

## Teachers' Profile



### **K V Rama Prasad**

Writer, Musician and Linguistic expert based out of SF Bay area. Actively contributing to Kannada Literature and Culture through his poems (penname: Hamsanandi) and compositions. He has authored many books including translations from Sanskrit. Rama Prasad is preserving one of the age-old cultural art of Karnataka called – "[Gamaka](#)" (story telling). Has lot of experience in teaching Kannada to the Bay area students through summer camps called "Kannada Nudi"



### **Dr. Sathyavathi Murthy**

#### **Masters and Ph.D. in Kannada**

London based writer, poet, teacher. Winner of 2024 Aryabhata International Award for her contributions in the education and literary field. Cultural ambassador for many clubs. Television and Radio Artist. Scholarship awarded by Kannada Sahitya Parishad for Research work. She has published 10 books and translated 7 books from English to Kannada. She has been honored as best teacher during her school teaching days in Bengaluru.



### **Prabhunandana Murthy**

Sanskrit, Kannada Linguistic Expert. Led Literary team / forum at Kannada Koota of Northern California (KKNC). Prabhu has tremendous knowledge of Kannada and Sanskrit grammar and is an expert in translation between the two languages. He has penned many Sanskrit verses and Kannada poems. He is based out of SF Bay area.



### **Phanishree**

An active Kannada expert, anchor and narrator based out of Maryland. She has served the Maryland Kannada Sangha for several years and currently serving as their Vice-President. She has successfully anchored many programs and brings immense experience in teaching students to be more confident in spoken Kannada and presentation.



### **Guru Krishnamurthy**

35 years of experience in teaching Kannada to students in India and the US. Served as Chief editor for Kannada magazine of Kannada Koota of Northern California and as Chairperson for San Joaquin Kannada Sangha. Co-Founder of Namma Kannada education program for San Joaquin Kannada Sangha. Has penned several poems and songs (Padaantaranga YouTube Channel). Founded [Padaantaranga](#) to provide a platform for non-resident Kannada writers outside of India. Led literary forum for Navika in 2023.

## Academic and Literary Advisors



### **Dr. D. V Paramashivamurthy**

#### **Chancellor- Kannada University, Hampi, Karnataka**

Dr. D.V. Paramashivamurthy is the Chancellor of Kannada University, Hampi, and is also a senior professor at the DV Gundappa Kannada Adhyayana Kendra, Tumkur University. He possesses over 35 years of teaching experience. He has published 74 articles, and his first book was published in 1994. He has been honored with many prestigious awards.



### **Dr. Someshwara Narappa**

Medical Doctor by Profession but popularly known as "walking encyclopedia of Kannada and Karnataka" Host for the popular quiz program "Thatt Antha Heli" has hosted more than 4000 episodes on Television and live on stages. He has published more than 40 books on various aspects of medicine. Dr. Someshwara is also a two-time winner of the [Karnataka Sahitya Academy Award](#), both times in the category of scientific literature.



### **Dr. Gajanana Sharma**

Famous novelist, poet, and Children's play writer of Karnataka. His Ph. D in Kannada was about Children's plays, and he has written some of the best plays in Kannada for Children.