



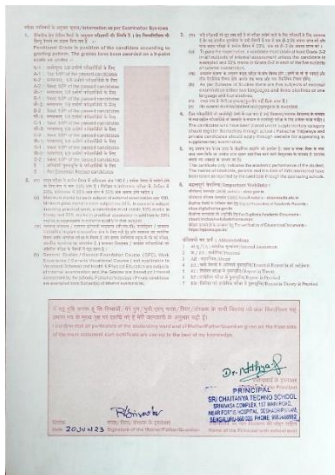
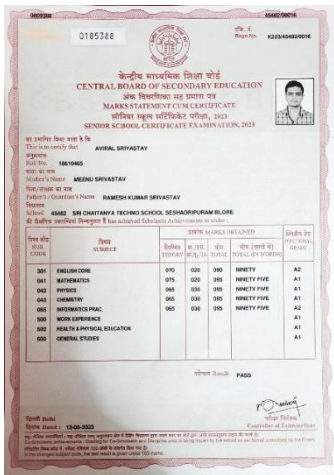
## Karnataka Kayastha Samaj (KKS) Annual Excellence Award FY 2022-23

### Merit Awards

KKS has been felicitating meritorious students for quite some time. The interest earned against the amount received from four Donors specifically for this purpose is used to provide yearly cash awards under different categories as specified by the Donors.

Based on the nominations (all 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard students) received, the following are the FY 2022-23 award winners.

- **Late Dr. Rajeshwar Prasad Argal Memorial** - Sponsored by Mr. Prabhat Argal (Rs. 25000/-), For class 12th pass-out students with science subjects (a cash award of Rs. 1500/-)
- **Mr. Aviral Srivastav S/o Mrs. Meenu Srivastav & Mr. Ramesh K Srivastav – Scored 94% in the 12th CBSC Board**





- **Late Mr. Sheoraj Bihari Lal Mathur Memorial** - Sponsored by Late Mrs. Raj Mathur (Rs. 25000/-), For class 12th pass-out student with Arts or Commerce (a cash award of Rs. 1500/-)
- **Mr. Saksham Varma** S/o Mrs. Nidhi Varma and Mr. Mudit Varma – Scored an A grade in the 12th Telangana State Board

YEAR	ENGLISH	HINDI	SANSKRIT	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	PHYSICAL EDUCATION
2021	80	80	70	70	80	70
2022	80	80	70	70	80	70
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>397</b>					



- **Mrs. Kiran Rawar Merit Award** - Sponsored by Mrs. Kiran Rawar (Rs. 25000/-), For up to class 12<sup>th</sup> pass-out students excelling in Sports (a cash award of Rs. 1500/-)

**No nominations were received under this category.**

- **Late Mrs. Jageshwari Bisaria Memorial** - Sponsored by Mr. Animesh Bisaria (Rs. 25000/-), For class 12<sup>th</sup> pass-out girl student with any subject (a cash award of Rs. 1500/-)

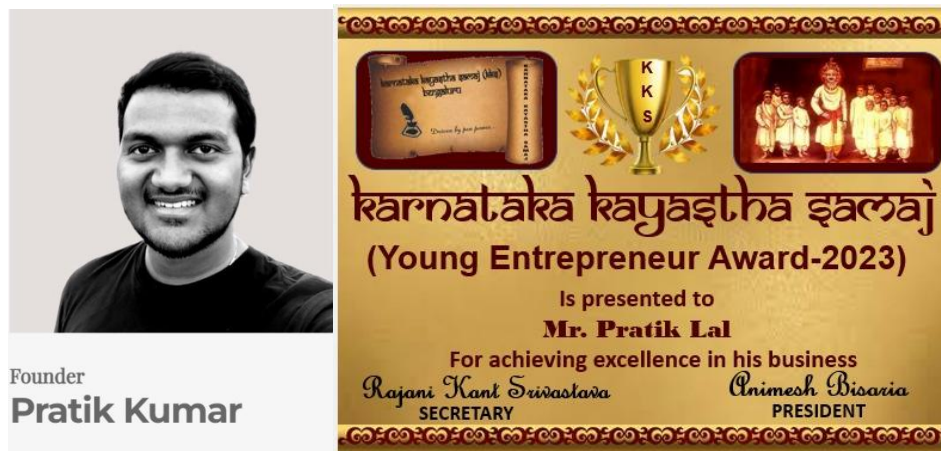
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## Young Entrepreneur Awards

These awards are given annually to successful young entrepreneurs to reward them for their initiative, excellent work, and contribution to society which helps others to get motivated and 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. The awardees for FY 2022-23 are:

### Men Category

- **Mr. Pratik Lal**



**WE CARRY THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD, SARI DUNIYA KA BOJH HUM UTHATE HAI**  
A world without plastic — that's what we believe in. We design, what your mind creates

**Eco Bags** - It's time, for something new and Recyclable, Let's be, the change we want to bring  
**UNIQUE DESIGN** - We design – creating visually appealing fashion styles while ensuring comfort while you carry your belongings.

**TOP QUALITY** - We are kind to nature, as we use water-based inks and 100% cotton, jute, and canvas.

**BUDGET-FRIENDLY** - We produce our bags at low costs using efficient assembly lines and automated processes.

**FAST DELIVERY** - We are committed to delivering your products on time, and we aim to make good on our promise.

I am an entrepreneur and the founder of **M/s Vidhi Ventures**, an eco-friendly bag company. I was born and raised in Bangalore, India. My parents are business owners, so I was intrigued by the business world at a young age. I have always been interested in business and the stock market. I started Vidhi Ventures because I wanted to create a product for everyone that would help people reduce their use of plastic bags. I was tired of seeing all the plastic pollution everywhere and wanted to do something about it.

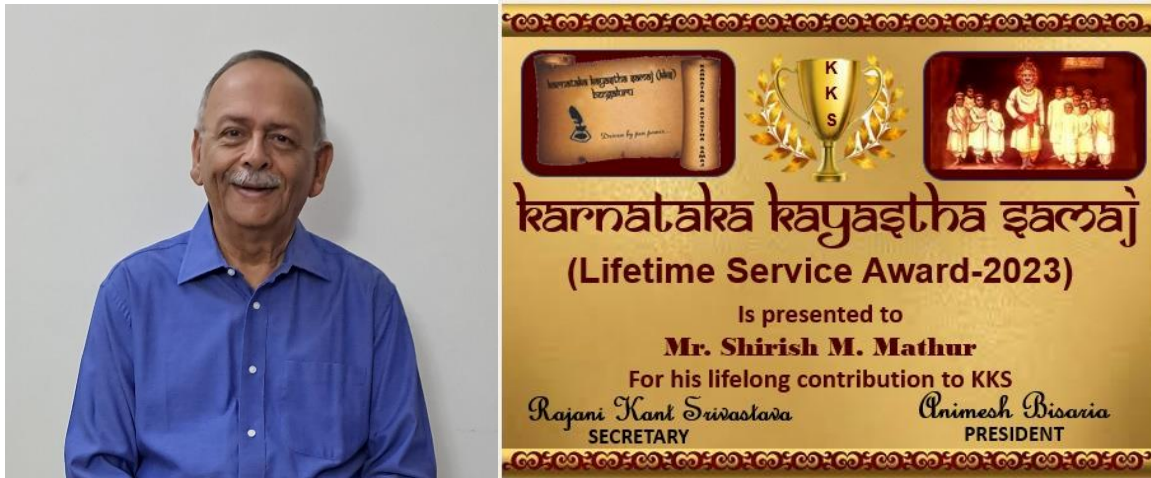
Vidhi Ventures is successfully selling eco-friendly bags in stores across India. We are constantly innovating and expanding our product line to include new products that will help people reduce their use of plastic. I have always been fascinated by the process of creating things from scratch and watching them grow into successful businesses. These have been key drivers in my decision to become an entrepreneur.

### **Lifetime Service Award(s)**

KKS started to reward stalwarts, its honorable senior members who have contributed and are contributing to its growth immensely all throughout.

The recipients for the year FY 2022-23 are:

- **Mr. Shirish Mathur**



- Born on 05/03/1946. at Mumbai
- Did schooling in Mumbai and Mechanical Engineering in Pune.
- Worked for Philips India Pune for 3 years.
- Worked for BATLIBOI for 16 years, and left as General Manager, Machine Tools Mktg.
- An alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad.
- Running own business of marketing Material Handling and Industrial Storage Equip.
- President of KKS in 1999 – 2000.
- President of Rotary Club of Bangalore Indiranagar in 2001 – 2002.
- Active Rotarian since 1978.

Married to Kumud, have two children, Nandeesh and Meghana, both happily married and settled.

The KKS team of 1999-2000 had the distinction of bringing out the newsletter monthly, a fundraiser that gave nearly Rs.50, 000/= to Sabha. Established a new logo for KKS in its present form, which has undergone some changes to date.

Dedicated Rotarian for 4 decades. Had the honour of being the President of Rotary Indiranagar, a very prestigious club in the Rotary world. Self and Kumud are both "PAUL HARRIS" fellows of Rotary International, having contributed \$ 10,000 each. I am closely attached to KARUNASHRYA, a joint project of the Indian Cancer Society and Rotary Indiranagar for terminally ill cancer patients.

Presently happily retired, but willing to engage for a worthwhile project in the future.

- **Mr. Ajeet Khare – Managing Director, M/s Canara Lighting, Global Illuminators**



Mr. Ajeet Khare is a veteran of KKS and served as its President from 1989-92, i.e., consecutively for three years. KKS witnessed tremendous growth during his tenure.

Mr. Ajeet Khare is the Managing Director of Canara Lightning Industries Ltd, Mulky, Mangalore. He acquired Canara Lighting in March 2010. Since then, Canara Lighting Industry Ltd has been managed by the management led by him. Canara Lighting is India's biggest manufacturer of specialized lighting equipment used in film and TV Studios, auditoriums, theaters, and many other special applications.

Ever since he has taken over the management of Canara Lighting, this company has grown significantly.

He has plans to make this company a global player and amongst the top 3 in the Business.

Mr. Ajeet Khare hails from a middle-class family. He was educated in major cities of India from Amritsar to Chennai. He completed his B. Tech, Mechanical Engineering, from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. While studying M. Tech at IIT Madras, he was employed by DCM Shriram Ltd, as a management trainee and that is how he started his professional career. He has worked at Shriram Refrigeration Industries, Hyderabad for 4 years mainly in manufacturing shops.

He decided to pursue this career in sales and marketing and joined a German Multinational, Widia India Limited, Bangalore. He worked for 25 years with this company and left this organization as Joint Managing Director.

He was responsible for sales and marketing functions and grew the company to become India's biggest manufacturer of Advanced Tungsten carbide Tooling serving leading companies in Automobile/Defense/Aerospace/ Railways and other leading manufacturing sectors. In his stewardship, the company became no. 1 in India in this business group, which was a record for any "Widia" company globally.

During the year 2001, he decided to join an American Start – Up, in Bangalore. This helped him, to gain hands-on experience in reviving sick organizations. A sick company in 3 years transformed into a profitable organization and challenged the top companies in the world. As Managing Director, he fixed the aim of transforming the company into a global leader in the emerging technology of Metal Injection molding.

In the year 2009, he realized, it was time to move again and work to become an entrepreneur himself. Finally, in March 2010 he acquired Canara Lighting and since then he has been managing this important company in Mangalore. web site [www.canaralighting.com](http://www.canaralighting.com). He has widely traveled all over the globe and understands global business scenarios and requirements. He also has over 30 years of multinational management experience. This helped Canara Lighting Industries to grow from strength to strength. The company grew by 250% during the last three years.

Canara Lighting had a global footprint. They had planned to become a leading global organization in the field of Stage and Studio Lighting Systems, Consultancy, Design, Manufacturing, and Installation. They have been participating in the leading broadcast shows in Europe and Asia.

To make their presence felt in this market segment. They have appointed dealers, and consultants in the Asian and European region to represent their company. Last year their export business was 35% of total sales. They are exporting to Asian, European, and African markets so far. The unique Vision of Mr. Khare has been to bring the companies in the top 3 in the world in their business.

- Widia India became no 1 in India in Tungsten Carbide Tooling
- Indo-American MIM Tech became No. 1 in India and also No. 1 globally.
- Canara Lighting Systems is No. 1 in India and on the way to the top 3 Globally.

He has proved, that Indian companies, with the right Vision and leadership, can become Global Leaders, an Inspiration to each and every forward-looking professional.

## President Choice Award(s)

These awards are given annually to KKS members and their families for making an extraordinary contribution to KKS. The awardees for the FY 2022-23 are:

- **Dr. Usha Shrivastava**



- I enjoy reading, writing, listening to music, gardening, working for the community & and socializing.
- Working to spread Hindi among the maximum number of people.
- Enjoyed teaching Hindi at various levels.
- Regularly participate in conferences & poetic meets.
- Interview people from various fields on my FB page. Jivan Rang Usha Sang
- Poetry Book published - Ret Par Naam Tera
- Story Book- Kasak Jindagi Ki.... going to be published soon.