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Introduction

GAMYA VISION

In 2003, six engineers envisaged *Gamya Foundation* with a dream for strong and prosperous India by year 2020. *Gamya Foundation* is inspired by the ideals of **Swami Vivekananda**.

The ambitious effort of Gamya is wedded to the goal of *Empowering the youth to architect their own Destiny - Gamya*.

Gamya Foundation aims to serve as an incubating nest where young dreams hatch and metamorphose into reality. Gamya Foundation seeks to challenge benchmarks and dares the youthful aspirations to touch the horizon of excellence. The objective of Gamya is to churn out talent and cast individual excellence in the mould of community leadership. The foundation is thus, in its own right – A Social Enterprise.

This envisaged Social Enterprise is a 5-tier structure emphasizing on the following issues.

- Creation of Wealth
- Quality Education
- Quality Employment
- Quality Health and
- Restoring Cultural and Social Values

The young and dynamic members of Gamya Foundation are committed in achieving the desired Goal of the organization in a limited time span. Gamya Foundation through its projects and programs is working very close with the Hon'ble members of the state legislature, Bureaucrats, Press and Public at large.

Gamya Foundation is delighted to hear from the new Government headed by Hon'ble *Sri.H.D. Kumaraswamy* - a young and dynamic Chief Minister, keen on implementing the *Mission for Karnataka's Prosperity*- a road map to drive the aspirations and dreams of people of the state into reality, given by our visionary President *Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam*.

Gamya Foundation express its happiness to work very close with this young and dynamic Government focused mainly on development and looking towards prosperity of the state.

The globalization is posing many new challenges and opportunities to the people of the state. The role of Karnataka in this changed scenario is critical and advantageous; Critical, in moving towards a greater prosperity and advantageous for its high international Brand equity and abundance in resources.

BACKGROUND

Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalamji in his *Missions for Karnataka's Prosperity* discussed on eleven important missions if implemented effectively results in increase of the percapita income of the state from the present day Rs.26, 000 to Rs.75, 000 by 2009.

The following are the eleven Missions that our Hon'ble President has envisaged for our State.

1. Textile Mission- will result in export of One Billion dollar worth of products and creating 8 Lakh employments (Both direct and indirect).

2. Energy Mission-

a) **Bio-fuel:** will generate revenue of Rs.875 Cr and provide 14 lakh employments for youth in the State

b) **Power through Municipal Waste:** will help in effective management of waste and in turn solve the power problems of the major cities with little investment.

3. Horticulture Mission- will result in revenue of Rs.10, 000 Cr with higher employment potential.

4. Agro-processing Mission-will result in export revenues of Rs.50, 000 Cr with employment potential for large number of rural and urban youth.

5. Water Management Mission- the effective management of rainwater through water harvesting and waste water recycling facilities will solve the problem of shortage of water for industries and domestic purpose permanently thereby lessen the burden on budgetary allocation.

6. Tourism Mission- helps in generation of one million jobs to serve the international and domestic tourists and generate revenue of \$180 million in foreign exchange

7. Preparing Paramedics and Technicians with Quality Training Mission- to improve the healthcare services in the country requires additional 5 Lakh nurses and world wide requirement of nurses are estimated to be around one million by 2012. If Karnataka cater to this need by next 6 years can produce 30,000 new nurses and improve the healthcare standards in the state.

8. Mission on Creation of industries for Knowledge products- this will result in export of \$20 billion worth products and services and generate employment for 5 Lakh knowledge workers.

9. Mission on GRID Connectivity for sustainable growth- a need to establish high bandwidth (10Gbps, Multi Wavelength Fiber Broadband) connectivity

between Bangalore and tier-2 cities and all district headquarters and all villages in later stage will improve the administration of the state. E-governance brings greater transparency in the administration.

10. Establishment of PURA (Providing Urban Amenities in Rural Areas) for Rural prosperity Mission- Establishment of 13 coastal and 200 conventional PURA's will lead to higher employment potential in the rural areas and better standard of living for the 67% of rural population.

11. Mission for Development facilitators – the present high revenue industries like information, communication and other related IT industries are concentrated mainly in Bangalore. There is a need to make the economic activity of the state to distribute equitably in the other tier-2 cities of the state viz., Mysore, Mangalore, Hubli-Dharwad, Belgaum, Bellary, Hassan, Davanagere, Gulbarga and Mercara by developing the infrastructure of these cities with airports, larger roads and fast trains. This will solve the regional imbalance of the state.

GAMYA'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Considering *Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalamji's Mission for Prosperity* and the *commitment of the new Government* to steer the state for greater prosperity, Gamyra Foundation keeping the Objective of the organization in mind, would like to recommend the following projects to be implemented in the forthcoming Budget 2006-07.

Gamyra Foundation has identified the following 6 important fields that needs an immediate attention from the state government:

1. Agriculture
2. Textile
3. Bio-fuel
4. Education
5. Entrepreneurship and

6. Health

Gamya Foundation believes the integrated approach to the above mentioned fields deliver higher results in limited budget and shorter time.

1. Agriculture: The Karnataka state has a total area of 1, 91,791 square kilometers; comprising 28,000 villages spread over 27 districts. The operation holding in the state is 1.7 ha/holding. These figures indicate the people of the state have a considerable dependence on Agriculture, Horticulture and Agriculture Horticulture and Related Services (AHRS).

Gamya Foundation observes a large number of young people are residing in villages. The majority of people are in the pursuit of AHRS and their average age group is 37 years. This means abundant young people are in this field. This is nothing but a second generation of people is in the pursuit of AHRS. The people in this segment having above average education can adapt to newer technology with little difficulty and can be motivated easily. If a proper project is designed keeping in mind the above observation will result in more job opportunity, more economy and improve the standard of this large people group.

2. Textile: In Karnataka some of the districts like, Bellary, Gulbarga, Belgaum, Raichur and Haveri produce large quantity of Cotton. According to *Dr.D.M Nunjundappa Committee Report* these are the districts, which lag, in developmental activities and the regional imbalances in these districts are high. Moreover Karnataka is famous for Silk. Mysore Silk Sarees produced in Mysore has got a high demand worldwide. Also Karnataka is famous for garment industries. There are many exporters who are exporting ready garments from the state. Even hand woven and hand spun material like *Khadi*, is gaining lot of demand in the international market produced from the state. Our Hon'ble President *Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalamji* stressed upon effective use of organizations like; *National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)*, *Textile Research Associations (TRA)* and the *Textile industries* of the state to work in sync to

compete in the international market. Gamy Foundation believes if a proper and integrated project implemented keeping above facts, government can easily reduce the regional imbalance in these districts and improve the living standards of the cotton growers and the weaver community.

The success stories of *Information Technology* and *Bio-Technology* sectors placed Karnataka in the international Road Map. These success stories have generated higher Brand Equity for the Karnataka state and Bangalore in particular. The novel idea of the previous governments like *Information Technology fairs* (IT. in previously IT.com) and *Biotechnology fairs* are yielding higher Brand Loyalty day by day and giving a sustained impetus for the growth of these industries.

Recommendation:

- Gamy Foundation recommends the present Government to initiate same kind of **International Fair in Agriculture Sector** integrating Agriculture, Horticulture Agro/ Food Processing and AHRS industries in the Budget year 2006-07 in any of the tier-2 cities (Viz., Mysore, Mangalore, Hubli-Dharwad, Belgaum, Bellary, Hassan, Davanagere, Gulbarga and Mercara). Preferably in **Belgaum District** to correct the prevailing regional-imbalance. Gamy Foundation thinks this fair should be launched during *Sankranthi-a festival of harvest* in the year 2007 as ideal.
- Gamy Foundation recommends the present Government to initiate the **International fair in Textile Sector** integrating cotton production, garment and apparel export business, silk and khadi weavers with new designs and fashions involving noted fashion designers either in **Bellary** or in **Gulbarga district** in this fiscal year.

Implication:

- This kind of initiative improves the living standard of the farmers and weavers at large
- Generate large number of direct and indirect Employment

- Will bring in corporate discipline in AHRS and Textile sector in general
- Will fuel more direct investment from outside
- Enhance the export thereby bring in more Foreign exchange
- Will help to improve the Brand image of the tier-2 cities
- Will inspire the local development authority to improve the basic infrastructure of that particular city and the near by areas
- Will drive the people to equip themselves to the fast changing scenarios
- This will automatically give the necessary momentum to domestic tourism
- Will assist in balancing the present day regional imbalances
- Educate the farmers and weavers about the new trends and techniques in their respective fields thereby, equip them to face the international challenges more effectively
- Improves the confidence of the foreign investors on the state government

3. Bio-fuel: We at Gamy believe in the sayings of Mahatma Gandhi: “*Prosperity of the country lies in our villages*”. India comprises more than 600 thousand villages. Karnataka itself have more than 28,000 villages. We, as a nation import nearly \$50 billion worth of fossil fuel every year. Thereby burdening the exchequer heavily. The fast rising crude oil price in the international market due to vary in demand and supply and change in external affair policies dragging the growth of the country. The rise in petrol and diesel prices makes the common man’s living more miserable.

Gamy Foundation rightly agrees with our Hon’ble Dr.Kalam’s vision of producing larger quantity of Bio-fuel and effective management of Waste produced in the cities. Many of the research work in the country and world on bio-fuel shows if proper technology adopted, bio-fuel can works out much cheaper than the fossil fuel.

We at Gamy visualize in near future, farmers in the villages producing required power and energy on their own for household and farming purpose and selling

excess power to cities, thereby attaining self-sufficiency. This becomes fast when Government facilitates with adequate measures and suitable laws.

Recommendation:

- Gamy Foundation recommends the Government to **announce incentives** to encourage our farmers to grow *Jatropha* a prime source of bio-diesel in the existing wasteland in large quantity in this Budget-2006-07.
- Gamy Foundation recommends the Government to **direct Karnataka Soaps and Detergent Ltd., (KSDL)** to come out with proper plan to utilise the obtained by-product from *Jatropha* to manufacture soaps and candles.
- Gamy Foundations' Technical team recently analyzed that; bio-fuel generated from the *cow dung* can be bottled with little difficulty. With this, for a meager amount of 20 paise on fuel, a Maruti van can run for a kilometer. Gamy Foundation strongly recommends the government to **allocate Rs.10Cr** initially in Budget 2006-07 to develop a successful technology for **Bottling of biogas** in a shorter time period. If this technology adopted successfully, will lead to a fuel revolution in the world.

Implication:

- The state will be in the forefront in this kind of revolution in the entire country
- This will lead to a complete *Sarvodaya* of the villages
- Farmers of the country will become princes of the middle east
- Will make country richer by \$50 billion a year
- This will ultimately lead to country 's economic super power

4. Education: In this era of globalization, the world is no more inaccessible to any one and no information can be concealed from any one. Gamy observes many of the people in the villages of the state are still deprived of information. There exists a *Digital divide* between the rural and urban people. Today an urban kid is reachable to any information of the globe unlike his fellow rural. We at

Gamya believe the real growth of the nation is the growth of 600 thousand villages of our country. The members of Gamya thought an effective Student Help Line could bridge this digital divide. In this system, a student can call from any where in the state to a toll free number and discuss his issues, doubts, problems with our student service executives. He/she gets to know about the different courses, available scholarships, overseas studies and career guidance. Also gets counseling and motivation from the trained counselors. This novel idea of student help line is to reach any student across the state/country for free of cost. We believe this will definitely be a successful program if executed with noble social responsibility and commitment.

Recommendation:

- Gamya Foundation recommends/requests the Government to make a budgetary provision of **Rs. 5Cr** initially in this Budget 2006-07 to start the proposed **Student Help Line** by **Gamya Foundation**.

Implication:

- This kind of initiative reduces the gap in the digital divide
- The Students in rural area/villages will be benefited largely
- The whole student community will be equipped strongly to face the global challenges
- This will help in improving the quality of human resources in the rural area

5. Entrepreneurship: In recent past the state has witnessed many entrepreneurs like, *Sri. Narayan Murthy, Sri. Azim Premji, Smt. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw* and others to grow to international arena there-by fueling the growth in the industrial sector. The presence of global leaders in the state kindles the entrepreneurial spirit in the youths in so doing improves the economic condition of the people.

The present globalized world is throwing a lot of opportunities to the youths. The conversion of these opportunities into successful business unit entails a lot of skills, time, money and risk. Gamya Foundation observes the existing programs

and schemes of the government in the industrial sector are not sufficient enough to produce new generation of entrepreneurs both in rural and urban area. We at Gamy believe if the government creates conducive environment, youths in the state are talented enough to become the global leaders in near future. Coordinating with the NGOs, academic institutions and financial institutions will help in realizing the same.

Recommendation:

- Gamy Foundation recommends the Government to set-up a **Venture Capital fund of Rs.500 Cr** in the Budget 2006-07 to encourage fresh generation of entrepreneurs

Implication:

- This kind of initiative helps in the growth of new industries
- Will help in the creation of more number of jobs
- Will improve the living standard of the people
- Will improve the quality of human resources

6. Health: After drafting many success stories in Information and Bio-Technology, India is in the process of sketching another success story in Health Industry. Again Bangalore is taking a lead role in this sector too. The availability of world-class medical facilities at a reasonable price has started attracting many foreigners to India and Bangalore in particular.

Gamy Foundation would like to emphasize on the fact that, state has become the epicenter in this knowledge economy only because of the foresight and the continuous effort of the previous leaders.

We at Gamy observe that, Indian alternate medical systems (also known as Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy) namely; Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy Naturopathy, Yoga and Siddha System of medicines are gaining popularity and also curing many diseases with a meager cost compared to the Allopathic system of medicine. Irrespective of any system of medicine, the

Research and Developmental activity in Health sector of the state is very negligible. To have a sustained growth, the health sector requires a lot of support for R&D activity.

Gamya Foundation believes that, if various systems of medicines are used in integration will effect in curing some of the deceases at a lower cost.

Recommendation:

- Gamya Foundation recommends the Government to make Budgetary provision to start a **new Integrated Research and Development center** involving all system of medicines in the preset financial year
- Gamya Foundation urge the government to **effectively implement** the recommendations made by high power committee headed by **Dr.H.Sudarshan** in the field of *Health and Family Welfare*

Implication:

- This kind of initiative helps in discovering cost effective drugs
- Will lessen the burden of the government on Social security
- Improves the life span of the people
- Will create more number of employment

Conclusion

The great Tao philosopher *Lao-Tse* who lived in Early China finds: “*Courage, generosity, and leadership are the three virtues that make an ethical system*”. Having belief in this saying, Gamya Foundation presents this report to the government comprising young and vibrant leaders with an earnest hope of a strong, prosperous and peaceful Karnataka in near future.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a small step

-Lao-Tse