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THE BRITISH GOVERNOR GENERALS'
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MODERN BANGALORE
MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH**

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTION

Government First Grade College Kadugodi was established in 2009 in the Eastern part of urban Bangalore, stands as the first government college in the region, addressing the need for accessible higher education amidst of private institutions. Committed to its founding vision, the college plays a pivotal role in providing quality education to underprivileged and rural students.

Affiliated to Bangalore North University, and accredited with a B+ grade by NAAC in 2022, the college offers undergraduate programs in B.A., B.Com, B.Sc, BCA and BBA. The institution prides itself on its distinguished faculty and well-equipped facilities, smart classrooms, science lab, a comprehensive library and a spacious playground.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Bangalore's transformation from a fortified town to a modern metropolis owes much to the colonial administrators who shaped its economic, social, political, cultural, and scientific institutions. This seminar explores the multidisciplinary perspectives on the contributions of British Governors to Bangalore's growth, while critically examining their legacy in contemporary times.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR:

- » To analyze the role of British Governor Generals in the urban development of Bangalore.
- » To study economic, social, political, and cultural changes during the colonial period.
- » To highlight multi-disciplinary research on colonial Bangalore.
- » To encourage students, researchers, and faculty members to engage in critical discussions.

PREFACE

The introduction of science and technology through colonialism penetrated every nook and corner of the country, bringing transformation in all spheres of life. The social, political, economic, and especially the cultural life of the people found new expressions - often shadowed by the fear of losing tradition. Bangalore, now evolved into a cosmopolitan city, still bears visible traces of its colonial past. The rule of the Governor Generals under British administration has left indelible imprints on the city's infrastructure - from architectural edifices, educational institutions, to parks and palaces, and cultural life. The amalgamation of the East and the West is distinctly reflected in the life and rhythm of Bangaloreans.

This Special Journal on "Colonial Legacy: Governor Generals' Contribution to the Development of Bangalore" revisits the colonial period and its influence in shaping Bangalore through an academic lens. The articles in this volume shed light on the conflict between power and progress, and their impact on the city's development across various sectors. The transformation of Bangalore from a traditional pete to a cosmopolitan metropolis underwent several dynamic phases of modernisation. The contributions in this issue attempt to capture that journey - not in glorification of the colonial era, but in critical reflection on its far-reaching consequences.

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