Honourable Chief Guest, Prof. Mallika S Ghanati, Registrar, Kuvempu University, Director of Conference Prof. S.L. Sangam, and the president of valedictory function, University Librarian, Dr. K C Ramakrishnegowda and his family, Organising Secretary Prof. B S Biradar, members of organising committee, distinguished delegates, invitees, and student friends.

With immense pleasure and honour, I present before you the proceedings of the one-day National Conference on the theme entitled "Scientometrics, Big Data Analytics and Libraries" organised by Department of PG Studies and Research in Library and Information Science of Kuvempu University in association with Institute of Scientometrics held in this beautiful campus of Kuvempu University located under the tree cover of Sahyadri hills.

The conference has reflected the true professional spirit with active participation of around 100 registered delegates apart from invited resource persons.

The inaugural function of the conference started at 09.45 AM in Prof. Hiremath Hall with an invocation song by Miss. Vinutha.

Dr. B. S. Biradar, Professor and Chairman, Department of PG Studies and Research in Library and Information Science welcomed the gathering.

Prof. S.A. Bari, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University inaugurated the conference by lighting the lamp along with other dignitaries, and released the conference volume in e-book format. A heart-warming special felicitation was organized for Dr. K. C. Ramakrishnegowda on his superannuation. The felicitation was presided by Vice-Chancellor, accompanied by Registrar and other dignitaries.

Dr. S. M. Pujar, Deputy Librarian, IGIDR was also felicitated and was awarded the prestigious “Fellow of Institute of Scientometrics” with citation and cash prize Rs.10,000/- instituted by Prof. S.L. Sangam the Co-ordinator of Institute of Scientometrics for his lifelong contribution in the field of Library and Information science.

Prof. S. A Bari, spoke about the conference and made felicitated Dr. K. C. Ramakrishnegowda on his superannuation. He recalled his long association with K. C. Ramakrishnegowda and highlighted the good work ethics displayed by the University Librarian. He made special observations that he has distinguished Kuvempu University library different, unique and special with regard to the services to its readers from among the other universities in Karnataka. He wished Dr. Gowda and his wife for a happy and prosperous post-retirement life.

Prof S.L. Sangam, Director of this conference, presented a brief note about the conference programme and highlighted the aims and objectives of “Institute of Scientometrics.”

Dr. I. R. N. Goudar, Former Head, ICAST, NAL, Bangalore and Advisor, University Library, Bangalore University, delivered the keynote address with a focal theme “Academic Excellence and Research Quality Indicators: A Scientometric Approach”
A total of 36 papers were included in the conference volume, out of which 20 papers were presented by the authors in different technical sessions. Two technical sessions were planned to present the articles in a logical order with the following themes.

**Theme 1: Scientometrics and Informetrics**

**Theme 2: Big Data Analytics**

**Technical Session I**
**Theme: Scientometrics and Informetrics**

The session was chaired by Dr. S. K. Savanur, Department of Library and Information Science, Shri Bedekar College, Thane. In this technical session, 16 papers are included out of which 10 papers were presented.

- Prof. S. L. Sangam presented a paper on “Collaborative Research in Demography”
- S. S. Munnolli and S. M Pujar presented a paper on “Impact of Highly Cited Indian Cancer Research papers on Altmetric Explorer: An Exploratory Study”
- Bankapur and Ayachit presented a paper on “Spectrum of Spectroscopy in IOP Sciences: A Scientometrics Study”
- Kiran Savanur and Basavaraj Ganiger presented their paper titled “Scientometrics Analysis of Cloud Computing Research as Reflected in Web of Science Database During 2007-2013”
- Shivaranjini presented her paper titled “Almetrics: An Overview”
- Kiran Savanur and Srikanth presented their paper “H: A Coauthorship-adjusted h-Index”
- Someshkara presented a paper titled “H-Index: A study of University of Mysore Publication Based on Web of Science Database”
- Saravanan and Anindya Basu presented their paper entitled “Authorship and Collaboration Pattern in Ecological Applications: A Scientometrics Study”

**Technical Session II**
**Theme: Big Data Analytics**

The session was chaired by Dr. S. M. Pujar, IGIDR, Mumbai. In this technical session, 10 papers were presented.

- Ananda Byrappa presented his paper on “Big Data Analytics”
- Dr. S. K. Savanur presented a paper on “Big Data Analytics in Scientometrics”
- Divyashree B.A and Geetha M presented their paper entitled “Social OPAC: The New Generation OPAC”
• The best paper has been awarded to Mr. Ananda Byrappa, Global Head, GE, Bangalore for his paper on “Big Data Analytics” and other papers were presented.

Mr Chairman and friends, I wish to place on record the active participation of delegates to make the conference academically more meaningful and also efforts put in by the organizing committee in organizing the conference in a befitting manner.

I appreciate and thank the organizers and the Director Prof S. L. Sangam for giving me an opportunity to serve as Rapportuer-General of this conference. I profusely thank to one-and-all, and the chairmen’s of technical sessions for their commendable job in successful management of technical sessions. I am sure the participants have gained academic and professional dividends by participating in this conference and enjoyed a pleasant stay in this beautiful campus.

Director Organising Secretary Rapportuer General