



## **Dynamic Knowledge, Diminishing Language and Uneven Development**

*A Guest Lecture delivered by Dr. G.N. Devy*

As part of the series of lectures titled 'Dialogues on Development', the Baha'i Chair for Studies in Development at Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore is pleased to announce a lecture delivered online by renowned thinker, writer and cultural activist, Prof. G.N. Devy on Thursday 16 June 2022 from 3 to 4 pm on the theme 'Dynamic Knowledge, Diminishing Language and Uneven Development'. Those interested in participating in the lecture may register online at <https://forms.gle/N9tP5wL8f8Vc6X5b8> .

Drawing on illustrative examples from India and several other countries, the lecture will explore the links between knowledge, language and social and economic development. It will provide a historical overview of how 'knowledge' became an institution whose foundations have in recent times been rapidly shifting. It will present an overview of how language diversity has helped the growth of human cognitive abilities and how in the past many decades this linguistic diversity has been rapidly diminishing. The lecture is intended to deepen insight into the organic links between what we do in educational institutions and the society in which we find ourselves.

### *About the speaker:*

Dr. Ganesh N. Devy is a thinker, cultural activist and an institution builder best known for the *People's Linguistic Survey of India* and the *Adivasi Academy* created by him. He writes in three languages – Marathi, Gujarati and English. His first full length book in English *After Amnesia* (1992) was hailed immediately upon its publication as a classic in literary theory. Since its publication, he has written and edited close to ninety influential books. Prof. Devy was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India, the Linguapax Award by UNESCO and SAARC Writers' Foundation Award.