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**A BRIEF REPORT**

## LACK OF FINANCE SHOULD NOT BE A REASON FOR DEPRIVATION OF EDUCATION

**Kanara Welfare Trust**, pioneer Institution of Uttar Kannada District has been working for the cause of education and social upliftment for the last six decades. Its main concern has been the emancipation of the poor and downtrodden people of the district.

The Trust has once again come forward with a new project which envisages financial assistance to those who, due to lack of financial resources, are deprived of pursuing higher education.

**Kruger Foundation for Child Aid, Karwar**, in collaboration with **Shri Devadatt Kamat**, Advocate Supreme Court of India, and a man of vision, have been sponsoring this novel project, “**Financial Assistance for Education**”, which is being executed by Kanara Welfare Trust to help the poor and deserving students of Uttar Kannada. **The Trust and the sponsors of this project believe that no student should be deprived of higher education due to lack of financial resources.**

The project commenced from the year 2012-2013. Since then, every year fresh batches of meritorious and deserving students of Uttar Kannada District are selected and awarded scholarship of Rs.3000/- each. The details of scholarships disbursed under this scheme till date is as below.

Year	Ceremony held on	Guest of Honour	Beneficiaries	Scholarships Distributed
2012-2013	08 Sept. 2012	<b>Prof. G.V.Bhat</b> Trustee, Kanara Welfare Trust	279	Rs. 8,37,000
2013-2014	05 Nov. 2013	<b>Shri Manish Tewari</b> , Honourable Minister of State (Independent Charge), Information & Broadcasting Ministry, Govt. of India  <b>Shri R.V.Deshpande</b> , Honourable Minister for Higher Education and Tourism, Govt. of Karnataka	500	Rs. 15,00,000
2014-2015	12 Sept. 2014	<b>Shri Shashi Kant Sharma</b> Comptroller and Auditor General of India	576	Rs. 17,28,000
2015-2016	13 Nov. 2015	<b>Swami Devatmananda Saraswati</b> Mata Amritanandmayi Math, Amritapuri, Kerala	406	Rs. 12,18,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1761</b>	<b>Rs. 52,83,000</b>

Till date, 1761 students have benefitted from this project. More than Rs.50 lakh has been distributed as financial assistance to these deserving students. The continuation of this scholarship was assured to them provided they maintain their percentage level.

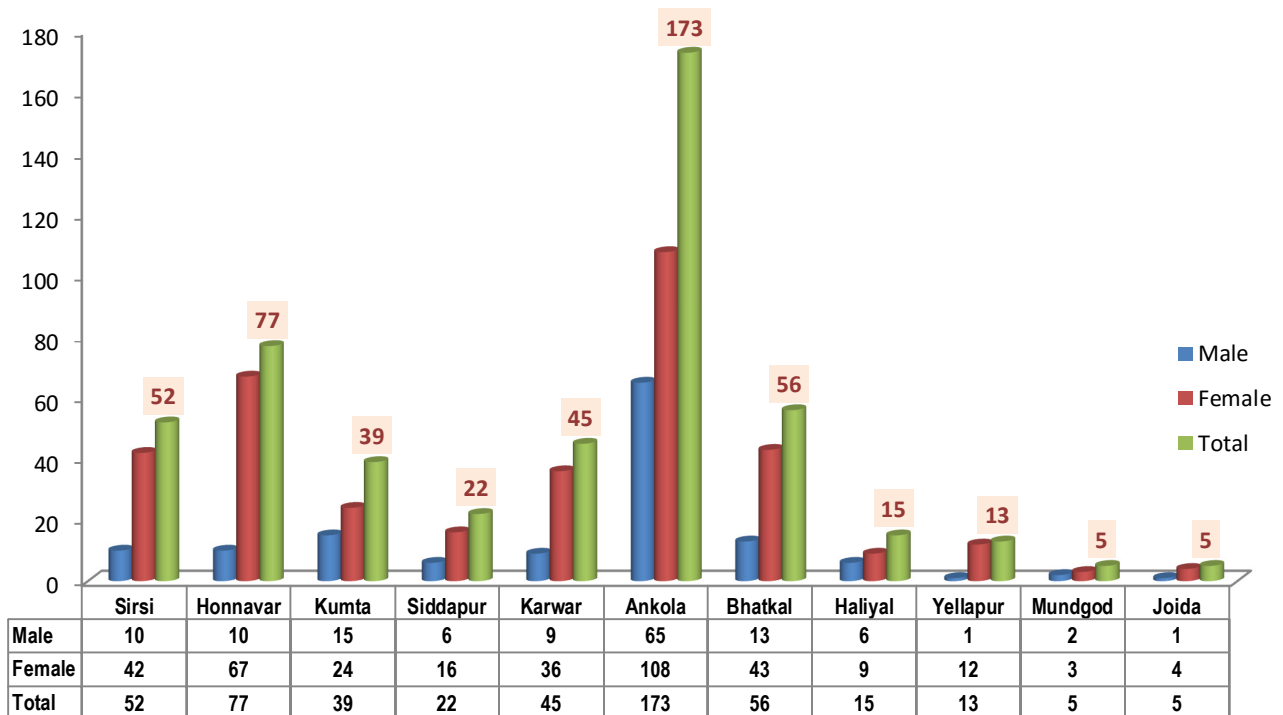
This year, a total of 502 students are listed for aid under this scheme. These students come from PU & Degree levels of education. The Trust received more than 1000 applications from across Uttar Kannada District. The applicants are mainly from low income groups but diverse communities such as farmers, labourers, fishermen, etc.

Taluka	Male	Female	Total
Sirsi	10	42	52
Honnavar	10	67	77
Kumta	15	24	39
Siddapur	6	16	22
Karwar	9	36	45
Ankola	65	108	173
Bhatkal	13	43	56
Haliyal	6	9	15
Yellapur	1	12	13
Mundgod	2	3	5
Joida	1	4	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>502</b>

Occupation wise	No.
Farmer	178
Casual Labourer	143
Merchant	23
Self-Employed	21
Private Service	22
Driver	18
Fisherman	27
Tailor	09
Carpenter	08
Priest	11
Parent Expired	30
Unspecified	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>502</b>

The scrutiny committee perused the applications received and recommended these deserving students based on merit and financial position of the family. The list of recommended candidates submitted by the committee has been duly approved by the Chairman.

### TALUKA-WISE BREAKUP OF SELECTED APPLICATIONS

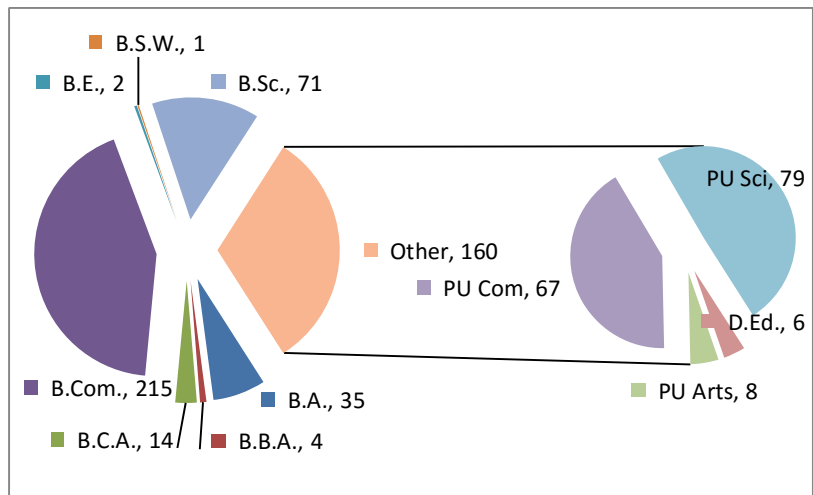


This year, among the beneficiaries, the highest percentage scored at the SSLC level is 99.20% and at the Pre-University level it is 97.33%. Generally, students scoring more than 80% marks are eligible for the scholarships. However, the cut-off marks have been relaxed in some genuinely deserving cases.

This year, out of the total 502 selected applicants, 366 are female and 136 are male. The trend of meritorious girls outnumbering the boys continues. Science is the popular stream of study at the PU level and Commerce at the Degree level as is evident from the following table.

### Applications Selected for Financial Assistance for Education - 2016: Course-wise Analysis

Course	Male	Female	Total
B.A.	8	27	35
B.B.A.	2	2	4
B.C.A.	3	11	14
B.Com.	41	174	215
B.E.	1	1	2
B.S.W.	0	1	1
B.Sc.	18	53	71
D.Ed.	1	5	6
PU Arts	4	4	8
PU Com	29	38	67
PU Sci	29	50	79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>502</b>



Every year a special function is held not only to distribute the scholarships but also to get the entire student community to come together to participate in a function wherein eminent speakers are invited to address the youth and the student community mainly from the rural area. This is an occasion where the younger elements have a chance of receiving proper messages from those who are guiding the destiny of the country in an efficient and meaningful way. The sponsors and organizers feel that these Lecture Series will enthuse the gathering of students & younger elements of this District in participating in the nation building.

The beneficiary students (fresh candidates) for the year 2016-2017 were invited to receive this aid at **Ankola** on the **12<sup>th</sup> of November 2016**. The organizers had asked the selected candidates to be present on the occasion and personally receive the scholarship tokens at the august hands of the dignitaries.

On this occasion, **Ms. Swati Maliwal**, Chairperson, Delhi Commission for Women, was invited to deliver a special address to the youth who will receive the scholarships.

After the lighting of the traditional lamp, the dignitaries took their seats on the dais.



The program commenced with an invocation by **Smt. Bharati Hegde**, *Asst. Teacher, Janata Vidyalaya, Mirjan-Kodkani*.

**Shri K.V.Shetti**, *Administrative Officer of Kanara Welfare Trust*, welcomed the gathering and read out a brief report regarding the project. He also introduced the dignitaries to the audience.

The dignitaries were welcomed with garlands and presented with mementoes.

**Prof. Poornima Gaonkar**, *Gokhale Centenary College*, anchored the program.

**Shri Devadatt Kamat**, *Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi*, and one of the sponsors of this project addressed the beneficiaries present.



In his introductory remarks he outlined the concept and idea of this project – Financial Assistance for Education for the students of Uttar Kannada. He stressed the fact that though being labeled as a forest district with very limited facilities available, its main advantage is that the students of this area have got the finest minds. Right from IT sector to doctors and engineers, the youth hailing from this district have made their mark everywhere. The financial assistance being provided to the meritorious and deserving students is only a small incentive to motivate them.

**Ms. Swati Maliwal**, Chairperson, Delhi Commission for Women, delivered a special address to the youth.



She narrated the plight of women in Delhi and the rising case of atrocities inflicted on them. She explained how her team of dedicated people has been instrumental in filing cases, assisting investigations and taking care of the victims. The Commission which she is heading is fighting a relentless battle to seek justice for the helpless girls and boys. She implored the youth of our district to rise to the support and service of the society and the country. Difficulties are many in following a path less travelled, but at the end of the day, the satisfaction which is derived from helping others is immense and well worth the effort we put in.

Later, the beneficiaries of the project were handed over the scholarship covers by the dignitaries. **Prof. V.R.Vernekar**, Retd. Principal, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola, read out the names of the scholars.



**Shri S.P.Kamat**, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust* and also *Chairman of Kruger Foundation for Child Aid, Karwar*, gave the presidential address. He said that this is a unique platform for the youth of this backward district to meet new personalities from different fields. Apart from getting scholarships to further their education, the beneficiary students are also provided with an opportunity to listen to new ideas and thoughts from people holding meaningful posts in the country.



**Prof. Imthyaz Ahmed Khan**, *Principal, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola*, proposed the vote of thanks. The function ended with the singing of the National Anthem. After the function, the dignitaries and the beneficiaries of the project enjoyed the sumptuous lunch arranged by the organizers at the program venue.

We thank the managers and staff of the various Nationalized Banks in Ankola for having helped us by facilitating the online transfer of the scholarship amount directly to the bank accounts of the beneficiary students. We further thank all the members of the selection committee who dedicated their precious time in helping us to select the candidates for this project.

The staff of our Trust Office also deserves appreciation for maintaining the records of applications received, meticulously sorting them out on the given parameters, preparing the final reports and helping us in organizing the Lecture Series and Scholarship Award Ceremony on a grand scale. We also thank the staff of Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola, for their help in organizing the function.

On behalf of Kanara Welfare Trust, we thank the sponsors for bringing this noble project to benefit the deserving students of Uttar Kannada district who otherwise would have found it difficult to pursue their academic dreams. We hope that the goodwill and well wishes generated by the beneficiaries and their families will encourage the sponsors to bring more such projects to the deserving populace of this forest district.

**Ankola**

**12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2016**