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The Government First Grade College and PG Centre, Dharwad, Established in 2006 by the Government of Karnataka, Department of Collegiate Education, and affiliated to Karnatak University, Dharwad, the college began with 64 students and has witnessed phenomenal growth over the last 19 years and it emerging as an educational hub of North Karnataka by attracting large numbers of rural, economically backward and socially marginalized students.

College provides quality higher education in Arts, Commerce, Management, Science, and Postgraduate Programmes in Commerce and English. The college is located in Kumareswar Nagar, close to the new central bus terminus, Dharwad.

The campus spans 4 acres of government land and boasts its own buildings and infrastructure facilities. The college faculty has made sincere efforts toward the tremendous development of the institution through innovative and skill-development-based academic and co-curricular programmes undertaken by its various units.

As a result of these quality initiatives, the college has attracted a growing number of students, reaching a current strength of 4,638 students. The institution has 40 full-time faculty members and more than 85 guest faculty teachers.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The Department of History was established in 2006, the same year the college came into existence. Initially, the department started with just 26 students. At present, it has grown significantly and now caters to around 1,683 students, reflecting its steady progress and popularity among learners of history and culture.

The department is supported by three full-time faculty members and five guest faculty members, who are committed to providing quality education and fostering historical awareness among students.

Since its inception, the Department of History has been actively engaged in various academic and co-curricular activities. It has organized numerous national and state-level seminars, special lectures by inviting eminent scholars, and even workshops to enhance the

knowledge and research skills among the students.

Further for experiential learning, the department also arranges study tours and field visits to historical sites and heritage monuments, enabling students to connect classroom learning with real-world historical contexts.

Through these initiatives, the Department of History continues to uphold its mission of promoting historical research, critical thinking, and cultural awareness among students.

ABOUT THE IQAC

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) is a vital body established in higher education institutions as per the guidelines of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). It plays a pivotal role in enhancing quality and ensuring excellence in colleges. As a nodal agency, the IQAC coordinates quality enhancement measures, enabling institutions to achieve their goals of educational excellence through organizing seminars, workshops, training programs, and other initiatives.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The seminar on “National Movement in Karnataka” aims to highlight the significant contributions made by the people of Karnataka in India’s struggle for independence. The Indian National Movement was not limited to a single region; it was a collective effort of the entire nation, and Karnataka played a vital role in shaping this historic struggle.

THE SEMINAR FOCUSES ON WITH SUB-THEMES

- » The early national awakening in Karnataka and the role of socio-religious reformers.
- » The role of Karnataka leaders in the Indian National Congress.
- » The Historic Belagavi Session of 1924 and its impacts.
- » Major Events of Karnataka Viz. Non-Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement, and Quit India Movement.
- » The contribution of revolutionary leaders, women freedom fighters, Martyrs and local organizations
- » The legacy of Karnataka’s Freedom fighters.

- » Caste and Community Mobilization & their demand for representation during freedom Struggle.
- » Unsung Heroes and freedom fighters of Karnataka.
- » The Relation between National Leaders and Karnataka.
- » The role of Peasant, Common man and working classes.
- » Women's Role in Karnataka's Freedom Struggle.
- » Role of Media, Communication and Mass mobilization during freedom movement.
- » The Parallel Movements: Movement for creation of linguistic states.

Through this seminar participants will gain a deeper understanding of Karnataka's pivotal role in resisting colonial rule, honor the sacrifices of countless patriots, and embrace the enduring values of patriotism and unity that continue to shape the nation today

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

It is with immense pride and pleasure that I present this special issue of the journal, commemorating the One-Day National Seminar on the National Movement in Karnataka, organized by the Department of History, Government First Grade College and PG Centre, Dharwad, in collaboration with the Karnataka Archives Department, Regional Archives Office, Dharwad. This seminar stands as a testament to our institution's commitment to fostering academic excellence and preserving the rich historical legacy of Karnataka's contribution to India's freedom struggle.

We were honoured to have Prof. Indira, Professor of History, Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana, as the Keynote Speaker, whose insightful address set the tone for the seminar. The Plenary Speaker, Prof. Shiladhar Mugali, Senior Professor of History, Department of History and Archaeology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, further enriched the discourse with profound perspectives on Karnataka's historical contributions.

The seminar brought together scholars, academicians, and research scholars who contributed 47 insightful articles, exploring diverse sub-themes such as the role of regional leaders, the Quit India Movement, the historic 1924 Congress Session, and the invaluable contributions of working-class people, women, and martyrs. These scholarly works reflect the depth of research and dedication to uncovering the nuanced narratives of Karnataka's role in the National Movement.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Karnataka Archives Department for their generous sponsorship and unwavering support. My special thanks to Publisher "Aksharsurya" for their dedicated efforts in bringing this peer-reviewed multilingual journal to fruition. My appreciation also goes to the

Department of History, the organizing committee, and all participants for their relentless efforts in making this seminar a resounding success. The articles in this issue not only highlight the historical significance of Karnataka's contributions but also serve as an inspiration for future generations to engage with our shared heritage.

This special issue is a milestone in our academic journey, and I hope it will serve as a valuable resource for researchers, students, and history enthusiasts alike. May this issue of scholarly articles ignite, curiosity and encourage further exploration of Karnataka's pivotal role in shaping India's path to independence.

Prof. Gurunath K. Badiger

Principal

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Dharwad

29th October 2025

EDITOR'S NOTE

It is with immense pleasure that we present this special issue of our peer-reviewed multilingual journal, dedicated to the One-Day National Seminar on the National Movement in Karnataka. This significant academic event was organized by the Department of History, Government First Grade College and PG Centre, Dharwad, in collaboration with the Karnataka Archives Department, Regional Archives Office, Dharwad. The seminar served as a vibrant platform for scholars, academicians, and research scholars to engage in meaningful discourse, shedding light on the rich and dynamic history of Karnataka's contributions to India's freedom struggle.

The 47 papers included in this volume present meticulously researched study contributed by a diverse group of scholars, academicians, and research students. Together, they offer rigorous and insightful analyses of the historical, political, and cultural dimensions of Karnataka's nationalist experience. Drawing upon archival sources, oral histories, and critical historiographical perspectives, the contributors explore how local movements, leaders, and communities engaged with, interpreted, and contributed to the evolving discourse of nationalism. Collectively, these studies highlight the intersection of regional identity and national consciousness, underscoring Karnataka's integral role in shaping the moral and ideological foundations of India's freedom struggle.

We were honoured to have Prof. Indira, Professor, Department of History, Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana, as the Keynote Speaker for the seminar. Her insightful and thought-provoking address set an inspiring tone, encouraging participants to delve into the nuances of Karnataka's historical contributions with fresh perspectives. Her expertise and eloquence provided a strong foundation for the discussions that followed, enriching the academic atmosphere of the event.

Equally, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Shiladhar Mugali, Senior Professor of History, Department of History and Archaeology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, who served as the Plenary Speaker. His comprehensive and engaging presentation offered valuable insights into the historiographical dimensions of the Na-

tional Movement in Karnataka, sparking lively debates and reflections among the attendees.

We express our deepest appreciation to the Karnataka Archives Department, Regional Archives Office, Dharwad, for their invaluable collaboration in organizing the seminar. Their support in providing access to archival resources and facilitating scholarly exchange was instrumental in the success of this initiative. We also extend our sincere thanks to the faculty and staff of the Government First Grade College and PG Centre, Dharwad, for their tireless efforts in coordinating and executing the seminar with precision and enthusiasm.

A special note of gratitude goes to our publisher, “Akshar-surya,” for their unwavering commitment and meticulous efforts in bringing this special issue to fruition. Their dedication to producing a high-quality, peer-reviewed journal has ensured that the scholarly contributions of this seminar reach a wider audience, preserving and disseminating knowledge for future generations.

This special issue is not merely a collection of academic papers; it is a tribute to the indomitable spirit of Karnataka’s freedom fighters and a celebration of the region’s enduring legacy in India’s National Movement. We hope that this journal inspires further research, dialogue, and appreciation of Karnataka’s historical contributions to the nation’s journey toward independence.

We invite readers to engage with the diverse perspectives and scholarly insights presented in this issue, and we look forward to continued academic exploration of this vital chapter in India’s history.

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