

# KARNATAKA HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL



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# Council Vision & Mission

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*Welcoming  
Council Members to  
WICCI*

*President, Vice President  
and 20+ Nominated  
Council Members*

# SANIYA AFSHA | President

## Karnataka Human Rights Council

I am Saniya Afsha, pursuing Law. Ever since I was a little kid, supporting Social cause has been my passion. I believe that, in whatever way you're privileged, you're privileged for being a helping hand to the underprivileged, you're privileged to be of some help to the needy. With that belief, I finally had that strength and zeal to have an alliance to work for the cause, and I was blessed with the idea and creation of Aaghaaz Foundation. Leading to create more leaders. I am also working for Girl Up Bhilai, a club under Girl Up campaign, an initiative of UN Foundation. Throughout my tenure of a year now, I have been working for Women empowerment, through various projects. Along with that I am a Certified Associate Lead Coach at Street Business School, which is a Global leader in entrepreneurial skill development, for women. I am sure working at a prestigious chamber for women, like WICCI will help me further improve upon my skills. Given my prior experience and interest in Women empowerment I am sure that I'll be able to contribute immensely towards WICCI practice.



# SUHA | Vice President

## Karnataka Human Rights Council

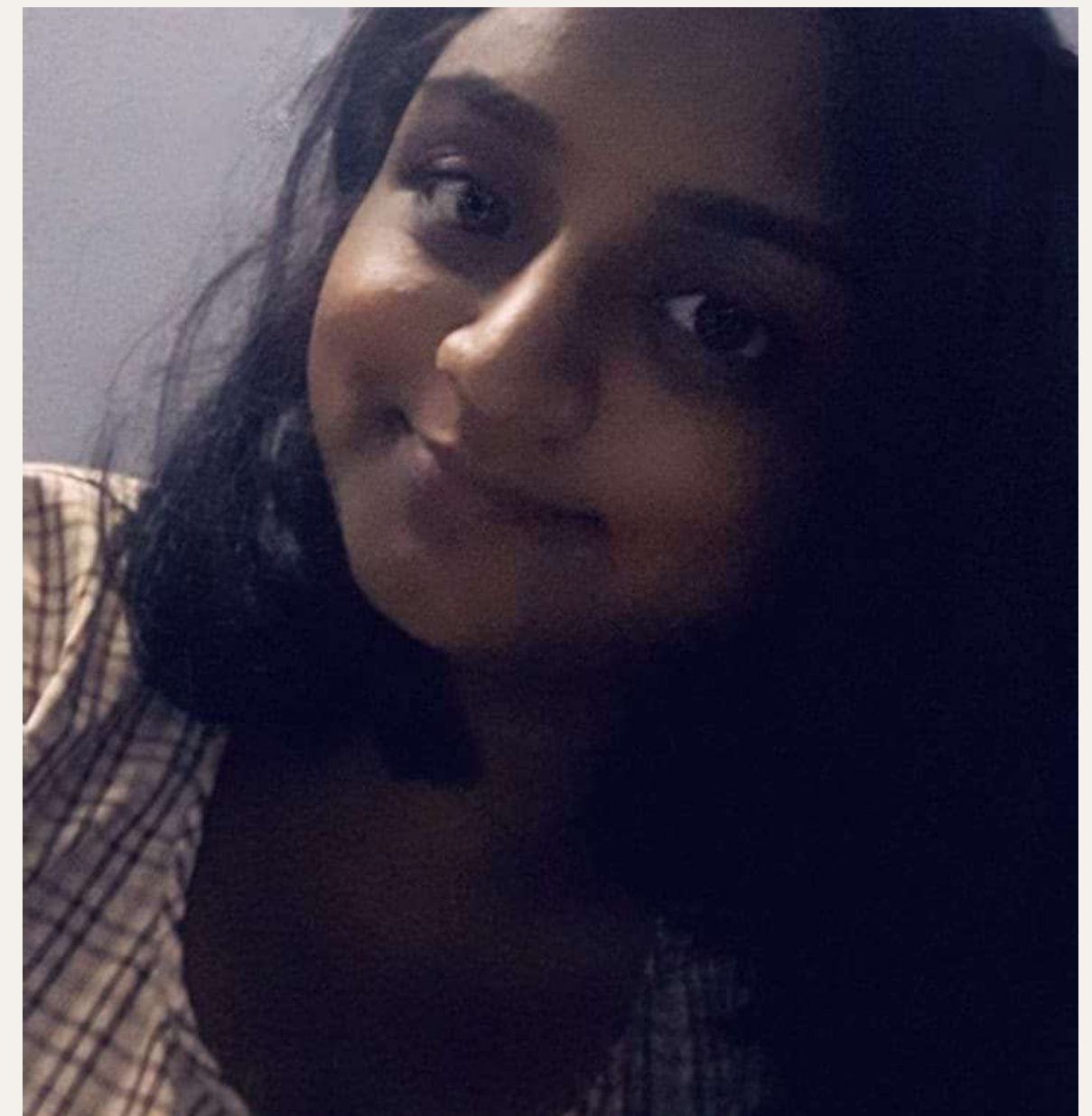
I strongly believe in the saying - “If you're more fortunate than others, it's better to build a longer table than a taller fence.” I am currently pursuing B.A-LL.B in Bangalore. My interest in volunteering persisted through school and even after. I have volunteered with Children's Movement for Civic Awareness (CMCA), conducted donation drives to under-resourced government schools through Alpine Outreach Program (AORP) for 2 years in school, and was a teacher for a year at U&I's affiliate centre Desire Society. In addition to this, I thoroughly enjoy trekking, running marathons (at least I try to), and reading. WICCI's work is both inspiring and enables grassroots level experience for the empowerment of women; I would be honored to be able to contribute my efforts to the organization.



# LYDIA LAUREL MANOHAR

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

Ms. Lydia Manohar is a law student living between the cities of Chennai and Bangalore. She tries to be a strong advocate for society's unheard voices. She has written articles on topics such as women's rights in divorce and LGBTQ rights in India, amongst others. She's also the Project Manager and Legal Head at Tele-upchaar an NGO that helps people in need of medical aid through tele-medicine. Aside from work, she enjoys swimming, listening to true crime podcasts, and watching shows that are psychological and cerebral. She aspires to make a lasting impact on society, particularly in the sphere of healthcare, and also hopes to help assist India in becoming a legally informed nation where everyone is aware of their rights and opportunities.



# M SMRUTHI

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

My name is Smruthi and I am a law student. Some of my interests include writing, running, watching tv shows and movies. I believe we can change the world and I would like to help in any way possible. This is a start for me and to be a part of this council could be a step in doing something good, I would be really grateful to be a part of WICCI and would do as much as I can to help in making a difference.



# KEERTHANA S

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

I stay in Bengaluru and I am 19 years. Psychology, volunteering, spirituality, yoga, music are my areas of interest. I love working with children. I am always interested in meeting new people and learning new things. I love to take up challenges and I give my best in whatever task I take up. I am very interested in social work and I have been always waiting for such opportunities. I have been part of a few NGOs already which work for children, youth, cleanliness etc.





# SHIFA M

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

I am aware of WICCI Contribution in empowerment of women. I would love to be a part of the team and spread awareness, strengthen women's voice and enable them to be leaders. I have through my life experience realised the importance of economic empowerment of women and hence be a part of the WICCI team to empower women in all folds of life. I have done triple major in Psychology, Journalism and Optional Literature. I have worked in my own startup Tulikart, which was initiated to raise awareness about the issues faced by common man by painting on walls and vans.



# SAHANA G

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

As a Feminist, I think this could really help me channel my voice and give back. An opportunity like this will definitely help me gain knowledge, experience. Learning more deeply and passionately about Human Rights, will hone my opinions and push me towards being better. I take interest in creative/content writing, public speaking, as a part of Toastmasters. I'm working towards a career in HR/PR, and strive to bring my excellent communication, people skills, wherever I work. I dabble in singing and throwball in my free time.



# D SHASHI

## Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

I want to be a part because I always had an inclination towards social work of any kind and I try to never let go any opportunity I get to work for the societal welfare. I am an undergraduate from Christ University, Bangalore. There are only two things in this world that make me feel good in the time of crisis - dogs and food. I always have a spark to explore and try new things and currently I am trying out my hand in writing (2 of my poetry works are about to be published soon), teaching (I have been appointed for the role of teacher for a 6 month Project Vidisha an initiative by Aaghaaz foundation) and I have always shown interest towards all kind of social work, I cannot resist myself even when I am busy to death.



# SHIVANI T

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

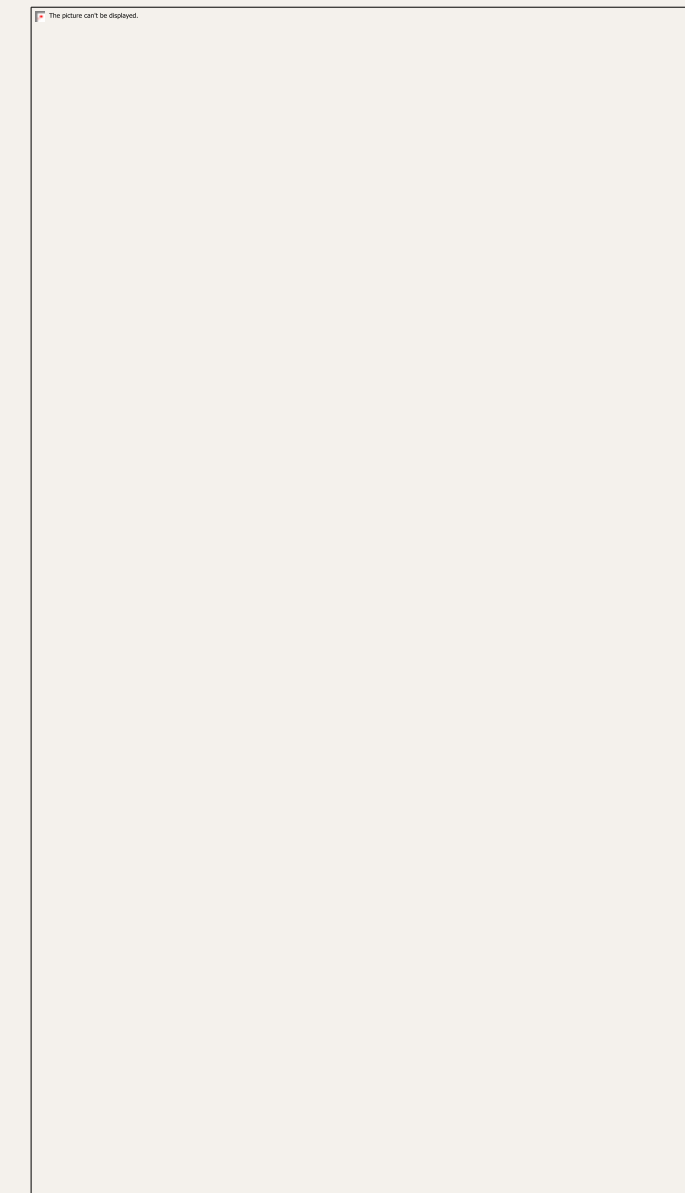
I'm an empath and I'm very concerned about human rights. I am also very active socially as I keep posting about topics like human rights, equality, etc. It would be an amazing opportunity for an enthusiast like me to work for the society's welfare. I'm an enthusiast, especially in the education and social sector. I aspire to dedicate my life towards the betterment of my society and its people.



# MD VAISHNAVI

## Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

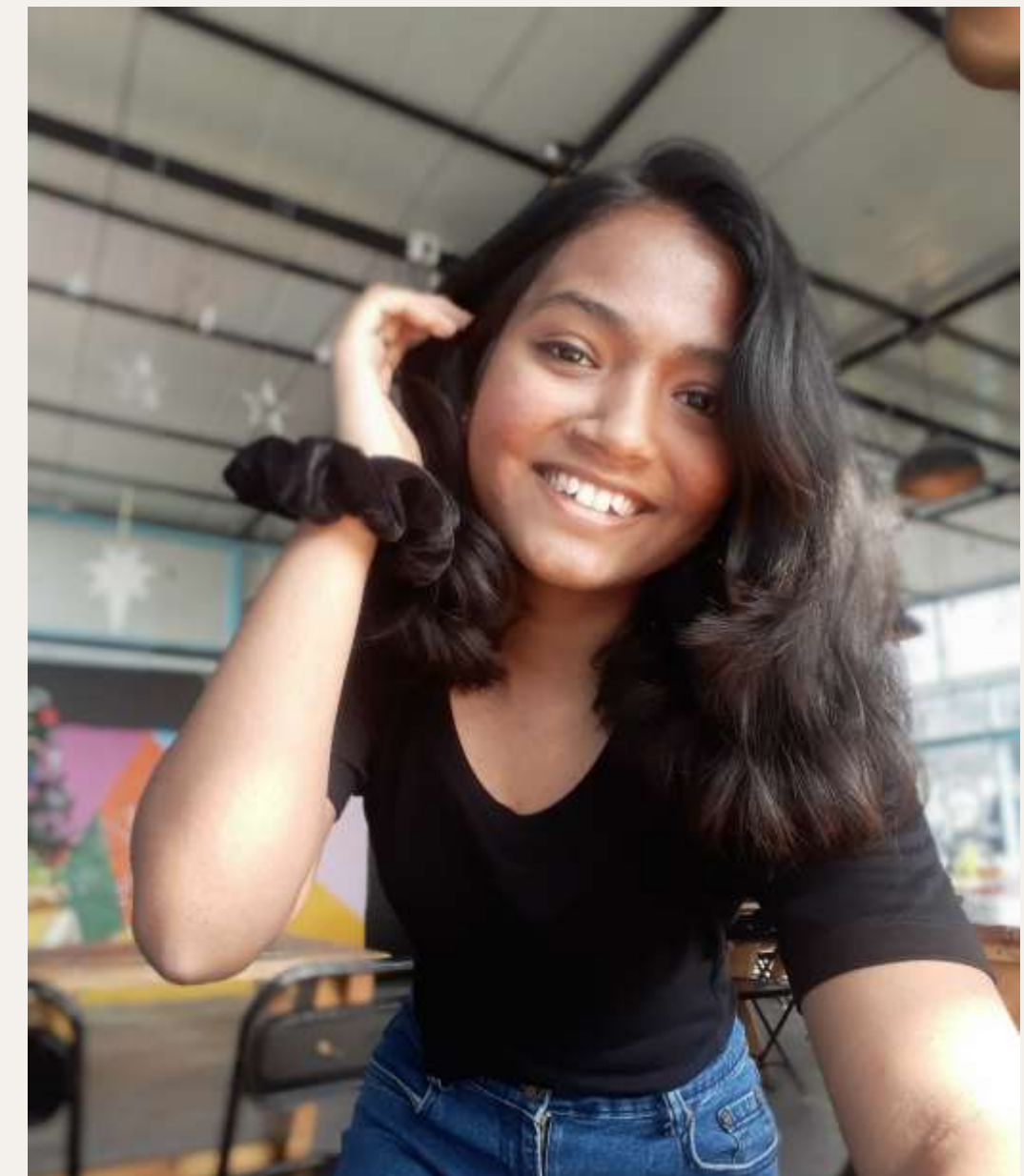
I'm M D Vaishnavi studying B.Sc. (Hons) in MS RAMAIAH UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES. As I mentioned earlier, I am from a reserved family which I definitely want to break out. I have and will forever raise voice against whatever I feel is wrong, instigating, discriminating and for every grieving woman out there, not that I'm short-tempered! I'd be proud of myself if I were someone who'd change some stigma around me. I want to create a place where no one has to wait for validation from society or approval from "well-wishers" around them or doesn't need a permission from someone or go out without being felt unsafe and what not. Domestic violence in the name of rituals is ridiculous and I want to be one of us to stop it or less reduce it. I haven't done much of which I can brag about but I'm a little happy that I reduced women from staying outside their houses during periods from 3 days to 1 day in my own village. This was my puny contribution against the superstitious belief. There are much more changes need to be brought in and I can assure you I'll do it. I'm not sorry to call myself a feminist who'll fight for equal rights to both men and women, rather I'm proud of it. This is me in above few words and there is much more to find out.



# ANANYA M

## Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

I'm Ananya, strong, loving, confident and independent with values. I want people to happily do things they love without being discriminated or judged by the society. I believe that through right education and by guiding people the right way they can blossom. I'm interested in learning new things, exploring, pushing myself out of comfort zone and to keep growing through what I go through. I'm willing to contribute to the growth and empowerment of women across the world. I want to learn and experience working with different women who are passionate and ambitious. I want every human to happily do things they really want to without any discrimination or holding back due to society. So I feel I can get a lot of exposure and learn through this platform.



# BHOOMIKA GURURAJ

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

I'm a 3rd year, BA psychology student at NMKRV COLLEGE FOR WOMEN at Jayanagar, Bengaluru. I'm a big enthusiast of psychology, neuroscience and behavioural sciences. I want to gain experience, exposure and create awareness about mental health to my people and the society. I am widely open to volunteering work, taking care of small children, tutoring government school kids in a fun, friendly environment. Overall, I want to make people aware about how much mental health is prominent in our lives.



# POORNASHREE

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

I am a 2020-25 batch law student from Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies and have been doing my internship as an in-house counsel at a non-profit organization called Youth India Foundation where I have drafted various policies and MoUs and handling compliance. Currently I am the all-branch head where I look after 4 branches (policy, documentation, compliance and agreements branch). Being a law student requires more and more courage hard work determination and sleepless nights. And I was well prepared for it even before I joined the law course. I have experience in moots and research papers and I believe all these has given me the true perspective of things and gain upper hand in dealing things related to legal matters and if there is something I don't have much knowledge about I am very keen to explore that subject and help out in every other way I can.





# BALKHIZA BANU M

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

I hail from the Small Village of Shimoga which is also called gate way of malnad. I had completed my schooling from central government aided school Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya. I am a Karate black belt and participated in various tournaments, I had also taken part in regional level exhibition. My hobbies are Cooking, watching master chef, solving cube, reading. As it is said even whole hearted smile also is the charity I, always wanted help people in up to my potential. I aspire to become a bureaucrat and serve to my society.



# SHRISHTI SINGH

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

I'm an enthusiast for attaining new skills, knowledge and experience from whenever or whatever sources I can which will help me in my personal growth. am a student of law henceforth this area will help me in recognizing the potential areas of feminist jurisprudence and human rights which I will further pursue as a career. I do have a prior experience in working for a NPO that is Girl up Bhilai. Under this we mainly focused on educating and empowering women/girls who had no exposure to basic knowledge on various aspects and issues affecting their livelihood.



# SANDHYA

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

My self-Sandhya and I am working in an organization as a Finance Manager. Fascinated by many Influencers, I am inclined towards Women empowerment, and somewhere finding platforms to contribute to the cause. As a working woman, I want to unfold the importance and need of Human Rights, among Women. And WICCI, is the new beginning for me!



# SHAHIN SHAJ

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

I am an enthusiast, self-motivated, reliable, and responsible person. Being very outgoing, I never leave a chance of taking a stand for Human Rights. My speaking skills has helped me all the way long till here. I do have a past experience of being a member of Aaghaaz Foundation, which works for Underprivileged section of our society. The reason of being part of WICCI is to make a difference and promote women's sense of self-worth and their ability to determine their own choices and their rights to influence other people, by mentoring them professionally and personally.



# ADVIKA KANTU

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

I'm a person who loves to explore new things, regarding art or stocks or even history. Still trying to find the one thing that clicks for me. I'm a person interested in photography, PR work, dance, cooking, some data visualization, learning new languages and spending time with people. I'm very social and a dedicated team player who focuses on efficiency and productivity. Being a Toastmaster has helped me garner skills to manage, lead and organise events as well take stage and speak.



# CHANDANA P BANGRE

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

I am Chandana P Bangre, currently pursuing civil engineering in AIT, chikkamagalur, karnataka. I just believe in hardwork and time. My moral in life is to be kind for everyone, a quote "hug your haters and kill them with your kindness" Which I always recall.

Being a elder Daughter in the family, I never took a step back from taking the responsibilities and being a woman itself gives me confidence. This made me to get attracted towards WICCI.



# ARPITA SINGH

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

My name is Arpita Singh and I am a law student. I believe that a society can only progress in a positive manner when the women of that society are independent. Being a law student I always wanted to do something that would benefit the society. Working for WICCI will give me a chance to make a difference in the society so that my work can benefit as many women as possible.



# VISHRUTHA

## Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

Show, don't talk! A girl should be two things: who and what she wants. An incident changed my life drastically from pursuing medicine to law. Having a character of defending the right this path of my life has proven me the best to pursue. I have stood on behalf of the whole student team with help of ABVP in the due process of enrollment of candidates to graduate courses under sports quota. I have worked as an volunteering intern at Youth Empowerment Foundation with the intention of serving this society. I am an enthusiastic sports professional representing Karnataka State at National level and has created history for being the first medalist from the state in the last 30 years. I am an ambitious, balanced and courageous girl having creative, problem solving, leadership and adaptability qualities. I vision for a clean society with equal justice to all and stand by the right and make my nation proud in all aspects.





# ALAGU SOWBARNIKKA SITHARAMAN

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

Myself Alagu Sowbarnikka Seetharaman. Since I was a kid, I have always put forth my opinions related to social causes. I do have a knack of expressing my opinions through speeches and debates. This creates more fighting spirit in my heart to retaliate misdeeds. I have been influenced by the work WICCI is doing, and so being a part of it, is great to work towards social causes, and especially for women. I have been a part of an NGO , Aaghaaz Foundation, who works for the underprivileged section of our society. I gained a lot of insights of how exactly the world is for them. Human rights is something which is are the sine qua non of society, working towards this cause will give me belief of "I am a helping hand to our society"



## SHAGGUN V SINGH

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

My name is Shaggun V Singh, I am currently a law student with an active involvement and perfora of learning to support causes of Women Rights on the forefront of Industry and Commerce at various levels of operation. This inspires me to learn and contribute more to WICCI as an active member of the board.



# TANISHKA TYAGI

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

Understanding is my key to live life, I always stand against wrong with anyone , support right . I have done short film on women empowerment. Always concerned about the equality. Believe to gain knowledge , Love to learn .I like to listen and interact with people.



# SNEHA G BHAT

Council member, Karnataka Human Rights Council

My name is Sneha G Bhat, I completed my schooling in The Robinson Home School and my college in Vijaya Composite PU College and started my degree last year in Jain University. My hobbies include painting motivational quotes, dancing and I read lots of books. I was runner up in essay competition conducted by my PU college. I volunteered in raising money for elderly people conducted by Helpage, India and IDF, a NGO committee. I attended Scouts and Guides camp for three years which was conducted by my school. I am fluent in English and Kannada. I haven't done any internships or joined any classes to learn something new. I enjoy learning new things but haven't had time to do so and I think this council will be a good platform and will provide good knowledge about human rights sector. I want to work here to support women who are oppressed by the patriarchal society. Lately we come across some positive shift in the point of view of people towards this issue but many situations seem to not solved what so ever. I feel if we don't show interest in these type of issues going around us no one will.



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