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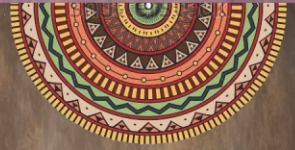
**Spaces of Urban Marginality: Slum Settlements,
Social Inclusion and Justice in India**

**ಅಂಚೀಕೃತ ನಗರ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳು : ಭಾರತದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ವಸತಿಗಳು,
ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಒಳಗೊಳ್ಳುವಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ನ್ಯಾಯ ಬದ್ಧತೆ**



20–21 November 2026

Venue: Golden Jubilee Hall



INVITATION

The Department of Postgraduate Studies and Research in Sociology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, under the auspices of the Karnataka Sociology Association, cordially invites academicians, university, college teachers, researchers, research scholars, postgraduate students, NGO's and all those interested in urban studies and social justice to participate in the 18th National Sociology Conference on 20th – 21st November 2026. The Conference provides an interdisciplinary platform to examine the changing realities of slum settlements, urban marginality, social exclusion, governance and social justice. Original research papers are invited in English and Kannada under the 15 Research Committees (RCs) of the Karnataka Sociology Association.

Host Institution: Karnatak University, Dharwad

Established in 1949, Karnatak University, Dharwad, is one of the premier centres of higher education in Karnataka and a major institution serving the educational and intellectual needs of North Karnataka. Situated on an expansive 888-acres green campus, the University has Accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC, University with Potential for Excellence, the University has 52 Postgraduate departments, two postgraduate centres, above 16 P.G. Diploma studies, five constituent colleges and more than 275 affiliated colleges. Its academic ecosystem encompasses the humanities, social sciences, sciences, commerce, management, education, law and emerging interdisciplinary areas. Karnatak University has contributed significantly to the advancement of higher education and research in the region, particularly by expanding educational opportunities for students from rural, semi-urban, socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The University continues to promote academic excellence, research, innovation, inclusivity, social justice and community engagement.



Established in 1957, the Department of Postgraduate Studies and Research in Sociology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, is one of the oldest centres of sociological teaching and research in Karnataka. For nearly seven decades, it has made significant contributions to sociological scholarship through excellence in teaching, empirical research, publications, academic collaboration and community engagement. The Department offers postgraduate and doctoral programmes and has cultivated a strong tradition of research on contemporary social issues. Its former and present faculty has undertaken research projects supported by prestigious agencies, including the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and various Government of Karnataka agencies. A distinctive achievement of the Department is that it is the only Department of Sociology among universities in Karnataka to have received the prestigious UGC Special Assistance Programme (SAP) under both DRS-I and DRS-II, reflecting its sustained excellence in teaching, research, publications and academic leadership. Over the years, the Department has organised numerous national and international conferences, seminars, workshops and academic programmes, fostering intellectual exchange and interdisciplinary dialogue. Its distinguished alumni have served as Vice-Chancellors, professors, administrators, civil servants, researchers, policymakers and professionals in India and abroad. The Department remains committed to generating socially relevant knowledge and nurturing generations of sociologists dedicated to academic excellence, social responsibility, inclusivity and social justice.

Conference Theme

Spaces of Urban Marginality: Slum Settlements, Social Inclusion and Justice in India

India's rapid urbanisation has transformed the social, economic and spatial landscape of cities, creating new opportunities while simultaneously intensifying inequalities and producing new spaces of exclusion. Slum settlements, informal colonies and other precarious habitats are not merely spaces of inadequate housing; they are dynamic social environments shaped by migration, informal employment, caste and class inequalities, gender, displacement and unequal access to urban resources. Urban marginality extends beyond poverty to encompass exclusion from secure housing, employment, healthcare, education, sanitation, water, social protection, political participation, digital technologies and access to justice. Rapid urban development, infrastructure projects, gentrification and resettlement can further disrupt livelihoods, social networks and community life. Environmental degradation, overcrowding, inadequate sanitation, pollution, climate change and increasing risks from floods and heat waves add new dimensions to the vulnerabilities experienced by marginalised urban communities. At the same time, marginalised communities are not merely passive victims of exclusion. They demonstrate agency, resilience and collective action through neighbourhood associations, women's collectives, youth organisations, self-help groups, informal worker networks and civil society initiatives. The Conference seeks to bring together sociologists and scholars to critically examine the structural causes, spatial dimensions and lived experiences of urban marginality in India, and to explore pathways towards inclusive, equitable, resilient, sustainable and socially just cities.

Major Sub-themes

- 1. Urban Poverty, Informality and Slum Settlements***
- 2. Housing, Basic Services and the Right to the City***
- 3. Social Inclusion, Livelihoods and Urban Governance***
- 4. Gender, Migration and Marginalized Communities in Urban Spaces***
- 5. Urban Justice, Sustainable Development and Policy Interventions***

The 18th National Sociology Conference of KSA will also discuss the conference theme in Two PLENARY SESSIONS and with two MEMORIAL LECTURES Namely : Hiremallur Iswaran Memorial Lecture Sponsored by JTM's Hiremallur Ishwaran P.U. Science, Commerce College, Dharwad & Nadoja Prof. C. Parvathamma Memorial Lecture Sponsored by Syagale Shivarudramma Trust, Mysuru

RESEARCH COMMITTEES OF KARNATAKA SOCIOLOGY ASSOCIATION (2026–28)

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RC-03: Industry, Development and Environment

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RC-04: Society and Education

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RC-05: Population, Migration, Displacement and Diaspora

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RC-06: Marginalized Groups, Minorities, Weaker Sections and Human Rights

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RC-07: Health, Sanitation and Wellness

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RC-08: Childhood, Youth and Aging

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RC-09: Media, Science and Technology

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RC-10: Social Movements

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RC-11: Rural, Tribal and Urban Studies

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RC-12: Social Problems, Policy and Planning

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RC-13: Indian Society and Globalization

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RC-14: Gender and Society

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RC-15: Society, Culture and Polity

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Note: Paper presenters should submit abstracts and full-length papers to the respective RC Conveners within the stipulated deadlines and correspond with the concerned Convener regarding review and acceptance.

Registration & Accommodation Fees

Date	Delegates		Research Scholars		Students
Registration Period	With Accommodation (In Rs)	Without Accommodation (In Rs)	With Accommodation (In Rs)	Without Accommodation (In Rs)	With Accommodation (In Rs)
Sep 10th to 10th Oct. 2026	☐ 2500	☐ 2000	☐ 1600	☐ 1200	☐ 1000
11th October 31st Oct 2026	☐ 2700	☐ 2200	☐ 1800	☐ 1400	☐ 1200
1st Nov – 16th 2026	☐ 3000	☐ 2500	☐ 2000	☐ 1500	☐ 1400
Spot Registration	☐ 3200	---	☐	1600	---

Accepted papers in English and Kannada will be considered for publication subject to peer review, editorial evaluation and compliance with the prescribed guidelines.

- *Conference Edited Volume – ISBN / ISSN*
- *Selected high-quality papers may be considered for publication in a peer-reviewed Journal – ISSN with DOI*
- *Full paper must be submitted with a Plagiarism Check Certificate (Maximum 10% similarity is permitted)*
- *Articles should not be AI - Generated. Authors must also submit a declaration confirming that the Manuscript is their own & is not AI- written.*
- *Font: Times New Roman, 12 point*
- *Referencing: APA Style*
- *Length: 1,500–3,000 words*

Publication Fee

Single-author paper: 1000 Rs

Co-authored paper : 1,500 Rs

Each registered author whose paper is accepted for the Conference Edited Volume will receive one complimentary hard copy of the volume during the Conference. Papers presented without submission of the full manuscript by the prescribed deadline will not be considered for publication. The decision of the Editorial Committee shall be final.

Accommodation

Accommodation for registered delegates will be available from the afternoon of 19 November 2026 to the morning of 21 November 2026. Accommodation beyond this period cannot be guaranteed. Delegates travelling with accompanying persons should make independent arrangements for boarding and lodging.

Online Registration

Registration fees may be paid through:

UPI / QR Code / NEFT / approved online payment modes

After payment, delegates should submit the Registration Form together with proof of payment through the designated Google Registration Form or by email to the Organising Secretary.

Important Dates & Organising Committee

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Date</i>
Abstract Submission	10 October 2026
Notification of Acceptance of Abstract	20 October 2026
Full Paper Submission	1 November 2026
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Registration Deadline 16 November 2026

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