

RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2005

In pursuant to the section 4(1)(b) of Right to Information Act 2005, the following information regarding the Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), (A Registered Society of the Government of Karnataka) is published for the information of general public.

I. Particulars of organization, function and duties:

In order to give impetus and to further the science and technology related activities in the State of Karnataka as well as to popularize science among different cross sections of civil society, especially in rural areas, Government of Karnataka established "Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA)" under the Department of Science and Technology on July 30, 2005 vide GO No. ವಿಯಇ ವಿಕ್ರಮ 2005. KSTA was inaugurated and started functioning from September 1, 2005. KSTA has been registered as a society under the Karnataka Registration Act 1960 on 6th April 2009.

KSTA has been playing vital role in bringing science and technological innovations and advancements within the sphere of the general public. In this context, KSTA has been carrying out many science and technology related programs under the Chairmanship of Prof. U.R. Rao, an internationally renowned Space Scientist and Former Chairman, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) / Secretary, DOS, Govt. of India. It has 18 members comprising of eminent scientists and educationalists as well as Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of some of the Government Departments and representatives of scientific institutions.

a) A brief administration function of the Centre is given below:

Administration function of the Academy is being carried out as per the rules and regulations outlined in the Memorandum of Association (MoA) as well as decisions of the Executive Committee and General Body meetings. However, day-to-day activities of the Academy are administered by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Member Secretary of KSTA.

b) The objectives of KSTA are:

Objectives of the Society shall be:

- i) To inculcate scientific temper among different cross sections of civil society of the State as well as to disseminate information about advances in science and technology through different media in Kannada and encourage science journalism.
- ii) To award fellowship for science students pursuing bachelors and masters degrees so as to encourage them to opt for higher studies in basic science subjects.
- iii) To encourage young scientists/innovators and development of indigenous technology in rural areas by assisting them to publicize and commercialize their innovations. Besides, identify and nurture innovative and creative talent especially among children and the youth through 'catch them young' program.

- iv) To organize scientific conferences, seminars and workshops for officers of line departments, teaching faculty and general public to provide a platform for discussion and exchange of ideas/ views with experts.
- v) To provide an opportunity for students from rural areas to demonstrate their ingenuity and imaginative capabilities in devising science and technology based models/ prototypes by organizing exhibitions, melas, etc.
- vi) To act as interface between institutions and industries so as to provide information about potentials/ opportunities for science graduates/ postgraduates in the field of science and technology.
- vii) To recognize outstanding contributions and services in science and technology both individual and institution
- viii) To encourage activities of science clubs at school level so as to fuel the wonder and joy of learning and exploring the exciting world of science and technology by children.
- ix) To create knowledge base to make science postulates/theories easily understandable to students and the general public in Kannada.
- x) To receive funds from the government and donors including foreign funding agencies for programmes which are in line with the aims of the academy as well as to collaborate with both national and international organizations having similar kind of objectives.
- xi) To identify priority areas of S & T which are useful for long-term development of the State, particularly in the field of agriculture, environment, natural resources, industry and human resource development.
- xii) To promote science based entrepreneurship development and ignite the spirit of self-reliance among youth, women and rural masses.
- xiii) To organize refresher course and "Trainers Training Programme" in basic science and mathematics subjects for school teachers so as to gain knowledge in their respective subjects as well as to hone-up their teaching skills.
- xiv) To bring awareness against superstition/ blind beliefs and build knowledge/ information society by promoting science literacy.
- xv) To provide guidance in the establishment of Science City, Regional and Sub-regional Science Centres in the State and to support their activities

II. The powers and duties of its officers and employees.

General Administration and Implementation of programmes as per the decisions of the General Body and Executive Committee of KSTA are managed by Director (Technical), Department of Science and Technology, who is the ex-officio Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Member Secretary of KSTA. However, the Executive Committee will provide guidance on the administration and management of the financial affairs of the Academy.

Administrative Officer and Assistant Accounts Officer assist CEO and Member Secretary of KSTA in administration and also management of account of the Academy. Senior Scientific Officer, Scientific Officer and Project Coordinator provide assistance in the preparation of proposals, coordination in implementation and monitoring of programmes and in writing reports.

iii. The Procedure followed in the decision making process, including channels supervision and accountability.

The administration and management of the financial affairs of the Academy will be conducted in accordance with decisions and guidance of the Executive Committee of KSTA. However, day-to-day activities of the Academy, both Administration and Programme implementation, will be managed by CEO and Member Secretary of KSTA as per the rules and regulations outlined in Memorandum of Association (MoA) and decisions taken from time to time by the Executive Committee and General Body meetings.

iv. The norms set by it for the discharge of its functions:

Rules and regulations outlined in Memorandum of Association (MoA) and decisions taken in the Executive Committee and the General Body are norms set for the discharge of functions.

v. The rules, regulations instructions, manuals and records held by it or under its control or used by its employees for discharging its function:

The rules, regulations and instructions governing the activities of KSTA are outlined in detail in the MoA. Furthermore, rules and regulations are laid down by the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the Academy from time to time. Any amendments to the norms and rules and regulations are discussed in the Executive Committee meeting and recommend to AGM for approval or ratification as the case may warrant.

vi. A statement of the categories of documents that are held by it or under its control.

KSTA maintains documents related to its official functioning such as: files concerning programme execution, administration files with respect to appointments, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda and Proceedings, Government Orders, notifications as well as accounts related documents.

That apart, KSTA has been bringing out science quarterly publication titled, "Vignan Loka" with an objective of popularizing science as well as to bring awareness about science and technological innovations, advancements and usefulness among high school students, teachers and general public. It is being published four times a year in the months of February, May, August and November. Copies of the publication are being sent to BEO's Offices of 202 education blocks of the state, Regional and Sub-regional Science Centers, Libraries and other organizations free of cost so as to disseminate scientific information at grass root level.

vii. The particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation with or representation by the members of the public in relation to the formation of its policy or implementation thereof:

There is no separate arrangement for consultation by the members of the public in relation to the formulation of its policy or implementation thereof.

- viii. A statement of the boards, councils, committees and other bodies consisting of two or more persons constituted as its part or for the purpose of its advise and as to whether meetings of those boards, councils, committees and other bodies are open to the public or the minutes of such meetings are accessible for public:**

The composition of the General Body (Annexure I) and the Executive Committee (Annexure II) is presented in respective annexures. Minutes of the Executive Committee and AGM meetings are circulated to all the members and to the Department of Science and Technology, GoK. That apart, a sub-committee may be constituted to deliberate about specific programmes/issues and to give its recommendation regarding the same for taking decisions in the Executive Committee. However, these meetings are not open to the public and minutes of these meetings are not accessible to the public.

- ix. A directory of its officers and employees:**

Given in Annexure III.

- x. The monthly remuneration received by each of its officers and employees, including the system of compensation as provided in its regulations:**

KSTA has employed personnel to work in different positions such as Senior Scientific Officer, Scientific Officer, Project Coordinator, Publicity and Public Relations Officer/ Administrative Officer, Assistant Accounts Officer, Personal Assistant, Second Division Assistant and Attender on contract basis. Their monthly remuneration was fixed as per State Government pay scale by a sub-committee constituted for the purpose based on educational qualification, previous experience and performance in the interview. Thereafter, annual increment and promotion to higher scale for the employees are considered based on the competence and performance at work. Employees are provided Provident Fund and Health Insurance as per the norms of the Government. Details of monthly remuneration fixed for different posts at KSTA are given in Annexure IV.

- xi. The budget allocated to each of its agency, indicating the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditures and reports on disbursements made:**

Not Applicable

- xii. The manner of execution of subsidy programs, including the amounts allocation and the details of beneficiaries of such programs:**

In order to give encouragement for basic science education, KSTA Fellowship programme has been instituted for students enrolled for basic science degree with Physics, Chemistry and Biology (PCM) or Chemistry, Botany and Zoology (CBZ) subject combinations. A student must have secured not less than 70% marks in the Pre-University Course in science subject for consideration for the fellowship. Every year 10 Fellowships will be awarded for students of

each university of the state @ Rs.500/- per student per month for 10 months duration, totaling to an amount of Rs.5000/-.

The fellowship will be continued to second and third year degree, provided the Fellowship Awardees secures at least 60% marks in the previous year examination.

xiii. Particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorization granted by it:
Not applicable

xiv. Details in respect of the information, available to or held by it, reduced in an electronic form:

Proposals, details of programmes implemented, reports and official correspondence are kept in electronic form. Details of programmes implemented are given in the website of KSTA (<http://www.kstacademy.org>) for information of the general public.

xv. The particulars of facilities available to citizens for obtaining information, including the working hours of a library or reading room, if maintained for public use;

Citizens can contact CEO and Member Secretary, KSTA for information at the office between 10.00 am to 5.30 pm, except for second Saturday of every month and other holidays, or obtain through KSTA website. KSTA has not yet set-up library and reading room facilities in its premises.

xvi. The names, designations and other particulars of the public Information officers;

Chief Public Information Officer

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xvii. Such other information as may be prescribed and thereafter update these publications every year

Annexure - I

General Body of KSTA

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| 1. | Prof. U.R. Rao
Chairman, PRL Council, ISRO HQ
Antariksha Bhavan, New BEL Road
Bangalore – 560 094 | Chairman |
| 2. | Principal Secretary to Government
Dept. of IT, BT and S & T
5 th Stage 6 th Floor, M.S. Building | Member |

- Bangalore-560 001
3. Principal Secretary to Government
Department of Finance
Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore-560 001 Member
 4. Principal Secretary to Government
Dept. of Higher Education
M.S. Building, Bangalore-560 001 Member
 5. Principal Secretary to Government
Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment
M.S. Building, Bangalore-560 001 Member
 6. Principal Secretary to Government
Department of R.D. & P.R
M.S. Building, Bangalore-560 001 Member
 7. Prof. S. Bisalaiah
Former Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore
No.629, 7th Main, 3rd Cross, H.M.T. Layout
Ganganagar
Bangalore-560032 Member
 8. Prof. M. R. Gajendragad
Former Vice Chancellor, Kuvempu University, Shimoga
Nisarga Layout, Bannerghatta post
Bangalore – 560083 Member
 9. Prof. R. Dwarakinath
Former Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore
Chairman, AME Foundation, No.204, 100 Feet Ring Road
3rd Phase Banashankari 2nd Block, 3rd Stage
Bangalore – 560085 Member
 10. Prof. P. S. Shankar
Emeritus Professor of Medicine & Director
M.R Medical College
“Deepthi”, Behind District Court, Gulbarga Member
 11. Prof. Ramalingaiah
Director
P.E.T. Education Institute
“Shanikrupa”, KT 501, 6th Cross
Chamundeshwari Nagar
Mandya-571 401 Member
 12. Prof. Jayagopal Uchil
Former Professor & Chairman
Material Science Department Member

Mangalore University
B-1579, "Akankshe", Sahakara Nagar
Bangalore-560 092.

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| 13. | Shri C.V. Srinath Shastri
Retired Scientist, NAL
No. 37, "Gurukrupa" 2nd Cross, Jyothi Layout
Yelechenahalli
Bangalore-560 078. | Member |
| 14. | Dr. K.N. Shankar
Former Director
ISRO Satellite Center
Bangalore | Member |
| 15. | Prof. K. Muniyappa
Chairman
Department of Bio-chemistry
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore | Member |
| 16. | Dr. V. Prakash
Director
Central Food Technology research Institute
Mysore - 570 020 | Member |
| 17. | Prof. S. V. Sanknoor
Composite Junior College
Vakil Chawl, Gadag. | Member |
| 18. | Dr. H Honne Gowda
Director (Technical)
Department of Science and Technology
& CEO & Member Secretary
Karnataka Science and Technology Academy | Member Secretary |

Executive Committee of KSTA

1.0	Prof. U.R. Rao Chairman, PRL Council, ISRO HQ, Antariksha Bhavan, New BEL Road, Bangalore – 560 094	Chairman
2.0	Principal Secretary to Govt. Dept. of IT, BT and S & T and e-Governance 5 th Stage, 6 th Floor, M.S. Building Bangalore-560 001.	Member
3.0	Principal Secretary to Govt. (Budget) Dept. of Finance Govt. of Karnataka Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore	Member
4.0	Prof. R. Dwarakinath Former Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore Chairman AME Foundation, No.204 100 Feet Ring Road, 3 rd Phase Banashankari 2 nd Block, 3 rd Stage Bangalore – 560085	Member
5.0	Prof. S. Bisalaiah Former Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore No.629, 7 th Main, 3 rd Cross, H.M.T. Layout Ganganagar, Bangalore-560 032.	Member
6.0	Prof. M. R. Gajendragad Former Vice Chancellor, Kuvempu University Nisarga Layout Bannerghatta post Bangalore – 560083.	Member
7.0	Prof. P. S. Shankar Emeritus Professor & Director, MR Medical College “Deepthi”, Behind District Court Gulbarga.	Member

8.0	Prof. Ramalingaiah Director P.E.T. Education Institute, "Shanikrupa" KT 501, 6 th Cross, Chamundeshwari Nagar Mandya-571 401	Member
9.0	Prof. Jayagopal Uchil Former Professor & Chairman Material Science Department Mangalore University B-1579, "Akankshe", Sahakara Nagar Bangalore-560 092.	Member
10.0	Shri C.V. Srinath Shastri Retired Scientist, NAL No. 37, "Gurukrupa" 2 nd Cross, Jyothi Layout Yelechenahalli Bangalore-560 078.	Member
11.0	Dr. K.N. Shankar Former Director ISRO Satellite Center Bangalore	Member
12.0	Prof. K. Muniyappa Chairman Department of Bio-chemistry Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Member
13.0	Dr. V. Prakash Director Central Food Technology research Institute Mysore - 570 020	Member
14.0	Prof. S. V. Sanknoor Composite Junior College Vakil Chawl, Gadag.	Member
15.0	Dr. H Honne Gowda Director (Technical) Department of Science and Technology and CEO & Member Secretary Karnataka Science and Technology Academy	Member Secretary

Directory of Officers and Employees:

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- 2.0** Dr. A M Ramesh
Senior Scientific Officer
- 3.0** Dr. R Anand
Scientific Officer
- 4.0** Shri Mahadevegowda
Public Relations Officer and Administrative Officer
- 5.0** Ms. Leelu
Private Secretary
- 6.0** Shri Chandrashekhara Murthy
Second Division Assistant
- 7.0** Ms. Shalini M
Assistant Administrative Officer
- 8.0** Shri H.V. Honne Gowda
Assistant Accounts Officer
- 9.0** Shri Umesh
Attender
- 10.0** Ms. Ashvini
Messenger

Details of monthly remuneration fixed for different posts at KSTA

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1	Senior Scientific Officer	20025-525-22650-600-26250-28275
2	Scientific Officer	18150-450-19500-525-22650-600-26250-675-26925
3	Public Relation Officer & Administrative Officer	15200-400-16400-450-19500-525-22650-600-25650
4	Private Secretary	8000-200-8600-225-9500-250-10500-300-12300-350-14400-400-14800
5	Junior Assistant	5800-100-6000-125-6500-150-7100-175-7800-200-8600-225-9500-250-10500
6	Attender	5200-100-6000-125-6500-150-7100-175-7800-200-8200
7	Assistant Administrative Officer	Consolidate Rs. 10,000/month
8	Assistant Accounts Officer	Consolidate Rs. 10,500/month
9	Messenger	Consolidate Rs. 6,000/month