



BAGALKOT UNIVERSITY, JAMKHANDI

(State Public University of Govt. of Karnataka)

DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES IN COMMERCE



**Indian Council of Social Sciences Research-Southern Regional Centre (ICSSR-SRC)
Sponsored Two Day National Seminar on**

**“GST REFORMS IN INDIA: IMPLICATIONS FOR MSMEs AND
THE EXPANDING E-COMMERCE ECOSYSTEM”**

13th & 14th March 2026



Venue: Bagalkot University, Jamkhandi, Karnataka

About ICSSR

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), established in 1969 by the Government of India, stands as the premier institution in India dedicated to fostering and advancing research in the social sciences. As the apex body in this domain, ICSSR plays a multifaceted role. It provides critical financial support to a wide range of research projects undertaken by scholars across diverse disciplines,

including sociology, economics, history, anthropology, political science, and many others. Recognizing the importance of nurturing future generations of researchers, ICSSR actively supports research training programs, fellowships, and conferences, thereby enhancing research skills and fostering a vibrant academic community. Furthermore, ICSSR serves as a vital bridge between research and policy by actively disseminating research findings through publications, seminars, and workshops, and by providing valuable expert advice and inputs to policymakers on crucial social issues. Through these concerted efforts, ICSSR has made significant contributions to the advancement of social science research in India, generating valuable insights into contemporary social challenges and shaping a better future for the nation.

About ICSSR-SRC, Hyderabad

The ICSSR–Southern Regional Centre (ICSSR-SRC), Hyderabad, functions as an important regional arm of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, committed to promoting and strengthening social science research across the southern states of India. Established to decentralize research support and outreach, the Centre plays a proactive role in facilitating scholarly activities in disciplines such as economics, sociology, commerce, political science, public administration, and allied fields. It extends financial assistance for research projects, organizes academic programs, and supports scholars through grants, workshops, and collaborative initiatives, thereby expanding the regional research ecosystem. In addition to funding and academic facilitation, ICSSR-SRC, Hyderabad, serves as a dynamic platform for intellectual exchange by hosting seminars, conferences, training programmes, and capacity-building workshops. The Centre actively disseminates research outcomes through publications and academic interactions, helping bridge the gap between research, policy formulation, and societal development. By nurturing young researchers, encouraging interdisciplinary dialogue, and addressing region-specific social issues, ICSSR-SRC continues to contribute meaningfully to the growth of social science research and to informed policymaking in South India.

About Bagalkot University

Bagalkot University (BGKU) is a state public university established by the Government of Karnataka under the Karnataka State Universities (Amendment) Act 2022. University started functioning in the year 2023. The university is headquartered in Jamkhandi, a historically significant region of North Karnataka. BGKU is the first fully digital and entrepreneurial model university designed to promote skill-based learning and the “Earn While You Learn” initiative. The university is focused on empowering rural students by integrating technical courses, skill-based programs, and digital learning platforms to enhance employability and entrepreneurship.

Vision

“The University shall be transforming wellbeing of the society, by bench-marking itself globally, through innovation in Education, Research, transferable skills, Entrepreneurship and self-sustainability”

Mission

- Empower students, faculty, and staff to fulfil their academic and professional dreams by facilitating the implementation of emergent and creative shifts in all walks of Academics and Research.
- Create a learning environment to discover, think critically, develop knowledge, and cultivate human values to improve the quality of life.
- Get into the act of community engagement at all levels and create a process of alumni and societal participation through programs that build lifelong relationship.
- Encourage the feeling of self-identity by participating extensively in programs related to curricular and co-curricular activities.
- Develop innovative as well as entrepreneurial mindset and build an effective Industry-Connect.

About the Seminar

The Department of Studies in Commerce, Bagalkot University, Jamkhandi, in association with ICSSR – Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad, is organizing a Two-Day National Conference on “GST Reforms in India: Implications for MSMEs and the Expanding E-Commerce Ecosystem” on 13–14 March 2026. The conference aims to discuss recent GST reforms and their impact on MSMEs, digital compliance, supply chains, and the growing e-commerce ecosystem, with expert academicians and researchers sharing insights through plenary sessions, technical sessions, panel discussions, and a special young scholars’ session, providing a valuable platform for faculty, researchers, and students to exchange ideas and strengthen academic and policy-oriented understanding.

Key Objectives of the Seminar

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) has significantly transformed the business environment for MSMEs and the e-commerce sector in India, bringing both opportunities and challenges. In this context, the conference focuses on examining these changes through the following objectives:

- Critically examine the impact of GST reforms on MSME performance, entrepreneurship, and participation in e-commerce platforms.
- Analyse the role of GST in facilitating or constraining the expansion of India’s digital and platform-based economy.
- Identify compliance challenges, cost structures, and digital readiness issues faced by MSMEs under the GST regime.
- Examine the implications of GST for market integration, supply chains, employment, and ease of doing business.
- Assess the effectiveness of GST-related digital systems such as GSTN, e-invoicing, and return filing in enhancing transparency and efficiency among MSMEs.
- Evaluate the awareness, adaptability, and capacity of MSMEs to comply with evolving GST regulations in a digital business environment.

Sub Themes of the Seminar

- Evolution of Indirect Taxation in India and the GST Framework
- GST Reforms and Structural Changes in MSME Cost, Pricing, and Competitiveness
- GST and the Growth of the E-Commerce Ecosystem in India
- Compliance, Digitalisation, and Formalisation of MSMEs under GST
- GST, E-Commerce Platforms, and Regulatory Challenges (TCS, E-Invoicing, Data Reporting)
- Impact of GST on MSME Employment, Start-ups, and Entrepreneurship
- Sectoral Analysis: MSMEs in Manufacturing, Services, Logistics, Retail, and Digital Trade under GST
- GST Reforms and Ease of Doing Business for Small Sellers and Online Enterprises
- GST, Consumer Behaviour, and Market Access in Digital and Offline Channels
- GST Reforms, Revenue Mobilisation, and Fiscal Policy Implications for MSMEs and E-Commerce.
- Any other topics related to the main theme.

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From	Distance to Jamkhandi	Best Travel Mode	Near	varies	Local Bus / Taxi
Vijayapur	64 km	Bus / Taxi	By Train	Nearest station at Vijayapur / Bagalkot	Road thereafter
Bagalkot	71 km	Bus / Taxi			
Belagavi	144 km	Bus / Taxi			
Dharwad	144 km	Bus / Taxi	By Air	Belagavi and Hubli	Road thereafter

Tourists Places nearby the Bagalkot University



Vijayapura and Bagalkot districts in North Karnataka offer a rich tapestry of Islamic architecture and ancient Chalukyan temples, with highlights including the world-famous Gol Gumbaz, Badami Cave Temples, and the Pattadakal UNESCO World Heritage site. Other key attractions include the historic Bara Kaman in Bijapur and the temple town of Aihole in Bagalkot. Jamkhandi is known for its Patwardhan Palace, an architectural masterpiece that perfectly captures the grandeur and opulence of Maratha rulers. UNESCO has described Pattadakal as "a harmonious blend of architectural forms from northern and southern India" and an illustration of "eclectic art" at its height. The Hindu temples are generally dedicated to Shiva, but elements of Vaishnavism and Shaktism theology and legends are also featured. The friezes in the Hindu temples display various Vedic and Puranic concepts, depict stories from the Ramayana, the Mahabharata, the Bhagavata Purana, as well as elements of other Hindu texts, such as the Panchatantra and the Kiratarjuniya. The Jain temple is only dedicated to a single Jina. The most sophisticated temples, with complex friezes and a fusion of Northern and Southern styles, are found in the Papanatha and Virupaksha temples. The Virupaksha temple is an active house of Hindu worship.

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