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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY – 2019-20



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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 U.K. District are selected and awarded scholarships of Rs.3000 each. However, from 2019-2020 onwards, the scholarship amount has been raised to Rs.5000 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	Prof. G.V.Bhat Trustee, Kanara Welfare Trust	279	Rs. 8,37,000
2013-2014	05 Nov. 2013	Shri Manish Tewari , Honourable Minister of State (Ind. Charge), Information & Broadcasting Ministry, Govt. of India Shri R.V.Deshpande , Honourable Minister for Higher Education and Tourism, Govt. of Karnataka	500	Rs. 15,00,000
2014-2015	12 Sept. 2014	Shri Shashi Kant Sharma Comptroller and Auditor General of India	576	Rs. 17,28,000
2015-2016	13 Nov. 2015	Swami Devatmananda Saraswati Mata Amritanandmayi Math, Amritapuri, Kerala	406	Rs. 12,18,000
2016-2017	12 Nov. 2016	Ms. Swati Maliwal Chairperson, Delhi Commission for Women	479	Rs. 14,44,000
2017-2018	30 Dec. 2017	Shri Vijay Hegde Dodmane Trustee, Shri Shankar Math, Siddapur	390	Rs.11,70,000
2018-2019	23 Nov. 2018	Shri Anil Saraf Industrialist and Chairman of ASF Group, Gurugram	445	Rs.13,35,000
2019-2020	--	no function held due to advisory (Corona Virus)	215	Rs.9,85,000
		TOTAL	3290	Rs.1,02,17,000



Till date, 3075 scholarships have been disbursed. Nearly One Crore Rupees has been distributed as financial assistance to the deserving students. The continuation of this scholarship was assured to them provided they maintain their percentage level.

This year, a total of 214 students are listed for aid under this scheme. These students come from PU & Degree levels of education. The Trust received more than 600 applications from across Uttara Kannada District. The applicants are mainly from low income groups but diverse communities such as farmers, labourers, fishermen, etc.

Taluka	Male	Female	Total
Ankola	21	62	83
Bhatkal	3	12	15
Dandeli	0	4	4
Haliyal	2	1	3
Honnavar	3	21	24
Joida	0	3	3
Karwar	12	42	54
Kumta	3	5	8
Siddapur	4	5	9
Sirsi	0	8	8
Yellapur	2	2	4
Total	50	165	215

Occupation wise	No.
<i>Farmer</i>	25
<i>Casual Labourer</i>	65
<i>Small Merchant</i>	11
<i>Self-Employed</i>	34
<i>Private Service</i>	17
<i>Driver</i>	9
<i>Fisherman</i>	11
<i>Tailor</i>	7
<i>Carpenter</i>	6
<i>Priest</i>	4
<i>Parent Expired</i>	21
<i>Unspecified</i>	5
Total	215

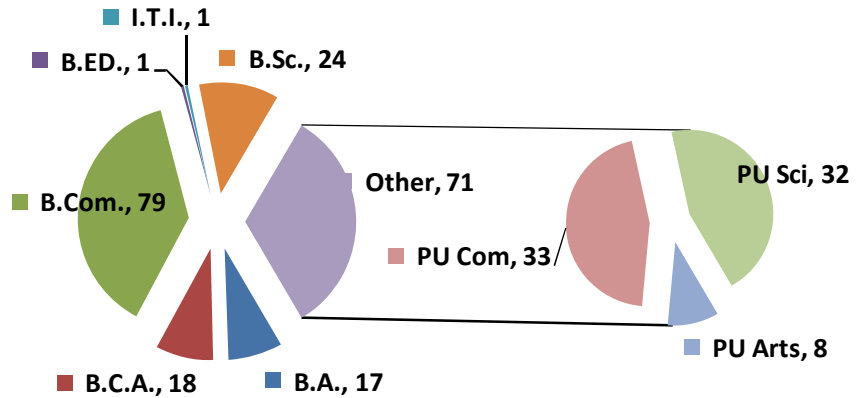
The scrutiny committee perused the applications received and shortlisted 350 potential beneficiaries. Teachers and volunteers from various Trust Institutions physically visited the houses of the students and observed their economic and social conditions firsthand. After due verification, they recommended 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 95.84% and at the Pre-University level it is 96.33%. 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 215 selected applicants, 165 are girls & 50 are boys. The trend of meritorious girls outnumbering the boys continues. Science & Commerce are popular streams of study at the PU level and B.Com. at the Degree level as is evident from the table below.

Applications Selected for Financial Assistance for Education – 2019-20: Course-wise Analysis

Course	Male	Female	Total
B.A.	3	14	17
B.C.A.	5	13	18
B.Com.	13	66	79
B.ED.	0	1	1
B.Sc.	6	18	24
I.T.I.	1	0	1
PU Arts	1	7	8
PU Com	10	23	33
PU Sci	12	22	34
TOTAL	50	165	215



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.

However, because of the COVID-19 (Corona Virus) epidemic scare in the country, the Govt. had issued an advisory against holding public functions. Hence, the beneficiary students of the year 2019-2020 were informed about the same via post and were assured that the scholarship amount due to them will be credited directly to their respective bank accounts.

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.