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UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE

Manasagangotri, Mysuru-570 006

DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES
IN ANTHROPOLOGY



GENESIS

The Department was started in 1973 as a part of the Department of Studies in Sociology under the headship of Prof. C. Parvathamma. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology was established in the year 1973 with a view to imparting training in anthropology at the post-graduate level was bifurcated in 1974 and Prof. K.N. Venkatarayappa became the first head of the department of Anthropology and continued to be so until his death in 1981. M.A. and Ph.D. courses were offered in Anthropology with specialization in social-cultural Anthropology for two decades between 1973 and 1993. The post-graduate course was restructured in 1993 and two specializations in Biological Anthropology with M.Sc. degree and Social-cultural anthropology with M.A. degree were introduced from the 1993 academic year. The courses were again restructured and revised in 2001 and the semester scheme has also been introduced. The Choice Based Credit System was introduced during 2010-11 academic year.



Inaugural ceremony of Reserach Methodology course



Special Lecture by Prof. Mohan K Gautham



Prof. Vinish Kithara from IIT, Bombay during interactive session



Prof. P.C.Joshi University of Delhi, during valedictory session of RMC

Infrastructure

The department has well-equipped and furnished classrooms, staffrooms, seminar hall and a research laboratory room. It has a collection of some valuable reference books collected by the former heads and other teachers of the department. Students are permitted to make use of the departmental library and work/refer during working hours. The Department is well- equipped with the necessary educational aids. The computer laboratory has hi-tech PCs with internet facility for the use of students and research scholars. The Department strives to make the students proficient in soft-skills, along with the core curriculum. This facilitates them and provides better placement opportunities.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

M.A. Anthropology:

Eligibility: Any bachelor's degree of this University or any other University recognized equivalent thereto. B.A. / B.Sc. graduates with Anthropology as a major/optional subject will be given preference.

M.Sc. Anthropology:

Eligibility: Any bachelor's degree in Science/ Medical/Dental/Engineering/B.Sc. Agriculture / B.Sc. Forestry etc., from any University/ Institution recognized by UGC. B.Sc. graduates with Anthropology as a major / optional subject will be given preference.

Ph.D. (With course work)

Research Areas: Bio-cultural Anthropology (All major branches of Anthropology)

Admission: National Fellowships (UGC, ICSSR, ICMR, CSIR etc.) or through University Entrance Examination.

RESEARCH OUTPUT

Ph.Ds Guided:	66 (since 1971)
Publications:	300
National Journals:	200
International Journals:	100

Endowment Instituted

1. Cash Prize: Prof. Venkatarayappa Cash Prize
2. Gold Medal: Mrs. Sudha Murthy Gold Medal

Best Practices

- Holism is an important approach in anthropological research, through which we look at all sides of an issue by considering all sources of information before rendering an analysis or interpretation.
- We combine both interdisciplinary knowledge and multidisciplinary approach in our teaching and research taking into consideration different ways of achieving goals.
- We always match our programme and activities in tune with the interests and needs of the academic community including the students.

Thrust Areas of Research

Issues of Globalism, Gender Studies, Tribal Health, Development Anthropology, Demography, Medical Anthropology, Cultural Variations, Visual Anthropology, Dental Anthropology, Public Policy, Nutritional Anthropology, Tribal Issues, etc.

Research Projects

- Qualitative Rapid Assessment of reasons for low uptake of Eye care services in three Districts of Karnataka. The Project was funded by DANPCB (DANIDA), New Delhi.
- The consultancy-service-cum-study on the monitoring of relocation and the resettlement project at Nagarapura, funded by the Government of Karnataka.
- Project: Village India - Karnataka Chapter" funded by IGNCA UNESCO.
- The Sacred complexes along the Kaveri river, UGC major project.
- The girl child labour: a case study of the girl child labour force among the tribes of Mysore, District, UGC major research project.
- Post-metric scholarship for schedule caste students studying professional courses in Karnataka: An evaluation study, funded by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Research Institute, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- An evaluative study on "Bhoo Odetana Yojane for landless Scheduled Castes in Karnataka," funded by the Dr. Ambedkar Development Corporation, Government of Karnataka.
- An evaluative study of the atrocities, and also the compensation given to victims of such atrocities among the scheduled castes in Karnataka. It is funded by the Dr. Ambedkar Research Institute, Ministry of Social welfare Govt of Karnataka.
- An evaluative study on the supply of uniform dresses to school children of the scheduled caste, community in Karnataka funded by the Dr. Ambedkar Research Institute, Ministry of Social welfare Govt of Karnataka
- A study of school-going children of families involved in unclean occupations in Karnataka funded by the Dr. Ambedkar Research Institute, Ministry of Social welfare Govt of Karnataka.
- A Study on the Kaniya Community of Karnataka funded by the Dr. Ambedkar Research Institute, Ministry of Social welfare Govt of Karnataka.
- A Study of the Moger Community of Karnataka funded by the Dr. Ambedkar Research Institute, Ministry of Social welfare Govt of Karnataka
- Sacred complexes along the Kaveri River and its tributaries in Karnataka and Kerala: An Anthropological Study of the indigenous modes of national integration funded by UGC New Delhi.
- A Socio-economic Profile study of Schedule tribes in Rajiv Gandhi National park area Nagarahole Position, funded by Forest Department, Government of Karnataka.
- Village India: Karnataka Chapter (Ethnographic Study of 3 Heritage Villages of Karnataka conducted in Hampi, Kere Tonnur, and Balmuri) Position: State Coordinator for Karnataka funded by Indira Gandhi National Center for Arts and UNESCO Chair on Cultural Development New Delhi.
- Qualitative rapid assessment of the reasons for low uptake of eye care services in 3 districts of Karnataka, funded by DANPCB (DANIDA) New Delhi.
- Bio-Anthropological, Bio-Chemical and Bio-Ethnical study among tribal population of Western Ghats, funded by MHRD to Center of Excellence in Biodiversity, Bioprospecting and Sustainable Development, University of Mysore, Mysore.
- The Study of Folk and Indigenous knowledge of the Tribes of Western Ghats Medicinal Plants and their Socio- Economic Dependency on the Forest Resources, funded by MHRD to Center of Excellence in Biodiversity, Bioprospecting and Sustainable Development, University of Mysore, Mysore.
- An Ethnographic Study of the Agasas/Madivalas in Karnataka, funded by Social Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka.
- The Ethnographic Study of Kadu Gollas in Karnataka, funded by Social Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka.

- A Study on Tribal Health – Jenu Kuruba Tribe in Karnataka with special reference to Diabetes and hypertension, funded by the Indian Council of Medical Research, Delhi.
- A Study on Health and Nutritional Status among Tribal Children in Mysore District, funded by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Delhi.
- An Analysis of the Effect of Obesity on Male Fertility Rates in Karnataka, funded by University Grant Commission, Delhi.
- Ethnographic Study of Kunabi community of Karnataka, funded by the Government of Karnataka.
- Ethnographic Study of Kunchitiga community of Karnataka, funded by the Government of Karnataka.

Linkages with other Institutions

1. Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute, Government of Karnataka, Mysuru.
2. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research Institute, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. D Devaraj Urs Research Institute Bengaluru. Government of Karnataka.
4. Anthropological Survey of India, Mysore (AnSI).
5. Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Bhopal.
6. Indian Council Medical Research (ICMR), Delhi.
7. JSS, Medical College, JSS Deemed to be University, Mysuru
8. Indian Council Social Science Research (ICSSR), Delhi.
9. Saginaw Valley State University. U.S.A.

Facilities

Well-equipped Biological and Molecular Anthropology laboratory and Departmental Library.

Faculty Profile



Dr. M.R. Gangadhar

Professor

Specialization: Tribal Health, Nutritional Anthropology, Medical Anthropology, Gender Studies, Tribal Issues, Ethnography, etc

Teaching programme is supported by four Guest faculty members.

Former Faculty

- Prof. Venkatarayappa
- Prof. T. Ramachandraiah
- Prof N. Ningaiah
- Prof H. Krishna Bhat
- Prof M. Annapurna
- Prof . K.Rajashekara Reddy
- Dr. D. Govindaiah
- Dr. H.M.Ganesh
- Dr. B.M. Srinivasa
- Dr. P.N.Hareesh

Visiting Professors

Prof. P.K. Misra, Department of Anthropology, NEHU, Shillong.

Prof. Leela Dube, USA

Prof. J. Leow Swartburg, USA

Prof. Willam. K. Barnett, Professor of Anthropology, Saginaw Valley State University, USA.



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