



FORUM FOR INTEGRATED NATIONAL SECURITY (FINS), BELAGAVI

A DECADE OF SERVICE TO THE NATION

10TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME: 20TH DECEMBER 2025

Forum for Integrated National Security (FINS), Belagavi Chapter, organised a commemorative programme to celebrate the successful completion of ten years of its activities. The occasion marked an important milestone in the Chapter's journey and reflected its sustained efforts in promoting national security awareness, social harmony, and responsible citizenship.

Shri Tejasvi Surya, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, was invited as the Chief Guest for the programme and delivered a talk on **Social Harmony – Fundamental to National Security**. The programme brought together veterans, academicians, youth, NCC cadets, and citizens committed to nation-building.

Homage to Departed Members

The programme commenced with a solemn tribute, paying homage to departed members who had made significant contributions to FINS Belagavi. The gathering respectfully remembered Late Shri Mohan Ijare, Late Shri L. K. Havanur, Late Shri Hemant Deshpande, and Late Shri Govind Phadke, acknowledging their selfless service and dedication to the organisation and the nation.

Commemoration of 150 Years of Vande Mataram

This year held special national significance with the completion of 150 glorious years of "**Vande Mataram**." To mark this historic milestone, Purna Vande Mataram was recited in unison at the commencement of the programme, symbolising unity, patriotism, and reverence for the motherland. The rendition was gracefully led by Smt. Vinita Kulkarni, creating a deeply inspiring atmosphere.

Presentation on the Ten-Year Journey of FINS Belagavi

Shri Kishore Kakade presented the ten-year journey of FINS Belagavi through a detailed PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the evolution, initiatives, and impact of the organisation on the society in general and the youth in particular. The presentation traced the formation of Belagavi Chapter inspired by the programme "**Sarhad Ko Pranaam**," in which 25–30 young individuals from Belagavi had participated. It was on 8th May 2015, in a meeting presided by Shri Vijay Gore, IAS, Vice President, FINS, that it was decided to launch the Belagavi Chapter of FINS Belagavi. FINS Belagavi finally came into existence on 28th June 2015, in the presence of Adv. Vasant Hegde, Secretary, FINS Bengaluru.

Highlights of Major Activities and Outreach Programmes

The presentation outlined several important programmes conducted over the years, including interactions with Lt Gen D. B. Shekatkar, FINS National President, programmes on National Security Challenges and the Role of Youth at various educational institutions.

Good Citizens Drive (अच्छे नागरिक अभियान)

This is an initiative undertaken this year with the aim of inculcating values such as patriotism, honesty, social harmony, civic responsibility, respect for public property, scientific temper, social responsibility, and environmental consciousness. We have collaborated with over 10 schools in and around Belagavi, wherein the students themselves will be talking on these topics as part of the Class Assemblies.

Engaging the Youth and NCC Cadets

As part of its decade-long initiatives, FINS Belagavi has actively engaged NCC cadets through workshops on “**Empowering the Youth for Nation Building**,” and Quiz Contests on “**Bharat Ko Jano.**”

Programmes for the General Public

The presentation also highlighted programmes organised for the general public, including discussions on Unrest in Jammu & Kashmir,, Role of Media in Protecting National Interests, Urban Naxalism, Highlights of Kargil War, CPEC and its Impact on National Security and Turmoil Within and the Way Ahead. We conducted a few outreach programmes with industrial employees, on internal security challenges their role in ensuring internal security.

Participation by our members in the national level activities of FINS, namely SAGAR Discourse 1 and 2 at Goa were also highlighted in the presentation.

Address by the Chief Guest

Shri Tejasvi Surya, commenced his talk by recalling his association with Belagavi when he was just about nine years old. He spoke about the Kargil War in which his friend's father was martyred, which prompted him to raise funds towards the welfare of Battle Casualties & families of martyrs by selling his paintings. Paying rich tributes to the sacrifices of the Indian Armed Forces, he extolled the youth to adopt self discipline and serve the nation with devotion & commitment in any capacity as per their choice.

Emphasizing the significance and beauty of the Purna Vande Mataram, Shri Surya spoke about its in-depth meaning, cultural significance and its power to instil a sense of unity and national pride. He added that it was very unfortunate that a few political entities chose to mislead the citizens about the true intent and meaning of the National Song for petty political gains, thus disturbing the Social Harmony so essential in the prevailing circumstances.

Addressing the youth, he spoke at length about the emerging technological changes including Artificial Intelligence (AI), affecting every sphere of life. He asked them to move beyond Employee – Centric Mindset and focus on Creativity, Ingenuity and Problem Solving abilities. He added that acquiring additional skills is more essential than getting degrees as our nation needs more entrepreneurs than employees. Instead to actively pursue contribute to nation-building through Make in India, and encouraged the development of an

entrepreneurial mindset rather than limiting oneself to an employee mindset. He said that **Make In India** and **Start Up India** initiatives of the government have encouraged many youngsters to create job opportunities and contribute substantially towards Nation Building.

Touching upon the need for Social Harmony for achieving Viksit Bharat, he said that Diversity has been our strength for centuries, but in recent times, the communal divide, especially in urban areas has been growing at an alarming pace and threatening the social fabric. If Bharat has to grow and develop into a strong nation, we need to reinforce our social fabric substantially so that the collective resolve of the citizens combined with our abundant resources and talents will optimise our productivity in every field of economic activity. He recalled the words of Rabindranath Tagore: "**While God waits for his temple to be built of love, men bring stones.**" **And we are busy building barriers.**

He concluded with a simple yet powerful message on social harmony, stating that despite all differences, our identity should be of being **Indian first and Indian last.**

Conclusion and Vote of Thanks

Recalling his experiences in the Army, Maj Gen KN Mirji, Convenor, FINS Belagavi explained how the armed forces continue to exploit the potential strength of diversity by optimally utilizing the unique skills of every community. Even today, there is no mention about an individual soldier's faith. Every soldier and officer automatically adheres to the norms of his/her regimental deity. However, that is may not be possible in the civil society, but respecting each other's faith is definitely possible and is required. This mutual respect will automatically transform into Social harmony he said. He extended gratitude to Shri Tejasvi Surya for accepting the invitation to participate in the programme to commemorate 10 years of FINS Belagavi. He thanked the students of Karnataka Law Society and the citizens of Belagavi for participating in the programme and the local media persons for providing adequate coverage of all the activities of FINS Belagavi.

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