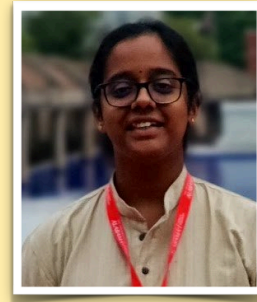


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Dharani is pursuing a Masters of Arts in Education from Azim Premji University, Bangalore. As part of her course, she has the opportunity of traveling across India in order to observe how education systems function amidst diversity. Belonging to a teacher's family in Hyderabad, she has always aspired to be a teacher. She holds firm belief in kindness, Gandhi's non-violence, equality, peace, and King's agape love. As a student working her way towards education and social sector, Dharani is involved in understanding:

- How individual actions contribute towards collective change?
- How education and art can be utilised as catalysts of justice and equality?
- What it requires to start a positive ripple of change?

Being a participant of the Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative she is learning the best practices of inclusivity and togetherness with other participants, while keeping her focus on 'Education and Social Justice'.

This year, Dharani has received the 'Anubhav and P.Karunakaran Gold Medal' for scoring the highest marks in English Literature and the 'Dr. CV Narasimha Reddi Memorial Gold Medal' for attaining the highest score in Journalism and Public Relations in undergraduate college. She has authored a poetry collection titled 'Wanderings-A Journey of Thoughts'.

Currently, at her University she is a member of the Community Engagement Initiative and the Peer Support Team - learning to objectively perceive social scenarios as well as individual conditions.

Her areas of interest can be categorised into:

- Education and Social Justice
- Art and Literature as catalysts of social change
- Understanding hate and violence
- Gender and caste based inequality

She loves spending time with simple matters, like admiring the beauty of life outside her changing windows, of rain, silence, poetry and Van Gogh's art. Being passionate towards teaching, curriculum development and field research, Dharani is committed to contribute significantly to the education sector.