

Expression of Interest for Organizing Regional Seminars in Karnataka's Degree Colleges

The **Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR)** invites expression of interest to host **Regional Seminars** on critical socio-economic and developmental challenges of the state. These seminars provide an important platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration between researchers, policymakers, educators, students, and the general public.

Objective: The seminars aim to promote comprehensive discussions on key issues affecting Karnataka's development across multiple sectors. This initiative will encourage research activities in degree colleges and foster a participatory approach to regional planning and program implementation.

Proposed Seminar Themes: Colleges can submit proposals to organize seminars on any of the following topics:

1. Balanced Regional Development in Karnataka: Issues and Challenges
2. Recent Challenges of Growth of Agriculture in Karnataka
3. Industrial Development: Challenges and Opportunities in Karnataka
4. Role of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Income and Employment Generation in Karnataka
5. Sustainable Human Development in Karnataka
6. Decentralized Planning in Karnataka
7. Educational Planning in India: A State Level Seminar
8. Issues and Challenges of Unorganized Labour in Karnataka
9. Solid Waste Management in India: Problems and Prospects
10. Employment and Unemployment Situation in India

Financial Support:

- Rs. 25,000 per college for organizing the seminar.
- **Additional Support:** CMDR will provide certificates and assist in bringing out seminar proceedings or edited books based on the outcomes of the seminar.

CMDR Responsibilities:

- Developing themes, sub-themes, and seminar brochures.
- Circulating brochures via email and providing technical support for communication with resource persons.
- Providing limited financial support issuing certificates to participants.
- Publishing soft copy of seminar proceedings or edited volumes.

College Responsibilities:

- Communicating with paper writers, researchers, and participants.
- Organizing the seminar at the college premises in collaboration with CMDR.
- Managing logistics such as food and accommodation for resource persons and participants.
- Handling registrations, including the collection of fees from participants if necessary.
- Submitting bills and a detailed seminar completion report to CMDR.

Selection Criteria: Applications will be assessed based on the relevance of the theme, the ability of the college to mobilize participants and local stakeholders, and the proposed academic contribution to the theme.

Apply Online <https://forms.gle/eNj4L8oVHd5hMZGD6>

Contact for Submission and Queries:

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We encourage all degree colleges across Karnataka to actively participate in this initiative and contribute to the development dialogue of our state. This series of seminars is an opportunity to engage deeply with key issues and drive meaningful research and collaboration at the local level.

Director CMDR