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Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram Studies, Research and Extension Centre



Two Day National Conference
on

**“Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram’s Vision and
Contribution to Modern Society”**

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Venue: Kaveri Auditorium,
Karnataka State Open University

Organized by


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ABOUT KARNATAKA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY



Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, is a State Public University established by the act of State Legislature in 1992, and was brought into force on 1st June 1996. Ever since its establishment, KSOU has been pro-actively engaged in fulfilling the national objectives of higher education i.e., to achieve ACCESS, EQUITY, QUALITY, AFFORDABILITY and ACCOUNTABILITY. As one of the premier institutions in ODL system of the country, the university strives hard to empower various disadvantaged sections of the society such as, housewives, economically, socially and culturally backward groups, tribal communities, senior citizens, working groups, differently abled individuals, professionals and prison inmates etc.,

The academic programmes offered by KSOU are strictly in conformity with the quality and the standards set by regulatory bodies such as the UGC/AICTE. The University has adopted a school concept in its functioning. Different schools headed by Directors, offer academic programmes in Humanities, Commerce, Management, Education, Science and Social Sciences. It combines an inter-disciplinary and professional approach and research. The university believes that challenges of the contemporary world require competent quality human resources to create an informed society. The University functions in a 3-tier system of student support service, namely Headquarters, Regional Centers and Learners Support Centres spread all over Karnataka. The learners can undergo teaching-learning process in the notified Regional Centers/Learner Support Centers. The University has adopted a mechanism to deliver Self Learning Material by print, audio visual and Counselling/Personal Contact Programme. The hosting of this Conference of such a magnitude is a feather in the cap of Karnataka State Open University.



Objectives of Karnataka State Open University

The main objectives of Karnataka State Open University are:

- To democratize Higher Education by providing the necessary access to the masses-in particular to the disadvantaged groups such as those living in rural areas, the employed, women and others who wish to acquire and upgrade their knowledge and skills at their doorsteps.
- To promote courses leading to gainful employment, tailored to specific vocational/professional needs, relevant to local needs.
- To provide an innovative system of university-level education that is flexible and open in methods and pace of learning, combination of courses, eligibility of enrolment, age of entry, conduct of examination and operation of the programme, to encourage learning and excel in new fields of knowledge. This will help reduce cultural disparities and social imbalances
- To promote time- honored values and commitment to quality.

Location:

Karnataka State Open University is situated in Mysuru on the Mukthagangotri campus, spread across an area of about 40 acres. The University is located approximately 5 km from the city centre and provides an atmosphere ideally suited for academic pursuits. The university headquarters houses the administrative offices, the Academic block, Lecture halls, a well-equipped Library, a few cottages and hostels catering to students visiting to write exams and attend contact programmes, and includes necessary amenities such as Post-office, Bank, Canteen, etc.

Academic Programmes:

Karnataka State Open University offers Academic/ Professional/ PG Certificates, Diplomas, Under Graduate and Post Graduate Programmes. It offers Ph.D. programmes in Humanities, Commerce, Management, Education, Science and Social Sciences. Karnataka State Open University engages experts from various universities and colleges from all over the country to design and develop their courses and programmes, ensuring the quality and effectiveness of its self learning materials.

ABOUT THE DR. BABU JAGAJEEVAN RAM CHAIR

Karnataka State Open University established the Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram Studies, Research and Extension Centre under Sub Rule XIX and Section 23(3) of the KSOU Act, 1992, with the approval and signature of the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka and Pro-Chancellor, to promote the academic thoughts and ideals of Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram. The Chair was inaugurated on 02 May 2015 by the then Chief Minister of Karnataka, Siddaramaiah, in the presence of Social Welfare Minister H. Anjaneya and Revenue Minister V. Srinivas Prasad.

The Centre has grown through the guidance and support of former Vice Chancellors Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Prof. M.G. Krishnan, Prof. D. Shivalingaiah and Dr. Vidyashankar S., along with the continued encouragement of the present Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse. Prof. A. Somashekhar served as the first Director of the Chair.

Since 2015, the Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram Studies, Research and Extension Centre at Karnataka State Open University has been organizing academic and extension programmes to enhance the intellectual knowledge of faculty, researchers, students, and society. The Centre promotes Babuji's intellectual thoughts, speeches, writings, constitutional values, and social movements, which remain relevant in building a socially and economically equal, just, and enlightened India. It also encourages scientific thinking, rationality, and social responsibility among the younger generation. Presently, Dr. R. Sharanamma, Associate Professor, DOS&R in Education, is contributing valuable academic services to the Centre through its academic, research, and extension activities regularly.

Dr. Babu Jagjeevanaram's Contribution

Green Revolution:

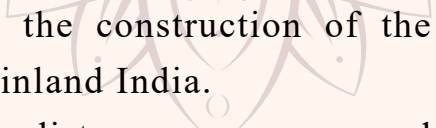
As Union Agriculture Minister during two separate tenures, he contributed significantly to the Green Revolution and the modernization of Indian agriculture, particularly during the 1974 drought when he was entrusted with addressing a severe food crisis.

- **Agricultural Modernization:** He provided vital support for scientific farming and agricultural research, particularly with scientists like Dr. M.S. Swaminathan.
- **Irrigation Expansion:** As Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, he focused on expanding water infrastructure to boost crop production.
- **Policy Support for Farmers:** He implemented policies that provided incentives to farmers and fostered agricultural production.

Food Minister:

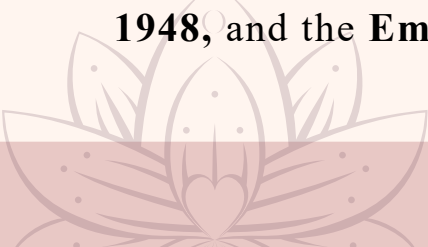
Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram, fondly known as 'Babuji', played a pivotal role as India's Food and Agriculture Minister (1967-1970, 1974-1977), steering the nation toward food self-reliance during critical shortages. He was a key architect of the Green Revolution, implementing modern agricultural techniques, promoting high-yield variety seeds, and ensuring food security during severe droughts.

- **Railway Minister:** Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram, as Railway Minister (1956-1962), modernized Indian Railways, introduced sleeper coaches, and improved passenger amenities, notably holding a five-year record with no passenger fare increases. He prioritized infrastructure by constructing the Brahmaputra Bridge, improving North-East connectivity, and focused on staff welfare.

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- **Infrastructure Development:** He initiated key railway projects and oversaw the construction of the strategically vital Brahmaputra bridge, linking Assam and the North-East with mainland India.
 - **Modernization & Amenities:** Introduced sleeper coaches for the comfort of long-distance passengers and modernized rail services.
 - **Financial Stability:** Maintained a record of not increasing passenger fares for five years while managing the massive railway network.
 - **Labour Welfare:** As a staunch advocate for worker rights, he brought in initiatives to improve the conditions of railway employees.
 - **Institutional Reforms:** Opened new railway lines and organized new railway zones to improve administrative efficiency.
 - **Inclusivity:** Improved accessibility to railway services and upheld the interests of marginalized sections of society, ensuring a more inclusive railway administration.

Labour Minister

As India's first Labour Minister (1947-1952) and later, Babu Jagjivan Ram laid the foundation for modern labour welfare and social security, passing landmark legislation such as the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, and the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. He championed workers' rights, fostered industrial peace, and was the first Asian chair of the ILO.

- **Landmark Legislation:** He was instrumental in passing crucial legislation to protect workers' rights and improve conditions, including the **Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, Minimum Wages Act, 1948,** and the **Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Act, 1948.**
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- **Social Security & Welfare:** Introduced the Employees' Provident Fund Act, 1952, ensuring long-term financial security for industrial employees.
- **Contract Labour Regulation:** During his second term in 1966, he introduced the Contract Labour Bill to regulate and eliminate exploitative labor practices.
- **Industrial Relations:** Focused on improving productivity and maintaining industrial peace, facilitating a balanced relationship between capital and labor.
- **International Representation:** As the first Indian Labour Minister to preside over the International Labour Organization (ILO) meet in Geneva in 1950, he enhanced India's status in promoting global labor standards.
- **National Commission on Labour:** Appointed the Gajendragadkar commission to review and recommend improvements to the conditions of workers in independent India.

Defence Minister:

He worked as the Minister of Defence (1970–74) making him the virtual No. 2 in the cabinet, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation (1974–77). It was during his tenure as the minister of Defence that the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971 was fought, and Bangladesh gained independence.

Deputy PM:

Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram (Babuji), the 4th Deputy Prime Minister of India (1979), was a monumental leader who championing social justice and serving as the longest-tenured union cabinet minister. He held key positions in the coalition government and was a key player in Indian politics and contributing to India's democratic strengthening after the Emergency. As a prominent Dalit leader, he bolstered social justice, advocated for the rights of the depressed classes

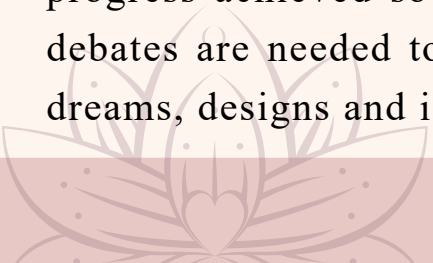
ABOUT THE CONFERENCE



A major section of the Indian Society was excluded from the main stream of life for several centuries in the name of inhuman practices. In Indian history, great social and religious reformers made systematic efforts to create awareness among the people and few leader continued this Struggle consistently for the well being of the depressed class. A veteran political leader Babu Jagajeevanram is one among them. His role in Indian freedom movement is not only significant but also incredible. Being a close associate of Indian National Congress, he sincerely tried to include measures of untouchables' welfare in the agenda of congress. He contributed to the improvement of the Indian society with his rich knowledge and experience. The mission of his life was to empower the lower castes in all the respects. When he was agriculture minister, he devised his own strategy to increase the agricultural products and make India self reliant in food grains. It was because of his efforts India stopped importing of wheat from USA in 1951.

He ignited the minds of untouchables to fight for social justice and equality. His emphasis on providing education to Dalits boosted their moral and enabled them to come out from centuries old caste imposed restrictions and taboos. His significant role in the implementation of reservation policy is unforgettable. It was he who spent his whole life for the upliftment of the marginalized sections and particularly the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.

In this background, it appears imperative to review the implementation of the laws made and the progress achieved so far and also the bottlenecks to be addressed in both the areas. Discussions and debates are needed to be initiated for the better understanding and adaption of Babu jagajeevanram's dreams, designs and ideologies.



OBJECTIVES OF THE CENTER

- To engage actively in various research activities, research projects related to Dr. Babu Jagjeevanaram's ideology.
- To engage in organizing seminars, conferences, workshops, and special lectures on Dr. Babu Jagjeevanaram and issues related to Dalits and other oppressed classes.
- To evaluate the role of social work in deconstructing and reconstructing a vision of social Development that ensure the meeting of universal needs of marginalized communities.
- To suggest a blueprint and strategies for empowering the marginalized section for inclusive development in the country.

CONFERENCE THEME:

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SUB THEMES

1. Social inequality and exclusion of marginalized communities.
2. The policy of inclusion and exclusion to the constitutional rights.
3. Contemporary vision and social progress and development: rhetoric and reality.
4. Marginalized communities issues related to livelihood and development in context of globalization, liberalization and privatization.
5. Interface between civil society and state for inclusive development Marginalized communities, unorganized sectors and social work practice.
6. Dalit movements and social justice.

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7. Contribution on of Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram to Agriculture & Food Security.
 8. Vision and contribution towards of Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram to Economy.
 9. Contribution of Babuji on Science and Technology.
 10. Contribution of Babuji on Green Revolution.
 11. Contribution of Babuji towards Infrastructural Development.
 12. Political achievement of Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram.
 13. Babuji's role in the development of Trade and Commerce.
 14. International Relations during Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram's administration.
 15. Contribution or Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram to the weaker Sections of the Society.
 16. Vision of Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram towards upliftment of SC/ST/Women/Depressed Sections of the Society.
 17. Labour Laws and Society during Babu Jagajeevan Ram's administration.
 18. Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram and his Administrative Skill.
 19. Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram's role in Indo-Pak war.
 20. Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram as a Pioneer of Modern India.

Call for Paper:

Research papers are invited from academicians, researchers, scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students on the conference themes and sub-themes related to the thoughts and contributions of Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram.

Guidelines for Submission of Paper:

Full papers should be submitted in MS Word format (A4 size) using Times New Roman font with 14 pt headings, 12 pt text, and 1.5 line spacing following APA Style. The paper should be 3000-5000 words and accompanied by a separate cover page containing the title, author details, institution, mobile number, and e-mail ID. Papers may be submitted in English or Kannada. Only original and unpublished papers are accepted. The last date for submission is 31st May 2026. Papers should be sent to dr.babujagajeevanram@gmail.com

Note:

Only one author is permitted for registration. In the event of multiple authors, separate registration are required. Participants can make payment through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) for the following account number.

Bank Name	State Bank of India
Account Name	Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram Chair
Account Number	64171252593
Account Type	Savings Bank Account
IFSC Code	SBIN0040166

Details of Registration Fee

Faculty Members/ Indian Delegates	Rs. 1,000/-
Research Scholars	Rs. 700/-
Students	Rs. 500/-
Spot Registration	Rs. 1,500/-

Note: Spot Registration is also allowed only for accepted papers.

Important Dates

Tentative Conference Dates	Second week of June 2026
Last Date for Submission of Full Paper	31 st May 2026
Communication of Acceptance	04 th June 2026
Last date for Registration	06 th June 2026

Note: The Research Paper will be published in **ISSN peer** reviewed journal.

Accomodation: Free accommodation will be arranged by the organizers for paper presenters on a twin-sharing basis at the University Hostel. Participants who require hostel accommodation are requested to inform the organizers at the earliest.

Registration Link:

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Scan QR Code to get Registration link





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