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**International Seminar**  
**“Literary and Historical Approach to Vachana Movement”**  
**REPORT**

One Day International Seminar on “Literary and Historical Approach to Vachana Movement” was organized by the Department of Kannada and Department of History in association with Basava Understanding and Research Centre, Akkana Arivu, Vachana Adhyayana Vedike, Pune, Maharashtra(Reg) on 12<sup>th</sup> December,2024 at KLE Society’s Shri Mrityunjaya College of Arts and Commerce, Dharwad.

Dr. Lingappa Kalaburgi, Chairman, Basava Samiti, Asia Pacific, Auckland, Newzealand was the inaugurator. Inaugurating the function, he congratulated the organizers for organizing such a wonderful Seminar on Vachana’s of Basavanna during 12<sup>th</sup> Century.

Dr. Shashikant Pattan, President, Basava Understanding and Research Centre, Akkana Arivu, Vachana Adhyayana Vedike, Pune, Maharashtra(Reg) was the keynote speaker. He stated that “Basavanna was a philosopher, poet, social reformer, who spread social awareness through his poetry, popularly known as vachanas. Further, he stated that Basava taught that every human being was equal, irrespective of caste and all forms of manual work was equally important.

Basavanna envisioned a society where individuals were judged based on their qualities and actions rather than their birth.

Dr. Ashok Alur, Vice Chancellor, Kodagu University, Kodagu released the Book “Nishpatti”. It consists the articles on various themes presented by the deligates of various colleges in the seminar. After releasing the book, he enlightened on teachings of Basavanna. “Basava taught things standing shall tall, but the moving ever shall stay Basava through his vachanas educated the downtrodden people and he fought against the social evils untouchability and superstitions. He pioneered irrigation, agriculture, anti-caste ideology, spiritual and cultural innovation.

In the valedictory function Dr. Chinnaswamy Sosale, Department of History, Kannada University, Hampi was the Chief Guest. He focused on teachings of Basavanna. He urged the students and ethics in their lives. Dr. Virupakshi Pujarhalli, Department of History, Kannada University, Hampi was the Guest of Honour spoke on the main themes that Basavanna explored in his poetry was the concept of oneness and duty.

Dr. Veeranna Rajur, Retd Dean, Kannada Adyayan and Basava Peeth, Karnatak University, Dharwad presided over the function. He enlightened on Basavanna’s life and teachings. Further, he stated that Basavanna, renowned humanist who argued for a new way of life. Basava believed that Man becomes great not by his birth but by his worth to the society.

Dr. Neelakka C Patil, Principal KLE Society’s, Shri Mrityunjaya college of Arts and Commerce, Dharwad welcomed the gathering. Dr. Veena Hugar, Head, Department of Kannada, introduced the inaugurator. Prof. Smt. S. S. Sangolli IQAC Coordinator introduced Chief Guest. Prof. B.A. Benni compeered the programme. Dr. Tara B. N. proposed vote of thanks.

