENT OF KANNADA AND CULTURE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

- The Kings, their Dynasty's of Karnataka : An inscriptions Volume
- Old Kannada Manuscripts : Preservation, Documentation & Computation, Publications
- Subject-wise books prepared based on the articles published in the Kannada Encyclopedia - 14 Volumes (100 Books) • Translation of Subject Encyclopaedia: Karnataka Samputa • Dictionary of Technical Terms in Kannada Literary Criticism • Etymological Dictionary of Foreign Words in Kannada (2 Volumes) • Volumes of Honna Kogile (A brief History of Dalit Literature)

## RESEARCH FACILITIES

At present One hundred and Thirty candidates are working for their Ph.D. Degree in the Institute, pursuing their research work in various subjects like Kannada language and literature, Linguistics, Folklore, Translation, South Indian Studies.

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE

### EDITING SECTION

The Editing Section of the Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies is actively engaged in the publication of old and rare manuscripts, copying the available manuscripts, identifying the varieties of texts to arrive at an authentic version of the work. A scholarly research-oriented introduction regarding the author and his works would be accompanying the text, which would ultimately add to the study of Kannada Language and Literature.

About 160 books have been brought out by this Section which has a collection of over 7000 manuscripts. There are also about 1324 manuscripts rendered into microfilms. There are several palm leaf manuscripts as well as those written on very old paper.



### TRANSLATION AND TEXTBOOK BUREAU

In order to implement Kannada as the medium of instruction at the University level, a Translation and Textbook Bureau was established in the Institute of Kannada Studies in 1966-67. In 1969 a centrally-sponsored scheme for publication of books in regional languages was implemented.

Besides, the institute is extending all possible help to the Government of Karnataka in the process of implementation of Kannada as the Official Language. The Bureau is also contributing by way of providing Technical Terms in Kannada pertaining to various subjects to the Council of Scientific and Technical Terminology of the Government of India.

### KANNADA ENCYCLOPAEDIA SECTION

Kannada Encyclopaedia project is one of the prestigious projects taken up by the University of Mysore. 14 Volumes have been published. As a sequel to this publication the Government sanctioned another project of publishing 30 volumes of Subject Encyclopaedia. So far six volumes of Subject Encyclopaedia have been published till date. The revision and reprint of General Encyclopaedias is in progress.

### Conversion of fourteen volumes of General Kannada Encyclopaedia into C.D.

In the year 2002 Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies, Kannada Ganaka Parishat, Bangalore have collaborated and produced 14 Volumes of General Encyclopaedias in C.D. form. The updated C.D. already released in the year 2005. This is the significant work of the Encyclopaedia Section.



## TEACHING FACULTY WITH DETAILS

The present faculty with their designations and fields of specialization is detailed as follows:



**Dr. Talawar .N.M.**  
Old, Medieval, Kannada Literature



**Dr. Aravinda Malagatti**  
Folklore, Old, Medieval Kannada Literature



**Dr. Taranath N. S.**  
Inscriptional Studies, Old, Medieval Kannada Literature



**Dr. Thippeswamy G.R.**  
Linguistics, Folklore, Modern Kannada Literature



**Dr. Ramakrishna .R.**  
General and Dravidian Linguistics



**Dr. Siddhashrama C.P.**  
Modern Kannada Literature Criticism, Prosody



**Dr. Ganganai K.N.**  
Folk Literature, Translation, Criticism Modern Kannada Literature



**Dr. Ramachandra C.S.**  
Computational and General Linguistics, Language Teaching



**Dr. Preeti Srimandharkumar**  
Feminist, Criticism, Kannada Literature



**Dr. Naganna C.**  
Comparative Literature, Translation Studies

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS



**Smt. Lalitha A.C.**  
Folklore



**Dr. Vijayakumari, S.Karikal**  
Rhetoric Studies, Vachana Literature Women Literature

## ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



**Dr. M. Nanjalah**  
Cultural Study, Place Name Study



**Dr. N.K. Lolakshi**  
Folklore, Criticism, Modern Kannada Literature



**Dr. B.K. Ravindranath**  
Linguistic Anthropology Sociolinguistics, Language Teaching



**Dr. S.D. Shashikala**  
Old, modern, Criticism



**Dr. Akkamahadevi**  
Manuscriptology, Dasa Literature



**Dr. T. Jayalakshmi**  
Folk Literature

## TEACHING AND ACADEMIC RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE

Following are the available study programmes and valuable research activities in the Institute.

- Kannada - M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., Post-graduate Diploma in Indian Literature, Certificate Course in Kannada For non-Kannada Speakers, Diploma in Kannada for non-Kannada speaker
- Linguistics - M.A., Ph.D., Post-graduate Diploma in Linguistics
- Folklore - M.A., Ph.D., Post-graduate Diploma in Folklore
- South Indian Studies- M.A., Ph.D.,
- Comparative Literature & Translation Studies - M.A., Ph.D.,
- Translation - M. Phil., Post-graduate Diploma in Translation

## PROPAGATION OF KANNADA LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND CULTURE

In addition to the study and Research programmes, there are SEVEN important academic research wings engaged in propagating the cause of various aspects of Kannada language, literature and culture.

- Editing Section; • Translation and Text Book Bureau; • Folklore Section; • Kannada Encyclopaedia Section [both General & Subject Encyclopaedia]; • Haridasa Literature Section; • Epigraphia Carnatica-Revision and Publication Section; • History of Kannada Literature Section

## TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT PUBLICATIONS OF THE INSTITUTE

The Kuvempu Institute has brought out several publications in Kannada and a few in English. The number of significant publications brought out by each academic section and other publications published by the Institute are given below:

Text Books and Translation Bureau (260); Editing Section (160); Folklore Section (085); Haridasa Sahitya Section (030) General Books (075); Epigraphia Carnatica Volume (015); Kannada Encyclopaedia Volumes (014); Kannada Encyclopaedia Volume (Subject Ency.) (006); Law Books in Kannada (002); Others (030).

## PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

The Institute has held several national level and state level seminars and symposia. Many teachers, scholars and researchers of the Institute have been recognized and honoured for their significant achievements and contributions. The Institute has conducted several Orientation and Refresher Courses in Kannada under the auspices of Academic Staff College of the University. So far 42 such programmes have been conducted.

## POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND FACULTIES OF THE INSTITUTE

### DEPARTMENT OF KANNADA STUDIES

The Institute was renamed as **Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies** commemorating the name of the celebrated visionary poet. Prof. K.V. Puttappa, popularly known as "Kuvempu", who had awarded the prestigious Padma Vibhushan and Jnanpith Award.

### GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INDIAN LITERATURE

"Indian languages are many, but Indian literature is one" - with this concept in view, the Institute started the Post-Graduate Diploma in Indian Literature in 1970-71 incorporating the study of various aspects of Indian literature.

## KANNADA CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA COURSES FOR NON-KANNADA SPEAKERS

In order to impart elementary and practical knowledge of Kannada to candidates whose mother tongue is other than Kannada and who have passed at least S.S.L.C. Examination, certificate course in Kannada was opened in 1968-69. The course is designed so as to teach reading, writing and speaking Kannada, besides introducing the elements of Kannada literature to the candidates.

### M. PHIL. IN KANNADA

M.Phil in Kannada was started in 2008-09. Candidates with a Master's Degree in Kannada are eligible for admission to this course. The course aims at a high level and valid study of Kannada Language, Literature and Culture incorporating various related areas of current trends in Kannada Literature.

### DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS

M.A. in Linguistics was started in 1971 and the Post-Graduate Diploma course came into being in 1990.

### DEPARTMENT OF FOLKLORE

Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies was the first and foremost Institute which laid a strong foundation for the study of Folklore in general and Karnataka folklore in particular. Various aspects of folklore and co-curricular activities are being conducted systematically in this Department. Post-Graduate Diploma in Folklore came into being in 1972-73. It is to the credit of the Institute for having started M.A. in Folklore course for the first time in India in 1974-75.

### DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH INDIAN STUDIES

M.A. course in South Indian Studies was started in the Institute in 1971-72 with a view to studying several facets of South India as a whole. It was first of its kind curriculum embodying languages, literature, history, philosophy, scripts, art and architecture as well as Folklore of South India.

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSLATION

The Department came into being in the Institute in 1967-68 to impart systematic instruction in field of translation. M.Phil in Translation was started in 1974-75. The course aims at a high level and serious study of translation incorporating various areas like current trends in translation, Linguistic aspects of translation, comparison and evaluation of translation etc.

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

### KANNADA COURSE FOR FOREIGNERS

The Programme of teaching Kannada for foreigners was started in 1968-69 in the Institute. Since then foreigners from America, Russia and other countries are coming to the Institute to learn Kannada during various academic years. They are taught to write and speak Kannada independently within a period of six months.

### LANGUAGE LABORATORY - cum- MULTIMEDIA LABORATORY

A language laboratory has also been established in the institute to impart language training to non-Kannada speakers as well as foreigners. This has also been of good help for researchers in languages and linguistics. And also a Computer Lab has been established in the Institute for the Academic research, teaching and training.

