



**KANARA WELFARE TRUST, ANKOLA**

**LECTURE SERIES  
&  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY**



**SPONSORS**

**KRUGER FOUNDATION FOR CHILD AID, KARWAR**

**&**

**Shri DEVADATT KAMAT**  
Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi

**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, Karwar**, in collaboration with **Shri Devadatt Kamat**, young Advocate of Supreme Court of India, and a man of vision, have come forward to sponsor this new project, "**Financial Assistance for Education**", which will be 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, wherein 300 meritorious and deserving students of Uttar Kannada District were awarded with this scholarship of Rs.3000/-. The Financial Assistance cheques were handed out to the beneficiary students at the Scholarship Award Ceremony held on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2012. The continuation of this scholarship was assured to them provided they maintain their percentage level.

This year, additional 300 students are listed for aid under this scheme. These students come from PU & Degree levels of education. The Trust received more than 1500 applications from across Uttar Kannada District. The applicants are mainly from low income groups but diverse communities such as farmers, labourers, fishermen, etc.

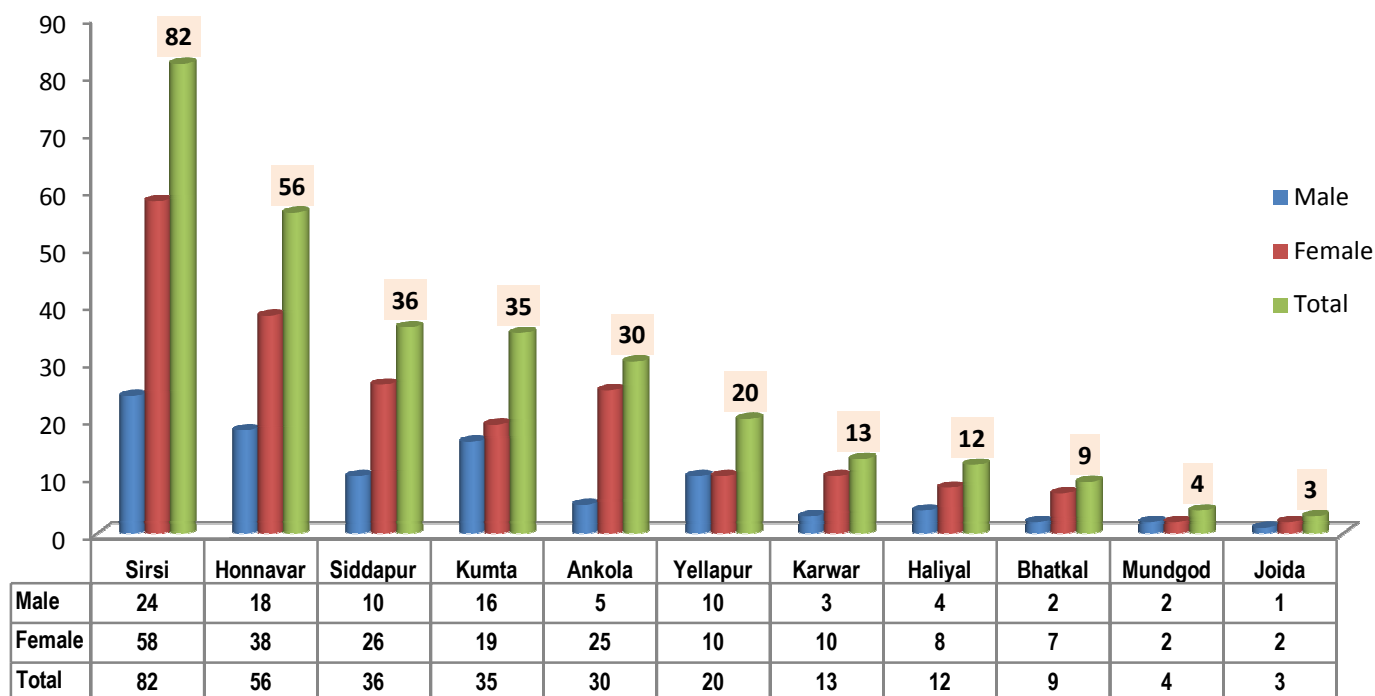
Taluka	Male	Female	Total
Sirsi	142	227	369
Honnavar	128	219	347
Kumta	64	122	186
Siddapur	50	98	148
Ankola	20	85	105
Yellapur	36	41	77
Bhatkal	31	36	67
Haliyal	17	48	65
Mundgod	27	32	59
Karwar	14	43	57
Joida	5	5	10
Other Dist.	16	15	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>1521</b>

Occupation	No.
Farmer	753
Labourer	434
Fisherman	29
Small Business	26
Driver	21
Carpenter	13
Private Service	25
Shopkeeper	11
Tailor	11
Other	82
Expired	94
Unspecified	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>1521</b>



The scrutiny committee perused the applications received and recommended 300 deserving students based on merit and financial position. The list of recommended candidates submitted by the committee has been duly approved by the Chairman.

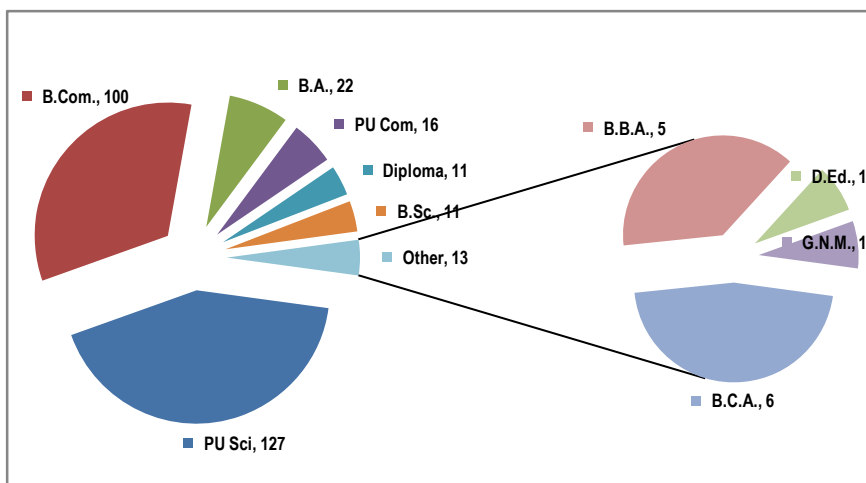
### **TALUKA-WISE BREAKUP OF SELECTED APPLICATIONS**



Out of the total 300 selected applicants, 205 are female and 95 are male. 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-II: Course-wise Analysis**

Course	Male	Female	Total
PU Sci	40	87	127
B.Com.	29	71	100
B.A.	5	17	22
PU Com	5	11	16
Diploma	7	4	11
B.Sc.	4	7	11
B.C.A.	3	3	6
B.B.A.	2	3	5
D.Ed.	-	1	1
G.N.M.	-	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>300</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. This Lecture Series will help the gathering of students & younger elements of this District and enthuse them in participating in the nation building.

The fresh batch of students for the year 2013-2014 was invited to receive this aid at **Ankola** on **5<sup>th</sup> November 2013**.

Since this was a unique occasion of congregation of young elements, the sponsors thought it appropriate to invite **Shri Manish Tewari**, *Honourable Minister of State (Independent Charge), Information & Broadcasting Ministry, Govt. of India*, and **Shri R.V.Deshpande**, *Honourable Minister for Higher Education and Tourism, Govt. of Karnataka, and Minister In-charge of Uttar Kannada District*.

The organizers had requested the selected candidates to be present on the occasion and personally receive the Scholarship Demand Drafts at the august hands of the dignitaries. The Trust Office Staff registered the names of the beneficiaries and also guided them to their respective seats, which was arranged taluka-wise to facilitate receipt of 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 mementoes.

**Prof. Rohini Nayak**, *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. He commenced his talk with a poem of Dr. Dinkar Desai, the founder of Kanara Welfare Trust.



*“Way back in 1953, a visionary of this district dreamt,*

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***“Right in the middle of the day, I dream  
and my mind gets inspired by the dream,  
schools one after the other sprout from my dream  
Goddess Saraswati gets a garland comprising  
these schools.”***

*This was the dream of Dr. Dinkar Desai who dreamt that just as flowers adorn Goddess Saraswati, there should be schools in every nook and corner of the district to uplift our own people. Beginning with a donation of Rs.6000/- which was collected from the farmer community, this Institution has grown leaps and bounds over the years. Today, Kanara Welfare Trust encompasses over 40 institutions, schools spread over remote areas of the district. It is indeed a great privilege and a great sense of affection for this Trust which I have developed over the years.*

*This small program of ours, “Financial Assistance for Education” is a small attempt to further the legacy of the great visionary, Dr. Dinkar Desai. Swami Vivekananda said, “Education is the manifestation of perfection already in Man.” His words are important. Education is not something which is for the elite. This is something which is basic and human to every individual. Just as our Constitution recognizes and subsequent Governments have given empowerment in the form of Right to Education, this basic human right should be made available to each and every individual, irrespective of their region, religion, caste, creed or gender.*

*Our program of Financial Assistance for Education tries to choose about 300 students each year. These 300 students are probably the best talent available in Uttar Kannada. These 300 students, in the first year, will get a scholarship of Rs.3000/- each and this will continue for the first two Pre-University years and the next three years of their Degree level as well. If we have a look at the present composition, it is indeed a matter of delight, that out of 1500+ applications which we received, almost 1000 applications were from girls. Out of the chosen 300 as well, 205 applicants are girls. I am really honoured that our small step is in fact reaping the benefits right from the inception.*



*Success, as we all know, doesn't come from education alone. Education is only one aspect. Mark Twain once said. 'there are two important days in one's life – the first day is the day when you were born and the second, when you know why.'*

**Shri Manish Tewari, Honourable Minister of State (Independent Charge), Information & Broadcasting Ministry, Govt. of India,** addressed the students on the special topic, **“Harnessing the Youth energy for Nation building – What can be done”.**



*“Firstly, I would like to pay my respects to Dr. Dinkar Desai, who founded this Trust. The present Trustees of this very august Institution have been carrying on that very utmost responsibility under the astute stewardship of Shri S.P.Kamat and ensuring that the light of education travels to the remotest hamlet in your district. At an earlier point in my life, I had the privilege of heading both the National Students Union of India and the Indian Youth Congress with students, young people, young minds and really try & understand as to what this planet which we call our home, where seven billion of us reside is really all about. And the one common thread which runs through every youngster as he graduates from school to College, to University and then steps into life is to aspire for a better life; a better life and a more fulfilling life than possibly his parents had led & to see as to how while he goes about the pursuit of success and prosperity he is possible able to make the world a better place to live.*

*If you really map the spread of knowledge, it was possibly in the late 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> century when printing travelled from the east to the west. When printing came to Europe, it was the early days of what is called the Renaissance Period. Then came the age of enlightenment and the industrial revolution which made not only Britain but also the other European powers – the Dutch, the Spanish, the French, the Portuguese – pre-eminent players on the global stage. Therefore, the conquest that we saw from the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century onwards where the Europeans came east and were able to colonize a better part of the world was essentially because they had an advantage in terms of knowledge which not only allowed them the access to better technology which translated into better fire-power, but also possibly allowed them to innovate while other people were really stuck in a groove of the past.*

*Now the stage has come where the focus of the entire world is on India and China. As per the demographic statistics, these two countries will have the highest number of the populace in the age group of 20 to 35 by the year 2033. These young minds will be in the race to govern the major part of the world in the years to come. The efforts made by these two countries now will determine whether the 21<sup>st</sup> century will belong to India or to China.”*



**Shri R.V.Deshpande**, Honourable Minister for Higher Education and Tourism, Govt. of Karnataka, and Minister In-charge of Uttar Kannada District, also addressed the students.



*"Before I should say something, I should congratulate Kanara Welfare Trust and more so it is my duty to remember and acknowledge the great service rendered by Late Dinkar Desai, who founded this Institution sometime in 1953. Under the leadership of Mr. S.P.Kamat also, more and more Institutions are coming and I am happy that these Institutions are ensuring that quality education is given.*

*As told by Shri Manish Tewariji, there is no doubt that India will be a superpower in the days to come. 21<sup>st</sup> century is the century of quality. This is the century of competition. This is the century of consumer satisfaction. Struggle for existence and survival of the fittest. We have to face competition in the world market. We have to come up to that expectation. The present thrust should be on quality education. Today's children are luckier than the previous generations as they have access to everything, be it computers, books or the internet. You have to make the best use of this. You are the assets of this nation. You should develop good character, good integrity and good personality also. Our students of today should be properly equipped with the necessary knowledge and strength to dominate the world scene.*

*I am sure you will all follow that and be good citizens of this country. We are all here to guide you, assist you. I wish you a very, very bright future, young friends. Do well. God bless you."*

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 recipients.



**Shri S.P.Kamat**, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust and also Chairman of Kruger Foundation for Child Aid, Karwar*, gave the presidential address.



*“It is very heartening to see that more number of girls have availed of the scholarships this year also. The girls stand out so prominently in the entire scheme that our selectors have no choice but to choose them. This is practically the whole scenario in our whole district today. Even at the educational level in our district, our experience is that the girls do better than the boys. And why should that happen? It is essentially because there is a commitment on the part of the girls. They are so involved in their studies, involved with everything.*

*Let me share one thought with you. It is so relevant and so important. The youth in the age group of 15-25 today will be the ruling elements not only in the country but also in the entire world. Demographic configurations and statistics tell us that by the year 2050, entire world economy will be ruled by the people in the age group of 30 and 45. The wealth of the planet, the world, running into almost 300 trillions will go into the hands of these young boys and girls who are supposed to manage this whole economy, and you are those people.*

*No doubt, India is going to be the foremost country leading the entire world. But your leadership will not remain only with the Indian sub-continent, it will transcend the Indian boundaries and you will be the leaders of the world in the days to come.”*

**Prof. V.R.Kamat**, *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 venue.

For the year 2013-2014, the Scholarship payout amount was Rs.18,00,000 (Rupees Eighteen lakh). In 2012-2013, the scholarship payout was Rs.9,00,000/-. In the subsequent years up till 2016-2017, the total financial outlay will be approximately Rs.1,00,00,000/- (Rs. One crore). Around 3300 meritorious and deserving students will have the golden opportunity of availing this financial assistance to further their education.

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.

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**

**5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2013**

**Administrative Officer  
Kanara Welfare Trust, Ankola**

