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THE CANARA BANK JUBILEE EDUCATION FUND

Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the CBJEF

The 67th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Canara Bank Jubilee Education Fund was held at 3 PM on 28th August 2023 at Canara Bank's Staff Training College premises in Bangalore. After the invocation, **Shri B.S.Ravishankar**, DGM, H R Wing, Canara Bank H O and Hon.President - CBJEF took the chair, confirmed the quorum and presided over the deliberations. **Shri Prahlad V.Nagarhalli**, DM, FI Wing, Canara Bank, H O and Hon.Secretary - CBJEF read out the Notice of the AGM. **Shri D.S.Anandamurthy**, nominated member of the CBJEF's governing body, provided a brief perspective about the CBJEF and extended a cordial welcome to everybody. **Shri K.A.Bhat**, Hon.Vice-President – CBJEF presented the highlights of the Annual Report for 2022-23, covering the CBJEF's educational activities, including prominent initiatives like opening of "Text Book Banks" in some more Govt. P U Colleges, distribution of Notebooks, "Pratibha Puraskara" programmes, supply of incinerators to girls' colleges/other colleges and so on. He thanked Canara Bank for their sustained support and cited some activities planned during



The AGM in progress: (L to R) Shriyuths Prahlad V.Nagarhalli, N.S.Srinath, B.S.Ravishankar, K.A.Bhat and D.S.Anandamurthy

the current year. The Annual Report, along with the audited financial statements were then approved and adopted at the meeting. **M/s Umakanth and Sudarsan** were re-appointed as auditors after acknowledging their honorary service ever since inception. Speaking on the occasion, **Shri N.S.Srinath**, Hon.Working President – CBJEF acknowledged the cooperation received from various quarters for the successful implementation of projects, including the unstinted support from Canara Bank. Outlining some of the future plans, he said that the objective was to ensure that the CBJEF continues to remain relevant with meaningful expansion and progress. In his address, **Shri B.S.Ravishankar** thanked everybody for their guidance and support and made some pertinent suggestions for more educational activities relevant to the present times and needs. Past and present executives of the Bank, members of CBJEF and other invitees present shared some valuable perspectives for the greater progress of the CBJEF. **Smt Usha Yaduraj**, Treasurer – CBJEF compered and proposed the vote of thanks.



Canara Bank's executives and other participants at the AGM

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS HONOURED

"If we wish to see change in many things around us, it can come only with education".

As in the earlier years, a function had been organized by the **Narasipur Doddamane Sujana Charitable Trust, Bangalore** and the **CBJEF** on 11th August 2023 at the **Morarji Desai (minorities) Residential School** at Chittanahalli, Holenarasipur to recognize and honour the performance of meritorious students [SSLC – March – April 2023] and High Schools in Holenarasipur taluk. The programme began with an invocation by **Ms. Gauthami**, HM, followed by a welcome address by **Shri N.S.Prakash**, Trustee, who highlighted the activities of the Sujana Trust. **Shri K.A.Bhat**, Hon. Vice-President – CBJEF spoke about the activities of the Education Fund. The guests on



"Pratibha Puraskara" at Holenarasipura : Dignitaries with the academic achievers and other participants

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FELICITATION FUNCTION

A brief function had been organized by the **CBJEF** at Canara Bank's Staff Training College Conference Hall, Bangalore on 19th July 2023 to felicitate some donors and acknowledge their generous contribution for the educational activities of the CBJEF. These donors were honoured at the function -

1. **Shri N. Chandrasekar** (91 years), retired AGM of Canara Bank
2. **Smt Lalitha V.Ramani** (W/o Shri N.R.Venkataramani, retd. GM of Canara Bank)
3. **Smt Chaya S.** (W/o Shri Rajagopal of Canara Bank)

Shri D.S.Anandamurthy (retd. GM – Canara Bank and nominated member of the CBJEF's governing body) introduced the guests (donors) and extended a cordial welcome to all the participants. **Shri Rajeev Kumar Sinha**, AGM – Canara Bank and Principal of the Bank's Staff Training College spoke and



Shri N.Chandrasekar handing over the donation cheque to Shri K.A.Bhat, Hon.Vice-President – CBJEF, flanked by Shri N.S.Srinath (L) & D.S.Anandamurthy (R)



Participants and Guests at the Felicitation Function

appreciated the CBJEF's involvement and contribution to different educational activities, with a special focus on deserving students in Govt. Schools / colleges. **Shri N.S.Srinath**, Hon.Working President – CBJEF highlighted the objectives and role of the CBJEF in various educational activities (with a focus on lead districts of Canara Bank) and said that generous contributions from well-wishers would help in a meaningful expansion of its activities. The guests (donors) present appreciated the good work being done and said that the CBJEF should progress further with more useful projects. Shri N.Chandrasekar made a contribution of Rs.50,000/- (by cheque) towards an endowment fund with the CBJEF. Smt Lalitha V.Ramani and Smt Chaya S. gave a donation of Rs.10,000/- and Rs.5000/- respectively through online transfer to the CBJEF. Towards the end, Shri N.S.Srinath handed over fruit baskets to the invitees. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by **Shri K.A.Bhat**, Hon.Vice-President – CBJEF.

(based on report)

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS HONOURED

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the dais – **Shri Shivalinge Gowda**, BEO ; **Smt Bhagyamma**, BRC (Block Resource Co-ordinator); **Shri Raviprakash**, Director, Mid-Day Meal programme, Holenarasipura, and **Ms. Gayathri**, LDM of Canara Bank – Hassan expressed happiness about the programme and advised the students to come up in life as good citizens of the country. **Shriyuths N.S. Srinath**, Hon. Working President - CBJEF, **D.S.Anandamurthy** (nominated member of the CBJEF's governing body) and **R.Bheemesh** from the CBJEF also participated in the programme. Twenty students who had scored more than 580 marks (out of 625) were honoured with a merit scholarship award of Rs.2000/- each and a certificate. Out of 20 students who received the Pratibha Puraskara, 18 were girls. Eleven Headmasters / schools-in-charge, where the schools had achieved 100% results and were graded high by the BEO's office, were also honoured with plaques and mementos (mementos provided by Canara Bank - R.O.Hassan). The well attended programme concluded with a vote of thanks by **Shri Suresh Naik**, BEO's office, Hassan.

(based on report)



"Pratibha Puraskara" at Holenarasipura: Shri K.A.Bhat honouring an academic achiever.



"Pratibha Puraskara" at Holenarasipura (Hassan dt.): Shri D.S.Anandamurthy felicitating a top scorer.

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September 8th is International Literacy Day

Reaching out with new initiatives

Despite economic growth and progress, a large segment of our younger generation, especially the girl-child, lacks access to education because of various social and economic factors. Thus in the new millennium, there have been specific policy commitments to step up and sustain girls' education. However, it is well known that this also requires palpable changes in societal norms and attitudes with motivation and support systems. Thus some focused initiatives have also been launched for reaching out to young girls at the school/college level, keeping in view health and hygiene awareness and other factors. The **CBJEF**, as part of its broader objectives, initiated a project during 2022 for providing incinerators (napkin burners) to Govt. P U Colleges and indirectly supporting education. Till now, 23 institutions – mainly Govt. P U Colleges and womens'/girls' hostels – have been provided with such electrically operated, wall mounted incinerators, covering Hassan, Chikballapur and Kolar districts and two colleges in Bangalore. M/s National E-Governance Services Ltd have extended financial support of Rupees four lakhs for the project.

Recently, two well-known colleges in Bangalore were provided with such incinerators – two each – by the **CBJEF**. At a simple function organized on 5th August 2023 at Sri Krishnarajendra Silver Jubilee Technological Institute, K.R.Circle, Bangalore, two machines installed in the new building, were formally commissioned by Shri M.B.Patil, Principal of the college and Smt Usha Yaduraj, Treasurer – CBJEF, in the presence of faculty and students of the college as well as the office-bearers/representatives from the CBJEF – Shriyuths N.S.Srinath, K.A.Bhat, D.S.Anandamurthy and R.Bheemesh. This college (SKRSJIT) was started in 1937 by Bharata Ratna Sir M.Vishveshvaraya, Dewan of Mysore, to mark the completion of



CBJEF's representatives and students/faculty of SKSJTI. Shri M.B.Patil, Principal of the college is seen at the extreme left.

25 years of Rule (Silver Jubilee) by Nalvadi Sri Krishnarajendra Wodeyar. (One of the machines installed was donated by Shri N.Chandrasekar, ret. AGM – Canara Bank, a nonagenarian and a generous donor of CBJEF).

On the same day, one more similar event had been organized at UVCE – University Vishveshvaraya College of Engineering, K.R.Circle, Bangalore – which happens to be the first Engineering college in the State and the fifth in the entire country. Out of the two machines provided to the college by the CBJEF, one was donated by Smt Lalitha V.Ramani (former Canara Bank officer and W/o Shri N.R.Venkataramani, ret. GM of Canara Bank), a generous contributor to the CBJEF. She also graced the occasion and formally inaugurated one machine. It was a pleasant surprise when Dr Deepa Shenoy, ret. Professor of UVCE and one of the beneficiaries of CBJEF's loan scholarship and Book Bank, inaugurated the second machine.

(based on report)



Incinerator donated to the UVCE



Dr Deepa Shenoy cutting the tape to mark the inauguration of the incinerator donated by CBJEF to UVCE



The dignitaries and others in the backdrop of the UVCE – a heritage building

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Many things can wait – the child cannot.

Redefining the Book Bank:

Inauguration of CBJEF's Book Bank at UVCE

The CBJEF has been contributing to the field of education in different ways, with innovative and sustainable initiatives/projects, to enable a meaningful change and empowerment. The CBJEF's Book Bank, started in 1958, has been catering to the needs of engineering and medical students in Bangalore, as a valuable lending service. Over the years, it has indeed been a boon to students with its latest editions of books – engineering/medicine, including dental and ayurvedic courses as well as books on competitive examinations. In the changing context, keeping in view the evolving needs, it was thought of further strengthening and extending this facility by setting up the CBJEF's Book Bank in the premises of select colleges after mutual discussion and agreement. This shift, it was felt, would create a meaningful impact and help to stay relevant in the times ahead.

On 15th September 2023, the 162nd Birth Anniversary of **Bharata Ratna Sir M.Visveswaraya**, a simple function had been arranged in the Senate Hall of the UVCE to mark the inauguration of the **CBJEF's Book Bank** in the premises of the college. The day began with the garlanding of Sir M.V's bust at the entrance of UVCE's premises by Shri P.Gopikrishna, GM, Bangalore Circle.

This was followed by a formal meeting in the Senate Hall, which had the presence of the college Director (Dr. H.N. Ramesh), department heads, teaching staff, Librarian Smt. Sandhyarani K. and the library staff, other non-teaching staff and students. From Canara Bank, Shri P.Gopikrishna, GM, Bangalore Circle and from CBJEF, Shriyuths B.S.Ravishankar, DGM - Canara Bank, H.O. & Hon.President – CBJEF, Prahlad V.Nagarhalli, DM, FI Wing – Canara Bank, H.O. & Hon.Secretary

– CBJEF, K.A. Bhat, Hon. Vice-President - CBJEF, N.S.Srinath, Hon.Working President – CBJEF, R.Bheemesh, J.Mohanram, Smt Usha Yaduraj Treasurer- CBJEF and Smt S.R.Latha were present. The programme began with an invocation, followed by a welcome by Dr Kiran K., Associate Professor – UVCE and lighting of the lamp. In his address, Shri Gopikrishna highlighted the performance of Canara Bank and its thrust on education from the very beginning, as part of its social responsibility. Shri B.S.Ravishankar, spoke about the CBJEF and its Book Bank and the contribution to education. Shri N.S.Srinath briefed the gathering about the various activities of CBJEF. He also paid tributes to Sir M. Visveswaraya and greeted students and faculty members on the Engineers' Day (Sept. 15th) . Shri K.A.Bhat gave a motivational talk to the students, highlighting the value of a disciplined life with yoga practice and urged them to be good citizens of the country. Dr H.N.Ramesh spoke about UVCE (the first engineering college in Karnataka and 5th in the entire country), its future plans and the generous support expected from the government and other quarters, to develop the college on the model of IITs. He then felicitated the CBJEF officials while Shri P.Gopikrishna, GM – Canara Bank felicitated the UVCE professors and the Librarian Smt Sandhyarani.K.



CBJEF's Book Bank Inauguration at UVCE

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Empowering the Nation

15th September every year is celebrated as National Engineers' Day to mark the birth anniversary of Bharata Ratna Sir M.Visveswaraya, the renown engineer and statesman. Sir M.Visveswaraya was instrumental in building innovative, indigenous technological solutions to some complex problems faced by the State/Country. Today these accomplishments stand as a global testament to the nation's engineering capabilities and commitment.



Shri P.Gopikrishna, GM, Canara Bank – Bangalore Circle – after garlanding the bust of Sir M.Visveswaraya at UVCE.

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"In Books I have travelled, not only to other worlds, but also into my own" – Anna Quindlen

Inauguration of CBJEF's Book Bank at UVCE

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This was followed by the formal inauguration of the CBJEF's Book Bank at UVCE. Shri K.A.Bhat formally cut the tape along with Dr H.N.Ramesh, to mark the handing over of 1000 books to UVCE for running the Book Bank of the CBJEF. A MoU was signed by Dr H.N.Ramesh on behalf of the UVCE and Shri N.S.Srinath, Hon.Working President on behalf of the CBJEF.

(based on report)



Shri K.A.Bhat, Hon.Vice-President, CBJEF cutting the tape to mark the inauguration of CBJEF's Book Bank at UVCE



Dignitaries taking a look at CBJEF's Book Bank at UVCE

SIGNING OF MoU WITH UTI AMC

On 15th September 2023, Shri Surojit Saha, CFO, UTI AMC (UTI Asset Management Company Ltd.), Mumbai and Shri Siddhartha Dash, EVP & Zonal Head South, UTI AMC, Bangalore visited CBJEF's office at Dwarakanath Bhavan, K R Road, Bangalore. They were taken around the Book Bank and briefed about the history of the CBJEF and the contribution being made to the field of education. Later an MoU was signed between UTI AMC (represented by Shri Surojit Saha, CFO) and the CBJEF (represented by Shri N.S.Srinath, Hon.Working President) with regard to the CSR project funded by UTI AMC.



The UTI AMC team's visit to the CBJEF's Book Bank in Bangalore



Shri N.S.Srinath & Shri Surojit Saha exchanging the MoU as Sriyuths D.S.Anandamurthy and Siddhartha Dash (UTI AMC – Bangalore) look on

Shri Prahlad V.Nagarhalli, DM – Canara Bank and Hon.Secretary – CBJEF, Shri K.A.Bhat, Hon.Vice-President – CBJEF, Shri D.S.Anandamurthy, nominated member of the CBJEF's governing body and volunteers of CBJEF were present on the occasion. The project under the name “Promotion of Education in Govt. colleges in Karnataka”, aims at supporting the establishment of Text Book Banks, distribution of textbooks, notebooks and scholarships in identified colleges and extending support to computer labs, as part of UTI AMC's CSR activities.

(based on report)

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“The infinite Library of the Universe is in your own mind” – Swami Vivekananda

Pratibha Puraskara Programmes

A 'Pratibha Puraskara' programme had been organized by the **CBJEF** at Karnataka Public School, Nellikeri, Kumta (U. Kannada dt.) on 16th June 2023 to honour meritorious students from rural High Schools in the vicinity. Ten students who had scored the highest marks in SSLC and 11 students of SSLC who had scored the highest marks in Kannada as first language, were honoured with token cash awards and certificates. After the invocation, **Smt A.Lakshmi Bai**, Principal (retd.), S V S P U College, Katapadi and coordinator of the programme, provided the introductory remarks. **Smt Rekha**



Honouring a top scorer at Nellikeri – Kumta

Naik, official from the Regional Resource Centre of the Dept. of Public Instruction, who presided over the programme, expressed happiness and advised the students to work hard and strive for academic attainments. **Shri S.B.Nayak**, BEO, who was the chief guest and **Shri S.G.Bhat**, Principal of the Karnataka Public School, conveyed their good wishes for the function. The students and parents expressed gratitude to the CBJEF for the honour. **Shri Ravindra Shetty**, President – Sangama Seva Trust, Ankola welcomed the participants and the programme concluded with a vote of thanks.



"Pratibha Puraskara" at Karnataka Public School, Nellikeri – Kumta: The awardees

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

The first All India Public Library Conference was convened at the Gokhale Hall, Madras on 14th Nov, 1919 and the All India Public Libraries' Association was founded on the same day. **The National Library Week** is generally held in India from 14th to 20th November every year to promote and popularize libraries, their resources and services. **The National Book Week** is also observed around the same time and it provides valuable perspectives on book culture and the industry (Source : Internet)

HONOURING MERITORIOUS STUDENTS

A similar function had been organized by the **CBJEF** on 30th June 2023 at the S V T Women's P U College, Karkala (Udupi dt.), for honouring meritorious students of SSLC. Ten top scorers of SSLC and 19 students of SSLC who had scored the highest marks in Kannada as first language, were honoured with token cash awards and certificates as well as educative books on Yoga. **Shri Chandraiah**, BEO, Karkala, who presided, expressed happiness that the CBJEF had been recognizing and rewarding merit in rural areas. The Chief Guests included **Shri K.P.Shenoy**, Secretary – Venkataramana Education Trust (Regd.), Karkala; **Smt Poonam Prabhu**, Deputy Manager of Canara Bank branch at Karkala; **Shri Subramanya Bhat**, lecturer – DIET, Udupi; **Shri Ramdas Prabhu**, lecturer – S V T Women's Govt. P U College, Karkala; **Shri Yogendra Nayak**, Principal of the High School section and **Smt Mukta Srinivas**, resource person – B V T. **Smt A.Lakshmi Bai**, retd. Principal and coordinator of the programme welcomed and also proposed the vote of thanks. **Shri Devadas Keremane**, teacher, compered the programme. Both the above programmes were held in memory of Justice A.Narayana Pai – President of the CBJEF for a long time.

(based on reports)



SVT Girls' P U College – Karkala: A top scorer being felicitated



Honouring merit: "Pratibha Puraskara"

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"A learned man has always wealth in himself" - Phaedrus

Events and Moments...

(Reports and pic.s of these events also appear elsewhere in this issue of 'Vidya Vahini')



Inaugural function of CBJEF's Book Bank at UVCE (15th Sept, 2023)



Dignitaries at the same inaugural function at UVCE (15th Sept. 2023)



CBJEF's Incinerator donation to SKSIIT, Bangalore - function on 5th August, 2023



Shri N.S. Srinath from CBJEF (L) felicitating Shri N. Chandrasekar (R), retd. AGM, Canara Bank and donor - function on 19th July, 2023



Smt. Usha Yaduraj - CBJEF (L) greeting Smt. Chaya S. (R), donor : felicitation function on 19th July, 2023



Smt. S.R. Latha - CBJEF (R) greeting Smt. Lalitha V. Ramani (L), donor : felicitation function on 19th July, 2023



UTI AMC Executives' visit to CBJEF at Dwarakanath Bhavan, Bangalore (15th Sept. 2023)



CBJEF's Members and other participants at the AGM. (28th August 2023)

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You never get a second chance to make a good first impression

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 1st & 2nd year P U C students, 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 01-03-2023 to 30-09-2023

Sl.No.	Donor	Amount
01	Shri Elango C.	5000.00
02	Smt Usha Yaduraj	5000.00
03	Shri A.G.Gururaja Murthy	5000.00
04	Shri Gracian Tauro	10000.00
05	Shri Arun S.	2022.00
06	Smt Nalini Ramesh	5000.00
07	Smt Ranjana Giridhar	5000.00
08	Shri Kiran Rao	10001.00
09	Shri R.Bheemesh	10000.00
10	Smt Chaya S.	5000.00
11	Shri N.S.Srinath	10000.00
12	Smt Lalitha V Ramani	40000.00
13	Shri H.S.Pai	12000.00
14	Shri N.Chandrasekar	63806.00
15	Shri S.Santhanam	10000.00
16	Shri Sathya Shankara H.	10000.00
17	Shri K.S.Rajendra	10000.00
18	Smt Gayathri R.Shekar	10001.00
TOTAL		227830.00

Summer Camp activity

Summer camps for children conducted regularly, have evolved into places for picking up learning resources and honing skills and creativity. As part of its non-formal educational activities, over a period of time, the CBJEF has been extending support for a summer camp for children, organized by the Mahila Samaja, Bidadi near Bangalore. This year's summer camp was held from 10th April 2023 to 26th April 2023. The children were able to learn useful arts and crafts, including painting & drawing, through different resource persons, apart from indoor games like carrom, snake & ladder, etc. The Canara Bank Artisans' Centre at Jogaradoddi taught the art of making clay models (including that of lord Ganapathi) to the children. The children were also taken on an excursion to nearby places. (Based on report)



Summer camp activity for children:
CBJEF with Mahila Samaja, Bidadi

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