Karnataka Folklore University is established with a specific objective of providing in greater platform in Folklore Studies. Karnataka Janapada Vishwavidyalaya was established in 2011 by an act, The Karnataka Janapada Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyama 2011, of the Government of Karnataka to fulfill the long felt desire of folklorists of Karnataka and to develop Kannada folkloristics on scientific principles.

The university is located at Gotagodi in an idyllic surrounding, in a transitional geographic setting between the leeward of the picturesque Sahyadri range to the west and the rolling plain of Northern Maidan on the east. The campus is located in the revenue limits of Shiggavi Taluk, Haveri District, Karnataka.

There can be no doubt that this university will bring to perspective the vibrant folk culture of Karnataka to topmost level of visibility among all other cultural forms of Karnataka and bring to fruition the meaningful initiative of the Government of Karnataka.

At present in the whole of Asia this is the only university providing advanced teaching, learning and research opportunities to students of folklore and it has a commitment to excel in translating its vision and mission into reality. Establishment of this university has certainly added a new dimension to higher education in Karnataka, worthy of emulation by other linguistic states of India, as the next frontier of inclusive studies of Kannada culture.