

Karnataka Janapada Vishwavidyalaya (Karnataka Folklore University)

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In news- Karnataka Janapada Vishwavidyalaya (Karnataka Folklore University) has now set its eyes on expanding its reach globally. It is approaching colleges and organisations across the world.

About the University-

- **It is a public university exclusively dedicated to the study and research of folklore.**
- It was **established in 2011 at Shiggavi in Haveri district of Karnataka** by the state government.
- It is the **only university in the world which offers courses in folk arts and culture.**
- **Presently, it offers certificate courses in doddada (folk drama), dollu kunitha, kamsale,** thogalu bombeyata (puppet show), traditional embroidery, folk tourism, folk songs, folk dances, bamboo art, folk martial arts, folk sports, percussion instrument, and yoga.
- It offers diploma courses in open air theatre, yakshagana, traditional tattoo art, martial arts and yoga. It also offers PhD courses.
- **It also offers postgraduate diploma courses** in folk poetry, traditional dairy and traditional horticulture.
- **University functions under the Department of Higher Education** and some of the courses they offer have been included in the syllabus designed under the National Education Policy.
- The university has also published an exclusive dictionary of folk words and has published more than 200

books .