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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
2016-2017	12 Nov. 2016	<b>Ms. Swati Maliwal</b> Chairperson, Delhi Commission for Women	479	Rs. 14,44,000
2017-2018	30 Dec. 2017	<b>Shri Vijay Hegde Dodmane</b> Trustee, Shri Shankar Math, Siddapur	390	Rs.11,70,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2630</b>	<b>Rs. 78,97,000</b>

Till date, 2630 scholarships have been disbursed. More than Rs.78 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 500 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	5	17	22
Honnavar	26	64	90
Kumta	9	29	38
Siddapur	2	7	9
Karwar	21	45	66
Ankola	71	144	215
Bhatkal	1	25	26
Haliyal	3	21	24
Yellapur	0	6	6
Mundgod	1	1	2
Joida	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>500</b>

Occupation wise	No.
Farmer	172
Casual Labourer	148
Small Merchant	49
Self-Employed	18
Private Service	15
Driver	18
Fisherman	21
Tailor	09
Carpenter	07
Priest	07
Parent Expired	23
Unspecified	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>

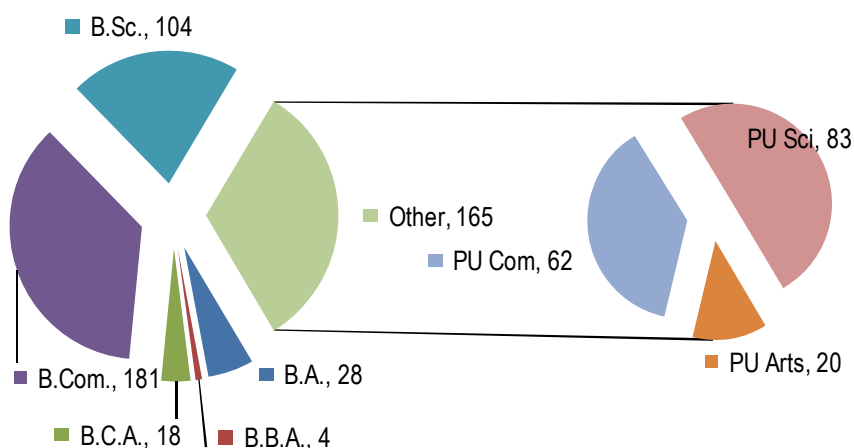
The scrutiny committee perused the applications received and recommended these deserving students based on merit and financial position of the family. The list of recommended candidates submitted by the committee was duly approved by the Chairman.

This year, among the beneficiaries, the highest percentage scored at the SSLC level is 94.40% and at the Pre-University level it is 96.83%. 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 500 selected applicants, 360 are female and 140 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 - 2018: Course-wise Analysis

Course	Male	Female	Total
B.A.	6	22	28
B.B.A.	0	4	4
B.C.A.	7	11	18
B.Com.	51	130	181
B.Sc.	28	76	104
PU Arts	5	15	20
PU Com	21	41	62
PU Sci	21	62	83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>500</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 2018-2019 were invited to receive this aid at **Ankola** on the **23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2018**. 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, **Shri Anil Saraf**, Industrialist and Chairman of ASF Group, Gurugram, was invited to deliver a special address to the youth who will receive the scholarships.

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

The program was formally inaugurated with the lighting of the traditional lamp. **Shri K.V.Shetti**, Trustee - Secretary of Kanara Welfare Trust, welcomed the gathering and read out a brief report regarding the scheme and other projects which are being organized by the Trust. He also introduced the dignitaries to the audience. The dignitaries were welcomed with garlands and presented with mementoes.



**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 Uttara Kannada. He said that the financial assistance being provided to the meritorious and deserving students is only a small incentive to motivate them. He urged the students to pursue excellence in whatever they do because that is the only mantra for success. He further stated that the youth of the district must make themselves heard in all spheres of life.



Shri Anil Saraf, Chairman, ASF Group, Gurugram, delivered the special address to the youth.



In his address, he motivated the students to think out of the box. The time is now of innovation and creative ideas. He cited the examples of Uber, OYO rooms and many other startups which just started with a brilliant idea.

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.



**Shri Padmanabh Prabhu** and **Shri Nagaraj Divgikar**, *Lecturers of Gokhale Centenary College*, anchored the program.

**Shri Vishnu Naik**, *Trustee, Kanara Welfare Trust, Ankola*, proposed the vote of thanks. The function ended with the recitation 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 conducting 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.