

## Report on Lecture by Dr. M G Manjunath

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Venue: Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies, Manasa Gangothri, University of Mysore

### Reference of Folklore in Inscriptions

As part of Samskruthi Smarane – Monthly Lecture Series Dr. M G Manjunath delivered a lecture on “Reference of Folklore in Inscriptions” at the Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studeis (Dept. Of Kannada), Manasa Gangothri, University of Mysore on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016.

About 25000 inscriptions found in Karnataka belong to Kannada rulers like Kadambas, Western Ganga Dynasty, Rashtrakuta, Chalukya, Hoysala and Vijayanagara Empire. Many inscriptions related to Buddhism and Jainism is unearthed. The inscriptions generally found are on stone (Shilashasana) or copper plates (Tamarashasana). The Kannada inscriptions (Old Kannada, Kadamba script) found on historical Hero Stone, coin and temple wall, pillar, tablet and rock edict. The inscriptions found are in Proto Kannada, Pre Old Kannada, Old Kannada, Middle Kannada and New Kannada.

Dr. M G Manjunath extended himself to all the facets of inscriptions that included Stone, Copper plates and Oral. “Inscriptions are the major source of oral epic and folklore to us. We could explore the reference of the existence of certain customs and practices observed during the era of benevolent monarchy in various locations of historical importance”, said Dr M G Manjunath.

Dr. Priti Shrimandhar Kumar, Director, KIKS, Dr. Leela, Director, Folklore Museum, Dr. Nanjiah Honganur, Associate Professor, KIKS, and Dr. Deepti Navaratna, Executive Director, IGNSA SRC graced the occasion. Ph. D scholars and students of the institute participated in the lecture.

