Annual Awards Announced during the Online Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the FY 2019-20

Yearly Merit Awards

KKS has been felicitating meritorious students for quite some time. The interest earned towards the amount received from donors specifically for this purpose is used to provide yearly cash awards under different categories as specified by the Donors. There has been an increase in the number of yearly merit awards to 4 now, for meritorious students including a new category of contribution in Sports.

The details are

- Late Dr. Rajeshwar Prasad Argal Memorial Sponsored by Mr. Prabhat Argal (Rs. 25000/-) since 1994, For class 12th pass-out student with science (a cash award of Rs. 1500/-)
- Late Mr. Sheoraj Bihari Lal Mathur Memorial Sponsored by Mrs. Raj Mathur (Rs. 25000/-) since 2000, For class 12th pass-out students with Arts or Commerce (a cash award of Rs. 1500/-)
- Late Mrs. Jageshwari Bisaria Memorial Sponsored by Mr. Animesh Bisaria (Rs. 25000/-) since 2018, For class 12th pass-out girl students with any subject (a cash award of Rs. 1500/-)
- Mrs. Kiran Rawar Merit Award Sponsored by Mrs. Kiran Rawar (Rs. 25000/-) since 2018, For up to class 12th pass-out students excelling in sports (a cash award of Rs. 1500/-)

Since we did not get desired nominations in the above categories, the EC decided to felicitate the following students without any selection committee. Also, 8 students are being felicitated this year as we did not give these awards last year.

 Late Dr. Rajeshwar Prasad Argal Memorial - Mr. Aditya Srivastava S/o Mrs. Ritu Karidhal Srivastava and Mr. Avinash Srivastava – Scored 96% in 10th ICSE board



• Late Mr. Sheoraj Bihari Lal Mathur Memorial - Mr. Tanuj Mathur S/o Mrs. Dipti Mathur and Mr. Sharad Mathur - 10th ICSE board



• Mrs. Kiran Rawar Merit Award - Mr. Adithya Srivastava S/o Mrs. Sanjana Srivastava and Mr. Manoj Srivastava - Scored 96% in PCM in 12th CBSE board



Late Mrs. Jageshwari Bisaria Memorial - Ms. Shreya Shrivastava D/o Mrs.
Surekha Sinha and Mr. Anand Kumar Shrivastava – 12th CBSE board



Late Dr. Rajeshwar Prasad Argal Memorial – Mr. Shivam Shrivastava S/o Mrs.
Jugnu Shrivastava & Mr. Sandeep Shrivastava – 12th ISC board



 Late Mr. Sheoraj Bihari Lal Mathur Memorial – Mr. Aman Shrivastava S/o S/o Mrs. Jugnu Shrivastava & Mr. Sandeep Shrivastava – 12th ISC board



 Late Mrs. Jageshwari Bisaria Memorial - Ms. Siya Elizabeth Jacob D/o Dr. Ritu Rawar Jacob and Dr. Siju Jacob – 10th ICSE board



Over a significant portion of the past five years, Siya has been able to work towards obtaining multiple accolades in a variety of fields. She secured the first position at the national level for the Albert Barrow All-India Essay Competition (Category II). At the interschool level, she won Best Speaker at the Frank Anthony Memorial All-India Debate Competition (Junior Group). She further took part in other interschool events, including Verbattle and CMUNC 2017.

An avid participant in school activities; she's headed multiple design projects for English, including creating backdrop pieces, planning costumes and props for plays, and directing of class plays. One of the most tasking projects was Sudha Murthy's book launch for "The Daughter of The Wishing Tree". As a part of the core team, she coordinated props, costumes, and the question panel.

Besides artistic direction, she's been an active member of school-council-based activities. She was elected Class Representative and the Class Student of the Year on multiple occasions (quite likely because my classmates knew the teachers would be in my favour) based on the class voting.

She further went on to win the 'Shilpottam Award' for the Batch of 2020, amongst awards for 'Recognition of Leadership' and 'Proficiency in Art as an Elective Subject'. Apart from academic accomplishments, she has undergone training in western classical music for piano and is currently a Grade 7 pianist under the ABRSM board. She enjoys painting, stitching, and dancing and is learning kathak alongside her sisters at the moment!

 Mrs. Kiran Rawar Merit Award - Ms. Saachi Argal, D/o Mrs. Divya Argal, and Sumit Argal



Saachi, 13 years, is a sprinter and has placed in a number of inter-school track events at the Friendship Games and at the Bethany Inter-School Relay Events.

She was on the school hockey team and participated in inter-school tournaments where the team placed second in the Hockey Karnataka Inter-School Tournament.

She is currently on the school football team where they were runners up in the Boost Bengaluru FC Inter-School Soccer Shield Tournament and in the Head Start Friendship Games Inter-School Football Tournament.

President Choice Award – These awards are given annually to KKS members and their families for making extraordinary contributions to KKS. The recipients for the FY 2019-20 are

Mrs. Vandana Dayal



Vandana Dayal is an artist based in Singapore whose artworks have been displayed in many exhibitions across Singapore, India, and Europe. She and her husband Mr. Yogesh Dayal have been very active members of the Karnataka Kayastha Sabha since 1995. A physics teacher for over 3 decades, art was always a hobby and a form of meditation for Vandana. She transitioned from being a teacher to a full-time artist when the family moved from India to Singapore a few years ago and has since experimented with several of styles painting. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, she combined her passions for art and teaching. She started Free Online Madhubani Art classes to give people an artistic outlet during this difficult time. Hundreds of people, young and old, are now a part of this art community across the world and are enjoying the joy of creation. She has been doing philanthropy work by donating the proceeds of online classes to various organizations involved in charitable work. KKS salutes her for her unconditional support and also for being a well-wisher of KKS.

Mr. Rajiv Saxena



Rajiv Saxena has been a member of KKS since 1993-94. For the past 25 years, he has actively participated in all activities of KKS, especially in making arrangements for venues, etc. for our quarterly events. Along with his wife Baljit, an Executive Committee member, they have been instrumental in organizing many programs of the Samaj. Most recently, he has designed our website's outlay, and researched,

compiled, and written content with painstaking efforts of more than three months. He also designed the logo of KKS-Connect and vigorously forwarded the idea of Online Events.



We appreciate his contribution and wish that his association and bonds with KKS keep growing stronger and deeper.

Entrepreneurship Award – These awards are given annually to successful entrepreneurs to rewarding them for their excellent work and contribution to society and also to motivate others to look at Entrepreneurship as an option to earn a livelihood, especially in the current scenario wherein a lot of people have lost their jobs worldwide.

Men Category

Mr. Dharmendra Saxena



Dharmendra Saxena or DS (as he is fondly called by his colleagues and friends) is one of the first people to do a Master's in Computer Sciences from India (1985), he started his career working on Operating Systems, Compilers, and Databases at Mission Viejo, California, operating system plant of Unisys. He has worked in many countries across different continents. Do you know that Mahindra British Telecom (Now Mahindra Satyam) was formed to maintain a network of Telephone exchanges in the UK called TNDC? This made itemized billing possible for the first time in the UK by connecting the data across exchanges. The core of this Network was written by him.

He takes pride in being blamed for the population explosion in Bangalore since 1995 as he was responsible for setting up many large Development centres, some examples are PayPal, PeopleSoft, Fidelity, and VISA. Each of these has more than 10K engineers today across India. He used to mentor entrepreneurs at IIM Bangalore's startup cell. This made him decide to take a plunge into the Startup

ecosystem about six years ago. Since then he has either founded, invested or mentored two dozen companies. Out of the companies that survived some of the notable examples are

Trans Neuron Technologies (TNT), an ED-Tech company. Under his guidance, TNT begged the project for building an SDMS, SKILL ERP for NSDC responsible for managing skill ecosystem across India. Today there are more than 1.5 crore youth, 55000 training institutes and 27000 trainers registered on this portal. Pacific Gaming Private Limited (PGPL), an online gaming company. In three years of its existence, PGPL has become the Third largest online Poker Company, with more than 100,000 active players and 100 crores in annual revenue. He is currently building a Platform for MSME-Forum of India, which plans to serve more than 7 crores registered MSMEs, by bringing them on a single platform. This platform will offer a plethora of services to MSMEs. Some of the services will be Government Schemes, Blue Collar Hiring, easy compliance etc.

Mr. Vipul Mathur



I came to Bangalore in 1988 as a tourist. My Bua ji and Phupha ji, Mrs. and Mr. Mahendra Prasad (Founder members of KKS) were here and they were the sole reason for I came to Bangalore after finishing my studies from a small-town Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh. Through these years, I worked with various companies in challenging roles which gave me strong exposure to Events, Public Relations, Change management, Crisis management, , Government & Non-government communications, Celebrity management, Airline, Newspaper & IT startups, Rural Community development, and Social responsibility, I was extremely lucky to have such opportunities. But the itch to create what you can call your own was just brewing. After a long 28+ years of corporate life, we re-started the storm. Currently, I am invested in a few major projects.

A denim project American Bull, an economy jeans brand that is retailed at Metro Cash & Carry, Walmart and many multi-brand retails in Rajasthan, Bihar, Jharkhand and Kerala. FanTam Brands is destined to become India's leading space for a sport or a brand fanatic to procure original products of choice. I am also the founder member of

BrandAid Events along with Anubhav Argal. I also steal some time to do some brand consulting with United Pressure Cookers, Mayoor School Noida and Sarvottam School Greater Noida.

Women Category

• Mrs. Anita Srivastava





Triumph Engineers & Associates was founded on the idea of designing and manufacturing high quality seals to the Indian market back in 1987. An Enterprising Couple, Gopal & Anita Srivastava built the business from a room in their home.

The Group companies are today led by a team of Professionals with vast experience in their fields.





Today, **Triumph Engineers & Associates Pvt Ltd**, is a Bangalore, INDIA based, ISO 9001:2015 Quality System Certified, Elastomeric sealing products and solutions partner to leading OEM's in our chosen Business areas. With In-house design, development and manufacturing along with partnership to leading global Raw material suppliers we are uniquely placed to support our partners ever growing need for high quality, reliable and efficient sealing solutions.

Today we have our presence in a range of High technology industries including off-road mobile hydraulics, heavy engineering, medical, oil and gas as well as Food and Beverage industries. We continue to work on delivering peace of mind!

DIAMANT Triumph Metallplastic Pvt Ltd, was established as a 50:50 Joint venture with DIAMANT Metallplastic GmbH, Germany - a pioneer in metal polymer technology since the 1880's. The JV Company, which was started as a Sales and Marketing venture has also made a mark within the Country and is a premium supplier for critical applications across a broad spectrum of Industries.

The Company has also moved from being a purely Sales arm of the DIAMANT & Triumph businesses to a full service Company. With in-house engineering and production we also support advanced Engineering and have delivered on critical projects of national importance, with solutions in Marine, Oil & Gas, Power, Food & Beverage, Process Plants,

Machine Tools and Heavy Engineering.

Our team has made a mark for itself from the World's Highest Bridge over the Chenab Bridge, to the longest bridge at Bogibeel in Assam. We were also the first and only team to date that has successfully replaced and grouted a POT PTFE Bridge bearing on a running railway line within a time of 3 hours and ensured immediate opening of the track for full traffic.



Mrs. Malini Mathur



Born in Bangalore, joined the vibrant Kayasth family in 1996. Mrs. Malini started her career in 1990 with a French apparel buying house Francis Wacziarg. Career progressed and she got an opportunity to work on apparel sourcing for many international lifestyle brands like Stefanel Italy, Mac n Maggi, Tommy Hilfiger, French Connection, Calvin Klein and few others. This became the foundation for her passion for simple yet impactful clothing.

It was the year 1998 when she ventured out to start her label "Malini Collection" with kids wear. she has been a big fan of cotton clothing. Hence, she structured all her products in 100% cotton. A few years later, she diversified and started a line of Indo-Western Women's Day Wear, which consists of Dresses, Kurtas, Kurtis, Mix & Match Saree Blouses in various Indian cotton, khadi, linen fabrics with Indian motifs, prints, etc. Since she believes in exclusivity in clothing, she does not create more than one size set in one design. The business has grown organically through word of mouth and customer introducing of customers. With the grace of God, the going has been good for her so far and she is enjoying what she does.

Lifetime Service Award – KKS is pleased to start this award this year to remember and reward its honorable members who have/ are contributed/ contributing to its growth immensely all throughout. The first recipient is

Late Dr. K M Mathur





Dr. Lal, Dr. K M Mathur, and Mr. A M Mathur addressed the members during a function held in Bangalore Club, Bangalore in the early days of KKS. Also, seen are participants attending the function.

Fondly called "Vishnu" by his family and friends, Vishnu was born in Nabha, an erstwhile princely state of India. After completing his education in India, he did his MBA from the London School of Economics. Thereafter, he obtained his doctorate in Philosophy. After living in the UK for seven years, we returned to India and started Hindustan Electro Technology Pvt. Ltd., in Bangalore, catering to the Defense, Telecommunications, Aerospace, and Space Industries and received a prestigious award from the Government of India for Import Substitution.

He was conferred with various awards and served the industry fraternity by being on the council of PIA (Peenya Industries Association as President), CLIK (Consortium of Electronics Industry in Karnataka), FKCCI (Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry), and GMCI (now BCIC – Bangalore Chamber of Industries and Commerce as President). He was also an active Freemason and was past Master of Lodge Gibbs. He held high ranks in the Regional Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge of India. He has been writing poems since he was in college. Then his medium was Hindi and Urdu. Later in life he wrote in English. Writing poems was a spontaneous and compulsive exercise for him. He would write sitting anywhere even if he didn't have paper to write on, he would use a wrapper or a paper napkin to pen his thoughts. He would sometimes get up in the middle of the night to write a few lines. He left behind a trunk full of poems.

Karnataka Kayastha Sabha (KKS) was registered under the leadership of Dr. K M Mathur as its first President and continued for three years from 1986-89. He served it along with Sh. M S Lal, Sh. G P Mathur, Sh. A. M. Mathur, and a few more. KKS grew in all directions during his tenure immensely. Currently, it is known as Karnataka Kayastha Samaj (KKS).

KKS is pleased to honour Late Dr. K M Mathur for his visionary role in establishing Karnataka Kayastha Sabha along with a few other Kayasthas and puts on record the enormous contribution made by him and his family including Mrs. Raj Mathur.