



# NEW HORIZON COLLEGE

MARATHAHALLI

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## **KANNADA DEPARTMENT AND IQAC PRESENTS** **ONE DAY SEMINAR**

**Date:** 12/Apr/2025

**Time:** 10:00AM

**Title of the Event** : **Relevance of Vachana Literature**  
**Venue** : Chanakya Seminar Hall, Amar Hemu Kalani Block  
**Organized by** : Kannada Department and IQAC  
**Chief Guest** : Dr. Shivaraj Byadarahalli  
**Target Audience** : 180 students  
**Faculty Coordinators** : Ms. Sowmya H.L  
Mr. Shrirama M  
**Student Coordinators:** Ms. Raksha R  
Ms. Ganga J

### **About the event:**

New Horizon College, Marathahalli, under the joint initiative of the Kannada Department and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized a guest lecture on “Relevance of Vachana Literature.” The lecture was delivered by Dr. Shivaraj Byadarahalli, a renowned singer, poet, and Head of the Kannada Department at Oxford College of Business Management, Bengaluru. The session highlighted the literary, spiritual, and social significance of Vachana literature in today's context and was attended by students with great enthusiasm.

Vachana literature holds a unique place in Kannada literary tradition for its simplicity, spiritual depth, and powerful social message. Originating in the 12th century through saint-poets like Basavanna, Akka Mahadevi, and Allama Prabhu, the vachanas voiced strong opposition to social evils such as caste discrimination, gender inequality, and blind rituals. Their teachings emphasized values like equality, honesty, devotion, and social justice, which remain highly relevant even today. In the modern era, where society faces increasing inequality and moral challenges, Vachana literature serves as a moral compass that encourages inclusive thinking and ethical behavior. The poetic and direct style of vachanas makes them accessible to all, allowing their message to resonate across generations. They inspire the youth to question injustice and seek meaningful change. Vachanas also bridge spirituality with social reform, promoting a life of inner purity and external responsibility. Educational institutions now explore Vachana literature not just for its literary value but also for its ethical and cultural significance. As timeless expressions of truth and reform, vachanas continue to be a guiding force.

## Photographs of the Event



**Students attended Dr. Shivaraj Byadarahalli's Relevance of Vachana Literature seminar and found it very useful**