

KANARA WELFARE TRUST, Ankola

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION



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**KRUGER FOUNDATION FOR
CHILD AID, KARWAR**

&

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Advocate, Supreme Court,
New Delhi

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.**

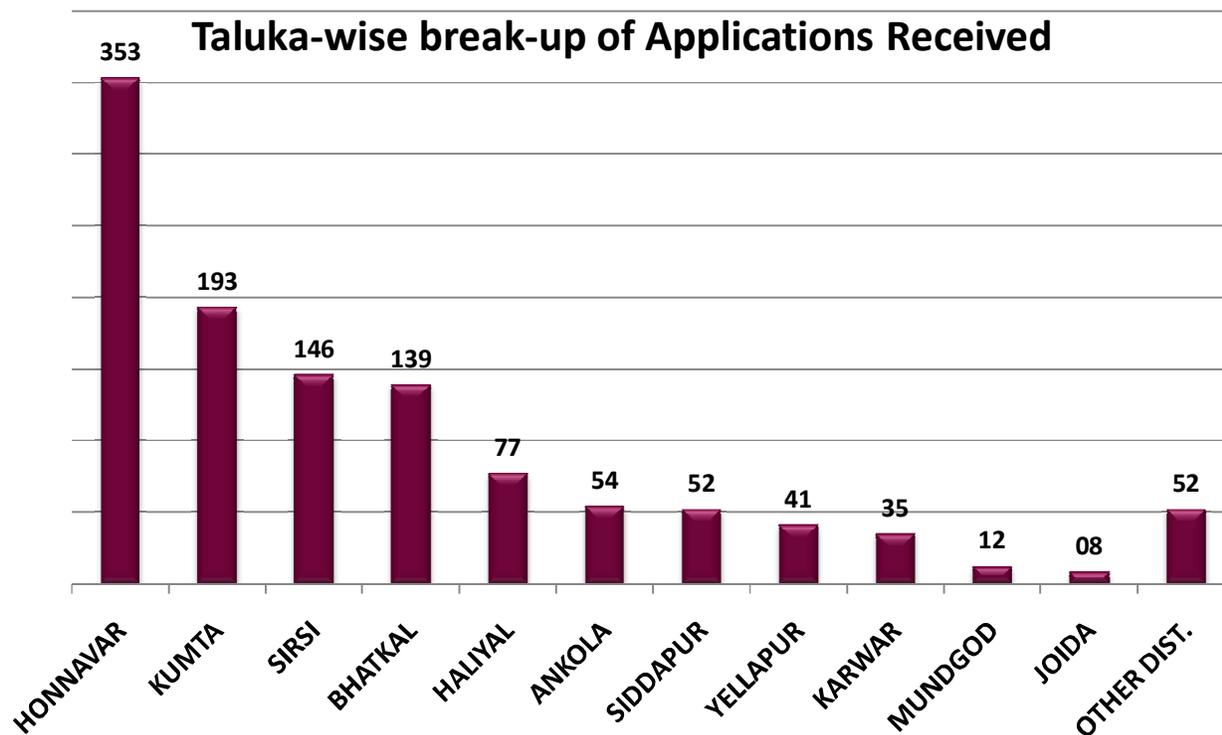
With this in view, the Trust invites applications in the prescribed format from the deserving students of the district. The criteria for applying was as below:

- *The students who wish to avail of this scheme must be meritorious (should have scored 80% or above at the SSLC / 70% or above at the PU II year annual examination) and should hail from a financially backward family.*
- *The applications received will be considered by Selection Committee constituted by the Trust.*
- *The Trust will bear the fee expenses incurred by the selected students up to a maximum of Rs.3000/- per student per year. The disbursement of the financial assistance will be done directly through the respective colleges.*
- *The application should be accompanied by a declaration from the Principal of the intended College certifying that the student desires admission / has been admitted in the concerned College for the current academic year.*
- *The continuation of the assistance will depend upon the consistent performance of the beneficiary students in the subsequent examinations.*

The Headmasters of around 350 High Schools and the Principals of about 160 Colleges throughout Uttar Kannada District were requested to give wide publicity for the project amongst the student community so as to enable them to avail of the facility offered.

The details regarding the scheme also appeared in various regional newspapers. Applications started arriving at the Trust Office situated at Ankola from July 2012 onwards.

The Trust has received more than 1300 applications from all the 11 taluks of Uttar Kannada and even some from the neighbouring districts. The taluka-wise breakup of applications received are showing in the accompanying chart.

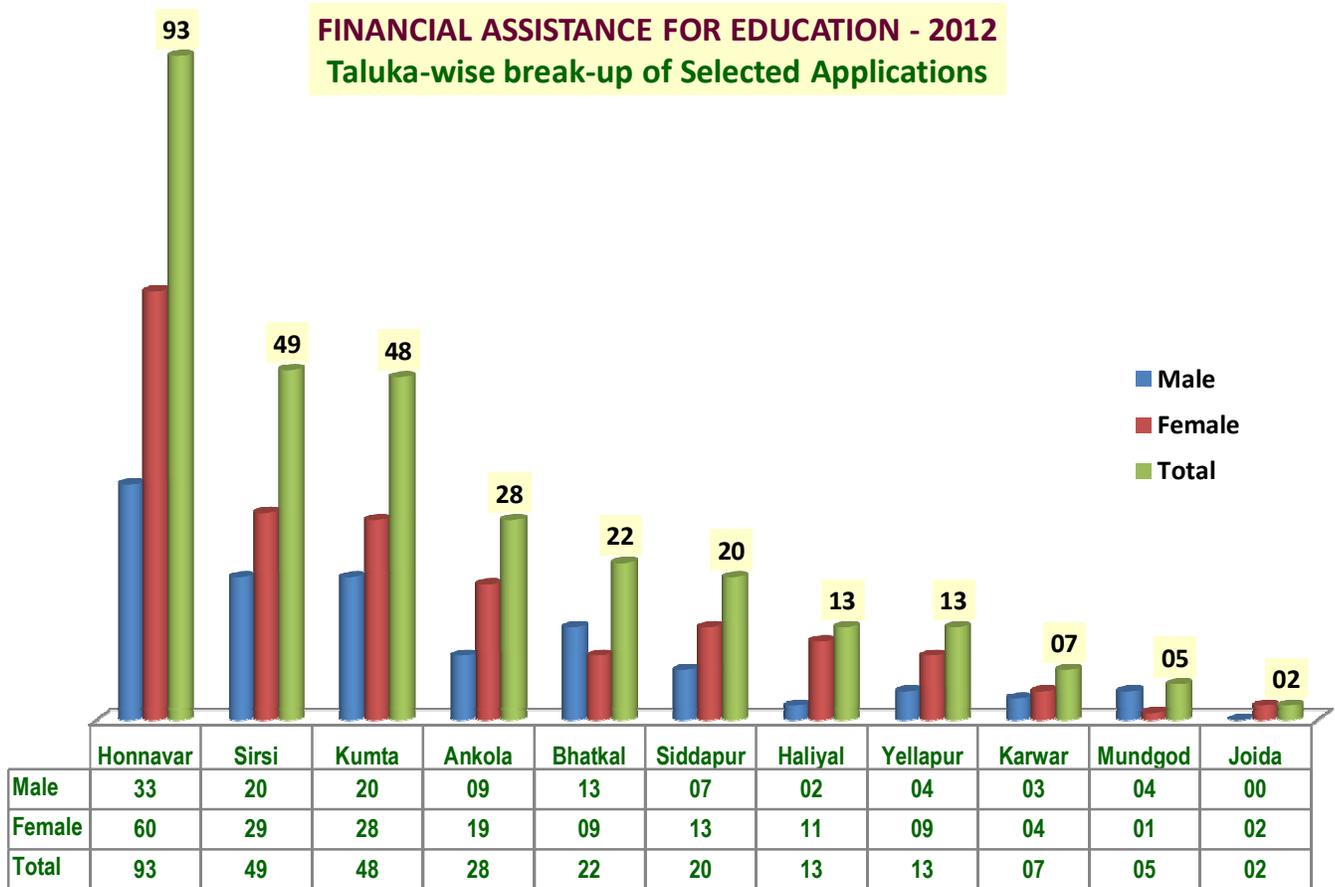


The applications received by the office were scrutinized by a special team consisting of the following persons.

1.	Shri K.V.Shetti	<i>Adm. Officer, KWT</i>	Convenor
2.	Prof. M.S.Habbu	<i>Retd. Principal</i>	Member
3.	Prof. V.R.Vernekar	<i>Retd. Principal</i>	Member
4.	Shri Vishnu Naik	<i>Retd. Principal</i>	Member
5.	Shri Ravindra Keni	<i>Principal, PMJC</i>	Member

The above team constituted for scrutinizing and recommending the names for the scholarships met numerous times to finalize the list. 300 deserving students were finally selected based on merit and financial position. The committee submitted the list of these 300 selected students to the Chairman on 24th August 2012. The list of recommended candidates submitted by the committee has been duly approved by the Chairman.

The following table shows the male-female ratio & taluka-wise analysis of selected candidates.

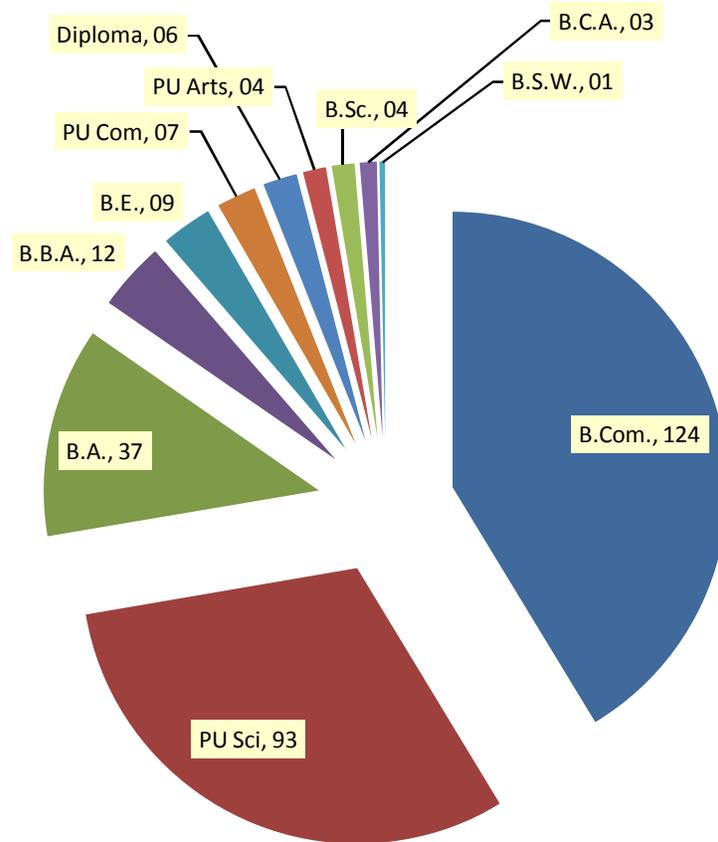


Out of the total 300 selected applicants, 185 are female and 115 are male.

B.Com. is the popular stream of study at the degree level and Science at the P.U. level as is evident from the following table.

Course	Male	Female	Total
B.Com.	43	81	124
P.U. Science	44	49	93
B.A.	09	28	37
B.B.A.	01	11	12
B.E.	05	04	09
P.U. Commerce	03	04	07
Diploma	05	01	06
P.U. Arts	01	03	04
B.Sc.	02	02	04
B.C.A.	01	02	03
B.S.W.	01	00	01
TOTAL	115	185	300

Applications Selected for Financial Assistance for Education - 2012 Course-wise Analysis



The 300 candidates thus selected are currently pursuing their education in 60 different colleges in and around Uttar Kannada district.

These candidates will now be eligible to receive an annual scholarship of Rs.3000/- each. This financial assistance in the form of scholarships is likely to be continued if the beneficiaries show consistent performance in the future terms.

The **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY** took place on **8th September 2012** at the UGC Auditorium of Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola.

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 sponsors, **Shri Devadatt Kamat**, *Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi*, and **Shri S.P.Kamat**, *Chairman, Kruger Foundation for Child Aid, Karwar*.

Prin. G.V.Bhat, *Trustee of Kanara Welfare Trust, Ankola*, was the Chief Guest.

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.

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

Shri K.V.Shetti, *Administrative Officer of Kanara Welfare Trust* welcomed everyone and read out a brief report regarding the project. The Scholarship Award Ceremony was formally inaugurated by lighting the traditional lamp.

Shri Vishnu Naik, *Retd. Principal*, introduced the dignitaries to the audience.



Shri Devadatt Kamat, *Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi*, and one of the sponsors of this project addressed the beneficiaries present. In his own words, *"Indians in ancient times believed that education is supposed to bring out the best in you, to be able to lead a happy, contented and a fulfilling life. Wealth and earning money came much subsequent. Today, unless you have a certain amount of financial security or financial comfort, education becomes difficult. The whole cycle has been inverted. Part of the blame lies with the state, part of it with us. In order to set this cycle in reverse, we have started a small attempt that not a single student should be deprived to reach his fulfillment because he can't afford it. It is simply criminal that a bright mind cannot achieve what he wants to achieve because he can't afford it."*



Prof. G.VBhat, *Trustee, Kanara Welfare Trust*, spoke about the yeoman services that the Trust has been rendering to the people of Uttar Kannada District. *"Education doesn't simply mean passing a subject. It should shape one's personality with the fundamental principles and help to develop the right attitude towards life."*

Shri S.P.Kamat, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust and also Chairman of Kruger Foundation for Child Aid, Karwar*, gave the presidential address. *“Every child, every student of our district is our child and our student. I want every one of them to achieve what they dream about, what they desire for life. We will not allow a single student in our district to get deprived of their education for want of support. The entire Trust activities are all aimed at bringing about a change in the society through the process of education. I make this solemn assurance today – if you are a merited student, a student who aspires for something big and great, you will not in any way be let down for want of support of whatever nature including the financial support.”*



Shri Devadatt Kamat distributed the scholarship demand drafts to the beneficiaries.



Prof. V.R.Vernekar, *Retd. Principal, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola*, read out the names of the recipients and later proposed vote of thanks.

The program was compered by **Prof. M.S.Habbu**, *Retd. Principal, Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar*.

The beneficiaries were also paid to and fro bus-fare from their respective place (taluka) of origin to attend the function. The organizers had also arranged a sumptuous lunch for the dignitaries and the beneficiaries of the project.

For the year 2012-2013, the Scholarship payout amount was Rs.9,00,000 (Rupees Nine lakh). 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 of financial assistance to further their education.

We thank the managers and staff of Syndicate Bank, Ankola, and The Ankola Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd. for having helped us by issuing demand drafts for the scholarships at zero cost.

I 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 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.

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8th Sept. 2012

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