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MESSAGE

I am glad to know that Non-Resident Indian Forum, Karnataka is launching its new website to enable the Karnataka Diaspora spread all over the world to interact among themselves as well as with the authorities concerned.

This is a welcome step as the new website will provide a good platform for the people to know one another better. It is heartening that Non-Resident Indians from Karnataka have been imaginatively trying to preserve the cultural moorings of Kannadigas while having healthy interchange in a wider world. The new website will facilitate their coming together to espouse the common cause of presenting the rich and varied Kannada culture to others.

I send my greetings and good wishes for the success of your endeavour.

Rameshwar Thakur)



FOREWORD

I am very much delighted and pleased to present the Non-Resident Indian Policy of Karnataka. The vision of this policy is to play a catalytic role in building sustainable linkages between the Karnataka State and Non-Resident Indians/Kannadigas across the globe, to build a progressive, vibrant and prosperous Karnataka.

Karnataka is the seventh-largest State in India by area and the eighth-largest by population. Its people-Kannadigas-represent Karnataka all over the world and are known for their high skills and their significant contribution to the development of countries where they reside. They are well entrenched to play a progressively greater role in strengthening ties between Karnataka and those countries, besides, making valuable contribution to Karnataka's development.

The NRI Policy of the State comprehensively looks into not only the aspirations, requirements and expectations of the Kannadigas' diaspora, but also, their role in the economic, social and technological development of Karnataka. It also touches upon the measures to resolve the issues faced by them apart from working out country-specific plans for forging a mutually beneficial relationship between the NRIs of Karnataka origin and the State.

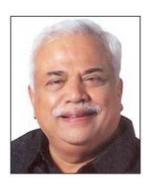
I commend the Department of Commerce and Industries and NRI forum for preparing this unique policy.

I welcome NRI's, specially those from Karnataka, to take advantage of our policy and be worthy partners in our progress.

Date: 29/12/16 Place: Bengaluru **Siddaramaiah** Hon'ble Chief Minister & Chairman, NRI Forum,Karnataka

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India today has one of the world's largest and most successful "diaspora", with a large number of expatriate Indians and people of Indian origin living across nearly 185 countries. According to a recent report, the top 15 countries in descending order with large overseas Indian population include USA, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Myanmar, UAE, UK, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Canada, Mauritius, Kuwait, Oman, Singapore, Qatar and Nepal.

India's diaspora, though small relative to the country's domestic population, is disproportionately skilled, educated and wealthy. India needs to fully leverage the potential of this accomplished group, which includes US senators, Nobel laureates, CEOs of Fortune 500 companies and prize-winning authors etc and facilitate their active interaction with the land of their forefathers.

I am glad that the NRI Policy of the State not only looks into forging relations with the Indian Diaspora, it also looks into the welfare and well being of the NRIs/NRKs, promotion of culture & festivities, art & culture among NRIs/NRKs, disseminate the information on opportunities in the overseas market, skilling and also encourage Kannadigas to take up overseas employment.

I congratulate the Commerce and Industries Department for bringing out the NRI Policy of Karnataka and hope the NRIs/ NRKs make the best use of the policy initiatives.

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Minister for Large & Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development Government of Karnataka

Date: 20/12/16 Place: Bengaluru

Message from the previous Dy. Chairperson, Dr Arathi Krishna:





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MESSAGE

I would like to express my gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri Siddaramaiah, for appointing me as the Deputy Chairman of the Karnataka NRI Forum. I consider my appointment is an opportunity to forge greater engagement between the Government of Karnataka and NRIs and PIOs, particularly with the diaspora from Karnataka, around the world.

The Indian diaspora has made tremendous strides in the last decade or more and has been integral to the success stories of the respective countries they reside in. This is all the more so with respect to the contribution of the diaspora from Karnataka. They have made our State proud in excelling in a variety of fields through their intelligence, professionalism, commitment and hard work. The Government of Karnataka is also equally determined to enhance its engagement with its diaspora.

During my tenure, I look forward to working closely with NRIs and PIOs to attract them to invest in our State in various developmental areas. Karnataka has traditionally been an investor-friendly and progressive State and our State Government has undertaken several new initiatives to make our State even more investment friendly. Manufacturing, services, social, cultural and educational sectors in Karnataka are areas where the diaspora can enhance their contribution. It will be my endeavour to forge a strong partnership between the diaspora and our State in these areas.

I am confident that my earlier experience in the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs in New Delhi and, earlier in our Indian Embassy in Washington, will help me in my present assignment and enable me to reach out to various segments of our NRI and PIO community, not just in the United States, United Kingdom, the Gulf and South East Asia, but in all parts of the world.

My appointment has come at the eve of 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas being held in the city of Bengaluru in January 2017. The Government of Karnataka is determined to make the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas a big success. This will also give the Government of Karnataka a great opportunity to showcase our State to the world.

Arathi Krishna Deputy Chairman

Message from the previous Dy. Chairman, Shri. V C Prakash:





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The Hon'ble Chief Minister has recently appointed me as the Deputy Chairman of NRI Forum, Karnataka. The Forum has been setup by the Government of Karnataka to bridge the Karnataka Diaspora with the people and the Government of the native land. I have lived abroad for over 20 years before returning to India about 3 years back and I am to a reasonable extent aware of the issues of our Diaspora all over the world. The NRI Forum will take leadership role in addressing the NRI-Investments inflow into Karnataka State and the issues of the Diaspora.

The Diaspora from our state has made us all proud by doing exceptionally well in areas like Information Technology, Manufacturing, Agriculture, Art and Culture, Tourism, Education, etc. Investments from NRI's in our states in the areas of Technology and Manufacturing have put Bangalore and Karnataka on the global map as one the most progressive places. This has contributed to creation of millions of jobs, improvements in infrastructure & connectivity, significant GDP growth rates, huge foreign exchange inflows etc.

I am sanguine of the fact that the NRIs have a very emotional bondage to Karnataka and they would like to do more and more for our progress if proper channels are provided. That is precisely my mandate and I would like to put it on record that I will do all that is required to enable this. The current government under the able leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Siddaramaiah, wants to make Karnataka a very investment friendly State and the NRI's have a big role to play in the transformation.

The NRI Forum will also help spread our rich heritage, art and culture far and wide by involving those organizations.

I am looking forward to working with all of you on this mission and I am hopeful that the journey that we have embarked upon will be a very fruitful one.

With warm regards,

V. C. Prakash Dy. Chairman



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ಮಾನ್ಯರೇ,

ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಜನತಾ ಪಕ್ಷದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆಲವು ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಸಾಧನೆಗಳಲ್ಲ ಹೊರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲರುವ ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಜನರ ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭವೃದ್ಧಿಗಾಗಿ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಲಾದ ಅನಿವಾಸಿ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ – ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಇತಿಹಾಸದಲ್ಲ ಒಂದು ಹೊಸ ಮೈಅಗಲ್ಲು. ಮೊದಲಬಾರಿಗೆ ಶಾಸಕನಾಗಿದ್ದ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ ಸಂಪುಟ ದರ್ಜೆಯ ಸ್ಥಾನಮಾನದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷನನ್ನಾಗಿ ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿ ಹೊರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲರುವ ಕನ್ನಡ ನಾಡಿನ ಜನರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಬೆಳೆಸುವ ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಟ್ಟದ್ದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಜನತಾ ಪಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಚಿರರುಣಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

ಪ್ರಪಂಚದ ಸುಮಾರು 118 ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲ ಕನ್ನಡ ನಾಡಿನ ಜನರು ನೆಲೆಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳದು ಬಂದಿದ್ದರೂ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲರುವ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರೊಂದಿಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಹಾಗೂ ಅವರ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಕಲೆ ಹಾಕುವಿಕೆ ಬಹಳ ಕಷ್ಟದ ಕೆಲಸ. ಆದರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ಕನ್ನಡ ಪರ ಸಂಘಟನೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಆತ್ಮೀಯ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಬೆಳೆಸುವುದು. ಆ ಸಂಘಟನೆಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಲನ ಜನರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಬಾಂಧವ್ಯವನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸುವುದು. ಅವರ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ವಿಷಯಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸ್ಪಂದಿಸುವುದು. ತಾಯ್ನಾಡಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅವರ ಸಂಬಂಧವನ್ನು ಗಟ್ಟ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅನಿವಾಸಿ ಭಾರತೀಯರಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲ ಬಂಡವಾಳ ಹೂಡಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರ ಸಂಗತಿಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅನಿವಾಸಿ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷನಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

2010ರಲ್ಲ ನಡೆದ ವಿಶ್ವ ಬಂಡವಾಕ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಸಮಾವೇಶ. ಗಲ್ಫ್ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಘೋರಮ್ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ. ಬಹರೇನ್ನಲ್ಲ ಕನ್ನಡ ಭವನ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ರೂ.1.೦೦ ಕೋಟ ಅನುದಾನ ಜಡುಗಡೆ. ಲಂಡನ್ ಮತ್ತು ಮಸ್ತತ್ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲ "ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಜಸಿನೆಸ್ ಘೋರಮ್" ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲ ಅಮೇರಿಕಾದ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರಿಂದ "ಅಮೇರಿಕನ್ನಡೋತ್ಸವ" ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನ ಆಯೋಜನೆ, ಉದ್ಯೋಗಾಕಾಂಕ್ಷಿಗಳಾಗಿ ವಿದೇಶಗಳಗೆ ತೆರಳುವ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಯುವಕ/ಯುವತಿಯರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡುವ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಂದ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಹಕಾರದೊಂದಿಗೆ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಆಯ್ದ ನಗರಗಳಲ್ಲ ಮೈಗ್ರೇಷನ್ ರಿಸೋರ್ಸ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್ಗಳ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಗಾಗಿ ಒತ್ತಾಯ, "ಅಕ್ಕ" ಹಾಗೂ "ನಾವಿಕ" ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನಗಳಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಸಹಕಾರ, ಜರ್ಮನಿಯ ವೂಝ್ಬರ್ಗ್, ಹೈಡೆಲ್ಬರ್ಬ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಮ್ಯೂನಿಕ್ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಯನ್ನಾ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದಲ್ಲ ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗಾಗಿ ತಲಾ ರೂ. 1.೦೦ ಕೋಟ ಅನುದಾನದಿಂದ ಕನ್ನಡ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ಹಾಗೂ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಕೊಲ್ಲ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲ ನೆಲೆಸಿರುವ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗ ಬಂಧುಗಳಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಗಳಾದಾಗ ಅಲ್ಲನ ರಾಯಭಾರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ನಡೆಸಿ ಸಹಾಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರ ಹಲವು ಹತ್ತು ವಿಷಯಗಳಲ್ಲ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಕೆಲಸ ತೃಪ್ತಿ ತಂದಿದೆ.

ಅನಿವಾಸಿ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳಗೆ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಒದಗಿಸುವ ನಿಟ್ಟನಲ್ಲ ಈಗ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಗೆ ಇನ್ನಷ್ಟು ಒತ್ತುನೀಡಿ ಈ ಸಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಇನ್ನಷ್ಟು ಪರಿಣಾಮಕಾರಿ ಸಂಘಟನೆ ಯಾಗಿ ಬೆಳೆಸುವಲ್ಲ ಮುಂದೆ ಜವಬ್ದಾರಿ ವಹಿಸಲರುವ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಿಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ರೀತಿಯ ಸಹಕಾರದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಶುಭ ಕೋರುತ್ತೇನೆ.



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ಅನಿವಾಸಿ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಇದರ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷನಾಗಿ ನನ್ನ 3 ವರ್ಷ ಅವಧಿ ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್ 2011 ರಂದು ಮುಕ್ತಾಯವಾಗಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷನಾಗಿ ಇಲ್ಲಯ ತನಕ ಮುಂದುವರೆಯಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಟ್ಟರುವುದನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತರಲು ಇಚ್ಚಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಅನಿವಾಸಿ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಇದರ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷನಾಗಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಟ್ಟ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಗೂ, ಪಕ್ಷದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಿಗೂ, ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲರುವ ಕನ್ನಡ ಪರ ಸಂಘಟನೆಗಳ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಪದಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಗೂ, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಅನಿವಾಸಿ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರಿಗೂ ಮತ್ತು ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಅನಿವಾಸಿ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾಗಿ ಸಲಹೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನವನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದ ಗಲ್ಫ್ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗಳ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿ ಪದ್ಮಶ್ರೀ ಡಾ. ಜ.ಆರ್. ಶೆಜ್ಜಿಯವರಿಗೆ ಅಮೇರಿಕಾ ಸಂಯುಕ್ತ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಯಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಹೇಶ್ ನಾಗರಾಜಯ್ಯ ಇವರಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಇಂಗ್ಲೆಂಡ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಯೂರೋಪ್ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗಳ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿ ಡಾ. ನೀರಹ್ ಪಾಟೀಲ್ ರವರಿಗೆ ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲ ಆತ್ಮೀಯ ಧನ್ಯವಾದಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಸಲು ಇಜ್ಜಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಆತ್ಮೀಯ ಶುಭ ಹಾರೈಕೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ.

ತಮ್ಮ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಿ,

(ಕ್ಯಾಪ್ಷನ್ ಗಣೇಶ್ ಕಾರ್ಣಿಕ್) ಶಾಸಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್ ನೈರುತ್ಯ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ