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One Day International Seminar

on

“Relevance of Socio-Political Perspectives of Vachana Literature”

REPORT

One Day International Seminar on “Relevance of Socio-Political Perspectives of Vachana Literature” was organized by the Department of Kannada, Sociology and Political Science in association with Basava Samiti, Bengaluru, ‘Basava Understanding and Research Centre, Akkana Arivu, Vachana Adhyayana Vedike, Pune, Maharashtra(Reg), Basava Kendra, Dharwad and Satara Itihas Samshodhana Mandal, Satara, Maharashtra on 30th August, 2025 at KLE Society's Shri Mrityunjaya College of Arts and Commerce, Dharwad.

Dr. Aravind Jatti, President, Basava Samiti, Bengaluru was the inaugurator. Inaugurating the function, he congratulated the organizers for organizing such a meaningful Seminar on Vachana's of Basavanna. Vachana's written by Basavanna in 12th century are relevant today. He stated that Basavanna was a philosopher, poet, social reformer, samskrutika nayaka who spread social awareness through his poetry, popularly known as vachanas. Further, he stated that Basavanna taught that every human being was equal, irrespective of caste and all forms of manual work was equally important.

Dr. Shashikant Pattan, President, Basava Understanding and Research Centre, Akkana Arivu, Vachana Adhyayana Vedike, Pune, Maharashtra(Reg) was the Keynote Speaker. He stated that “the Anubhava Mantap was

established by Basavanna in the 12th Century. It was a pioneering socio-religious institution. It is a Democratic Parliament, it served as a platform for open discussion on spiritual, social and ethical issues to build the society free from caste and gender discrimination. Anubhava Mantapa often referred as the world's first parliament.

Dr. Veeranna Rajur, President, M.M. Kalaburgi Pratishtana, Dharwad, Retd. Dean, Kannada Adhyayana and Basava Peeth, Karnatak University, Dharwad has released the Book entitled "Nelada Mareya Nidhana" in which 122 articles were published in ISSN Journal. He enlightened on Basavanna's life and teachings. Further, he stated that Basavanna, renowned humanist, who argued for a new way of life. Basavanna believed that Man becomes great not by his birth but by his worth to the society.

Shri. Steve Roach, Chairman, Basava Centre, North America, USA, Resource Person, said that Basavanna is the Cultural Ambassador to Western World and a Cultural Leader of tradition. Basava can offer profound solutions to contemporary challenges. He focused on Basava's Philosophy. All meaningful work serves humanity's spiritual and material progress.

Shri. Shrishail Hadimani, President, Basava Centre, North America (USA) said that Basava devotees are not preachers, not social reformers, they are Shiva devotees. It is possible to know God through worship of the Linga and the creation of Vows. Humanity, Devotion, Work, Equality and Intimacy are the five principles of Basavanna. He enlightened on values of vachanas of Basavanna.

Shri. Mahantesh Kavatagimath, Member, Board of Management, KLE Society, Belagavi, Former Govt. Chief Whip Karnataka Legislative Council, Vidhan Soudha, Bengaluru was the President of the Seminar. He urged the

students to inculcate the values and virtues of vachanas. On this occasion, he recalled, Shri. F. G. Halakatti who compiled Vachanas. He focused that, such seminars create awareness among students about the values of Sharanas and the Principles of Basavanna.

Dr. Neelakka C Patil, Principal KLE Society's, Shri Mrityunjaya college of Arts and Commerce, Dharwad welcomed the gathering. Dr. Veena Hugar, Convener of the Seminar, Prof.(Smt) S. S. Sangolli, IQAC Coordinator Prof. Shashanka Hadimani, Co-organizing secretary introduced the Resource Persons. Prof. B.A. Benni and Prof. Umesh Neelappanavar compeered the programme. Prof. Nagaraj M. Kotagar proposed vote of thanks.

In the Valedictory Function, Dr. Renuka Meti, Registrar Evaluation, Haveri University, Haveri was the Chief Guest. She called upon the delegates to undertake research work on Vachanas of Basavanna. Shri. Siddaramanna Nadakatti, President, Basava Kendra, Dharwad was the Guest of Honour. Dr.V. I. Patil, Member, Board of Management, KLE Society, Belagavi and Chairman's Nominee, Local Governing Boday, Shri Mrityunjaya College of Arts and Commerce, Dharwad presided over the Function.

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Shri. Mahantesh Kavatagimath, Member, Board of Management, KLE Society, Belagavi, Former Govt. Chief Whip Karnataka Legislative Council, Vidhan Soudha, Bengaluru, President of the Seminar inaugurated the function by watering the plant.



Shri. Mahantesh Kavatagimath, Member, Board of Management, KLE Society, Belagavi, Former Govt. Chief Whip Karnataka Legislative Council, Vidhan Soudha, Bengaluru, President of the Seminar addressing the delegates.



Dr. Aravind Jatti, President, Basava Samiti, Bengaluru, Inaugurator addressing the delegates.



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