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## THE CANARA BANK JUBILEE EDUCATION FUND

### *Empowering the New Age Learners:* **Inauguration of Computer Lab**

The goal of education extends beyond academic knowledge; it fosters a student's ability to discover, innovate and create, supported by technological expertise and skills. Over the years, the CBJEF's commitment to its basic objectives, while at the same time recognizing the imperative need to empower youngsters with technology, has been evident in its various, pertinent initiatives - setting up Computer Labs, establishing Textbook Banks, providing Notebooks, distributing "Vidya Sahaya" Merit Scholarships – all mainly in Govt. P U Colleges in rural areas.

As part of one such transformational initiative, a Computer Lab set up by the CBJEF was inaugurated at the **Karnataka Public School, Govt. P U College, Jalahalli, Bangalore**, on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024. The inauguration of the Computer Lab (third in line set up by the CBJEF), an Interactive Smart Panel and Text-Book Bank, was done under the CSR funds released by UTI AMC Ltd. – UTI Asset Management Company Ltd. – which has been extending support for CBJEF's activities in recent times, as an institutional donor. 14 computers and chairs, UPS, an Interactive Smart Panel,



*Gateway to knowledge : Inauguration of Computer Lab*

Text-Books and 6 long Notebooks each were provided to all the students. **Mr. Imtaiyazur Rahaman** , MD & CEO of UTI AMC Ltd., from Mumbai, inaugurated the well-organized programme. Addressing the students, he stressed the need to have an ambition, proper goal and the determination to work hard and succeed. Learning ought to be a continuous process and social media should be used for acquiring knowledge, he added. Recollecting his own student days, he

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*Mr. Imtaiyazur Rahaman, MD & CEO, UTI AMC Ltd. handing over books to a student. He is flanked by (L) Mr. N. Seshadri, Independent Director – UTI AMC Ltd. & (R) Mr. D.S. Anandamurthy, nominated member of the CBJEF's governing body.*



*Students of the Govt. P U College, Jalahalli, with the dignitaries at the inaugural function.*

### **Foundational skill building:**

## *CBJEF's Text-Book Banks*

In a world immersed in digital experiences, the printed word continues to hold sway, with its timeless value and relevance. Textbooks and other useful printed books serve as a portal, especially for students in far flung places, fostering deeper understanding, comprehension and cognitive abilities. Thus, the **CBJEF** has continued to establish "Text-book Banks" (started in May 2019) in identified Govt. P U Colleges. Aimed at providing Textbooks mainly to rural students in such places, the project has been very successful because of the meticulous coordination and implementation by the CBJEF as well as responsive support from institutional donors – mainly **Canara Bank** (sponsor of CBJEF) and **UTI Asset Management Company Ltd.** (under CSR activity)

*[Reports on pages 2 & 3].*

## CBJEF's Text-Book Bank

The 37<sup>th</sup> Textbook Bank of the CBJEF was inaugurated at the SHVNM Govt. PU College for Girls, Malleshwaram, Bangalore on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Reference books for competitive exams, two bookcases and one long table were given along with 5 long Notebooks each for all the students (student strength: over 2200). After the invocation and lighting of the traditional lamp, **Mr. Siddhartha Dash**, Executive Vice-President and Zonal Head – South, UTI AMC Ltd., formally inaugurated the Textbook Bank by cutting the tape in the library and handing over the bookcase keys to the librarian. In his address, Mr. Dash touched upon the functioning of UTI AMC Ltd. and also advised the students to properly fix their goals, study well and come up in life. Speaking on the occasion, **Dr. S.T. Ramachandra**, Hon.Working President–CBJEF advised the youngsters to study well, keeping in mind the career opportunities available in different professions. **Mr. K.A. Bhat**, Hon.Vice-President – CBJEF spoke about the inception and functioning of the CBJEF and cherished ideals of Canara Bank's founder, **Shri Ammembal Subba Rao Pai**, for the noble cause of education. "Vidya Sahaya" Merit Scholarships were given to



A student of the College receiving Textbooks from (L) Dr. S.T.Ramachandra & ( R ) Mr. Siddhartha Dash.

six student toppers presently studying in I PUC & II PUC. A set of simple books on preventive practices on health – yoga in daily life – was given to the library. **Smt. C.K. Rashmi**, Principal, who presided over the function, appreciated the efforts of CBJEF in promoting the cause of education. This was followed by a symbolic handing over of textbooks and notebooks by the dignitaries. Faculty of the College rendered the welcome address and vote of thanks. (CBJEF report)



Students of the College with dignitaries at the inaugural function.



Inauguration of CBJEF's Textbook Bank at SHVNM Govt. P U College for Girls, Malleshwaram – Bangalore. Mr. Siddhartha Dash, Executive Vice-President, UTI AMC Ltd. is seen second from left.

### Empowering the New Age Learners:

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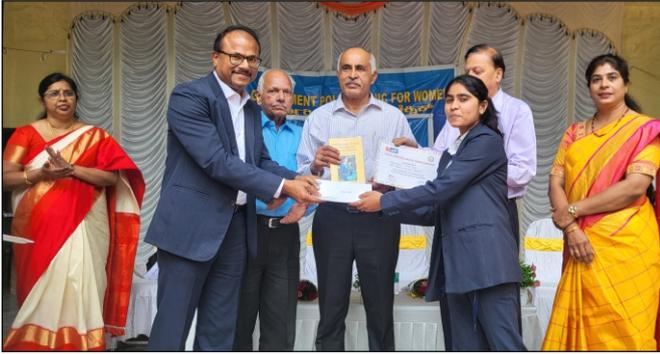
### Inauguration of Computer Lab

added that he is where he is today because of focus on the goals and steadfast efforts. He also assured continuing support for such endeavours. **Mr. N. Seshadri**, Independent Director, UTI AMC Ltd., who was the guest of honour, highlighted that India has the greatest demographic advantage with a promising economy as well, which offers a great opportunity for the younger generation for growth and development. Earlier, the programme began with an invocation by the college students and the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. **Mr. D.S. Anandamurthy**, nominated member of the CBJEF's governing body, welcomed the gathering and introduced the dignitaries. **Mr. K.A. Bhat**, Hon.Vice-President – CBJEF briefly explained the activities of the CBJEF, the importance given to education by Shri Ammembal Subba Rao Pai, founder of Canara Bank and highlighted how education could bring about a positive change everywhere. **Mr. Siddharth Dash**, Executive Vice-President and Zonal Head – South, UTI AMC, Bangalore gave a presentation about the investment schemes of UTI AMC, which could be very beneficial at a younger age. This was followed by a symbolic delivery of textbooks to the library and notebooks to the students by the dignitaries present. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by **Mr. Jayaramu**, Principal of the College. A well set up *shamiana* (pandal) in the open grounds and an elegant decoration of the Computer Lab by UTI AMC, provided a fine ambience and contributed to the success of the programme (CBJEF report).

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*An investment in Knowledge pays the best Interest*

## Two more Text-Book Banks



CBJEF's Textbook Bank inauguration at Govt. Polytechnic for Women, Bangalore: Mr. Jinu Jose, Sr. Vice-President & Regional Head, UTI AMC Ltd. symbolically handing over the textbooks to a student, in the presence of other dignitaries.

Two more Text - Book Banks of the CBJEF were inaugurated on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 in Bangalore – the 38<sup>th</sup> Text-Book Bank at Govt. Polytechnic for Women, Seshadri Road, Bangalore and the 39<sup>th</sup> Text-Book Bank at Sri Jayachamarajendra Govt. Polytechnic, Seshadri Road, Bangalore. Textbooks, two bookcases and 3 long Notebooks each for all the students (student strength – 809 & 2150 respectively) were distributed at each of the two colleges. Mr. Jinu Jose, Senior Vice-President and Regional Head, Karnataka Retail, UTI AMC Ltd. inaugurated these Book Banks and addressed the gathering. Mr. Prachy Parimal, Relationship Manager, UTI AMC Ltd., was also present. Dr S.T. Ramachandra, Hon.Working President – CBJEF, Mr. K.A. Bhat, Hon.Vice-President - CBJEF and Mr. D.S. Anandamurthy, nominated member of the CBJEF's governing body who participated in the functions, highlighted the importance of education and advised the students to fix goals,



Inaugural function of CBJEF's Textbook Bank at S J Govt. Polytechnic, Bangalore. Seen (L to R): Shriyuths K.A. Bhat, D.S. Anandamurthy, Dr. S.T. Ramachandra, Jinu Jose & Prachy Parimal.



Dr. S.T. Ramachandra symbolically handing over the Bookcase keys. Also seen are Shriyuths D.S.Anandamurthy, R.Bheemesh, Prachy Parimal & K.A.Bhat (extreme left) along with the college principal and faculty.

study well and come up in life. At the Govt. Polytechnic for Women, Bangalore, "Vidya Sahaya" Merit Scholarships were given to 16 toppers studying in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> semester. At Sri Jayachamarajendra Govt. Polytechnic, Bangalore, these scholarships were given to 40 student toppers in the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> semester of different segments. A set of simple books on preventive practices of health – Yoga in daily life - was given to students in both the Colleges. The principals of the Colleges, who presided, acknowledged and appreciated the CBJEF's support for the cause of education. A symbolic handing over of textbooks and notebooks was also done by the dignitaries. Faculty of the Colleges rendered the welcome address and vote of thanks at the respective colleges.

[The 37<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup> & 39<sup>th</sup> Textbook Banks of the CBJEF were set up under the CSR Funds released by UTI Asset Management Company Ltd.] (CBJEF report)



Dr. S.T. Ramachandra handing over "Vidya Sahaya" Merit Scholarship to a student at S J Govt. Polytechnic, Bangalore.

23rd April every year is celebrated as World Book & Copyright Day

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It's never too late to pick up a book

## TEXT-BOOKS & "VIDYA SAHAYA" MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 240 Yoga textbooks (under UTI AMC CSR funds) and three "Vidya Sahaya" Merit Scholarships (from CBJEF) were distributed to students of the **Dept. of Performing Arts, Centre for Yoga Studies, Bangalore University** (As part of the CBJEF's Health Education initiative, last year – on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 – a "Yoga Book Bank" had been inaugurated at the Centre). After an invocation and lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries, **Dr S. Shivanna**, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Performing Arts, welcomed everybody. **Shri K.A. Bhat**, Hon.Vice-President – CBJEF spoke about the importance of education and Yoga in daily life and highlighted the need for a disciplined routine for present-day youth. "Vidya Sahaya" Merit Scholarships were given to 3 top students of M.Sc. in Human Consciousness and Yogic Science. A set of simple books on preventive practices on health (Yoga in daily life) was also handed over to the College library.



Dignitaries present at the distribution of Yoga textbooks – Dept. of Performing Arts , Centre for Yoga Studies, Bangalore University.



Centre for Yoga Studies: CBJEF's "Vidya Sahaya" merit scholarship to a student.

## "VIDYA SAHAYA" MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

CBJEF's "Vidya Sahaya" Merit Scholarships were distributed on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025, to six students of **Govt, P U College for Girls, Vani Vilas Institute, Bangalore** – to 3 toppers of SSLC presently studying in I PUC and 3 toppers of 1<sup>st</sup> PUC now studying in II PUC (CBJEF's Textbook Bank had been opened in this College in February 2023. Long Notebooks – six per student – and textbooks were also given to the students late last year under the CSR funds released by UTI AMC Ltd.). After an invocation and lighting of the lamp, **Smt. Padmavathi Moger**, Principal, welcomed the huge gathering of students and staff and introduced the dignitaries. Speaking on the occasion, **Dr. S.T. Ramachandra**, Hon.Working President – CBJEF advised the students to regularly read books and study well, keeping in mind the career opportunities in different professions. In his address, **Shri K.A. Bhat**, Hon. Vice-President – CBJEF, traced the inception and progress of the CBJEF, also touching upon Shri Ammembal Subba Rao Pai's (founder – Canara Bank) cherished ideals with regard to education. He also stressed the importance of education and yoga in daily life. (CBJEF report)



Dr. S.T. Ramachandra handing over CBJEF's "Vidya Sahaya" Merit Scholarship to a student. Also seen are (L) Shri K.A.Bhat & (R) Smt Padmavathi Moger, Principal , Govt. P U College for Girls, Vanivilas Institute, Bangalore.



A view of the participants at the function.

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*Yesterday is but today's memory and tomorrow is today's dream*

## “Pratibha Puraskara” Programmes



Ikkeri High School – Sagar – Shri S.T. Ratnakar, President of the education institution handing over the token award to a student.



Shri E. Parashuramappa, BEO, Sagar taluk handing over the award to a student.

As part of its educational activities, for the 17th year in succession, a “Pratibha Puraskara” Programme had been organized by CBJEF on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at the **Ikkeri High School**, Edajigalemane, **Sagar taluk, Shimoga district** (lead district of Canara Bank), to honour meritorious SSLC students from 21 rural High Schools in the vicinity. In all, 21 top scorers of SSLC and 20 SSLC students who had scored the highest marks in Kannada as first language, were honoured with cash prizes and certificates. As hitherto, the local Canara Bank Manager and Block Education Officer had been specially invited for the function. **Shri E. Parashuramappa, BEO**, Sagar taluk and another chief guest, **Shri Shankar Sastry**, Education Coordinator, who addressed the gathering, expressed happiness about the programme which they said can provide much motivation, especially to students facing some additional challenges in rural areas. While **Shri S.T. Ratnakar**, President – Ikkeri educational institution presided, the introductory remarks were provided by **Shri Ma.Vem.Sa. Prasad**, senior journalist & writer, who has been successfully coordinating CBJEF's programmes in Shimoga district for the last many years. The programme organized in memory of late **Justice A.Narayana Pai**, former President – CBJEF, received wide coverage in regional newspapers. (based on report)

For over ten years, the CBJEF's “Pratibha Puraskara” programmes at **Sullia Centre** (D. Kannada district) are being meticulously organized by **Shri K.V. Prabhu**, AGM (retd.) Canara Bank. During January 2025, meritorious SSLC students from nearby places like Sullia, Subramanya and Elimale, were selected to receive the award. In all 21 students who had scored the highest marks in SSLC and 10 students of SSLC who had scored the highest marks in Kannada as first language, were awarded token cash prizes and certificates along with useful books on “Yoga”. In addition, CBJEF's “Vidya Sahaya” Merit Scholarship was distributed to 6 girl students of PU class in Govt. P U College, Sullia. The Principal of the College thanked CBJEF for this noble gesture. Shri K.V. Prabhu gave a brief account of CBJEF's “Vidya Sahaya” Merit Scholarship scheme as well as “Pratibha Puraskara” Programme conducted in memory of Late **Justice A.Narayana Pai**, former President of CBJEF. (based on report)



“Pratibha Puraskara” organized by the Sullia Centre. Shri K.V. Prabhu, AGM (retd.), Canara Bank is seen fifth from left.



Recipients of CBJEF's “Vidya Sahaya” Merit Scholarship at Govt. P U College, Sullia.

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*Success doesn't come to you; you must strive for it.*

## How can you help us?

- By creating an endowment with a minimum of Rs.10,000/- in the name of your loved ones. The income derived will be utilized to provide financial assistance to deserving, indigent students for school / examination fees, etc. and to sponsor educational programmes such as honouring rural High School students scoring the highest marks in SSLC and those scoring the maximum marks in Kannada as first language.
- By making donations to our "Book Bank Fund", which will enable us to purchase engineering / medical books for our library.
- By contributing to our "Vidya Sahaya" Merit Scholarship programme for those studying in 1st & 2nd year P U C, intended to encourage and attract merit with an element of competition.
- Donations / Endowments for any related educational activities, along with your valuable suggestions, are welcome.

## Donations / Endowments Received from 01-10-2024 to 31-03-2025

Sl. No.	Donor	Amount
01	<b>UTI Asset Management Company Ltd</b> (CSR Project)	25,00,000.00
02	Shri K. Bhaskar Kamath	5000.00
03	Shri Jagannath Narayan	10000.00
04	Trident Trust, Bangalore	500,000.00
05	Shri Arun Sampath	3500.00
06	Shri M.V.S. Prasad	5000.00
07	Shri M.G. Sampath Kumar	5707.00
08	Shri A.G. Gururaja Murthy	5000.00
09	<b>Canara Bank Head Office</b>	500000.00
10	Smt Nalini Ramesh	5000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>35,39,207.00</b>

## More for the cause of Education ...

As part of its objectives, the CBJEF has been supporting need-based formal and non-formal Education, with different, on-going activities, based on requests, due assessment and availability of resources. Some more of them –

- ❖ For the 10<sup>th</sup> year in succession, 10<sup>th</sup> standard students of **the Ikkeri High School, Edajigalemane, Sagar taluk in Shimoga dist.** were provided with free notebooks during June 2024 by the CBJEF. This programme is organized in memory of **Shri S.R.Prabhu** (former GM, Canara Bank), who served as the first Hon. Secretary of the CBJEF for a long period. A formal function held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Ikkeri High School to mark the event and coordinated by **Shri M.V.S. Prasad**, was attended by the Chief Secretary, Principal and faculty of the Ikkeri educational institutions.
- ❖ Customized long Notebooks were provided to Govt. P U

Colleges in Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Hassan, Shimoga and Bangalore districts.

- ❖ One Green Board was provided to Govt. P U College for Girls, Bagepalli.
- ❖ Bookcases/Study tables were provided to Govt. PU College, Bagepalli and some books were provided to Govt. P U College, Mandikallu.
- ❖ Additional Text-Books, as requested, were provided to Govt. P U Colleges in Hassan dist., Govt. P U College, Yedyur–Bangalore and UVCE, Bangalore.
- ❖ Three Incinerators were provided to UVCE College hostel, Bangalore as requested, during October-November 2024.
- ❖ Balakedarara Vedike, Udupi was provided with a donation of Rs. 5000/- for promoting their Consumer education activities.

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