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KANNADA VAISHYA WELFARE TRUST – SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRUST

1. To financially support the needy students of the community in pursuing higher education.
2. To identify families lying below the poverty line and assisting them in obtaining housing, providing medical facilities and education for children.
3. To felicitate community members who have made commendable achievements in various fields.
4. To organize career guidance camps and personality development workshops for students from time to time.
5. To organize regular gatherings and invite all prominent community brethren to participate in interactions and exchange of ideas to strengthen the community.
6. To collect information of all the community members and create a database of addresses and host a community website.
7. To incorporate a sense of pride and culture in our youth and awaken them to the needs of the community and the society.
8. To have liaison with other like-minded groups & organizations, participate in their activities and develop a harmonious & cooperative attitude.

Dear members of Kannada Vaishya Samaj,



I wish you and your family a very Happy New Year. I feel happy to communicate with you through our newsletter SPANDANA. I am proud to say that Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust has been carrying out outstanding work for the upliftment of our community members. It's a matter of great pride to know that the entire Vaishya Community is supporting the activities of the Trust. I congratulate all the Trustees and Executive Members of the Trust for discharging their responsibilities in a fruitful manner. I want your continued blessings and cooperation in all our future endeavours.

Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust has been at the forefront in the field of education, economic upliftment, honouring achievers, supporting learning and career development, etc. We have set new traditions like Pratibha Puraskar programmes, wherein students of SSLC and PUC who have scored more than 90 percent are honoured. We have introduced another novel programme of identifying extraordinary persons whose achievements are recognized and conferred them with our KANNADA VAISHYA VIJAYA RATNA AWARD in a glittering function. The first Vijaya Ratna Award function was arranged in Belgaum. Today, we are witnessing the same programme in Bengaluru. Recipients of this award are highly motivated to do many good things in future.

Now, we have a big responsibility of enrolling ourselves in the caste certification process and to implore upon the Govt. to include our caste in the list of E.W.S. in the upper caste category. We have some influential people in our community and I am sure our hard working Trustees will channelize their help and support to achieve our goal.

I earnestly appeal to all of you to continue to support the activities of the Trust. Be liberal in your donations. We have to be financially strong so that we can reach out to a large number of people.

Dr. Shridhar N Shetti
Chairman, K.V.W.Trust

SECRETARIAL NOTES – GAJANAN NAGARKATTE

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust, it is my privilege to present to you the Newsletter for 2017-2019, which provides a summary of all major activities that our Trust had undertaken during the course of these two and a half years. Through this report, our framework, funding, composition, focus and our hopes will be unraveled before you.



It's been 3 years since our journey of supporting and helping the genuine needs of our Kannada Vaishya Samaj members began with the establishment of this Trust. By and large, we have been extremely successful in fulfilling most of our objectives. With the active support our fellow Trustees, we have been time and again lending a helping hand to members of our community, mainly the youth. Programs on career guidance, personality development, felicitation of student achievers, providing economic support to needy members, and many such activities are a staple feature in our agenda.

Along with these activities, we have embarked on some new initiatives. One of them is the **Kannada Vaishya Vijaya Ratna Awards**, which is aimed at honouring outstanding achievements by the members of our community in their chosen fields. We have been identifying and felicitating such achievers at various places so as to motivate our younger generation to do better and excel in their own career and profession. Another assignment we have taken up is the **KVWT Community Outreach Program**, wherein we are able to assist people in need on a case by case basis. The Trust has been instrumental in reaching out to quite a few people directly or by means of community funding. I urge all well to do individuals and families to join us in our endeavour to lend a helping hand to the needy.

Many community members have supported the Trust either by becoming Executive Members or by donating generously to our various projects. I take this opportunity to thank all our well-wishers & supporters on behalf of KVW Trust. This year, we have added one more trustee to our group taking our total strength to 11. Shri Pradeep Hariyappa Shetti from Dharwad is the new Trustee. I heartily welcome Shri Pradeep Shetti to our Team.

This year, we have conducted various events & meetings of like-minded people at different places where our community people are based like Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hubli, Yellapur, Dharwad, Ankola, Belgaum and Sirsi. We have received warm reception and ample support for our activities everywhere. Most of the local Sanghas have contributed generously in the organization and conduct of our programs. I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the supporters & committee members of various K.V.S. organizations who have helped us in the successful conduct of our various functions. I also thank all the resource persons, event management teams, parents and students who have involved themselves in our activities.

The Trust has also taken up the responsibility of obtaining the Caste Certificate for our Kannada Vaishya community which was a long pending issue. I am pleased to announce that we have taken giant steps in this regard. The Trust is grateful to all the elders and members of our various Sanghas who have helped us in this regard. A detailed report on this matter is available in the inner pages of this newsletter.

The Trust has a vision for the future which is well-defined and resolute. We seek your whole-hearted support and blessings. In the meantime, please go through this newsletter and give us your valuable feedback and opinions regarding our activities.

MEETING AT MUMBAI AND RELEASE OF OUR NEWSLETTER, “SPANDANA”



Office Bearers of Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust received a warm welcome from Kannada Vaishya Sangha at Mumbai. The meeting held on 20th August 2017 coincided with the 74th Annual Meeting of the Mumbai Sangha. Trustees of KVWT introduced the newly formed trust, duly explaining its aims & objectives. On this occasion, the first edition of our newsletter, “Spandana” was released. We are grateful to all the members of Kannada Vaishya Sangha, Mumbai, for providing us a platform to put forth our views, opinions & suggestions to strengthen our community.

EXTENDING LINKS AND ASSOCIATIONS WITH OTHER VAISHYA COMMUNITIES

Kannada Vaishya Samaj is one of the smallest communities among 300 plus Vaishya Samajas in India, hence we are not able to draw the attention of the Govt. to obtain any facilities & assistance. Bigger communities like Agarwal Vaishya Samaj, Rouniyar Vaishya Samaj, Arya Vyshya Samaj, Vaishya Vani Samaj have progressed in all fields of life. Realising this KVWT took the initiative and facilitated our Samaj Bandhus especially the youths to meet and interact with the other Vaishya organizations and encouraged them to participate in various programmes, business workshops and religious get-togethers which are aimed at overall development of Vaishya Samaj.

As a part of these initiatives, the Trust encouraged our community people to attend the following programmes:-

1. Vaishya Bandhu meeting on 11th Aug. 2018 held in Bengaluru during Chaturmaasa of Param Pujya Vamanashrama Swamiji of Haldipur.
2. Suvarna Mahotsava of Maagha Shudhdha Pratipade held in Sringeri on 5th Feb. 2019.
3. Global Vaish Business Meet held in FKCCI, Bengaluru, organised by International Vaish Federation and Karnataka Arya Vyshya Mahasabha on 4th Aug. 2019.
4. Vaishya Parivar Milan held in Bengaluru in June 2019.



These meetings and programmes have not only helped in strengthening unity among our Samaj people but also enabled us to develop a good rapport with the top influential people and different Vaishya Organisations of India. We could get the financial assistance of about Rs 300000 for a meritorious student to study engineering thanks to the efforts of Shri Jagannath Kadame and Shri Ganesh Shetti. This has also helped Shri Pradeep Shetti to get selected as Vice-President of Akhil Bharatiya Sarva Vaishya Ekata Mahasabha. It is imperative that we establish social and commercial links with other Vaishya organizations to expand our horizons in trade, commerce, employment, etc.

STAR FELICITATION 2018 – HONOURING OUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS AT YELLAPUR



Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust has been regularly conducting student centric activities like career guidance, counseling, personality development workshops, scholarship programs, etc. We have received tremendous support from like-minded organizations and individuals of the community in conducting these activities. Students also have participated with great enthusiasm in these events. These programs have greatly benefited our student community in motivating them to strive hard to achieve their goals and aspirations.

From 2017-2018 onwards, we have initiated a new event of felicitating young achievers from our community. Top scorers from across the country who have secured more than 90% marks at the SSLC [X] and PU II [XII] examinations of March-April 2018 were felicitated at a grand function held on 17th June 2018 at T.M.S. Hall, APMC Yard, Sirsi Road, Yellapur. Due publicity was given through our official website, social media, community groups, and also word of mouth. Students sent us their details through various media. Our team worked round the clock in scrutinizing the applications and preparing for the event.

16 students from SSLC and 12 students from PU II were felicitated on this occasion. A star medal, certificate of appreciation along with cash award of Rs.2500/- were presented to each of the achievers. The felicitation program was attended by student achievers, their families, relatives and community members from different parts of Karnataka and also outside the state. Yellapur Taluka Kannada Vaishya Samaja actively associated with us for this event. Chief Guest, Shri Nagaraj Honnekeri, Director, State Council of Educational Research & Training, Govt. of Goa, felicitated the student achievers and delivered the key-note address. We are thankful to the Kannada Vaishya Samaj, Yellapur, for the smooth organization of our event and arrangement of a delicious luncheon at the venue.

This felicitation ceremony will be a regular event from here onwards. We request our community members to step in with their meaningful contribution and encourage our bright students at this event each year.

LIST OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS HONOURED BY K.V.W.T. – 2017-2018

Sl.	Name of the Student	Class	Name of the School	Result %
1	Ms. Gayatri Gurunath Shetti	SSLC [State]	St. Anthony Eng. Med. High School, Sirsi	98.24
2	Ms. Savitri Gurunath Shetti	SSLC [State]	St. Anthony Eng. Med. High School, Sirsi	98.24
3	Mr. Gururaj Deepak Todurkar	SSLC [State]	Balmandir High School, Karwar	96.64
4	Ms. Deeksha Deepak	SSLC [ICSE]	Presidency School, Nandini Layout, Bangalore	95.67
5	Ms. Nidhi P Nagarkatte	SSLC [CBSE]	Presidency School, Bangalore KK	95.60
6	Ms. Aishwarya D Shetti	SSLC [State]	St. Michael's Convent High School, Dandeli	94.56
7	Ms. Chaitra Mohan Shetti	SSLC [State]	Shri Marikamba PU College, Sirsi (High School)	93.92
8	Mr. Krishna Kiran Shetti	SSLC [State]	Mother Theresa Eng. Med. School, Yellapur	93.60
9	Ms. Soujanya Ramakant Shetti	SSLC [State]	Balmandir High School, Karwar	93.44
10	Mr. Rohan Nagarkatte	SSLC [ICSE]	New Horizon Public School, Bangalore	92.67
11	Mr. Pavan Balachandra Shetti	SSLC [State]	Shri Marikamba PU College, Sirsi (High School)	92.32
12	Mr. Rohit Sanjeev Shetti	SSLC [CBSE]	Kendriya Vidyalaya, INS Kadamba, Karwar	91.80
13	Ms. Sannidhi Ganapati Shetti	SSLC [State]	Jai Hind Eng. Med. School, Ankola	91.36
14	Ms. Aditi Sunil Shetti	SSC [State]	St. Xavier's High School, Andheri (E), Mumbai	90.60
15	Mr. Akshay Shetti	SSLC [State]	Govt. High School, Gullapur	90.00
16	Mr. Mohan Shetti	SSLC [State]	Excellent Eng. Med. School, Vijayapura	90.00

Sl.	Name of the Student	Class	Name of the College	Result %
1	Mr. Akhil Anil Harwadekar	PU II Sci.	Prerana PU College, Hubli	97.33
2	Mr. Chandrashekar Vasant Shetti	PU II Sci.	Govt. PU College, Karwar	97.00
3	Ms. Gayatri Vishwambar Shetti	PU II Sci.	Govt. PU College, Karwar	96.67
4	Mr. Ratik Mohan Gaonkar	PU II Sci.	Govt. PU College, Karwar	96.33
5	Mr. Akhil Anil Bandikatte	PU II Sci.	Sharada PU College, Mangalore	95.33
6	Ms. Rashmi Shetti	PU II Com.	Himalaya PU College, Ankola	93.33
7	Mr. Manjunath P Shetti	PU II Com.	Indiranagar Comp. PU College, Bangalore	92.33
8	Ms. Raksha C Shetti	PU II Com.	JSS RSH Arts, Com., & Sci PU College, Dharwad	92.17
9	Ms. Ankita Sanjeev Vakil	PU II Sci.	Sri Kumarans Children Home, Bangalore	91.67
10	Mr. Deepak S S	PU II Sci.	Narayana PU College, Vidyananyapura, Bangalore	91.67
11	Mr. Aniket Ullhas Shetty	PU II Sci.	Radav College, Bhandup, Mumbai	90.46
12	Mr. Vedaraj Vittal Shetti	PU II Sci.	Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mundgod	90.33

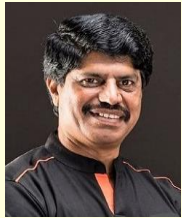
KANNADA VAISHYA VIJAYA RATNA AWARDS – 2019



KVWT has initiated the Kannada Vaishya Vijaya Ratna Awards in the year 2019. This is aimed at recognizing achievements of our talented community members & honouring them in a befitting manner. The award serves a dual purpose – one, it acts as a reminder to achievers to give something back to the society, the other is to focus attention on these go-getters to motivate our younger generation to strive & attain excellence in their chosen fields. The first award function was held on 6th Jan. 2019 at Hotel Sankam, Belagavi. The function was well-attended by all sections of the community. The guest of honour at this event was Dr. Anand R.Guruji of ISCON, Belgaum.

We present a brief profile about the awardees of Kannada Vaishya Vijaya Ratna Awards 2019

Shri RAVINDRA SHETTI – Sports



Ravindra Shetti works at CQAL, Ministry of Defence as Engineer (QA) Technical Officer. He started his sports career in 1978 and represented Karnataka in various Kabaddi tournaments at the National level. He is also a highly qualified Kabaddi coach and the teams coached by him have won numerous tournaments all over India. In 2012, he was nominated as coach for Malaysia National Kabaddi team. He was chief coach for the UMumba team of the Pro-Kabaddi League for 5 seasons. For Season 6-7, he served as coach for Jaipur Pink Panthers. Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike has awarded him with “Kempegowda Award – 2015” for excellence in sports.

Shri GOVINDRAJU A. SHETTI – Hospitality Industry



Govindaraju Shetti's life is a story of sheer grit and struggle. He completed his apprenticeship in the hospitality industry after matriculation. He worked in Hotel Transit Pvt. Ltd. at Mumbai from 1977 to June 1979. Later, he worked as Commis Chef at Taj Mahal Hotel, Mumbai, from 1979 to 1981. Thereafter, he was Chef at Dubai Sheraton Hotel, Dubai from 1981 to 1989. On 26th Jan. 1990, he migrated to Sydney, Australia. From 1990 to 1993, he worked as Head Chef at Karma Indian Brasseurie, Sydney and at Hotel Inter-Continental from 1993 to 2005. He opened his first take-away shop at North Sydney in 2004 which ran till 2015. He is presently working at Shangri-la Hotel since 2006. He opened his second venture - Mumbai Eatery in 2018. He and his family live in Australia and are actively involved in the Kannada Sangha of Sydney. He has helped new entrants to find suitable jobs and accommodation in Australia.

Dr. ROHAN HEMANT SHETTI – Academia

Rohan Shetti is presently a researcher of Landscape Ecology and Ecosystem Dynamics at Greifswald University, Germany. His honors and awards are too numerous to mention here. His Ph.D. and research work has spanned many countries and continents, including Germany, UK, USA and India. His work with nature and landscape photography is published with institutions like United Nations, National Geographic and other professional magazines. In his spare time he indulges in photography of food and product portfolios. He is an active practitioner of yoga and meditation since the last fifteen years.

Smt. SUNANDA PRAKASH KADAME – Literature

Sunanda Kadame is a noted personality in Kannada Literature. She started her literary career from 1997. She has written and published numerous volumes of stories, articles, novels & poetry for children and grown-ups alike. Her books have secured her more than 20 awards from reputed associations and organizations. One of her novels – “Bari Erdu Rekke” has been awarded by the Karnataka Sahitya Academy. Her short story, “Putta Padada Gurutu” is incorporated as one of the lessons in the textbook of Kannada Tenth Standard of Maharashtra Secondary Board. Some of literary works have also been included in the syllabus of graduate & post-graduate courses of Karnatak University, Bangalore University and Mumbai University. She has translated many stories for children from English to Kannada. Her books have been translated into various languages like Konkani, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi, Urdu & English. She also serves on the board of many literary and social organizations in various capacities.

We once again congratulate these achievers and hope that their achievements in their respective fields act as a beacon for our younger generation.

CASTE DOCUMENTATION OF KANNADA VAISHYA COMMUNITY

Recently the Central Govt has provided 10 percent reservation for economically weaker sections for Central Govt. jobs and admissions to educational institutes. The State Govt. has enlisted 144 castes which do not come under SC/ST and OBC list of Central Govt. for claiming the E.W.S. reservation. Unfortunately, our caste is not included in the eligibility list of castes. As such, many of our Samaj students have been deprived of this facility and they have requested the Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust to take up the matter with the Govt. The income ceiling for this reservation is Rs.8,00,000 per annum. Accordingly, Trustees of K.V.W.T. passed the resolution in their meeting held on 13.10.2019 to take up the matter at the Govt. level.

On 01.12.2019, the Trust convened a meeting of office bearers, delegates of all Kannada Vaishya Sanghas, Mahila Mandals and Youth Wings, dignitaries and well-wishers of our Samaj at Ankola and briefed them about the works done by the Trust till date and discussed in detail the action plan to be adopted for securing benefits from the Govt.

Dr. Shridhar Shetti appealed to all Kannada Vaishya Sanghas to support the Trust in accomplishing the goal as early as possible. Shri K.V.Shetti read out the representation to be given to the State Govt. Shri Jeevan Shetti, Headmaster, Jai Hind Eng. Med.High School, Ankola, spoke about the importance of the caste certificate, and how the EWS reservation would help our young generation in getting more opportunities to apply for different Govt. jobs and admissions in educational institutes like Kendriya Vidyalaya, Navodaya Vidyalayas, IIT, IIM, etc. in the present competitive environment. Trustees Shri Gajanan Nagarakatte, Shri Jagannath Kadame and Shri Pradeep Shetti clarified the misconceptions and doubts about availing the EWS facility. Special Invitee Shri Gurunath Gaonkar [ARSI], Shri Manohar Malmane, Vice-President, Shree Marikamba Trust, Sirsi, and directors of Kannada Vaishya Vidyanidhi – Shri G.G.Shetti, Shri Ganesh Shetti and Shri Sadanand R.Shetti gave some valuable suggestions.

CASTE DOCUMENTATION OF KANNADA VAISHYA COMMUNITY

All those present at the meeting appreciated the efforts of the Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust for initiating the process to get the E.W.S. reservation facility for our Samaj and authorized the Trust to give due representation to the Govt. and take all steps necessary to include our community in the Govt. caste list and subsequently come under the E.W.S. quota.

Our Trust has taken up the following issues and has initiated process for resolving these issues with the state govt.

1. Issuance of caste certificate for our Samaj students / people.
2. Extending the facility of 10 percent reservation for economically weaker sections to our community in respect of jobs and admissions to the educational institutes of the Central Govt.
3. Extending the benefits of Vaishya Community Development Board to our Samaj.

We have already given representation to the State Govt. and we would also be giving the appeals to the respective MLAs of the regions where our community people reside in sizeable strength. In this connection, a "Vaishya Bandhu Samavesh" was arranged by the Trust in association with Sirsi Banavasi Samaj on 10.12.2019 at Sirsi Marikamba Kalyan Mantap. Shri D.H.Shankar Murthy, Ex-Speaker of Karnataka Legislative Council and Shri D.S.Arun, President, Arya Vaishya Community Development Corporation were the chief guests for the function.



Shri D.H.Shankarmurthy, in his speech, informed that until 1958 the Vaishyas were getting caste certificate and assistance from the Govt. But later on, it was withdrawn for some unknown reasons. He gave a call to all Vaishyas to get united and fight for the solution of common issues. Shri D.S.Arun in his speech told the audience that at present those who have indicated their caste as Arya Vaishyas at the time of admission in schools are getting the benefits. But the other Vaishyas who have indicated their caste as Hindu Vaishya, Komatiga, Kannada Vaishyas, etc. are deprived of all these facilities. Despite continuous demonstrations, mass rallies and rigorous follow up at Govt. level, it took nearly 30 to 40 years for Arya Vaishyas to get the caste certificate and other benefits from the Govt. He assured us that he would support and help us in all possible manners and recommend our case to the Govt.

We are thankful to Shri Manohar Malmane, Vice-President, Shree Marikamba Trust, for facilitating this convention at Sirsi. Trustees of KVWT - Shri Maruti Todur & Shri Jagannath Kadame, Shri Shivanand Shetti, President - KVS Sirsi, Shri Ambarish Malmane, P.A. to Hon'ble Speaker of Legislative Assembly, Shri Ganesh Shetti, Trustee, Haldipur Mutt, Shri Gurunath Shetti and other local dignitaries played important roles in organizing this grand function. Nearly 150 delegates of Kannada Vaishya Sanghas, Mahila Mandals & Youth Wings of our Samaj from places like Hubli, Dharwad, Sirsi, Belagavi, Ankola, Karwar, Gokarna, Bengaluru, Yellapur attended the program. They all expressed their intention of supporting this noble cause and assured of helping the Trust in all possible ways.

KVWT COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

A SOURCE OF LIVELIHOOD TO A BLIND PERSON

Ramachandra Shetti of Agasur village in Ankola Taluka is completely blind and lives with his aged mother in their small dwelling. For their livelihood, they used to run a small grocery shop in front of their house. Last year's devastating rains brought down their shop and with it, their only mode of income also collapsed. Some of our Trustees and well-wishers who used to travel through the Highway adjacent to this village and who were aware of the situation promptly got into action. An immediate meeting was called and ideas were chalked out to bring forth the best possible solution. It was decided to construct a pre-fabricated building which can withstand the fury of Nature. Accordingly, work was assigned to some of the Trustees and they completed it in record time.



The pre-fabricated construction was installed on a solid concrete foundation and the shop was ready for business. The keys were handed over to Ramachandra Shetti by the Chairman of the Trust. Some well-wishers also helped him to stock up on merchandise for trading. This has brought the much needed relief to the mother-son family.

The Trust is thankful to everyone who responded to our appeal and donated generously to this initiative. Special thanks are due to Trustee Shri Deepak M Shetti, for taking care of the fabrication work and the complete installation of the building.

COMMUNITY FUNDING FOR ACADEMIC PURSUIT

Mr. Vaibhav Ganesh Shetti, of Algeri village, Ankola, appealed to the Trust for financial assistance to pursue M.Sc. in Physics at J.S.S.College, Vidyagiri, Dharwad. The Trust responded immediately to his appeal and sanctioned an amount of Rs.15000 towards his tuition fees. In addition to this, we posted a message on our KVWT Community Whatsapp group seeking more funds for his study and hostel accommodation. In an overwhelming response, many individuals and various Kannada Vaishya Sanghas reacted positively to our appeal, donating more than Rs.1,75,000 towards his College and Hostel fees.



We are really proud that our community members have responded so swiftly in reaching out to a deserving student. On behalf of Mr. Vaibhav, we thank each and every one of the donors.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION

Ms. Gayatri Anil Kasbekar of Hubli, was financially supported by the Trust to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Commerce from J.S.S College of Commerce, Hubli. She is a bright student and has good potential. We are also committed to help fund her higher education if she so requests.



BLESSINGS OF PARAMA PUJYA VAMANASHRAMA SWAMIJI OF VAISHYA GURUMATH, HALDIPUR

On 11.8.2018, the trustees and members of KVWT took *darshan* of Param Pujya Vamanashrama Swamiji of Vaishya Gurumath, Haldipur at Kannika Parameshwari Temple, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru, during Chaturmaasa. Nearly 100 of our Samaj bandhavas had attended the program. Swamiji in his *ashirvachana* said that spiritual knowledge is essential to lead a happy and peaceful life. Swamiji also informed that there are about 300 *upajatis* of Vaishyas, which should come under one platform and work unitedly for the promotion of education, employment and health-care among the entire Vaishya community, and for preservation of *Sanatan Sanskriti*.



During the course of this visit, we could interact with members from other branches of the Vaishya community who are also spread over the length and breadth of the country. Though their spoken languages may be different, the customs and traditions which they follow are strikingly similar to ours. From our interactions, we could gather that they are also keen to amalgamate themselves with other like-minded communities like the Kannada Vaishyas.

STAR FELICITATION 2019 – HONOURING OUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS AT DHARWAD



The top scorers of SSLC & PU II examinations of 2018-2019 were honoured at Shree Sringeri Shankar Math, Dharwad, on 9th June 2019. Shri Sadanand R Shetti, Rtd. Librarian, Karnatak University, Dharwad, who was the chief guest, imparted great words of wisdom & encouragement to the student community. Dr. Shafi Phaniband, motivator & personality development trainer, presented the key-note address to the students. The toppers were felicitated with star medals, certificates of appreciation along with cash awards of Rs.2500 each. In addition to this, each student was presented with a book on Mathematics which was sponsored by Shri Deepak Shetti, Gadag. Shri Paresh Krishna Karwarker of Goa donated elegant photo frames to hold the certificates. 13 students from SSLC and 14 students from PU II year were felicitated at this event. The entire responsibility of arranging the function with a grand lunch was taken up by the Kannada Vaishya Sangh, Dharwad. The Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust expresses its gratitude to the office bearers of K.V.S., Dharwad, who had taken keen interest in organizing this event.

LIST OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS HONOURED BY K.V.W.T. – 2018-2019

Sl.	Name of the Student	Class	Name of the School	Result %
1	Ms. Vinaya Prakash Shetti	SSLC [State]	Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Hubli	96.32
2	Ms. Nagadeepa S Shetti	SSLC [State]	Shri Taralabalu Jagadguru H.School, Davangere	94.08
3	Mr. Amey Sandesh Karwarker	SSLC [CBSE]	Vidya Vikas Academy, Margao, Goa	94.00
4	Ms. Shambhavi Nagaraj Katagi	SSLC [CBSE]	Madhava Kripa School	93.80
5	Mr. Bharat Sanjeevkumar Hoskeri	SSLC [State]	Mother Teresa Eng. Med. School, Yellapur	93.12
6	Mr. Amit Vinayak Shetti	SSLC	--	92.50
7	Ms. Bhagyashree Satish Shetti	SSLC [State]	Mother Teresa Eng. Med. School, Yellapur	92.32
8	Mr. Sagar S Shetti	SSLC [State]	Navanagar Rotary School, Hubli	91.84
9	Mr. Yagnesh Paresk Karwarker	SSLC [CBSE]	Vidya Vikas Academy, Margao, Goa	91.40
10	Mr. Varad Vishwanath Honnekeri	SSLC [State]	Nirmal Hridaya School, Ankola	91.20
11	Mr. Nabhanyu Shetti	SSLC [CBSE]	Birla Public School, Doha	91.20
12	Ms. Vaishnavi Raviraj Nagarkatte	SSLC [State]	Jaycee School, Hattikeri, Ankola	90.08
13	Mr. Nitish Rajesh Shetti	SSLC [CBSE]	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Arga, Karwar	90.00

Sl.	Name of the Student	Class	Name of the College	Result %
1	Ms. A T Spoortirani	PU II Com.	MES Kishora Kendra PU College, Bangalore	97.17
2	Mr. Abhinav Laxman Shetti	PU II Sci.	Dr. R B Patil Mahesh PU College, Hubli	95.83
3	Mr. Saiprasad Nagesh Shetti	PU II	--	95.10
4	Mr. Roshan Ravikumar Shetti	PU II Sci.	Jnanasudha PU College, Karkala	94.83
5	Mr. Aryan Rajendra Harwadekar	PU II Sci.	Govt. PU College, Karwar	94.67
6	Ms. Aishwarya Chandrashekhar Shetti	PU II Com.	MES PU College, Malleshwaram, Bangalore	94.50
7	Ms. Neha Satish Shetti	PU II Sci.	Sri Kumaran Children's Home PU College, Bangalore	94.17
8	Ms. Aishwarya Arun Shetti	PU II Sci.	Base PU College, Bangalore	92.50
9	Mr. Amogh Nagaraj Banare	PU II Sci.	Himalaya PU College, Ankola	92.33
10	Ms. Priyanka Dinesh Shetti	PU II Sci.	BIPIP Chikkatti PU Science College, Gadag	91.17
11	Ms. Namita Dattatraya Gaonkar	PU II Com.	St. Joseph PU Composite College, Karwar	90.83
12	Ms. Gayatri Vinod Kalmane	PU II	Dr. R B Patil Mahesh PU College, Hubli	90.33
13	Mr. Gourav R	PU II Com.	Seshadripuram PU College, Bangalore	90.00
14	Ms. Vaishnavi Ganapati Shetti	PU II Sci.	St. Joseph PU Composite College, Karwar	90.00

Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust once again congratulates all the toppers of the SSLC & PU II examinations of 2017-18 and 2018-19. We hope that these students are well-motivated to reach greater heights in future.

Our best wishes are with them and their families.

Dear Students, do us proud and give something back to the community when you achieve your dreams!

KANNADA VAISHYA WELFARE TRUST

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We appeal to you to donate generously for our ongoing projects which are mainly youth-centric and designed to motivate our younger generation. You can also be a sponsor for new schemes and initiatives which the Trust is willing to take up in the interest of the Kannada Vaishya community. The Trust invites articles written on issues pertaining to the youth and the community which will be published in the future editions of this newsletter.

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