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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 a fresh batch of 300 meritorious and deserving students of Uttar Kannada District are selected and awarded scholarship of Rs.3000/- each. The first batch of beneficiary students were presented with the financial assistance at the Scholarship Award Ceremony held on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2012. The second batch received the scholarships at the program held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013. The third scholarship ceremony was held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The continuation of this scholarship was assured to them provided they maintain their percentage level.

This year, a total of 462 students are listed for aid under this scheme. These students come from PU & Degree levels of education. The Trust received more than 1200 applications from across Uttar Kannada District. The applicants are mainly from low income groups but diverse communities such as farmers, labourers, fishermen, etc.

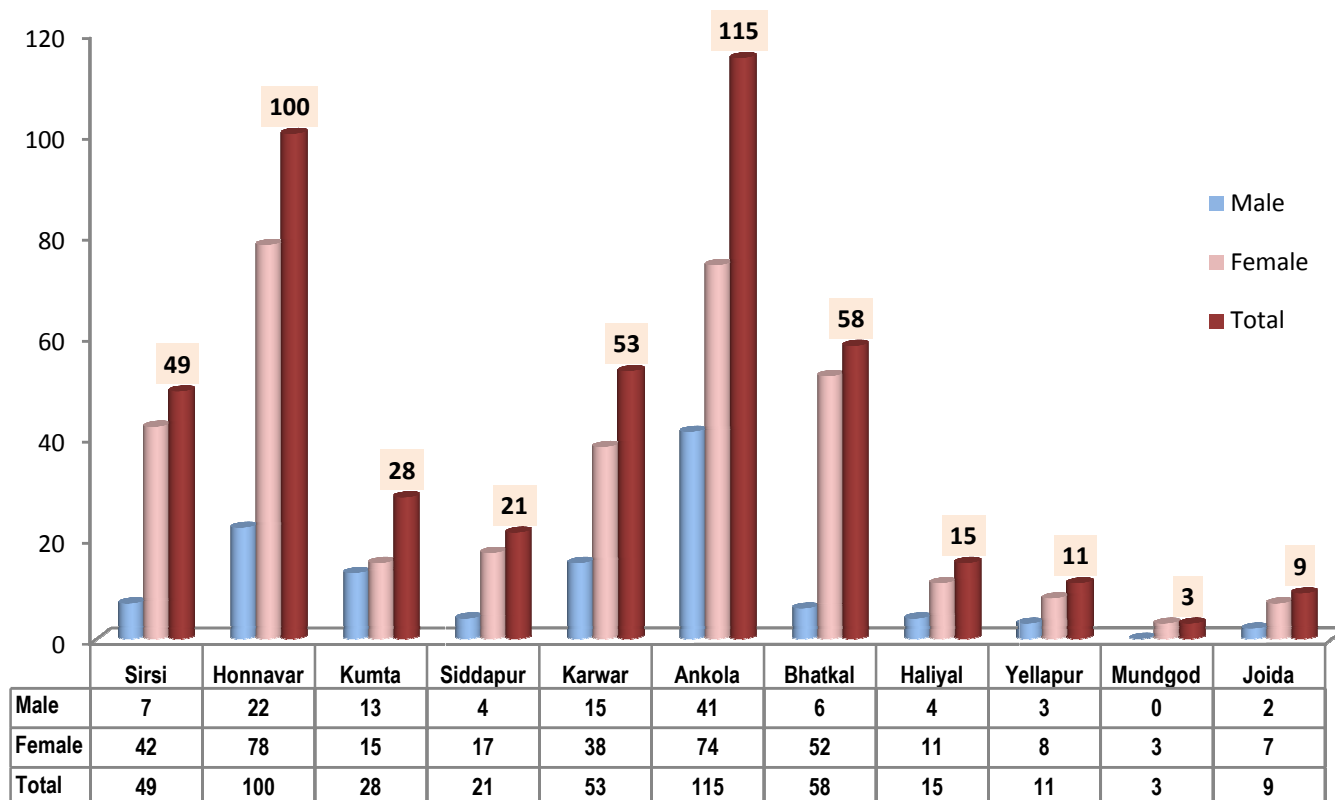
Taluka	Male	Female	Total
Sirsi	7	42	49
Honnavar	22	78	100
Kumta	13	15	28
Siddapur	4	17	21
Karwar	15	38	53
Ankola	41	74	115
Bhatkal	6	52	58
Haliyal	4	11	15
Yellapur	3	8	11
Mundgod	0	3	3
Joida	2	7	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>462</b>

Occupation wise	No.
Farmer	159
Labourer	121
Merchant	33
Self-Employed	16
Private Service	16
Driver	18
Fisherman	16
Tailor	6
Carpenter	8
Priest	8
Parent Expired	47
Unspecified	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>462</b>



The scrutiny committee perused the applications received and recommended 462 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.

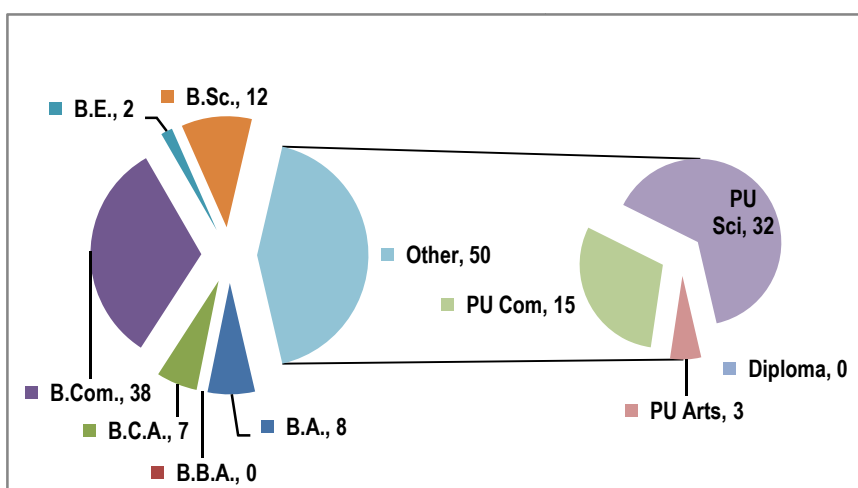
### TALUKA-WISE BREAKUP OF SELECTED APPLICATIONS



This year, out of the total 462 selected applicants, 345 are female and 117 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-2015: Course-wise Analysis

Course	Male	Female	Total
B.A.	8	11	19
B.B.A.	0	3	3
B.C.A.	7	16	23
B.Com.	38	174	212
B.E.	2	1	3
B.Sc.	12	44	56
Diploma	0	1	1
PU Arts	3	3	6
PU Com	15	33	48
PU Sci	32	59	91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>462</b>



The details of scholarships disbursed under this scheme till date is as below.

Year	No. of Students	Percentage cutoffs for fresh award		Scholarship Amount Distributed
		SSLC - Max-Min %	PU - Max-Min %	
2012-2013	279	97.92 - 89.44	96.33 - 79.50	Rs.8,37,000
2013-2014	500	96.96 - 87.68	95.83 - 84.00	Rs.15,00,000
2014-2015	576	98.40 - 91.20	97.00 - 87.67	Rs.17,28,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1355</b>			<b>Rs.40,65,000</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 for the year 2015-2016 were invited to receive this aid at **Ankola** on the **13<sup>th</sup> of November 2015**. 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, **Swami Devatmananda Saraswati** of Mata Amritanandmayi Math, Amritapuri, Kerala, 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. M.M.Patil**, *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 people hailing from this district have made their mark everywhere. The financial assistance being provided to the meritorious and deserving students is only one part of the package which we have envisaged. Every year, we create an opportunity for our young students to listen and interact with distinguished personalities from every sphere. In 2012, we had a Central Minister who addressed our students on youth power. The next year we had amidst us the Comptroller and Auditor General of India who was pleased to interact with our students. Last year, an Ambassador of one of the African countries visited our place to try and understand how students of this part of India are being encouraged to pursue their education and enhance their careers. We are honoured that Swami Devatmanand Saraswati had accepted to be a part of today's function to enthuse our students and imbibe in them something that they can cherish for life. The desire to excel should manifest in each and every student.



**Swami Devatmananda Saraswati** of Mata Amritanandmayi Math, Amritapuri, Kerala, delivered a special address to the youth.



We present here some excerpts from his discourse.

*“Our country, Maha Bharat, is not an ordinary country consisting of a geographical distribution on the earth. But it has got a wide range of divinity and serenity in the space of culture and civilization. Students should cultivate the culture of “shraddha” (dedication) in everything.*

*Our speech should be clear, precise and filled with energy. Our words and sentences should reflect our thought process. Every action begins with a thought. Unless the thought is equally strong, our actions can never be strong. It is wonderful how our country has retained its innate character and culture. This has not come by accident. It has a long history. Every thought, every impulse that you have has not come from the body configuration alone. There is a deeper energy within and the energy is not born with you alone, that energy has been imbibed from your parents, your culture and your surroundings. If you have made a mark in life, don't be under the impression that it is you alone who has done it. There is tremendous amount of contribution from aspect of life – the environment, culture and your own inner chemistry. And the chemistry is nothing but your own genes. Everything is connected. The Shiva which is referred to in my speech is not a religious icon. It has nothing to do with religion. Shiva means bliss. Call it by any other name. It is that aspect of bliss, the life structure, the life goal. It is in everyone. We need to realize this.”*

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.**



*“We have called you here today in person to accept the scholarships for a reason. The idea is not to keep this relationship on a superficial level. You are not just students of the district. We consider our children as our capital. We want you to be a part of us. We would like to have your presence today and feel the wonderful and amazing energy that every one of you exude.*

*I’m pleased to say that our district has a fantastic geopathic energy. Everything has its own characteristic. You have imbibed that energy, you are a part of that energy, and you are capable therefore, of realizing yourself to that level. To that extent the potential is there. And the potential has to be realized. We have called you here so that all of you together can feel the energy vibe. When all of you meet at any given place with a wonderful mindset, you will find the whole atmosphere getting charged.*

*You are now venturing into higher education. Your entire life is going to change and at this phase of transition we wanted to personally assure you that you are not alone. We are equally interested in your growth and development. If you can understand a few ideas conveyed here, take a few thoughts with you to your home and try to ruminate over them, it can lead to some wonderful experiences.”*

**Prof. B.H.Nayak**, 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**

**13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2015**

