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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 Brothers & Sisters of Kannada Vaishya Samaja,

A new issue of our Spandana newsletter is now in your hands. The last issue was full of our activities and projects relating to post Covid-19 related work, youth empowerment, felicitation of achievers, etc.

My sincere thanks to the entire team of Trustees, Executive Members, Donors and Well-wishers, for their untiring efforts in working for the development of the community, especially during and after the pandemic situation.

The second wave of the pandemic was more lethal than the first. We saw many people from our community being severely affected by the virus and many succumbing to it. Our own Trust has lost two of its dynamic Trustees to the deadly virus. The untimely demise of Shri Gajanan Nagarkatte and Shri Mohan Shetti has created a void in the community, which will be very difficult to overcome. However, I strongly believe they are present with us in spirit in all our activities.

Even after the pandemic, our Trust has continued some of its community outreach programs. You will get to know more details in the following pages. I request all our well-to-do families to contribute their mite to alleviate the sufferings of the poor and downtrodden families of our community. All they have to do is get in touch with our Trust.

One of the cherished ambitions of Late Shri Gajanan Nagarkatte was to create a database of NRI members of Kannada Vaishya Samaj. Our Trust is working towards the same. I request all the non-resident Indians of KVS to support us in this regard.

In the following pages, we will apprise you about the activities undertaken since our last publication.

Please keep encouraging us with your valuable support.

Krishnanand V Shetti
President, K.V.W.Trust



FOND TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAR DEPARTED TRUSTEES & COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Shri Gajanan Nagarkatte, Secretary of Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust, passed away on 28th May 2021 at 11.15 p.m. due to Covid related illness. His demise came as a shock to the Trust as well as community members.

He was an active participant in the day-to-day activities of the Trust. He was full of life and positive energy, influencing everyone he came in touch with. With his passing, we have lost a very precious person who was an invaluable asset to our Trust as well as the society. He was proactively involved in the running of the Trust and was in the forefront in implementing various schemes & projects. He had a lot more to contribute and was always thinking about the welfare of the Kannada Vaishya community. But destiny willed otherwise.

We will forever cherish his energetic & indomitable community spirit.



Shri Mohan Shetti, Trustee, KVWT, passed away on 16th June 2021 due to Covid related illness. He was one of the founder Trustees of our Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust.

Shri Mohan Shetti was a very lively person, very much aware of his social responsibility. He was always ready with suggestions and enthusiasm in implementing the various schemes & programs of our Trust. His contributions and suggestions for the betterment of the community are noteworthy. We will forever cherish his ideology and spirit of work.

Condolences to families bereaved during the pandemic

In an online meeting held on 11th June 2021 at 8.00 p.m., condolences were offered to all the families who lost their loved ones during the Covid-19 pandemic. KVWT President, Shri K.V.Shetti, read out the list of names of the departed souls. One-minute silence was observed as a token of respect. 186 community members attended the online meeting.

FORMAL ADOPTION OF NEW TRUSTEES

Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust has formally coopted two new Trustees in 2021-2022.

They are well-established and active persons who have a strong affinity towards the community and have dedicated themselves to serving society through our Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust.

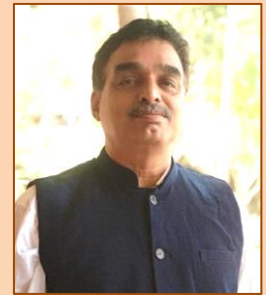
We warmly welcome them to our fold. Their inclusion in the Trust has strengthened our hands and we hope to incorporate more activities with their help and support.

We wish them a very bright future in the field of social service.



Shri Satish G Kalmane is a well-known businessman based in Hubli and is the son of Late Shri Gangadhar Shetti (Kalmane).

He is a member of Uttar Kannada Vaishya Sangha, Hubli, ABS Vedike, Giants International. He is also associated with other organizations in Hubli.



Shri Chandrakant G. Shetti is a well-established businessman settled in Bankikodla.

He is the branch head of Shri Shankar Math – Sharadamba Temple, Gokarna and Founder of Prerana Charitable Trust

He is also a social worker and philanthropic minded person.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO A NEEDY FAMILY

During the course of our survey of affected families at the time of the Covid-19 pandemic, we came across a distinctive family of two blind brothers who lived with their mother in Choundgeri village, near Gokarna.

The aged mother of 70 years was the sole provider and caretaker of the family. With a very limited land holding and a dilapidated house, the family was in a constant crisis, especially at the time of the pandemic. During the rainy season, the situation was very desperate, with a leaking roof and dampness prevailing in and around the house for several months.

Our Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust had provided them with grocery kits twice during the lockdown period, addressing one part of their problem. In the Trust's novel initiative of "Support a Family" scheme, this family was supported by Shri Girish Sitaram Gokarn, of Mumbai, for an entire year. Food, clothing and medicine expenses were borne by the donor from July 2020 to June 2021.

Our KVV Trust thought of providing a permanent solution to their housing problem, which was not an easy task. The property was undivided and hence could not be utilized for any construction activity. Their related family members were convinced to partition the land so that this poor family could get a decent shelter.

After the land issue was resolved, necessary permissions were obtained from the local authorities for building a house. The Gram Panchayat also released funds from the Govt. scheme to help in the construction. Individual donors and other social service organizations fully supported the brothers in their endeavor to build a new home.



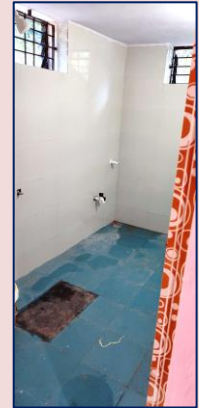
Tragedy struck when the mother expired shortly after the second wave of the pandemic, leaving the brothers truly helpless. However, local families helped them to cope with the loss and provided them with food and care.

The resolute will power of the blind brothers won over many well-wishers and the dream of creating a suitable abode for them began to fructify at a very fast pace.

Many donors offered to provide construction materials, while some helped with cash donations. Within a few months, the building structure was complete and the finishing work was undertaken.

On the part of the Trust, Shri K.V.Shetti, President – KVV, undertook the general supervision, and visited the building site several times.

Some of our Trustees and other donors contributed towards the construction and finishing work through the Trust.



The contribution received through our Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust towards the construction of the house are as under –

1. Shri Chandrakant Shetti, Bankikodla	Rs.62,000
2. Shri Ganapati N Nayak, Gokarn	Rs.20,000
3. Shri Rajendra M Shetti, Hubli	Rs.13,660
4. Shri Deepak M Shetti, Gadag	Rs.11,434
5. Shri Girish M Gokarn, Bangalore	Rs.10,000
6. Shri Jagannath N Shetti Kadame	Rs.10,000
7. Dr. Shridhar N Shetti, Belgaum	Rs.10,000
8. Dr. Sushma S Shetti, Belgaum	Rs.10,000
9. Smt. Meenaxi R Shetti, Belgaum	Rs.10,000
10. Dr. Sameeksha R Shetti, Belgaum	Rs.10,000
11. Dr. Suraj R Shetti, Belgaum	Rs.10,000
TOTAL	Rs.1,77,094

We are grateful to all the donors who have contributed towards providing a decent house for the brothers. On behalf of the brothers, we thank them profusely. The house-warming ceremony was held on 25th March 2022 according to Vedic rituals.

Shri Raghavendra Neelkanth Shetti and Shri Gajanan Neelkanth Shetti, who are completely blind, can now make their way around their new house and nearby familiar surroundings without any assistance.

They have expressed their gratitude to all the donors and well-wishers who have helped them.

The brothers are receiving continued support on an annual basis through our “Support a Family” scheme, donated this year by Shri Prakash P Shetti (Todur), from Ponda, Goa.

SUPPORT A FAMILY SCHEME UNDER OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

One of the big initiatives, which the Trust has undertaken, is the “Support a Family” project wherein around 20 poor & deserving families are supported by patrons from various parts of the world. The Trust has developed its own mechanism for providing assistance in procuring food, clothing and medicines for the beneficiary families. The scheme is actively monitored and all the records are meticulously maintained.

Based on the reports of beneficiaries and donors published by KVWT from time to time, many community brethren have expressed keen interest to support such families, financially and otherwise. The Trust will identify and publish details of such families, patrons can choose the

family they are willing to support and inform the Trust accordingly. The Trust in turn will accept donations on behalf of the families and fulfill the stipulated requirements.

We had announced the second phase of the project via WhatsApp on 13th Oct. 2021 requesting donors to sponsor 10 needy families @Rs.20,000 per family per year. Within a span of 3 hours, community members came forward to adopt all the 10 families. We were truly humbled by their prompt and kind gesture. As the response was overwhelming, we decided to include some more deserving families in the list. The final list has 23 beneficiary families supported by donors from India and abroad.

DETAILS OF BENEFICIARY FAMILIES WHO ARE PRESENTLY BEING SUPPORTED ON YEARLY BASIS

Sl. No.	Name of the Beneficiary Family, Place & Contact No.	Brief family history	Family supported annually with donation of Rs.20000/- by
1.	Smt. GULABI SHRIPAD SHETTI (79 yr.) Kantri, Ankola / 8970594784	Widow with dependent unmarried daughter who suffers from epileptic fits and daughter in law. Son passed away some time back after meeting with an accident.	Shri JITENDRA S. SHETTI Mulund (W), Mumbai
2.	Smt. SHANTABAI SHANTARAM SHETTI (81 yr.) Kantri, Ankola / 9482674049	Helpless widow with no income. Her only son expired some years back.	Shri JAGADISH DHARWADKAR Dharwad
3.	Smt. GAYATRI GURUNATH SHETTI (39 yr.) Kantri, Ankola / 9008866241	Widow with dependent family of one daughter (3 yr.) and one son (5 yr.). Husband passed away 3 years back due to heart attack. No income.	Shri SHASHIKANT N SHETTI Vidyanagar, Hubli



4.	Shri GAJANAN BIKKYA SHETTI (71 yr.) Bunder Rd., Ankola / 9743016108	Unemployed with medical condition. Dependent wife and daily wager son.	Shri GIRISH SITARAM GOKARN Goregaon (E), Mumbai
5.	Smt. RADHA GANAPATI SHETTI (74 yr.) Bunder Rd., Ankola / 9892629385	Widow with no children. Health condition is not so good. Needs assistance.	Smt. ARUNA SRIKANT VAIDYA Vijayanagar, Hubli
6.	Smt. SANNAMMA SHANTARAM SHETTI (ALGERI) (79 yr.) Honalli, Ankola / 9483668330	Widow with unemployed son live in a small shed type structure.	Shri ASHOK SHANTARAM SHETTI Haliyal



7.	Smt. VIJAYA RATNAKAR SHETTI (64 yr.) Bunder Rd., Ankola / 9892629385	Widow with no children. Health condition is not so good. Needs assistance.	Smt. LALITA G. SHETTI Thakurdwar, Mumbai
8.	Smt. KAVERI GOPAL SHETTI (69 yr.) Bunder Rd., Ankola / 7411855663	Widow with 4 married daughters. No income.	Shri DEEPAK SHETTI Kothrud, Pune
9.	Smt. NAYANA NAGARAJ KATAGI (36 yr.) Bobrawada, Ankola / 9902724856	Married with one daughter and one son. Daughter (8 yr.) is suffering from leukemia. No income.	Shri UMESH RAMAYYA SHETTI Karwar



10.	Shri RAGHAVENDRA & Shri GAJANAN NEELKANTH SHETTI (36 yr.) Choundgeri, Gokarn / 9343057785	Raghavendra is blind and Gajanan is mentally challenged. Care-taker mother passed away recently. The boys are hard-working and need maximum support.	Shri PRAKASH P. SHETTI (Todur) Ponda, Goa
11.	Smt. SHAILA PANDURANG SHETTI (63 yr.) Ankola	Husband expired 20 years back. One son is suffering from kidney & thyroid disease. Another son met with an accident and is unemployed. Family depends upon the meagre earnings of the mother.	Smt. RAJANI R. SHETTI Bambolim, Goa
12.	Shri KESHAV DAMODAR SHETTI (66 yr.) Kenj, Ankola / 9342607745	Worked as Driver, met with an accident 10 years back, leg is broken and he is now without income. Dependent wife who does domestic chores. Only daughter is married. Needs more help.	Donor wishes to remain anonymous



13.	Smt. SUREKHA SURESH SHETTI (67 yr.) Bargi, Kumta / 9591829025	Widow with 32 yrs. old son who is physically and mentally challenged. Family needs more support.	Shri SHRIPAD GAJANAN KENI Dubai, United Arab Emirates
14.	Smt. ASHALATA ANNAPPA KATAGI (56 yr.) Arabail, Yellapur / 9900328932	She is a widow whose husband passed away 18 years back. Son, Pavanraj (25 yr.) is handicapped and mentally challenged. Medical cost per month is around Rs.3000.	Donor wishes to remain anonymous
15.	Shri SUBRAHMANYA MAHABALESHWAR SHETTI (66 yr.) Algeri, Ankola / 9986640588	Suffering from mild paralysis. Dependent wife. No children.	Shri SHESHAGIRI G. SHETTI Kandivali (W), Mumbai



16.	Smt. SUNITA DAYANAND GOKARN (60 yr.) Goregaon, Mumbai	Husband, Dayanand Gokarn (65 yr.), who was an auto driver is unable to work due to old age. Their only daughter, Radhika Rahul Nagarkatte, who was the sole breadwinner of the family, passed away recently. House is also not in good condition.	Donor wishes to remain anonymous
17.	Shri PANDURANG SHIVA SHETTI (67 yr.) Bobrawada, Ankola	He is suffering from Asthma and is unable to work due to old age. He is in a helpless condition	Shri SANDEEP SUBHAS SHETTI Hubli
18.	Smt. SHALI SUBRAMANYA SHETTI (65 yr.) Valgalli, Kumta	She is a widow with a 25 yr. old mentally challenged daughter. Family needs more help.	Miss NAGESHWARI ARAVIND SHETTI Corlim, Goa



19.	Shri MADHUKAR TIMMMAPPA SHETTI (58 yr.) Agasur, Ankola	Suffering from brain tumor. Dependent wife and 2 children who are studying.	Shri SHRIPAD GAJANAN KENI Dubai, United Arab Emirates
20.	Shri UMESH VITTAL SHETTI (65 yr.) Near Forest Colony, Honalli, Ankola	Permanent injury on leg. Unable to walk. House is not in good shape. Damaged due to heavy rains. Dependent wife. Son is studying in Govt. College.	Smt. RAJANI SHIVANAND HARWADEKAR Bhagyanagar, Belgaum
21.	Shri SHAMBHA VENKATESH SHETTI (73 yr.) Kanthri, Ankola	He is a widower and suffering from a heart related ailment. Daughter is married. Son works on daily wages.	Smt. RAJANI R. SHETTI Bambolim, Goa





22.	Smt. GEETA MADHUKAR SHETTI (74 yr.) Ankola	Widow, no children. Staying in a rented house at Ankola. No house, property or income. She is suffering from old age and illness.	Shri MANJUNATH SUBRAMANYA SHETTI & Smt. SAVITA MANJUNATH SHETTI Whitefield Road, Bangalore
23.	Smt. LATA SHANTARAM SHETTI (74 yr.) Bela-Bunder, Ankola	Widow, no children. Staying alone. She is suffering from old age. She needs financial support to maintain her day-to-day life	Shri NAGARAJ G.HONNEKERI Panaji, Goa

The beneficiaries have conveyed their gratitude and blessings to the patrons. KVWT, on behalf of all the beneficiaries, expresses its deep sense of gratitude to all the donors who have come forward to help those in need.

ONLINE PATRIOTIC SONG COMPETITION

To commemorate the celebration of 75th Independence Day of India on 15th August 2021, Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust (KVWT) organized an online patriotic song competition in three categories – Primary, High School, College and General Category. Participants uploaded the video recordings of their patriotic songs through a Google link. Results of the competition was announced on 31st August 2021. Cash prizes of Rs.700, Rs.500 & Rs.300 was given out in each category. The results of the competition was as under.



Prize	Primary Level	High School Level	College Level	General Category
I	Aniket Aravind Kanjan	Sanjana Raviraj Kalmane	Sanmati Shinganmakki	Sudha Prashant Shetti
II	Arya Shrinivas Shetti	Chinmayi Aravind Shetti	Ashwin Aravind Kanjan	Tejaswini Todurkar
III	Ananya Suraj Todur	Roshni Ravi Shetti	Darshini Prashant Shetti	Prashant Vishwanath Shetti

Our best wishes to all the winners and participants of the competition.

GENERAL WELFARE FUND

Our Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust had recently resolved in its meeting to create a new head under the Trust called as **“General Welfare Fund”**. Donations collected from philanthropic minded people of our community through this fund will be utilized for the benefit of poor & deserving families of our community towards medical treatment, emergency expenses, etc.

We are happy to inform you that the following persons have voluntarily contributed to this fund so far.

1. Shri Vasant G Keni	Hubli	Rs.20,000
2. Justice J P Devadhar	Mumbai	Rs.15,000
3. Shri Vinayak K Keni	B'lore	Rs.10,001
4. Shri Radhakrishna M Vakeel	Mumbai	Rs.10,000
5. Shri M V Todur	Karwar	Rs.5,000
	TOTAL	Rs.60,001

The list of donors will be updated as and when their contributions are received by the Trust.

We are very much grateful to all the donors who have contributed to our **“General Welfare Fund”**. We assure them that the amount credited will be utilized for the welfare of the needy persons of our community as & when needed.

We hope that our well-off brethren would be motivated to join hands with our Trust and help us to provide assistance to the needy and downtrodden. Our bank details are as below.

KANNADA VAISHYA WELFARE TRUST – Bank Account

CANARA BANK

A/c No. – 0558101034528 IFSC - CNRB0000558

THE ANKOLA URBAN CO-OP BANK

A/c No. 0020000520024393 IFSC - IBKL0069AUB

All donations will be duly acknowledged in our official records. Donors who are willing to come forward to support this initiative can contact the Trust / Trustees for more details.

FREE HEALTH CAMP AT ANKOLA

A free health check-up camp was organized by Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust in association with other local organizations at P.M. Jr. College, Ankola, on 8th May 2022.

Doctors from Justice K.S.Hegde Charitable Hospital, NITTE, carried out the medical camp. Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar & ECG tests were conducted onsite for patients referred by the doctors.

Free medicines were provided to all the patients. More than 120 patients were examined at the camp.



KANNADA VAISHYA VIJAYA RATNA AWARDS – 2021



KVWT initiated **KANNADA VAISHYA VIJAYA RATNA AWARDS** in 2019 for recognizing achievements / service of talented community members & honouring them in a befitting manner. The award serves a dual purpose – one, it acts as a reminder to give something back to the society, the other is to focus attention on these achievers to motivate the younger generation to strive & attain excellence in their chosen fields.

The third K.V.Vijaya Ratna award function was held on **28th Feb. 2021** at Shree Maruti Mangala Karyalaya Hall, Karwar.

The chief guests at this event were **Shri MANJUNATH P SHETTI**, Retd. Development Officer, L.I.C. of India, **Shri VIJAY ANANT SHETTI**, Chairman, Shreeniketan Education Trust, Goa, **Shri SHIVANAND R TODUR**, President, Shri Shankar Math, Karwar and **Smt. BHARATI JAGANNATH SHETTI**, President, Shree Sharada Mahila Mandal, Karwar.

The recipients of Kananda Vaishya Vijaya Ratna Awards 2021 are as below:

1. **Shri SHRIKANT DAMODAR SHETTI**
for significant service in Social field
2. **Shri NAGARAJ G. HONNEKERI**
for outstanding work in Education Sector
3. **Mrs. SAVITA MANJUNATH SHETTI**
for remarkable achievement in Career



PROFILE OF RECEIPIENTS OF KANNADA VAISHYA VIJAYA RATNA AWARDS - 2021



Shri Shrikant Damodar Shetti is a good example of how a person with strong values and will-power can transform society. Having spent more than 4 decades in politics, he has been instrumental in implementing several Govt. projects in the rural areas.

His native is Bargi, a village in Kumta. Having been born in Keni, Ankola, he could study only till the 5th Std. He dropped out of School and did odd jobs here & there. Destiny drove him towards Gullapur, Yellapur Taluk, where he worked in small hotels initially & slowly climbed the ladder of success. He started a tile factory and provided employment to scores of people. He also strived to start a primary school, high school and even a college in this forest region.

He has contested and won 9 Gram Panchayat elections from Gullapur ward.

He has a deep sense of service to society and has spent more than 50 years in developing Gullapur to what it is today.



Mrs. Savita Manjunath Shetti is a Computer Science Engineer, having done her B.E. from VTU, Bangalore.

She obtained her Executive MBA from IIM Bangalore. She also has Six Sigma Greenbelts to her credit.

She started her career in 2002 as a Research Assistant in Indian Institute of Science and later worked for Hewlett-Packard as a Software Engineer.

In 2008, she joined General Electric (GE) as a Business Analyst and moved upwards to become India Finance Product Leader in GE Aviation.

She has more than 18 years of experience in the IT sector and has completed 12 years with GE in various capacities.

Her career graph is a very good inspiration for our youth and she has touched the pinnacle of success with her hard work and perseverance.

We wish her all success in her career path.



Shri Nagaraj G. Honnekeri is working in the field of Education since the last 34 years.

He started his career in Goa as a Maths Teacher in a village called Marcel and then worked for 10 years as a Headmaster in Ponda. He was selected in 2005 by the Goa Public Service Commission to serve as Deputy Director of Education in the Directorate of Education, Government of Goa.

He has worked in various capacities such as Deputy Director of Central Educational Zone, Deputy Director of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, State Project Director of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan as well as Samagra Shiksha, Director of Education, etc. He is presently working as a Director State Council of Educational Research & Training – SCERT Goa since 2009.

He was selected by British Council, New Delhi, for implementation of Primary Stars Programme in Goa. He visited England to study the effectiveness of the programme in order to implement the same in Goa.

This occasion was also utilized to felicitate the students who had topped the SSLC & PU II examinations of 2019-2020. We hope that these students are well motivated to reach greater heights in future. Our best wishes are with them and their families.

Elected members of Gram Panchayats from the Kannada Vaishya community, namely

1. **Shri Shrikant Damodar Shetti**
2. **Shri Balachandra Pandurang Shetti**
3. **Smt. Mahalaxmi Murlidhar Shetti**
4. **Smt. Parvati Vijaykumar Shetti**
5. **Shri Sujay Shridhar Shetti**

were felicitated during the function.

Corona Warriors who had rendered precious service during the pandemic were also honoured in this function.



PREVIOUS RECEIPIENTS OF KANNADA VAISHYA VIJAYA RATNA AWARDS [2019]



Shri RAVINDRA SHETTI
Sports field



Shri GOVINDRAJU A SHETTI
Hospitality Industry [Australia]



Dr. ROHAN H SHETTI
Academia [Germany]



Smt. SUNANDA P KADAME
Literature

PREVIOUS RECEIPIENTS OF KANNADA VAISHYA VIJAYA RATNA AWARDS [2020]



Shri GANGADHAR SHETTI
[KALMĀNE]
Entrepreneur & Industrialist



Dr. JAYA R SHINGANMAKKI
Engineering



Smt. MALINI M SHETTI
Art & Craft



Shri RANJAN NAGARKATTE
Corporate Training

INCLUSION OF OUR COMMUNITY IN E.W.S. QUOTA

OUR SAMAJ STUDENTS CAN NOW GET E.W.S. CERTIFICATES

We are happy to inform you that the eligible students of our Kannada Vaishya Samaj can now obtain EWS certificates. The Karnataka State Govt. has issued a fresh G.O. vide Himvaka/75/BCA/2019 dt. 31-07-2022.

In our previous issue of SPANDANA – Vol. I, Issue 03, we had narrated about the efforts put in by our leaders and progress made in securing the EWS benefit as on Dec. 2020. From Dec. 2020 till July 2021, we intensified our efforts and put pressure on the State Govt. with the help of District-in-Charge Minister Shri Shivaram Hebbar, Speaker of Legislative Assembly Shri Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, Minister for Backward Classes Shri Kota Srinivas Poojary, Revenue Minister R.Ashok, MLAs Shri Vedavyasa Kamath, Shri Dinakar Shetti, Smt. Roopal Naik, etc. Our efforts bore fruits with the Karnataka Cabinet approving the proposal on 22-07-2022 and subsequent issue of fresh G.O. on 31-07-2021.

We thank all Kannada Vaishya Sanghas, Mahila Mandals and Youth Wings of our Samaj, all well-wishers and our community brethren for supporting and actively participating in our struggle for obtaining the E.W.S. benefit. Our sincere thanks to Shri Shivaram Hebbar, Shri Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, Shri Kota Srinivas Poojary, MLC Shri D.S.Arun, Shri D.H.Shankar Murthy, MLAs – Shri Dinakar Shetti and Smt. Roopali Naik.

Students / Job seekers of our community are advised to take advantage of this facility, obtain EWS Certificate and appear for more and more competitive exams to reach better prospects in education and employment.

In case, if a student faces any difficulty in getting E.W.S. certificates, he / she can contact any of the following persons.

- Shri K.V.Shetti – 9448576126
- Shri Jagannath N.Kadame – 9483067725
- Shri Pradeep Shetti - 9448078949

A Brief Note on E.W.S. (Economically Weaker Section) quota and its advantages.

Many of our students, job seekers, families of our community are unaware of E.W.S., eligibility criteria and its advantages. Please do take some time to know more about E.W.S.

The Govt. of India has made the 103rd Constitutional Amendment and provided a maximum of 10 percent reservation to candidates from Economically Weaker Sections with effect from 01-02-2019 by making suitable modifications to Article 15(6) Admission to Educational Institutes and Article 16 (6) Civil Services. The G.O. to this effect was issued vide PAUSHA 22 1940 (SAKA) dt. 12-01-2019.

Eligibility for obtaining EWS certificates is as below.

2. The candidate should not belong to any caste, which is listed as SC/ST or OBC by Govt. of India as per memo dated 31-01-2019.
3. The income of the family of the candidate should be less than Rs.8,00,000 per annum.
4. They should not possess the following:
 - a) 5 acres of agriculture land and above.
 - b) Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above.
 - c) Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities.
 - d) Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.

Where these certificates are useful –

1. For admission and jobs in educational institutes run by Central Govt. like Kendriya Vidyalayas, Central Universities, etc.
2. For Central Govt. employment like IAS/ IFS/ IRS, Railways, Dept. of Post, Income Tax Dept., etc.
3. For recruitment in Public Sector banks like SBI, Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda, etc.

Who issues EWS certificates

The students should apply to Tahsildars of their jurisdiction with required documents. The Tahsildar will issue the certificate within 21 days and the certificate will be valid for one year from the date of issue.

PROGRESS MADE IN OUR DEMAND FOR INCLUSION IN OBC CATEGORY

The Backward Classes Welfare Dept, DC Office, Karwar, vide their letter BCW / HimVaAa / Jatiserpade / CR / 2021-22 dt. 16-08-2021 had invited applications from communities/ castes with miniscule population for being considered to be included in Other Backward Classes [OBC] category.

This matter was discussed in various forums of our Samaj. In response to the above referred letter, UKVS Hubli, convened an online meeting of well-wishers and representatives of Kannada Vaishya Samaj on 03-09-2021 and discussed elaborately about submitting the application on behalf of our Samaj. In the meeting, it was agreed that the representation should be submitted through Kannada Vaishya Vidyanidhi and all other organisations of our Samaj should support Vidyanidhi in all respects.

On 06-09-2021, representation was submitted to Uttar Kannada DC Office with a request to include our Kannada Vaishya Samaj in OBC category of Karnataka State. The representatives of Vidyanidhi, Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust and representatives of Kannada Vaishya Sanghas from Karwar, Hubli, Ankola Dharwad and other places were present on this occasion.

On 22-01-2022, the delegates of our Samaj led by Shri K. V.Shetti President of KVWT and Shri G.G.Shetti of K.V. Vidyanidhi met the President of Karnataka Backward Classes Commission, Shri K. Jayaprakash Hegde in Honnavar and requested him to consider our application favourably.

During the meeting, Shri K.V.Shetti and our Samaj leaders explained about the history, tradition, customs, the hardships of our traditional profession, economic backwardness, population, etc. were thoroughly explained to the President. The President of the Commission asked us to attend the Public Enquiry before the Commission at Bengaluru after receiving the letter from them.

On 04-03-2022, our Samaj delegates attended the Public Enquiry conducted by the Backward Classes Commission. President Shri Jayaprakash Hegde and other members of the Commission were present. We presented our case. The officials of the Commission asked several questions in connection with our Samaj, the documentary evidence, our food habits, traditional vocation / professions, population, etc.

We replied their questions satisfactorily and requested them to include our Samaj in the 2A category of OBC.

On 28-03-2022, we once visited again the office of the Commission to know the progress. Some additional information was sought.

On 31-03-2022, we visited Bengaluru and submitted one more letter providing the supplementary information and highlighted our specific request to include our community in category 2A. The Commission informed us that they would visit our places for spot inspection.

We have also initiated a survey of our Samaj in selected villages to collect more data. Since then, we have been proactively following up the matter. We request all the Kannada Vaishya Samaja bandhavas to assist us and support us until we get the Government Order.



Our Samaj delegates led by veteran Samaj leaders Shri K.V.Shetti, President - KVWT and Shri G.G.Shetti, President, KV Vidyanidhi submitting the representation at DC Office, Karwar, on 06-09-2021



Shri K.V.Shetti narrating brief history of our Samaj to the President of Backward Classes Commission in Honnavar on 22-01-2022

What is the difference between EWS and OBC?

- EWS is the 10 percent reservation within General Merit given to economically weaker sections and at present useful only for Central Govt. jobs and admission to educational institutes run by the Central Govt.
- In Karnataka, at present, the EWS certificate is not useful for State Govt. jobs or educational institutes.
- Our Kannada Vaishya Welfare Trust has taken the lead and we had applied for OBC reservation in Sept 2021. The matter is being and constantly followed up at various levels.
- At present, our Samaj has not yet been included in the OBC category in Karnataka State.

Some advantages / benefits to our Samaj if we are included in OBC Category

- Poor and meritorious students will get scholarship from Primary, High School and College levels.
- Reservation in admission in Education Institutions.
- Concession in fees for appearing for competitive examinations.
- Relaxation in upper age limit for competitive exams.
- Subsidy, loan at concessional rates for establishing new business/ industry.
- Reservation for contesting in local body elections.
- Other advantages as per the State Govt. schemes / projects announced from time to time.
- Special coaching for appearing the competitive exams.

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