

# **Karnataka Gazetteer Department**

## **Annual Report for the year 2016-17**

The Department of Karnataka Gazetteer was established during 1958 with the objective of revising the Gazetteers written before independence and compiling Gazetteers for the districts in the post-independence period, as numerous changes had taken place during the period. The Central Gazetteer unit laid down guidelines and devised a common plan of content to have uniformity and to enable a wide coverage of various aspects including trends of development. In accordance with this scheme the repatterned series of District Gazetteers were brought out in English and were published by the State Government. These included the Gazetteers of the then 20 districts existing in the State. The series was completed during 1990. After completion of the centrally sponsored scheme of editing and publishing the District Gazetteers that were meant to be a part of the Gazetteers in Kannada, in pursuance of the State Language policy. Thus District Gazetteers of Kodagu, Dharwad, Gulbarga, Bijapur, Mandya, Kolar, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi Chamarajanagara and Tumkur were published. The Department has got translated the District Gazetteers pertaining to Kodagu, Dharwad, Gulbarga, Bijapur, Mandya, Kolar, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi Districts under the scheme of translating the Gazetteers from Kannada to English

The Department has published 7 taluka Gazetteers of Mysore District.

Under the scheme of reprinting, the Department has reprinted and published 25 Volumes of rare and unavailable Gazetteers.

The Department has also brought out the following special publications

- 1) A Journey from Madras through the countries of Mysore, Canara and Malabar by Sir Francis Buchanan (three volumes)
- 2) Glimpses of Karnataka (English) – Multi colour
- 3) Karnataka Kaipidi – 2017
- 4) Jewels of Administration (English) – Multi colour
- 5) Karnataka Minugu Nota (Kannada) – Multi colour
- 6) A Hand Book of Karnataka – 2015
- 7) Tipu Sultan-A-Crusader for change

All the publications of Gazetteer department are webhosted in department website [www.gazetteer.kar.nic.in](http://www.gazetteer.kar.nic.in)

The allocation under the plan scheme for the year 2016-17 is Rs. 20.00 lakhs. 20.00 (100.00%) lakhs were utilized for publishing the Tumkur District Gazetteer (Kannada Version), Karnataka Kaipidi (2017) and Reprint of History of Mysore by C. Hayavadana Rao (3 Volumes)

Under the SCSP and TSP Scheme, the department has distributed Karnataka Kaipidi Books to the post-matric SC and ST Hostels working in Karnataka during 2016-17.

During the year 2017-18, Rs. 93.00 Lakhs were allotted to the department. The Department has taken up the following Programmes under Revision of District Gazetteers scheme.

- 1) Bidar District Gazetteer (English) –Editing, page layout, and Printing.
- 2) Bagalkot District Gazetteer (kannada) – Preparation and Editing
- 3) Bangalore District Gazetteer (kannada) – Preparation and Editing
- 4) Taluka Gazetteer of 1) Davanagere 2) Harihar 3) Harapanahalli 4) Hiriyyur 5) Hosadurga 6) Holakere (Kannada) –Editing, Page layout and Printing.
- 5) Taluka Gazetteer of 1) Channagiri 2) Honnali 3) Jagalur 4) Chitradurga 5) Challakere 6) Molakalmuru (Kannada) Preparation and Editing
- 6) Reprint of Historical Sketches of the South of India in an attempt to trace the History of Mysore by Mark Wilks.
- 7) Reprint of Karnataka through the Ages by R R Diwakar.
- 8) Reprint of Karnataka Kaipidi Book for free distribution to the District and Taluka Libraries of Karnataka State.

  
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