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Dr. Sumanth Shankarayya Hiremath is serving as an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, and has more than 19 years of teaching & research experience. He is a member of the Department Council, Doctoral Committee, Board of Studies (BoS), and Board of Examiners (BoE) at RCU and to various other Indian universities. Additionally, he serves as 'Nodal Officer' for the *Association of Indian Universities* at Rani Channamma University. Previously he has served as the Chairman, Dept. of Sociology (2023-2025), and Nodal Officer, Youth Red Cross (2018-19 & 2022-25) of the university.

His research interests include *Sociology of Elite; Urban Sociology; Environmental Sociology, Gender Studies; Elderly Studies; Sociology of Communication & Media; and the intersection of Society, Education & Information Communication Technology (ICT)*. As part of his research experience, he assisted a research candidate from McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in partially fulfilling the thesis requirements.

Dr. Sumanth is the author of three books: '*Education in India: Impact of Globalisation and ICT*' (2019); '*Women Empowerment in the 21st Century: A Sociological Perspective*' (2018); and '*Sports and Society: Sociological Perspectives*' (2025), and two books are under review for publication. He has also edited three books: '*Globalisation and Indian Society*' (2014); '*Impact of Globalisation on Indian Society*' (2015), and '*Smart Cities in India: Issues and Challenges*' (2025). He has published more than 75 research papers in international journals of repute and has a good number of citations.

Dr. Sumanth has completed one minor & one major research project funded by RCU, Belagavi. He serves as the '*Editorial Manager*' for Elsevier's '*International Journal of Educational Research Open*' and as an '*Editorial Board Member*' for the '*World Journal of Public Health*'. He also holds positions as '*Associate Editor*', '*Journal Reviewer*' for several international journals.

Dr. Sumanth has served as resource person for various University Grants Commission's (UGC) Human Resource Development Centres (HRDC) in India. He has delivered over 60 special lectures across India and abroad, and presented more than 130 research papers at conferences across the globe. Dr. Sumanth has organised four national seminars, one international webinar, and several environmental & health awareness programmes.

As a research guide, Dr. Sumanth has guided two PhD scholars to completion and currently two research scholars are pursuing their doctoral degrees.

Dr. Sumanth was awarded the '*National Merit Scholarship-Government of India*' for his postgraduate studies, as well as a '*Research Fellowship*' for his PhD programme. He was also honoured with the prestigious '*Karnataka Rajya Pratibha Puraskar*'.

As a young educationist, Dr. Sumanth was invited as a '*Panellist*' in the '*Panel Discussion*' at the '*World School Summit*' Conference '*Global Educational Discourse-2023*' held at Taylor's University, Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA, and he received the '*Best Paper Presenter*' award.

Dr. Sumanth is an 'Academic Member' of the 'Athens Institute for Education & Research, Athens, GREECE. He is associated as a 'Life Member' with the 'International Sociological Association', 'Indian Sociological Society', 'Karnataka Sociology Association', 'Association of Gerontology', and 'Indian Red Cross Society'. Previously, he served as Joint Secretary of the Karnataka Sociology Association (2019-2024) and as 'Secretary' of the Indian Red Cross Society, District Branch, Belagavi (2022-2025).

As a part of academic visits, Dr. Sumanth has travelled to various countries like- Toronto, CANADA; New York, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; Melbourne, AUSTRALIA; Bangkok, THAILAND; Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA; Rabat & Casablanca, MOROCCO; and Doha, QATAR.

Dr. Sumanth is known for his student mentoring, he is an active blood donor (AB -ve) and he is known for his social service.

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