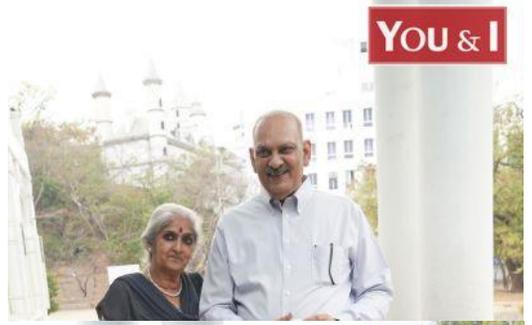
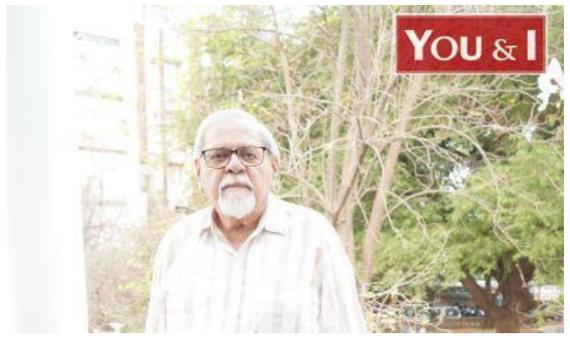


# Social History of an Indian Caste Book Launch at Vidyaranya School

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The third edition of Dr Karen Isaksen Leonard's book *The Social History of an Indian Caste* was launched at the Vidyaranya High School in Saifabad on March 7. Revolving around the Kayasthas, a Hindu cast, the book focusses on those of them who migrated to Hyderabad. As

they were record keepers, scribes, and administrators of the state, the Kayasthas claim to be descendants of Chitrugupta, the Hindu god. Over the course of 55 long years, Karen managed to gather extensive information on the culture and history of what was the formerly princely state of Hyderabad. With several published literary works on the politics and Muslim royalty in Hyderabad, she has first-hand knowledge of the occupational and matrimonial changes of the Kayasthas, as they seemingly adapted to the changes of their region. - *Pics: Srihari*