



Government of Karnataka  
Department of Collegiate & Technical Education

## GOVERNMENT FIRST GRADE COLLEGE AND PG CENTRE THIRTHAHALLI-577432



Affiliated to Kuvempu University, Shivamogga  
Accredited by NAAC with 'B+' Grade



### One Day National Conference on

## INCLUSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA: INNOVATIONS, CHALLENGES AND THE WAY FORWARD



### Venue:

Kuvempu Seminar Hall, Government First Grade College and PG Centre,  
Thirthahalli, Shivamogga-577432

25 March, 2026  
10:00 AM

Organised by:  
INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL  
(IQAC) AND DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMANITIES

### Important Dates

Conference Date : 25th March 2026  
Last date for Abstract Submission: 15-02-2026  
Last date for Paper Submission: 05-03-2026  
Last date for Registration and Payment: 16-03-2026



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## ABOUT COLLEGE

The Government First Grade College, Thirthahalli, affiliated to Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, is a reputed institution of higher education established by the Government of Karnataka in 2007. The college is located in Thirthahalli and aims to provide quality higher education to both rural and urban students of Thirthahalli and the surrounding Taluks. The institution offers undergraduate and postgraduate programmes including B.A., B.Com., B.B.A., B.C.A., B.Sc., and M.Com. The college strives to impart professional competence and academic excellence through its team of trained and experienced faculty members across various disciplines. It is supported by excellent infrastructure facilities such as a well-equipped library, modern laboratories, sports amenities, ICT-enabled classrooms, an auditorium, and a Wi-Fi enabled campus. The institution was accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with a B+ grade in the year 2022.

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Inclusive higher education is essential for building an equitable, knowledge-driven society in India. It plays a transformative role in empowering students from diverse socio-economic, cultural, regional, and physical backgrounds by ensuring equitable access, participation, and success. Recent initiatives such as the New Education Policy, digital platforms like SWAYAM and the National Digital Library, along with scholarships and student support services, have strengthened inclusivity, especially for marginalized and rural learners. However, challenges such as socio-economic disparities, digital divide, language barriers, gender inequality, accessibility issues, and institutional limitations continue to hinder the achievement of fully inclusive higher education.

This conference aims to provide a platform for academicians, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to deliberate on innovative practices, share experiences, and discuss challenges related to inclusive higher education. It seeks to explore effective strategies, policy interventions, and institutional initiatives that promote equity, access, and quality in higher education. The deliberations are expected to contribute to actionable recommendations and a roadmap for strengthening inclusive higher education in India.

By fostering dialogue and collaboration, the conference endeavours to reinforce the commitment of higher education institutions towards creating an inclusive, learner-centric, and socially responsive education system aligned with national priorities and global sustainable development goals.

## THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

**"INCLUSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA: INNOVATIONS,  
CHALLENGES AND THE WAY FORWARD"**

### SUB THEMES:

#### COMMERCE

- Integrating values in business education
- Enhancing employability through tailored commerce education
- Reforms in Indian insurance sector
- Financial inclusion through higher education: bridging the Urban -Rural divide
- Role of AI in Commerce education and entrepreneurship development in India

#### MANAGEMENT

- Inclusive Leadership and Institutional Development
- Diversity, Equity, and Student Wellbeing
- Innovation and Digital Transformation in Higher Education
- Entrepreneurship, Skills, and Industry Collaboration
- Sustainability and Responsible Higher Education

#### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Bridging the Digital Divide through Emerging Technologies
- Accessible and Inclusive Digital Learning Systems
- AI-Enabled Personalized Learning in Higher Education
- Assistive Technologies and AI for Students with Disabilities
- MOOCs, Online Platforms, and Inclusive Science Education



## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Conference Committee cordially invites original, unpublished research papers for presentation and publication in the National Conference on "Inclusive Higher Education in India: Innovations, Challenges and the Way Forward." The conference aims to provide an academic platform for meaningful dialogue on policies, practices, and innovations that promote equity, accessibility, and inclusion in Indian higher education.

**Target Participants:** Scholars, academicians, researchers, educationists, policymakers, professionals, and students are encouraged to contribute papers that critically examine contemporary issues, best practices, and future directions related to inclusive higher education in India.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Papers must be original and unpublished.
- Full-length papers should be submitted in Microsoft Word format, A4 size, Times New Roman font.
- Headings: Font size 14; Body text: Font size 12; 1.5 line spacing with standard margins.
- Citations and references must follow APA style.
- A separate page for abstract should include the paper title, author's name, institution, mobile number, and email ID.
- An abstract (maximum 250 words) along with a minimum of five keywords must be included.
- Papers in Kannada should be typed using the Nudi font.

## PUBLICATION

Only selected papers that meet the publication norms will be published in the ISSN Peer-reviewed/ Refereed Journal (subject to review and plagiarism check).

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Last date for Abstract submission : 15-03-2026
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**ODD Facility will be provided for all the participants**

## REGISTRATION DETAILS

Category	Participation and Presentation	Participation, Presentation and Publication Fee
Students	100	1600
Research Scholars	300	1800
Industry and Academia	300	1800

## PAYMENT DETAILS

The Registration fees shall be paid to the Account No. through online Net Banking/NEFT/RTGS/UPI as per details given below:

**Beneficiary Name** : **Waseem Akram**  
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### Registration Link



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### Declaration Form Link



## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Registration	9:00am-10:00am
Inauguration	10:00am-11:00am
Tea Break	11:00-11:30am
Technical Session	11:30am-1:00pm
Lunch Break	1:00pm-2:00pm
Paper Presentation	2:00pm-3:30pm
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