

# ROLE OF R. V. DESHAPANDE IN DEVELOPMENT OF UTTARAKANNADA DISTRICT IN THE ERA OF GLOBALISATION.

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## Abstract:

The present paper is based on the role of R.V. Deshpande in development of Uttarakannada District. Contribution of R.V. Deshpande to Uttarakannada district for its development in the context of Globalisation, district contribution to GDP ,and how its grown, to grown GDP in the several sectors like industrial, agriculture, tourism how they all took part hear the main observing thing is how the district minister R V Deshapande succeed to implement globalisation process ,with the reference of his highlights of works which done under his leadership and achievement. Ideas about Development and brief information about District. So we can assume the effective implementation of globalisation process and development of Uttarakannada district.

KeyWords: Development, Leadership, Political leadership, Globalisation.

## Introduction:

Uttarakannada (also known as North Canara) is a district in the Indian state of Karnataka. It is bordered by the state of Goa and Belgaum District to the north, Dharwad District and Haveri District to the east, Shimoga District and Udupi District to the south, and the Arabian Sea to the west. The city of Karwar is the administrative headquarters of the district.

Nestled in beautiful scenic locales, Uttarakannada is also home to one of India's 6 atomic plants and a Greenfield naval base project Seabird. The coastal belt of Uttara Kannada also has one of Karnataka's largest port Karwar with a capacity of 75000 million tonne liquid storage and 30000 MT warehousing. Uttara Kannada is situated in the western coast of Karnataka. It is spread across 10,277 sq. kms comprising of 11 talukas - Ankola, Bhatkal, Haliyal, Honnavar, Karwar, Kumta, Mundgod, Siddapur, Sirsi, Supa and Yallapur. The district has a 77% literacy rate.

The chief crops of the district are rice and areca nut, along with a great diversity of other crops ,The present paper is based on the role of R.V. Deshpande in development of Uttarakannada district and economic contribution of Uttara kannada district to GDP ,and how its grown ,to grown GDP the several sectors like industrial, agriculture, tourism how they all took part .hear the main observing thing is how the district minister R V Deshapande succeed to implement globalisation process ,with the reference of his highlights of works which done under his leadership and achievement we can assume the effective implementation of globalisation process in Uttarakannada district.

**Economic Snapshot:**

UttaraKannada's total GDP is INR 62.65 billion contributing 2.1% to state GSDP with the per capita annual income in the district being INR.61, 015. However, the GDDP trend is a strong 7% CAGR from 2007-08 to 2012-13; with the Agriculture and Allied industries emerging at the top with 3% contributions to the state.

**Agriculture In Focus:**

Uttarakannada devotes 10.41% of its land for cultivation; amongst this cereals and commercial crops occupy 80.42% and 7.93% of the net sown land respectively. It also cultivates Fruits like Mango, Watermelon, Banana, Pineapple and Spices like Pepper & Cardamom. The Plantation crops like Areca nut, Coconut and Cashew nut and growing Kokum, Bamboo species, Karanja, Jatropa, and Simaroba is a thrust area in the region.

**Industrial Landscape:**

Uttarakannada lends itself to agro and processed food products. Large coastlines with suitable climatic conditions help the Agro and Horticulture products. The rich bio-diversity in the region is ideal for Organic Farming too. There are established processing unit for Cashew, Pineapple, Coconut and Vanilla and high potential for processing of Areca nut, Cocoa, Pepper, Cardamom and other Spice Crops.

The district's large limestone deposit has led the GoK to propose a set-up of a Special Industrial Zone for Cement here. Uttara Kannada has 4 clusters for handicraft and one more exclusively dedicated to jewellery. The other sectors flourishing here include - the Aromatic and Herbal Processing Industry, Tile, Coir, Engineering and Construction along with Fisheries with 6 cold storages in support of this sector.

Uttarakannada has 6 Large and Medium scale Industries with aggregated investment INR 4.24 billion along with 9424 small-scale industries with aggregated investment INR 2.36 billion well supported by 8 Industrial Estates and 1 Industrial area. However 2 more Industrial Parks and 3 more Industrial Estates are proposed in different talukas to balance the support infrastructure and meet the growing industrial needs in the region.

**Contribution of R. V. Deshpande for Uttarakannada:**

Every great statesman has a unique leadership style - the Minister of Higher Education and Tourism, Sri. Raghunath Vishwanathrao Deshpande has proved this time and again. Born in 1947 to Late. Vishwanathrao Deshpande and Late. Vimalabai Deshpande, he completed his B.A. (Hons.) from Karnataka University and earned a law degree from Shivaji University. By profession he is a lawyer and more than that he is a one of the charismatic leader in Uttarakannada district.

**Political Career:**

Sri. Deshpande was the President of the Karnataka State Co-operative Agriculture & Rural Development Bank and Chairman of KSSIDC. He won the Assembly elections 7 times from Haliyal Constituency in Uttara Kannada District of Karnataka. He has served as the Minister of State for Small Scale

Industries, Agriculture Housing and Urban Development, Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development and Co-operation. He was also the Leader of the Opposition of Karnataka State Legislative Assembly and the President of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee.

### **Active participation in present political actions:**

In a decision bound to please the greens, the state government plans to come out with an 'electric vehicle and energy storage policy' to make Bengaluru the electric vehicle capital of India and reduce pollution on its roads. Minister for Industries, R.V. Deshpande told reporters here on Wednesday that the government had decided to draw up an electric vehicle and energy storage policy, the first of its kind in the country, to promote electric vehicles and battle air pollution after consulting all the stakeholders concerned. "While developed countries have electric vehicle policies, in India people hesitate to buy electric vehicles owing to the high cost of the battery. But we are now working on a plan to bring out a policy which will make Bengaluru the electric vehicle capital of India," he added.

Mr Deshpande also revealed that negotiations were on to set up a Japanese Industrial Township on 500 acres in Vasanth Narasapura in Tumakuru and around 15 other major investment projects were likely to come in the state with an investment of Rs. 8666 crore. Of these, three projects, including the setting up of a Rs 438 crore plant by Oracle India Pvt Ltd and a Rs 1,110 crore TVS motor project in Bytahalli, Kadakola in Mysuru, had been cleared.

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) had come forward to invest Rs.966 crore in the Angawadi Industrial Area in Harihara and Wipro Enterprises was willing to invest Rs. 112 crore in the Aerospace SEZ in Devanahhli taluk, according to him. "Over the last four years the state government has received investment of Rs. 3.34 lakh crore , generating employment for 8.98 lakh people. It has also created a separate industrial township for women in Kanakapura in Harohalli Industrial area, Kuditini Industrial area and other areas in the state," Mr. Deshpande noted explaining initiatives.

RV Deshpande has been seven times MLA and Minister. Thrice he has been Industries Minister. Deshpande has a cumulative experience of a decade as Industries Minister under noted Chief Ministers like Deve Gowda, SM Krishna, and now Siddaramaiah. He has been Karnataka state's longest serving Industries Minister.

When Seasonal Magazine met him in Bengaluru for this interview recently, it was a holiday. But for RV Deshpande and his whole office comprising of IAS officers to regular staff at Karnataka Udyog Mitra, it was like any other day.

We have met politicians across India and expect all of them to be unpunctual. But you would miss your appointment if you are late for a meeting with him. Because RV Deshpande keeps his time, irrespective of whether he is coming from his nearby official home or from across the world. Expect meetings with him to be preponed rather than postponed. Our meeting too was preponed by a sharp 45 minutes, and sharp it remained.

India's first Global Investor Meet by any state happened 16 years back when he was the Industries Minister. And this is the second time a GIM is happening under his tenure, and he is working hard to ensure that it leaves a mark. Even if his officers are too busy, he is not busy enough not to return a call or text. To call

this 68-year old veteran leader proactive would be an understatement. He was recently in Silicon Valley evangelizing the business community there about why they should set shop in Karnataka.

But don't expect him to dole out incentives like free land and decade-long VAT exemptions to attract investments, like his peers in Andhra, Telengana, & Tamilnadu are doing. He knows the strengths of Karnataka too much to invite investments at any cost. In fact, he becomes most vocal when he starts speaking about Karnataka's long love with industries. According to RV Deshpande it started even before Indian Independence with the Maharajah himself proactive in attracting entrepreneurs who went on to establish pioneering successes like Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. If you are a harsh critic of Bengaluru's traffic situation, the Minister would gently remind you of the traffic situation in New York, where he was just weeks earlier. But he is candid enough to admit that much more needs to be done in the capital city to ease traffic.

According to him jargons like Single Window Clearance don't mean much if it does not ease the process of approvals. He prefers actual approvals to mere signing of MOUs. Even if MOUs are signed, they should be realistic and implementable in future. RV Deshpande is so experienced and so confident of his experience that he had some tips for India's Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Central Government's programs like Make in India and Digital India. The Karnataka minister is reported to have suggested to Jaitley that he needs to create well-defined industrial policies for these programs to succeed.

Indeed this Industries Minister sure has the capability to advice as he had a pioneering role in promulgating Karnataka's IT Policy and BT Policy, as well as in updating these policies during his long tenure. Today, Karnataka has well-defined industrial policies for each sector, including a new Startup Policy that is sure to be emulated by other states as they have done before with Karnataka's famed IT & BT policies. At his age and experience, Deshpande is so frank to express his preference for listening more to industrialists rather than his officers, due to their deep industry knowledge. He has recently made a 19-member team of industry captains to advise him which includes such stalwarts like Biocon Founder Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, TVS Chairman Venu Srinivasan, JSW Founder Sajjan Jindal, Manipal Global Education Services Chairman TV Mohandas Pai etc. No challenge is too big for him, and he has been advocating manufacturing industries to move out of Bengaluru to Karnataka's Tier-II and Tier-III cities where cluster development for specific industries are followed. He counts UB Group's moving out of Bengaluru as a productive one for the company, which happened after he advised Vijay Mallya on the same.

When speaking about Make in India he is quick to point out that Karnataka has been doing this for decades with examples like Bosch, ABB, and all the telecom giants in the electronic city. More than anything else, he wants investors to choose Karnataka for the Government's attitude to industries, quickness in decision-making, transparency, good infrastructure, high ease-of-doing-business, and incomparable talent pool, all of which creates an excellent business ecosystem.

#### **Highlights of the work done under his able leadership:**

Launched the new eco-tourism project, Jungle Camps and Trails, for people to learn and appreciate the eco-systems. Karnataka Tourism participated in 55 domestic and 15 international events and won the Union Government's Best Tourism Promotional Materials for the fourth time in a row. The advertising campaign,

'New Worlds' invites travellers to experience the State's 'Many Worlds'; this went on to become a huge hit Strong presence across social media – Face book, Twitter and YouTube.

### **Achievements:**

Streamlined the Industrial Policy Novel Foreign Investment Policy & Information Technology Policy. The development of industries, including high-tech industries like ITPL, which improved the economy of the State. Encouraged multinational companies to invest in the industries in Karnataka, including core infrastructure sectors like Power, Steel, Transportation, etc.

Initiated various manufacturing industries for the growth of SSI sectors and collaborated with multinationals to aid in the competitiveness and compatibility in international markets. These policies and programmes ascended Karnataka to second place in terms of investment approvals in the Industry & Infrastructure Schemes. Toured extensively across the world to initiate programmes and policies of the State and accrue investment in various industrial sectors.

### **Conclusion:**

As a district minister Sri. R.V. Deshpande become successful to implement the globalization aspect to Uttarakannada district, he played an eminent role in the development of Uttarakannada district. But along with district minister he also the minister of large and medium scale of Karnataka, so district had lot of expectation from him. Uttarakannada district naturally well attracted for tourism, if he succeed to attract the global leaders and tourist then the economic conditions and basic infrastructures will develop in district.

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