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**with**  
**BELGAUM INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (BIRDS), BELAGAVI DIST.**

## **A REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “NEWER CONCERNS OF OLDER PERSONS”**

National Conference on “Newer Concerns of Older Persons” organized by the Department of Social Work and the Centre for Disaster Mitigation and Natural Calamity (CDMNC), in collaboration with Belgaum Integrated Rural Development Society (BIRDS), Belgaum Dist. was inaugurated by **Sri. R.M. Patil**, Executive Director, Belgaum Integrated Rural Development Society (BIRDS) on **30<sup>th</sup> October 2012** in Sir M. Visveswaraiah Auditorium, Tumkur University Campus, Tumkur.



**Sri. R.M. Patil**, Executive Director, Belgaum Integrated Rural Development Society (BIRDS), in his Inaugural Address, said that planning for one’s old age is the responsibility of every individual. Hence, the culture of preparing for healthy and happy old age should begin at 40 years of age.

**Dr. Radha S. Murthy**, Managing Trustee, Nightingales Medical Trust, Bengaluru was the Chief Guest for the function. She, in her Key Note Address, stated that opening more Old Age Homes is not the solution for the newer problems being faced by the Elderly in India. She advocated for opening greater number of Day Care Centres and also for strengthening traditional community ties to reach out to the Older Persons.

**Dr Anil Kakunje**, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Yenepoya Medical College, Mangalore and **Dr. G. Robert Clive**, Associate Professor of Rural Development, Crossland College, Brahmavar, Udupi Dist., and **Dr. B.S. Gunjal**, Associate Professor of Social Work, Kuvempu University were the main resource persons for the day.

**Prof. Jayasheela**, Dean – Faculty of Arts, Tumkur University, **Dr Parashurama K.G.**, the Chairperson, Department of Social Work, **Dr. Rameh B.**, Associate Professor of Social Work and **Dr. Lokesh M.U.**, Assistant Professor of Social Work were present. **Dr Ashok D'Souza**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, was the Organizing Secretary of the Conference,

The Conference was well attended by academics, research scholars, Government officials and NGO functionaries from all over the country.