



a brief profile

KANARA WELFARE TRUST, ANKOLA

It was way back in 1953, that the Kanara Welfare Trust made a tryst with destiny. We are proud that Kanara Welfare Trust has completed 64 years of its useful and fruitful existence. Founder Chairman late Dr. Dinkar Desai wrote in one of his epigrams –

ನಡು ಹಗಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನನಗೆ ಬೀಳುವದು ಕನಸು
ಈ ಕನಸಿನಿಂದ ಚಿಗುರುವದುಂಟು ಮನಸು
ಒಂದೊಂದು ಚಿಗುರಿಗೂ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಶಾಲೆ
ಮೂಡಿದರೆ ಶಾರದಾಂಬೆಗೆ ಪುಷ್ಪ ಮಾಲೆ

*"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."*

The message of the Trust is very clear. Service is endless. Kanara Welfare Trust is nothing but humanism of Dr. Dinkar Desai personified. Thousands of beneficiaries of the trust living in different places of the District and also outside look up to it with a deep sense of gratitude and wish.

Magnificent buildings, laboratories, libraries and beautiful gardens hold out a proof to the development and activities of the Trust. It should be remembered that the Trust is something more than a collection of bricks and stones. It is a living and growing organisation. Thousands of well-wishers, philanthropic donors, admirers and not to speak of countless beneficiaries constitute this mighty organisation.

By and large, Kanara Welfare Trust has been able to achieve what is contained in the preamble. Observing the manifold activities of the Trust, an eminent person exclaimed, "The Trust by its significant service has almost established a University in the District of North Kanara". Today we have a network of Institutions all over the District. It has to its credit 45 Institutions – 4 Degree colleges, 2 PG Centres, 6 Junior Colleges, 17 High Schools, 10 Primary & Pre-Primary Schools, 2 Tailoring Schools, 2 Music Schools and 2 Computer Centres. It was started with a meagre amount of Rs.6000/- collected by the Raith Community and now the assets are more than 15 crores excluding the land. The family of the Trust is growing day by day and there has been a significant increase in the number of students. Total enrolment is about 12000. All these have been possible because of the careful and judicious management of the Trust.

Saga of Kanara Welfare Trust is the saga of sacrifice of one individual – Dr. Dinkar Desai – who was our great torch bearer and lent us all help to keep this torch burning and spread the light in to the farthest corners of the District. Since the death of Dr. Desai in 1982, the present Chairman, Shri S.P.Kamat is contributing his mite to keep the torch bright and blazing aloft. He is ably assisted by the other Trustees. The Trust has been conducting fresh and feasible experiments in the welfare of the people of this district from time to time under his dynamic leadership.

Kanara Welfare Trust is indeed an institution with a difference. Being rooted in the rural background of Uttar Kannada District, it has to balance the aspirations of the rural people and the modern requirements. Education is no more and it should not be any more a mere acquisition of knowledge for eking out a livelihood. It has a deeper meaning and a loftier purpose. The formal curriculum prescribed needs to be blended with methods of arousing latent potentialities in the child, enabling it to realise its own strength. The wholesome development of the personality of a child leading it to higher levels of understanding should be the purpose of education.

Today, India needs to be imbued with a new dynamism which calls for young men and women to shed off the shackles of small ideas, small means, small pleasures and small aims and be motivated to think and achieve higher goals in every walk of life. Education is the instrument through which alone this purpose could be achieved. This has been the motto of Kanara Welfare Trust.

Kanara Welfare Trust has completed 64 years of its existence. This institution is an expression of a creative thought that germinated in a creative mind in a state of contemplation. Though this creative mind appears to be always in a flux and agitation influenced by the apparent shortcomings and deficiencies in the external system, in its deeper recesses there lies a lofty ideal, and a thought focussed on the possibility of overcoming these deficiencies and shortcomings experienced by the superficial mind. Dr. Dinkar Desai's life is an example to show how the creativity within can find its expression to meet the challenges of a given time. The Trust which has its humble beginning has today grown into a magnificent institution cherishing its own ideals and principles, and, in the process of providing life sustaining strength to thousands of young boys and girls in the form of formal education. This is the contribution of late Dr. Dinkar Desai to nation-building in the correct perspective.

The role of the Trust in shaping the new generations, fired by the spark of awareness of noble ideals, has been great. The Trust has the ability and perseverance to carry out this great responsibility. The Trust has been conducting fresh, feasible experiments in the welfare of the rural development for six decades. We look forward to the whole hearted co-operation of the people and hope that the ceaseless endeavour of the Trust may bear myriads of fruits in the years to come.

Main Aims and Objects of the Trust

- a. To carry out and promote educational, cultural, social and material advancement of the people, particularly of the backward and poorer classes, within the Uttar Kannada District.
- b. To impart education and knowledge, especially by establishing and maintaining educational institutions and hostels, including schools for imparting education in the District.
- c. To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to attainment of the above objects.

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OUR INSTITUTIONS

Sl.	Name of the Institution	Place	Estd.
<u>DEGREE COLLEGES</u>			
1	Gokhale Centenary College	Ankola	1966
2	Divekar College of Commerce	Karwar	1970
3	KWT's College of Education	Dandeli	2005
4	KWT's B.C.A. College	Karwar	2008
5	Divekar College PG Centre - M.Com.	Karwar	2014
6	G.C.College PG Centre - M.Sc. Gen. Chemistry	Ankola	2016
<u>JUNIOR COLLEGES</u>			
7	Gokhale Centenary Pre-University College	Ankola	2001
8	Divekar Pre-University Commerce College	Karwar	2001
9	Janata Vidyalaya Composite Junior College	Dandeli	1971
10	Janata Vidyalaya Composite Junior College	Kadtoka, Honnavar	1971
11	Janata Vidyalaya Composite Junior College	Shirali, Bhatkal	1982
12	P.M. Composite Junior College	Ankola	1993
<u>HIGH SCHOOLS</u>			
13	People's Multipurpose High School	Ankola	1953
14	Janata Vidyalaya	Baad-Kagal, Kumta	1954
15	Janata Vidyalaya	Shirali, Bhatkal	1955
16	Janata Vidyalaya	Dandeli	1956
17	Janata Vidyalaya	Kadwad, Karwar	1960
18	Janata Vidyalaya	Kasarkod, Honnavar	1960
19	Janata Vidyalaya	Murdeswar, Bhatkal	1960
20	Janata Vidyalaya	Mirjan-Kodkani, Kumta	1961
21	Janata Vidyalaya	Kadtoka, Honnavar	1962
22	Janata Vidyalaya	Mudga, Karwar	1963
23	Janata Vidyalaya	Dhadeshwar, Kumta	1964
24	Janata Vidyalaya	Bedkani, Siddapur	1965
25	Smt. Kamalabai Pikale High School	Katgal, Kumta	1966
26	Janata Vidyalaya	Anilgod, Honnavar	1966
27	Janata Vidyalaya	Kulve-Baroor, Sirsi	1968
28	P.M. Eng. Med. High School, Ankola	Ankola	2011
29	Dinkar English Medium High School	Dhadeshwar, Kumta	2013
<u>PRIMARY AND PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOLS</u>			
30	English Medium Primary School	Dandeli	1958
31	English Medium Nursery School	Dandeli	1958
32	Bala Vikasa Kendra	Mundgod	1969
33	Kannada Medium Primary School	Dandeli	1999
34	Kannada Medium Nursery School	Dandeli	1999
35	Thakkar Bapa Nursery School	Ankola	2003
36	Dr. Dinkar Desai Memorial Primary School	Ankola	2004
37	Janata Vidyalaya Dinkar Pre-Primary School	Dhadeshwar, Kumta	2005
38	Dinkar Primary School	Dhadeshwar, Kumta	2006
39	Balamandir	Shirali, Bhatkal	2008
<u>OTHER SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS</u>			
40	Thakkar Bapa Tailoring School	Ankola	1956
41	Anandashram Tailoring School	Mundgod	1969
42	Dinkar Kalaniketan Music School	Ankola	1990
43	Dinkar Kalaniketan Music School	Karwar	1990
44	Computer Training Centre	Karwar	1998
45	Computer Training Centre	Dandeli	1998

Kanara Welfare Trust, Ankola, in association with Kruger Foundation for Child Aid, Karwar, has been working hand-in-hand to implement several projects in the forest district of Uttar Kannada in the fields of education, rural health care, social empowerment, etc.

The Trust and the Foundation is committed to ensure that no child is deprived of education & basic health care due to lack of finance.

The following projects are currently in progress.

CHANGE MAKERS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

The world is witnessing a phenomenon not conducive for the Nature's evolutionary purpose and process. One commonly hears about Man's onslaught on the Nature, resulting in destruction of natural elements for one's own need, nay greed. The concern for the fellow human beings is marginal. Respect and love for the Nature and the environment is minimal. The Man tends to preoccupy himself in trying to only talk about this phenomenon at an intellectual level and not making a serious attempt to address the real problem.

The World cannot be changed without bringing about a change at the level of Man. If human mind changes, the world will be reflected in its change and that's the only way to change the world and save it from the downward slide that it is presently experiencing. If Man can make a positive effort to supplement the Nature's inbuilt mechanism, the acceleration towards the upward trend would be easily gained.

An attempt was envisaged and initiated at a relatively small humble level to create a group of young Boys and Girls who were in their formative years of life preferably in the age group of 14-16, who could be oriented to become change makers for the world tomorrow. The target group is chosen from the student community studying in the 8th standard in the Secondary level of Education. The candidates are selected from schools spanning the entire length and breadth of the Uttar Kannada District.

These students are brought together every 3 months for a special camp wherein they are imparted with thought-provoking and holistic training from various experts from different fields. Three batches (of 3 years each) of the project have already been completed. We are currently conducting Orientation Retreats for the fourth batch of students.



MOBILE HEALTH CARE PROJECT

This new venture is being conducted with the support of Kruger Foundation, Karwar, and Shri Devadatt Kamat, Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi. This project involving conduct of free health camps at various rural places in the district was envisaged to enable the economically backward populace to avail of quality medical care by expert doctors.

In the camps held so far, a total of 1500+ patients were treated. Medicines and health supplements worth Rs.3,00,000/- were distributed to the needy patients free of cost. Two cases of children suffering from profound hearing loss and incapability of speech were identified at these camps. Follow-up treatments were done and advanced hearing aid instruments worth Rs.40,000/- were provided to them.

A Mobile Health Care Van equipped with a doctor, nurse and medical equipment is already being run under the auspices of the Kruger Foundation with the help of an NGO, Sanjeevani Trust at Joida Taluk of Uttara Kannada District. The mobile unit with a qualified doctor and a nurse would travel to different villages on specified days of the week.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION

This project, sponsored by Kruger Foundation and Shri Devadatt Kamat, Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi, provides financial assistance to those who, due to lack of financial resources, are deprived of pursuing higher education. Every year, 400-500 students are awarded with a scholarship amount of Rs.3000/- each. This scholarship would continue till their graduation provided they keep up their percentage results.



LECTURE SERIES

Every year, the entire student community of the district come together to participate in a series of events 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.



P.S.KAMAT MEMORIAL DISTRICT LEVEL INTER-COLLEGIATE DEBATE COMPETITION

This annual event is instituted by Shri Devadatt Kamat in the memory of his grandfather, Late P.S.Kamat, who was a Gandhian and a legal luminary. Late P.S.Kamat worked for the unification of the then Mysore State, subsequently named Karnataka State. The competition has been organized as a part of the campaign for alerting the youth of the District to the social, economic and political problems of our country and for developing leadership quality among them. The district level competition carries the following prize amounts – *First Prize – Rs.50000, Second Prize – Rs.30000, Third Prize – Rs.20000, Two Consolation Prizes of Rs.5000 each*. Along with these prizes, various other attractive incentives are also given to the winners.



SOCIAL AWARENESS

The Trust also generates social awareness on various issues like campaign against child labour, campaign against rampant use of plastic, importance of sanitation and proper hygienic toilets, and so on, mostly in the rural areas of the district. Such campaigns are carried out from time to time at various places with the help of our students, faculty members, parents and general public.



Apart from these combined projects, Kanara Welfare Trust is also involved in various other activities.

Some of them are –

- **Conduct of Teacher Orientation programmes**

Holding a common ground for discussion and interaction with teachers, with a view to understand their difficulties and handicaps in their performance as teachers; and, more so, in appreciating their practical problems while imparting the meaningful instructions to the student community.



- **Financial Assistance for persons with disabilities**

The Trust also helps individual cases of people suffering from disabilities / diseases, etc. by providing them with financial assistance for treatment and medication.



More information can be obtained from the respective websites

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