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THE ROLE OF KANNADA NEWSPAPERS IN THE INDIAN FREEDOM MOVEMENT: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT:

This article highlights the role of Kannada newspapers in the Indian independence movement, which played a significant role in spreading awareness and promoting nationalist sentiments among the Kannada-speaking population. This article examines the emergence of Kannada newspapers in the early 20th century as an important platform for expressing political views and promoting nationalist ideas. The article also analyzes the ways in which Kannada newspapers organized public meetings, protests and rallies and disseminated information about the freedom struggle to the masses. Additionally, the article discusses how Kannada newspapers also promoted the use of the Kannada language in official and educational settings, which was an important aspect of the Indian nationalist movement. Overall, the article argues that Kannada newspapers played an important role in raising public awareness, engaging people in the freedom struggle and promoting the values of nationalism and linguistic diversity.



KEYWORDS: *Kannada newspapers, Indian freedom movement, nationalism, linguistic diversity, public awareness.*

INTRODUCTION

The Indian independence movement was a period of significant political, social and cultural upheaval in India, as various groups sought to establish their identities and challenge British colonial rule. During this period, Kannada newspapers emerged as important platforms for expressing political views and promoting nationalist ideas. These newspapers played an important role in organizing public meetings, protests and rallies and imparting information about the freedom struggle to the masses.

Historical Perspective:

The emergence of Kannada newspapers in the early 20th century was a significant development in the Indian independence movement. These newspapers reported on the political developments of the country, published articles on the need for independence and encouraged people to participate in the freedom struggle. Some of the leading Kannada newspapers that played a crucial role in the Indian independence movement include 'Karnataka Vaibhav,' 'Prajavani,' 'Kannada Prabha' and 'Sanyukta Karnataka'.

Kannada newspapers played an important role in raising public awareness about the injustices of British colonial rule, exposing the oppressive policies of the British government and raising voice against the discriminatory treatment of Indians. Additionally, Kannada newspapers played a significant role in promoting the use of the Kannada language in official and educational settings, which was an important aspect of the Indian nationalist movement. They advocated the use of regional languages in schools and government offices and promoted the idea of linguistic diversity as a crucial part of Indian culture.

Impacts:

The impact of Kannada newspapers on the Indian independence movement was significant. These newspapers played an important role in mobilizing people to participate in the freedom struggle and spreading awareness about the need for national unity and the importance of linguistic diversity. Newspapers organized public meetings, protests and rallies, which played an important role in raising public awareness and creating a sense of national identity.

Additionally, Kannada newspapers also played an important role in promoting the use of Kannada language in official and educational settings. This helped instill a sense of linguistic pride in the Kannada-speaking population and contributed to a wider movement for linguistic diversity in India.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, Kannada newspapers played an important role in the Indian independence movement by raising public awareness, mobilizing people to participate in the struggle, and promoting the values of nationalism and linguistic diversity. The emergence of these newspapers in the early 20th century marked a significant development in the Indian nationalist movement and their impact on shaping public opinion and promoting political activism cannot be overstated. As such, the role of Kannada newspapers in the Indian freedom movement continues to be an important chapter in the history of India's freedom struggle.

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