## Kannada Rajyotsava Award 2023 Received by Dr. Premajyothi.D

Dr. Premajyothi.D, Assistant Professor at the School of Social Work, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, has been honored with the Kannada Rajyotsava Award 2023 by the Government of Karnataka. The award ceremony took place on the 1st of November, 2023, coinciding with the 68th Kannada Rajyostava Celebrations, at the Taluk Level in Pavagada, Tumakuru district of Karnataka. she was acknowledged for her exemplary service as a social worker, particularly in the upliftment of various marginalized communities. Her contributions encompass the betterment of the poor, children, women (especially those destitute, depressed, and victims of violence), Dalits, and youth. Moreover, she was recognized for her notable role as a COVID Warrior in Tumkuru and Mysuru Districts of Karnataka.

The award also acknowledges her commitment to standing for the rights of vulnerable and downtrodden communities. She has played a vital role as a liaison and social advocate, addressing the issues of these communities at both national and international platforms. Additionally, her efforts have been documented in national and international books and journals, contributing to the broader discourse on social welfare. The Kannada Rajyotsava Award Ceremony was attended by esteemed individuals, including Mr. D.N. Varadaraja (Tahsildar, Pavagada), Mr. H.V. Venkatesh (MLA, Pavagada), Mr. Katta Narasimurthy (President, Taluk Kannada Sahithya Parishad), and other officials from the Taluk local administration.

A day following the award ceremony, a felicitation ceremony was organized by local stakeholders. This event served as a token of gratitude and appreciation for Dr. Premajyothi.D's outstanding contributions to the community. She extends her sincere gratitude to all those who have supported and encouraged her throughout her journey. The presence of officials and stakeholders at both the award ceremony and the subsequent felicitation event underscores the significance of her contributions and the impact she has made on the local community. She has provided the official letter, Award certificate, newspaper clips, and photos related to the Kannada Rajyotsava Award 2023 for your perusal. We congratulate her once again for this well-deserved recognition and look forward to her continued efforts in making a positive impact on society.

For the Images of Dr. Premajyothi.D, honored with the Kannada Rajyotsava Award 2023, kindly refer to the Photo Gallery: https://sju.edu.in/gallery/55