

MANGALAKARA
Education Trust
FOUNDED 2000



What is Mangalakara?

Mangalakara Education Trust was founded in 2000, with financial support from a group of European philanthropists, following the worst drought in the history of one of the poorest areas of India.

Mangalakara Children's Home and Education Centre not only gives a safe and caring environment - from ages 4 to 16 - to 250 orphans and children from families living below the poverty line but it also delivers some of the best public examination results in the region. In addition the Trust

ensures that extracurricular activities and service in the local community broaden the childrens' range of experiences, giving them the tools they will need as they begin their careers or extend their educational journey through to higher education.

As well as the excellent teaching staff there is a dedicated team of domestics who are part of the Mangalakara family.



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Morning Prayers

Sports Time

Dhobis Washing Childrens Clothes



“In a world of uncertainty, Mangalakara is unique in empowering both excellence and opportunity in education for some of the poorest and most underprivileged children and young people in rural Andhra Pradesh”

Childrens Home & Education Centre

250 boys and girls who have suffered extreme poverty live and learn in a safe, homely and stimulating environment. The children's care for one another has led to the growth of a large and loving family.

Boys' Dormitory and sports area

Junior College

Understanding the need to provide its own children and those living in the surrounding areas with stable access to further education, in 2013 Mangalakara founded a junior college. This college now educates 750 students at any one time and has already cemented its reputation as one of the best in the region.

Degree College

The Trust did not stop there and in 2015 Mangalakara Degree College was opened to provide young people with the opportunity to gain a degree and be well prepared for entering the highly skilled job market. This latest addition to the Mangalakara family means that on the Trust's 13 acre site, an excellent education is provided from Class 1 right through to Graduation.



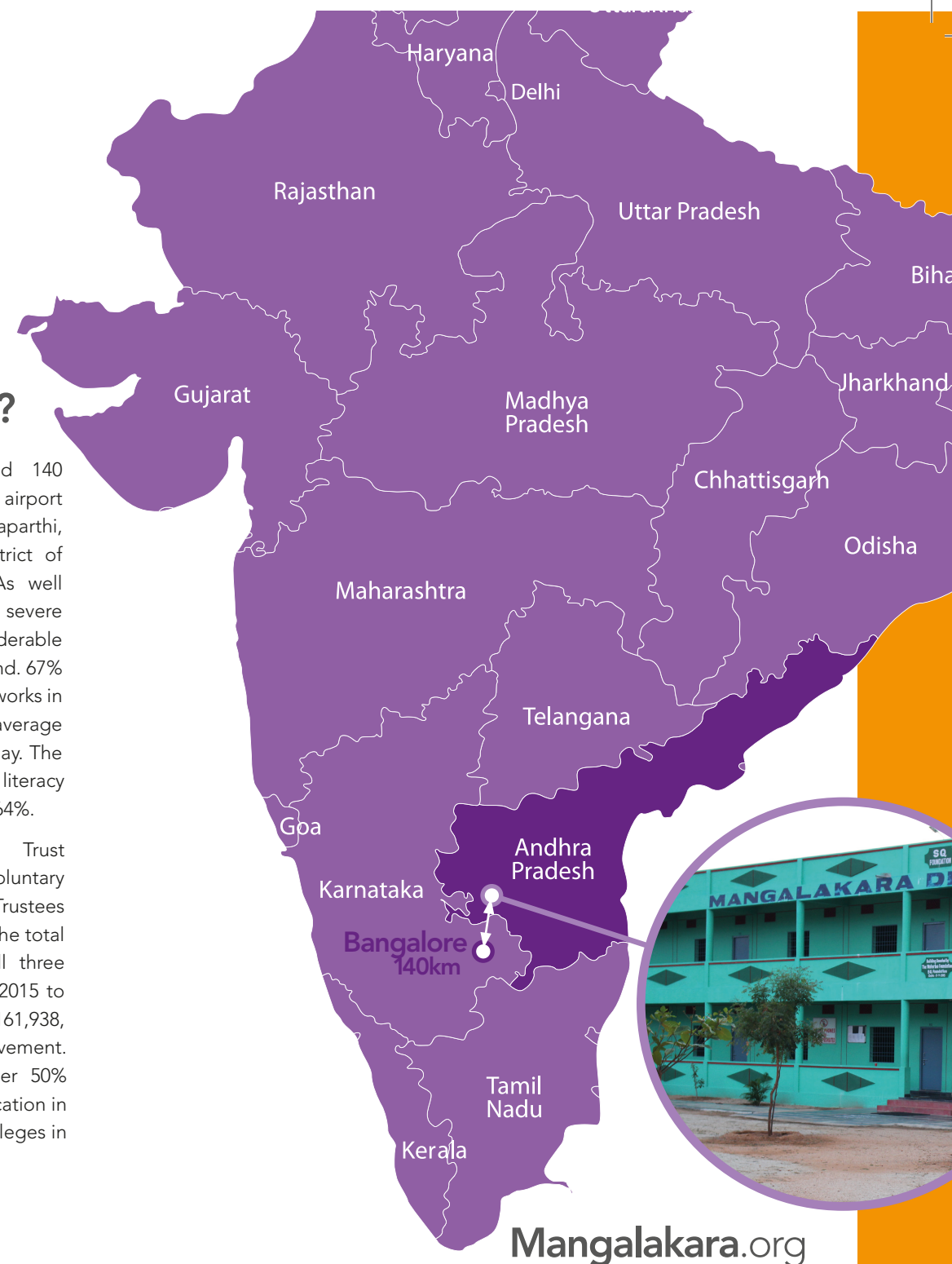
Post Graduate Courses

In 2018 the Trust will commence their post graduate courses, bringing the number of students across the campus to over 2000. The courses will also provide the children of Mangalakara with the opportunity to continue their education through to Post Graduate.

Where is Mangalakara?

Mangalakara is located 140 kilometres from Bangaluru airport and 12 kilometres from Puttaparthi, a town in Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh, India. As well as the area suffering from severe drought, it also has a considerable lack of fertile agriculture land. 67% of the district's population works in low paid agriculture; the average daily salary is only \$3 per day. The area has one of the lowest literacy rates in the country at just 64%.

Mangalakara Education Trust relies solely on voluntary donations and the Trustees receive no remuneration. The total operating costs across all three establishments from April 2015 to 31st of March 2016 were £161,938, which is an incredible achievement. Why? Because this is over 50% lower than the cost of education in competing schools and colleges in the region.



“We are immensely proud of the achievements of our alumni and the support they are providing to their families and the wider community”

S. Prakash - Managing Trustee

Mangalakara Alumni

Every member of the Mangalakara family is taught to seize the opportunities that present themselves after finishing their education. Many alumni have already experienced significant success in professions such as medicine, accountancy, higher education, IT and banking. Also, a number are pursuing post graduate studies in a wide range of subjects.

Mangalakara is deservedly perceived as a Centre of Excellence, both for its education ethos and the transparency of its funding.

Awards & Honours

Mangalakara has won numerous awards, including 'Best NGO' and 'Best Trust.' In 2015 Ruth McAleese, the Trust's CEO and one of its founders, won the Amalthea Aanjnuthyalu Award for 'outstanding work and devotion to orphaned and destitute children in Anantapur District for the last 14 years'. This is the first time a foreign citizen has received this prestigious award.

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The Trustees

Ruth McAleese - CEO - was born in Scotland, UK and came to India 18 years ago. Ruth is one of the two founding members of Mangalakara.

S. Prakash - Managing Trustee - is a successful businessman, originally from Kerala and is the other founding member of Mangalakara.

Suresh Kumar - Trustee - is a successful businessman from Kerala who provides sound advice and support to the two full time executive members.

The three Trustees have dedicated their lives to Mangalakara selflessly, without any remuneration.





Mangalakara 2004

Growth in Nature

Mangalakara 2016



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