

CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore
School of Humanities & Performing Arts
Kannada Sangha

Report of Kavidina 2026

General Information

Type of Activity	Commemoration of the 130th birth anniversary of Kannada Poet Dr. D.R Bendre
Title of the Activity	KAVIDINA 2026
Date/s	30 January 2026
Time	4.00 -6.30pm
Venue	802, Syndicate Room, Central Campus, Bangalore
Collaboration/Sponsor (if any)	Nil

Speaker Details

Name	<i>Dr. Shyamasundara Bidarakundi</i>
Title/Position	A leading Writer in Kannada language . He was a Professor at Govt. First Grade college Dharwad.
Organization	Retired Professor from Govt. First Grade college Dharwad.
Title of Presentation	Chief Guest Speaker
Name	<i>Raghunath Chaha</i>
Title/Position	Writer & Journalist in Kannada
Organization	Prajavani Daily News Paper
Title of Presentation	Reviewed the released book <i>Honna Haravu</i>

(Add/repeat above rows if there is more than one Speaker)

Participant's profile:

Type of Participants	Academicians, Faculty Members, Students, Invitees & General Public
No. of Participants	130

Synopsis of the Activity (Description)

Highlights of the Activity	Kannada Sangha was founded in the year 1971. It has encouraged and provided an opportunity to write for hundreds of writers. It has created and spread a sense of cultural sensitivity across the Karnataka state. Kannada Sangha arranged and conducted Kavidina programme to commemorate the 130th birth anniversary of Kannada Poet Dr. D.R Bendre. 3 books were released on that day. <i>Honna Haravu</i> a book edited by Shri S R Vijayashankara & Dr. Rathi M T, <i>Sulida Belakina Minchu</i> a prize-winning poem by various college students and <i>Dr. A.Na. Kru. Katha Spardhe- 15</i> by various College students across Karnataka were released.
Key Takeaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Bendre made significant contributions to the field of Kannada literature.<input type="checkbox"/> His linguistic talent was exceptional and distinctive.

	<input type="checkbox"/> Bendre cultivated and enriched the appreciation of poetry among readers. <input type="checkbox"/> He inspired and motivated young minds to promote Karnataka's culture, the Kannada language, and its art forms.
Summary of the Activity	It was a two-hour programme that began with an invocation. Dr. Syamasundara Bidarakundi released the above-mentioned three books. Rev. Fr. Dr. Varghese K. J., Chief Finance Officer of Christ (Deemed to be University), delivered the presidential address. Dr. Shivanand Tavali presented the welcome address, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Mukund Naragund. Dr. Prashanth A. S. served as the Master of Ceremonies. The programme was organized by Dr. Rathi M. T., Coordinator of the Kannada Sangha.

Rapporteur

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Descriptive Report:

At the Kavi Dina programme organized by Christ Kannada Sangha, noted speaker Shyamasundar Bidarakundi reflected on the enduring legacy of D. R. Bendre. He observed that while institutions elsewhere may have failed to adequately remember Bendre, Christ University not only celebrates his name but also actively nurtures new literary talent in his spirit. Highlighting Bendre's commitment to Kannada despite his Marathi mother tongue, he emphasized the poet's rich contribution to both poetry and prose, his revival of dormant Kannada words, and his belief that dedication to meaningful literary work.

Journalist Raghunath, speaking on the book *Honna Haravu*, edited by S R Vijayashankar and Dr. Rathi M T described it as more than a commemorative volume. He noted that the work documents fifty years of Kannada literary history alongside the journey of the Kannada Sangha, bringing together eminent writers and significant critical insights. The book serves as a valuable reference text for understanding Bendre's multifaceted genius and provides fresh perspectives through essays, language reflections, and selected prefaces that reopen important literary debates of the past half-century.

Co-editor S. R. Vijayashankar stated that *Honna Haravu* was conceived not as a celebratory souvenir but as a serious academic resource for students and scholars of Kannada literature.

University Finance Officer Rev. Fr. Varghese K. J., who presided over the event, underscored the need to nurture the heart and intellect in a rapidly changing world and described the Sangha's golden jubilee as a return to humanistic roots. He announced forthcoming grand celebrations and the felicitation of authors associated with the Sangha, warmly inviting all to participate.

The program ended with light refreshments to the assembled guests. Thus, the book release ceremony of the year 2026 was held with great success.

