

## CHAPTER 11

### **OTHER DEPARTMENTS**

**T**he Central and State government administrations will draw several development schemes and plans for implementation from time to time. These developmental activities are implemented through their departments, boards, corporations etc., with the help of district level functionaries. This gazetteer has already discussed several such activities in its previous chapters. However, this chapter tries to give brief account of such departments in vogue, their formation, aim and scope, their establishment etc., as per the data made available from the district offices. This information will be of much help to the officials, scholars as well as to the general public, who are interested in knowing the administrative set up at the district level. Usually, all the departments will have district offices in each district and the same pattern is adopted in all the districts of the state. On account of some regional variance and necessity some of the departments may not exist in the districts. However, an attempt is made in the following pages of this chapter to furnish details of departments working in the district Dakshina Kannada with relevant data collected from various district offices.

#### **Forest Department**

Dakshina Kannada Forest Division is in existence since the year 1888. As per the action plan, the administration of the forests of the

division commenced from the year 1902. During the year 1916, the division was divided into two, Puttur and Kundapur forest divisions. Later, they were renamed as South and North Mangalore divisions. After the World War II, on account of austerity measures, both the divisions were clubbed together to become one during the year 1938. It was again divided into two, as South and North Mangalore divisions during the year 1966 they had their divisional offices at Mangalore and Kundapur. When Udupi district came into existence during 1997-98, Kundapur division was renamed as Udupi division. During 1966, when Mangalore division was formed Subramanya and Panja forest ranges were added to the already existing divisional cluster with Mangalore, Puttur, Uppinangadi and Sulya Ranges. During 1973, Belthangadi range was shifted to Mangalore division from Kundapur division. Bantwala range came into existence during 1988. The Mangalore division now exists with eight forest ranges headed by Deputy Conservator of Forests with divisional office at Mangalore. The other departmental officials in the division are Asst. Conservator of Forests, Divisional Forest Officer, Gazetted Manager and forest guards. Now, the Mangalore circle consists of Mangalore Sub-division (with Mangalore, Bantwala, Belthangadi ranges), Puttur Sub-division (with Uppinangadi, Puttur and Mannagundi Central Timber Yard ranges) and Subramanya Sub-division (with Subramanya, Sulya, Panja ranges; Nettana and Sulya central Timber Yard). The Asst. Conservator of Forests is the head of each sub-division and sub-divisional office.

The main task of the department is protection and maintenance of forest lands scientifically. The other tasks of the department are Control over transportation of forest produces, Wild life protection, prohibition of non-forest activities in forest areas etc., Protection of fertility of forest land, plantation of trees, protection from fire are also other activities of the department. Coastal shelter belt scheme, Green Belt Scheme social forestry are some of the schemes which are in force. This office is functioning under the Karnataka Forests Act 1963, Karnataka Wild life Act 1972, Karnataka Forest Accounts Manual and other rules and regulations in force from time to time. Conservator of Forests, Mangalore is the Head of this Department in the district.

### **Department of Economics and Statistics**

The office of the District Statistical Officer is instrumental for collection of various data and statistics, in the district conducting surveys for the purpose of publication. The office is functioning at Mangalore since 1959. It has the jurisdiction through out the district. The office is

headed by District Statistical officer and assisted by Asst. Director, Superintendent, Asst. Statistical Officer and other staff. The office prepares reports on National Model Survey, Cost and Price index, Price at Harvesting season, Special monthly report on registration of Births and Deaths, Report on Sex ratio, Weekly report on Rain fall and Crops, Fruits and vegetable survey reports etc., The Director, Economics and Statistics Directorate is at the helm of this department at Bangalore.

### **Revenue Department**

The Revenue department is the main link between the government and the public in the chain of public administration. The department plays a pivotal roll amongst all the departments of the state. District Commissioner is the chief Executive Officer of the district with jurisdiction extended through out the district. Before the re-organization of the states his designation was District Collector. It was changed as Deputy Commissioner; again it was renamed as Deputy Commissioner and was incharge of the district. For all purposes, he is the district administrative head and district magistrate. The Asst. Commissioners at the sub-division and Tahsildars at Taluk level work under him. There are two sub-divisions in Dakshina Kannada. Mangalore sub-division comprising of Mangalore and Bantwala taluks and Puttur sub-division with Puttur, Sulya and Belthangadi taluks. Though several departments like Social Welfare, Food and Civil Supplies, Health etc., have district officers in the district, the administration at the district level is supervised by District Commissioner. The Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, Bangalore heads the department at the state level.

### **Kannada and Culture Department**

The department aims at the development of Kannada language, literature and culture. It has an office in Mangalore and is headed by Asst. Director. He is assisted by Second Division Asst. and group 'D' officials. Within the jurisdiction of the district, it conducts cultural programs such as, *Chiguru*, *Samskruthika Sowrabha*, *Kavya Kaveri*, *Udyanavanadalli Udaya Raga and Sandhya Raga and such other programmes like District Cultural Festival, Gadinadu Utsava* and Financial Assistance to the Open Air theatres, disbursement of monthly pension for Literary persons and Assists such other activities are undertaken by the department. The department is also conducting seminars, workshops and classes to government employees on Administration in Kannada, the language of the people. The Director, Kannada and Culture Department,

is at the helm of affairs at Bangalore under whose control this office functions.

### **Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy**

The academy came into existence in the year 1994 at Mangalore. The aim of this academy is to protect and nurture the Konkani culture, literature and research activities. It also assists preservation of Konkani folklore and arts, publication of books, establishment of libraries, lexicon studies etc., It conducts workshops on music and literature; it encourages learning Konkani as optional language from sixth standard at schools. The Chairman and Members to the academy are appointed by the government. The Registrar of the Academy will draw plans and programmes for implementation. The Director, Kannada and Culture Department at Bangalore will oversee the activities of the academy.

### **Karnataka Tulu Academy**

The academy functions under the supervision of Kannada and Culture Department. It started functioning from the year 1994, from Mangalore. Encouragement to Tulu literary activities and research, development of Tulu folklore, culture and arts, publication of books, institution of libraries are the main mottos of the academy. Construction of Tulu Bhavan, honoring Tulu scholars, helping Tulu learning, releasing of CDs of Tulu film songs are some of the ongoing activities at present.

The government nominates the members and the chairman to the academy. The Registrar of the academy will execute implementation of the programmes and schemes as resolved by the chairman and members of the academy. The office follows the byelaws of Karnataka State Academies and Karnataka civil services Rules and Regulations in its day to day work. The Director, Kannada and Culture department oversees the administration of the academy from Bangalore.

### **Karnataka Urban Water Supply And Sewerage Board**

This office is in existence at Mangalore since 14.08.1975. The main objectives of this board is to provide water and sewerage system to the towns and cities in the State. Earlier these works were undertaken by Public Health Engineering Department of Public Works Department. The office is run by an Asst. Executive Engineer. A First Division Assistant and other staff members will assist him. The Mangalore Sub-division has jurisdiction of two districts, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi.

At present it has undertaken work of sewerage system at Sulya and Bantwala as well as Water supply schemes of Karkala and Mulki. Executive Engineer, KWSSB, Hassan Division is the immediate higher officer of the Board.

### **SCs and STs Development Corporation Limited**

The office of the corporation is in existence since 1979 at Mangalore. Earlier, this was called as Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation. During 1979, the designation of the district officer was District Level Review Officer. Later in 1984, the designation was changed to District Development Officer; in 1989, it was renamed as Planning Officer. Since 1990, the District Manager heads the office at district level. Recovery Officer, Office Superintendent and other staff will assist him. Taluk social welfare department or Taluk development officers of Taluk Panchayat will help implementation of corporation's development programmes. The main objective of the corporation is to take care of economic development and welfare of Scheduled castes and Scheduled tribes. This office also extends financial assistance to eligible SC/ST beneficiaries through their Self Employment Scheme, Land Owners Scheme, Direct Loans, Rehabilitation for Devadasis, Koraga Development Scheme etc., The Managing Director, Karnataka SCs/STs Development Corporation at Bangalore supervises the activities at apex level.

### **Karnataka State Pollution Control Board**

The board is having its regional office at Mangalore since 1971 and is functioning under the department of Ecology and Environment. The office was earlier headed by Deputy Environment Officer. He is re-designated as Environment Officer since 1996. The jurisdiction of the office is extended through out the district. A Deputy Environment Officer, Asst. Environment Officer, Scientific Officer, Laboratory assistant and other staff assist the office. The main objective of this Board is to have check over local institutions like industries, hospitals etc., and to take action in case of violation of law is observed. The office is guided by Water Pollution Control Act 1974, Air Pollution Control Act 1981, Environment Protection Act 1986, etc., The office conducts public awareness programmes also to school children as well as to general public. The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Board heads this department at Bangalore.

**Karnataka Lokayukta**

The office of the Superintendent of Police, Lokayukta is at Mangalore since 1995 with its jurisdiction extended to Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Kodagu districts. The office is headed by Superintendent of Police. The other staff members who assist him in the office are Office superintendent, stenographer and a first division assistant. The office acts against the written complaints received of bribery; visits government offices and takes action for speedy disposal in administrative matters. It conducts enquiry of complaints received by Lokayukta, Deputy Lokayukta, and submits reports. The office is guided by Anti-corruption Act 1988, and other rules and regulations for its day to day administration. Mangalore, Udupi and Madakeri have offices of Lokayukta headed by Circle Inspectors, Who have the jurisdiction of the respective districts. The Inspector General of Police, Karnataka Lokayukta is the immediate Controlling Officer at state level stationed at Bangalore.

**Mangalore Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (MESCOM)**

The circle office at Mangalore KPTCL is functioning under this nomenclature since 01.06.2002 with its jurisdiction extended to Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts. It has to look after the power transmission lines of both the districts as well as establishment and maintenance of sub-centres. Earlier Karnataka Electricity Board was in charge of transmission and distribution of electricity throughout the State. Mangalore Circle office was earlier called as Circle Office of Transmission and Distribution Centre. It had the jurisdiction of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts of Mangalore division as well as Chickamagalur, Kodagu, Shimoga, Chamarajanagar, Mysore and Mandya districts. In 2005, again Mescom is divided and newly form Chamundeswari Electric Supply Company (Cescom). Present the Mescom had the jurisdiction of Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Chickmagalur and Shimoga Districts. The transmission lines and maintenance of distribution centres was under the control of Divisional Chief Engineer, Mangalore. When ESCOMS were established during 2002, a separate divisional office was opened in Mysore to look after the task of transmission lines and distribution. Now the Mangalore Circle is under the control of Chief Engineer (Dist.), Mysore.

Mangalore Circle office is headed by Superintendent Engineer (Electricity), Transmission (Civil works and Maintenance). He is assisted by Executive Engineers, Asst. Executive Engineers as well as other office

staff. The Managing Director of KPTCL has his administrative office at Bangalore who heads the corporation at apex level.

### **Karnataka Government Insurance Department**

The office of the District Insurance Officer is functioning at Mangalore since 1976. The main functions of the department includes life coverage of eligible government employees under compulsory insurance, sanction of loans to the policy holders, settlement of claims etc., in the district. This office is provided with a superintendent, first division assistant and other staff. This office also attends to death claims, paid up policies of government vehicles insurance etc. This office also looks after the family welfare trust accounts of aided institutions board and corporations and settlement of claims if any in such cases. The office is governed by The Karnataka government employees Compulsory Insurance Act 1958 for its day to day administration. Deputy Director, KGID, Bengaluru is the next senior official under whose control this office works.

### **Labour Department**

The office of the Asst. labour Commissioner is functioning at Mangalore since 1965. The office has the jurisdiction of entire districts of Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Shimoga. The office is headed by labour officers of these districts and is assisted by office assistant, First Division Assistants and other staff. The office looks after the welfare of Beedi and cigar workers, Child labour, contract labourers, labour welfare trusts, settles industrial disputes, bonus payments under Labour act etc., this office works under the supervision of Deputy Labour Commissioner, Regional office Hassan and Commissioner Labour Department, Bangalore is the Controlling Officer at the state level.

### **Treasury Department**

This office was under the direct control of Revenue department earlier; since 1964, the Treasury Directorate is included under Finance Department. The office is headed by District Treasury Office. He is assisted by Asst. Treasury Officer, Head Accountant, Stamps Head Clerk, Sub-Treasury Officers, Cashiers and other staff. Gazetted Treasury Officers are stationed at Bantwala, Belthangadi, Puttur, Sulya taluks and Mudabidre hobli, whereas Sub-Treasury officers work at Mulki and Vitla hobli head quarters. Maintenance of receipt and payment accounts of various departments is the main task of this office. Now the office data has been computerized and the office is working online. The office is guided by Karnataka Financial Code, Treasury Code and other

government rules and regulations. The Office is under the control of Director of Treasuries stationed at Bangalore.

### **Mines and Geology Department**

The office of the geologist is in existence since 1970 and the same was renamed as office of the Deputy Director, from 2001. Districts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi are under its control. The office is supported by a Senior Geologist, Geologist, a Drilling Engineer, Senior Geophysicist, Superintendent and other staff. Issue of licenses for transportation of mineral ores, Sanctioning of contracts to stone quarries, testing of water yield of bore-wells, control and check over unauthorized mining activities, collection of revenue, levy and penalties are the activities of this office. The office is guided by the Karnataka Sub-mineral ores Regulations 1994, M.M.R.D.S.1957 and such other rules and regulations. The office is under the control of Joint Director, South Zone Mysore.

### **District Employment Exchange**

The office of the District Employment Exchange is in Mangalore since 1951. The main tasks of the office provide employment information and guidance to unemployed youths, collection of market data on employment opportunities from public and private sectors and submission of such reports to state and central government offices. The office is headed by Employment Officer of Dakshina Kannada district with its jurisdiction extended through out the district. An Asst. Employment Officer, First Division Assistant and other staff assist the office for its smooth functioning. Registration, renewal, furnishing of the list of aspirants as per the requirements of employment providers, exhibition of literature on professional jobs at schools and colleges, conducting of lectures on professional carriers are some of the activities of this office. The office is guided by National Employment Manual, Government orders and regulations of 1959 and 1960. The Director, Employment and Training stationed at Bangalore is the immediate controlling authority of this office.

### **Horticulture Department**

The district office of the Horticulture department is in existence in Mangalore since 1963. The office provides technical assistance, information and guidance to the public for growing fruits, vegetables, flowers and other horticultural crops. The earlier designation of District Horticulture Officer is now changed as Deputy Director, Horticulture from the year 1989. With the jurisdiction of entire district, the Deputy Director



is assisted by a Head Quarters Assistant, Technical assistants, Asst. Statistical Officer, Superintendent, Horticulture Assistants and other staff in the office. Under the control of this office, a regional office and five taluk level offices are functioning. The activities of this office include arranging horticultural exhibitions, distribution of seeds and saplings of horticultural plants, maintenance of nurseries and gardens, financial assistance to backward class under special component programme, tribal development programmes etc., The C.E.O. of Zilla Parishat, Dakshina Kannada Mangalore will supervise the activities of this office.

#### **Dakshina Kannada Nirmiti Kendra (Regd.)**

The district office of this centre is functioning at Suratkal since 1990. The main object of this office is construction of low cost and eco-friendly houses using modern technology. The jurisdiction of this office is extended to entire district of Dakshina Kannada and it is headed by a Planning Manager. The office is provided with a Junior Engineer, Supervisor, Accountant and other staff. The centre provides assistance in preparing plans, estimation of costs for new constructions. It approves plans, undertakes constructions of private houses, government civil works etc., It imparts training in construction of building with low cost materials. This office works under the control of Director, KARNIK stationed at Bangalore.

#### **Dakshina Kannada Co-operative Milk Producers Union Limited**

The office of the Dakshina Kannada Co-operative Milk producers Union is functioning at Mangalore since 1986. The federation is a part of Animal Husbandry Department. The office is headed by a Managing Director and its jurisdiction is extended to Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts. The object of the federation is to supply quality milk and milk products to the general public. Collection of milk from milk producers through co-operative societies, production and milk products and marketing the same are the main activities of the federation. Mangalore Central Diary, Manipal Diary, Puttur Chilling Centre are working under this office.

#### **Stamps and Registration**

The district registrar who heads this department in the district supervises the registration of the properties, marriages and the registration of societies and other organization are the main objectives of this department. He is assisted by first and second division Assistants and other necessary staff besides central Sub-Registrar at Mangalore,

other sub-registrar offices located at Mulki, Bantwal, Belthangadi, Puttur, Sullya, Vitla and Mudabidri functions under the District Registrars office, Mangalore. The Indian stamps and Registration Act, Karnataka Stamps and Registration Act, Indian partnership Rules, Indo-Marriage Act and other such rules and acts are implemented by the sub-registrar and district registrars offices. The Inspector General Stamps and Registration, Bangalore is the controlling Authority at the state level (see also the chapter on Administration and Revenue).

### **Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department**

With the object of Providing Veterinary services activities and also Management aspect, District level Animal Husbandry and Veterinary services was established in Mangalore in the year 1966 under the supervision of the Senior Assistant Director, and he was executed the activities of this department. At present Deputy Director is the Executive Officer and has the jurisdiction of the District, to assist him there are Assistant Directors, Veterinary Doctors, Veterinary Extension Officers, Senior Veterinary Supervisor, Veterinary Inspectors, Veterinary helpers and also other necessary staff.

Protection of animals from diseases development of veterinary wealth through artificial insemination improved breed development, the activities connected with social and financial plans implementation, fodder development, animal fodder development, barren animals medical treatment Mobile veterinary Medical services etc., are some of the important activities of this department.

The department functions in the entire district as its jurisdiction and is providing encouragement and its technical advice to the peasants and undertakes several activities such as rearing of high breed pigs, supplying of Giriraja Chickens etc in the district. The Chief Executive officer of the Zilla Parishath is the immediate controlling officer of this department.

### **Tourism Department**

The district office of the department of tourism is in existence in Mangalore since 1985. The activities of the department include development of Tourist Places in the district promotion of tourism in the district, providing information about tourist centres. The office is headed by a Tourist Officer and he is assisted by a first division assistant, Tour promoter, care takers and other necessary staff. The department is implementing several development programmes in the district with the help of district administration. The present programmes are Development

of Panambur Beech; Heritage village at Pilikula Nisarga Dhama, construction of Ayurvedic Health Centre etc., Asst. Director, Udupi is the next higher officer under whose control this office works.

### **Port and Inland Water Transport Department**

Before the Re-organization of the states, this office was called as Port Trust Board, Mangalore. This port office was included under the State government's Port and Inland Water transport Department and functioning at Mangalore. The Office is headed by a Port Officer. The Registration of fishermen's boats, Ferry services and Manji is the main responsibility of this office. To facilitate import and export of goods to Lakshadweep, Minicoy and other Islands through Manji's and ships. Also to provide ship services to the inhabitants of these Islands and such other activities are undertaken by this department. Presently the second stage of the port construction is under progress. This department implements Indian Ports Act 1908, Karnataka ports Navigation Act 1963, Commercial Navigations Rules 1960 and such other acts rules. The Director of port and Inland Water Transport Department, Karwar is the controlling authority.

### **Survey Department**

With a view to undertake cartographing the maps, sketches, village maps, atlas notes and books on land records, a separate survey and land records department was separated from the Revenue Department and established independently. But recently according to the recommendation of the Karnataka Administration reforms commission, this department was merged with the Revenue department with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2005. The office consists of Assistant Director land records, one second division assistant and other necessary staffs. In Mangalore the office of the Deputy Director Land records (The Mangalore Division) is functioning as a branch of the Deputy Commissioner office, Mangalore and is supervised by Technical assistant for land records. But the office of the Deputy Director Land records for Mangalore division functions as the immediate controlling authority. The department undertakes the survey of government and private lands and also supervises the land records in the district. The Director of Survey Land Records, Bangalore is the apex controlling authority of this department.

### **Mangalore Urban Development Authority**

Mangalore Urban Development Authority this functioning since 1988 at Mangalore. A non official Chairman is appointed by the government

to this office. Commissioner is the chief executive for administrative purpose. He is assisted by an Asst. Executive Engineer, Land Acquisition Officer, Town Planning Superintendent and other staff. Mangalore City Corporation, surrounding Municipalities and several villages are included under its jurisdiction. The office prepares approved master plans of the layouts within the city limits as per the town planning rules and regulations. The other activities of the office include checking of unauthorized constructions in its jurisdiction, providing technical guidance for land conversion, acquiring unused land for allotment of sites to needy people etc., The office is guided by Karnataka City Improvement Board (allotment of sites) Regulation 1991, Karnataka Trust Board sub-rule 1987, Karnataka Urban and Rural Planning Act 1961, Karnataka Planning Authority Rules 1965 are implemented by the Authority in its administration. The Principal Secretary Housing and Urban Development department, Bangalore is the apex controlling authority.

### **Women and Child Welfare Department**

The office is in existence in Mangalore since 1981. It was headed by Asst. Director earlier; now the post has been re-designated as Deputy Director. The office has jurisdiction of the entire district. A District Programme Officer, Women and Child Development Officer, Special Nutrition Food Inspector, Social Welfare Inspector, Disables' Welfare Officer and other staff assist for smooth administration of the office. Child Development Officers are stationed at Mangalore City and Rural, Puttur, Bantwala and Sulya taluks work within the jurisdiction of their taluks. The department works for the welfare of women and children. It strives hard for implementation of its schemes viz., Child development scheme, Sthrishakti Scheme, Women Development Scheme, Disables' Welfare scheme etc., The Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishat, Dakshina Kannada will supervise the activities of this department.

### **Fisheries Department**

The department is having a divisional level office at Mangalore headed by Deputy Director with his jurisdiction extended to Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts. An Assistant Director, Superintendent, Asst. Statistical Officer, First Division Assistant and other staff will assist him in administration. The main activities of department include welfare and development of fisherman community, implementation of various development schemes, supervision and control in the district as well as in the division. The office encourages fish-culture, development of fish

prawn culture, financial assistance for development fish market, fisherman houses, as well as for machine boats. The office is also extending group insurance scheme to fishermen. The office also implements central government sponsored schemes. The office is under the control of Director of Fisheries stationed at Bangalore.

### **Youth Services and Sports**

The main objective of this department is promotion of sports activities and encouragement to take up different kind of sports activities to build a healthy youth force in the country. The office of the department is in existence in Mangalore since 1975. The District Youth Services and Sports Officer is in charge of the office. He is assisted by a superintendent, Second Division Assistant and other staff. The office extends financial assistance to youth associations for construction of buildings, development of sports ground, arranging training camps in different sports are some of the activities of the department. The office works under the supervision of Commissioner, Youth Services and Sports department stationed at Bangalore.

### **Adult Education**

It is with the view of encouraging literacy, the department undertakes the scheme to educate illiterate persons of age group between 18 to 55 years are identified and selected to undergo adult education programmes from this department. The office of the District Adult Education Officer is in existence in Mangalore since 1988. The office has the jurisdiction through out the district. A Programme Assistant, Second Division Assistant and other necessary office staff assist the officer. The office conducts several literacy programmes in the district. The Director, Adult Education Directorate stationed at Bangalore is the next higher officer, under whose control this office works.

### **Commercial Tax Department**

The office of the department of Commercial Tax is existence in Mangalore since 1965. Earlier, the office was headed by Deputy Commissioner (Administration). Later he was designated as Joint Commissioner (Administration) in 1992. Now the post as been increase to three (2005), Joint Commissioner (Administration) and Divisional Vat Officer (DVO), Joint Commissioner (Enforcement) and Joint Commissioner (Appeals). These Joint Commissioners Functioning at Mangalore have Jurisdiction, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi Districts. They are assisted

by one Deputy Commissioner Commercial Tax (Audit) at Udupi, and the Deputy Commissioners (Audit) at Mangalore. Seven Assistant Commissioners (Audit) at Mangalore, one Assistant Commissioner at Bantwal, Karkala, Kundapur, Puttur and Beltangady. One Commercial Tax Officer at Mangalore, one Commercial Tax Officer each for Kundapur, Bantawal, Belthangadi, Karkala, Puttur and Mudabidri. The office is also assisted by Superintendent, First Division Assistant, Second Division Assistant and other necessary staffs.

Collection of commercial tax and other sales taxes imposed by the Karnataka Government and also imposes action against Default eraders and other such unlawful activities of the department. These office is governed by Karnataka Commercial Tax Act 1957, Central Sales Tax Act 1956 (VAT), VAT Value Added Tax Act and other rules and regulations imposed by the department and time and again. The Commissioner Commercial Tax, Bangalore is the Apex and controlling authority of this department.

### **Small Savings**

The district office of the Small Savings department is functioning in Mangalore with the objective of promoting savings habit in the minds of general public which help in augmentation of state resources for developmental works. The office is held by an Assistant Director assisted by Development Officer and other necessary staffs. Assistant Development Officers who work in all the taluks are under this control of district office.

Achieving the district target fixed of small savings, appointment of agents in rural areas and towns to encourage savings habit among villagers are the main activities of this office. The office selects a Bachat village in each taluk and encourages savings habit from each family of the village. It also promotes opening of recurring deposit accounts under salary savings scheme from salaried employees of private and public units. The Director, Small Savings and State Lottery, Bangalore is the controlling authority of this department.

### **Social Welfare Department**

Before the reorganization of the states, the office was under the control of Madras government and called as Director of Harijan Welfare. Since 1956, it is known as Office of the District Social Welfare Department and it is situated in Mangalore. It is headed by a District Social Welfare Officer, assisted by Office Superintendent, Investigation Assistant,

First Division Assistant and other necessary staffs. It works for the socio economic and academic development of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes people of the district, through government sponsored schemes. Such as Implementation of Special component programme, distribution of Scholarships to students, administration of student Hostels and residential schools are the main activities of the department. It strives hard for implementation of reservation policy, and prevention of untouchability. Under the control of this office at taluk level, social welfare Officers works for the welfare of Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes people. The office follows Karnataka State prevention Atrocities of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act 1989, Social Welfare Manual and government orders issued from time to time. The Chief Executive Officer of Dakshina Kannada Zilla Parishat will supervise the administration of this office.

### **Regional Transport Department**

The Regional transport Office of Mangalore has jurisdiction over Mangalore and Bantwala taluks. Collection of Motor Vehicles Tax, enforcement of Motor vehicles Act and rules are the main activities of the department. It conducts several programmes on Road Safety Week, Pollution control week etc., to create awareness among general public. The office is guided by Central Motor Vehicles Act 1988, Central Motor Vehicle Rules and Regulations 1989, Karnataka Vehicle Tax Act and Rules 1957 for its day to day administration.

The office is headed by Regional Transport Officer. The Asst. Regional Transport office of Puttur which was functioning since 1982, has been upgraded to Regional Transport Office from 2005. Puttur, Sulya and Belthangadi Taluks comes under the jurisdiction of this office. Deputy Transport Officer, Shimoga is the next higher officer under whose control the Regional Transport Office.

### **Public Libraries Department**

The present District Central Library of Mangalore was established in 1969 and earlier it was called after the name of Karnad sadashiva Rao Library and was under the control of the Local Library Authority. The office of the District Library department is headed by Chief Librarian with jurisdiction of entire Dakshina Kannada district (excluding City Municipality). He is assisted by Librarians, Asst. Librarians, Library Assistants and other staff. There are 10 branch Libraries, 71 Grama Panchayat Libraries in the district. As per Karnataka Library Act 1965,

periodicals and good books made available to public to enable them to enrich their knowledge. Shaping good citizens through library service is the main objective of this department. The Director, Public Libraries is the controlling authority of the department stationed at Bangalore.

### **Department of Public Instructions**

The office of the Deputy Director of Public Instructions (Administration) was started at Mangalore during 1970. Before the reorganization of states, the department was under Madras government. District Education Officer was the head of the department. Now the office is under the administration of Zilla Panchayath with the jurisdiction of Dakshina Kannada district. The office is headed by Deputy Director. He is assisted by Education Officers, Subject Inspectors, District Physical Educational Inspector, Urdu Education Co ordinator and other staffs. The branch of Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan is having a Deputy Planning and co ordinating officer, Accounts Superintendent and other staff. At taluk level, Block Education Officers are the coordinating officers for implementation of government programmes. The education department strives hard for regular academic growth and development in the district. The department implements several programs like distribution of free text books, Mid-day meals program, Samanvaya shikshan 1988 scheme etc., in the district (for details please see chapter on Education and Sports).

### **Sainik Welfare and Resettlement Department**

Bharathiya Sainik Board was established during 1917 to look after the Welfare of families of Defence Services. Air Force and Naval wing were also brought under the same board and it was renamed as Indian Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Board. At the instance of British administrators at Delhi, the board opened its offices at state level as well as at district level for effective implementation of welfare measures. But in some of the Indian provinces only state level offices were opened.

Before independence, Maharajas of Mysore had established a board to look after the welfare of the Ex-Military personnel of the province. After independence, the Mysore Sainik Board was merged with the Home ministry of Central government. During 1963, the staff members of this Board office were confirmed as permanent employees of government. During 1976, the Board was renamed as Karnataka State Sainik Board, at the instance of Central government. Since 1980 it is known as Sainik Welfare and Resettlement Department. The office bridges linkage between



government and Army men and their families. It has its district office at Mangalore catering to the needs of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts. The office is headed by a Deputy Director. The office assists for reemployment of retired army officials, helps in securing benefits to the dependents as per law, conducts census of retired army men and maintains records. It also educates through different media from time to time about the benefits available to them. It sells flags and collects donation for the betterment and welfare of army men on the Flag Day celebration, every year. The Director, Sainik Welfare and Resettlement Department is the next higher officer of the department stationed at Bangalore.

### **Backward Classes and Minorities Department**

Apart from providing reservation in education and employment to Backward classes and Minority groups, government has opened offices at all district centres to provide necessary help and assistance to the eligible students of the community. The office is in existence at Mangalore since 1977. It is headed by a District Officer with jurisdiction extended to Dakshina Kannada district. An Office Supervisor, First Division Assistant and other staff assist him. Extension Officers work under this office at taluk and Panchayat level. Machina in Belthangadi Taluk is having a Morarji Residential School under this Backward classes and Minorities Department. Principal is the head of the institution.

Sanctioning of scholarships to eligible students of backward classes and minority community, providing basic facilities in students' hostel, financial assistance to the construction of community halls, conducting training camps on professional carriers for job opportunities are some of the activities of the department. Though there are two separate departments at state level for backward classes and minority communities, there is only one officer to look after the administration of both the departments at district level. Chief Executive Officer of Dakshina Kannada Zilla Panchayat will supervise the work of this department.

## **CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES**

### **All India Radio**

All India Radio station at Mangalore is functioning since 1976. It is at present a unit of Prasara Bharathi (Indian Broadcasting Corporation) under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of Central government. It has jurisdiction over Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Kasaragod districts. The AIR station is headed by Station Director,

assisted by Programme Executive, Station Engineer, Program Producers, Broadcasting Executives other officers and staffs. Brahmavara of Udupi is having a re-transmitting centre headed by a Station Engineer. The station broadcasts informative, educative as well as entertainment oriented programmes. It is the voice of the government; it a catalyst in propagating government sponsored programmes. It encourages artists and experts in different fields of Indian Art, culture and literature broadcasting their performances and interviews through this media. Special opportunities are provided for Tulu and Konkani language programs through this centre. Deputy Director General, All India Radio is the next higher officer to this office stationed at Bangalore.

### **Directorate of Field Publicity**

The Directorate of Field Publicity is a department under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of Central government. It is having a district office at Mangalore since 1979. The office is having jurisdiction over Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Kodagu districts and is headed by a Field Publicity Officer. He is assisted by Technical assistant and other necessary staff. The main object of this office is giving wide publicity to Central government sponsored programmes to project the image of the government and to create awareness in the minds of the public. Joint Director stationed at Bangalore is the next higher officer to this office.

### **Indian Postal Services Department**

The Divisional office of Senior Superintendent of Post Offices is functioning at Mangalore with an object of providing smooth, effective and efficient service in all the post offices. The South Canara division was separated from Malabar division during 1949 and it was elevated to first grade during 1962. It was further divided to form Mangalore Puttur and Udupi divisions from 1973. All the post offices of Mangalore and Bantwala Taluks are included under Mangalore Division. Post Offices of Puttur Belthangadi and Sulya Taluks are in Puttur Division. Deputy Postal Superintendent, Senior Post Master, Manager, Speed Post are the others officer in the office. The Office is guided by Indian Postal Department Act 1873, Postal Hand Book and other rules and regulations of the department. Post Master General, South Karnataka Region is the next higher officer stationed at Bangalore under whose jurisdiction this office works.

### **Indian Geological Survey Department**

Indian Geological Survey and Marine Geology are the departments under the Ministry of Mines, Central government. The Indian Geological

Survey, which is one of the oldest scientific institutions of the world, started functioning in a small portion of coastal area from the decade of 1970. When its activities were expanded during 1980, it opened an office at Mangalore to look after the projects of Marine geology of West coast. The Chief administrative office is in Kolkota. The jurisdiction of Mangalore office is extended from Gujarat coastal area, down to Mannar Bay of Rameshwaram, via Kanyakumari and Tutucorian coasts. The Office is headed by Deputy Director General, assisted by Directors, Geologists, Assistant Chemist, Land surveyors, other officers and staff.

The office of the Indian Geological Survey and Marine geological division prepares maps of Indian coastal regions which are interrelated to geophysics and geochemistry. It also looks after the territorial water zone of the Arabian sea and the Exclusive Economic Zone. It under takes a detailed scientific study of the coastal region by using an advanced scientific ship laboratory called chilling the Arabian sea. By doing so it locates the mineral wealth, scientific study of chemical composition, preparing descriptive remote sensing instruments (Plants) and also examines the possial remains on the deep sea rocks and scientifically studying the rock formations and practically investigate in the working zones and undertake such other research oriented activities off the sore. The Deputy Director General of the Geological survey of Indian coastal division and Geological Survey of India Kolkatta is the immediate controlling authority of this department.

### **Airport Authority of India**

The Airport Authority of India was established in 1951 at Mangalore is under the control of the Ministry of Central Civil-Aviation at New Delhi. The office is headed by The Director, Air Port Authority. Additional General Manager (Air Traffic Control), Deputy General Manager (CNS) and other officers and staff are along with him. Economic growth through Air travel services and Development of airport to International standards are the main motto of this office. Maintenance of runways, terminal building, fire services and travellers' care for their comforts and facilities are the main activities undertaken by this office. The office is guided by Air Craft Act 1934, Airport Authority of India 1994 and other various laws, under Sub-rule of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). The Regional Managing Director, Air Port Authority of India, is the next higher officer to this office who is stationed at Chennai.

Apart from the above departmental offices, offices of the Co-operative dept., Drugs Control dept., Territorial Tax dept., West Coast Protection Force, Pass port dept., Central Sea Fish Research Foundation, Central Public Works Dept., Central Warehouse, Export Development Authority of Marine Products, National Information Centre etc., are functioning in the district.

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