

Kundawada Kere Brain Storming Group (Kundawada Restoration Initiative Association)

**Meeting held on 20-07-2012 at 4.00pm
in the Chamber of IGP,ER,Davangere**

Introduction

This is the fourth meeting of this group, the first came out with the blueprint of restoration and the second held for organizing the World Environment Day celebrations and the third one is for the follow up the various works. All the earlier meetings have been great successes in bringing Kere to the mainstream of Davangere's existence. The momentum that is gained has to be taken further, so that we achieve Incredible Kere on the 1st of Jan, 2013 and dedicate it to the citizens of Davangere. Today's meeting is held to follow up the all on going works in Kere. Our movement is getting more and move wide based with every passing day and members of this group represent the sentiments of the city.

The following members were present and attended the meeting.

- 1) Dr.Siddesh.E.Bisanalli. MD. Dept of Ayush.
- 2) Niranjan Murthy SS. KSRTC.
- 3) S.N.Malavath . DCF. Davanagere
- 4) K.G.Basavana Gowda
- 5) S.Varadarajaiah, Rtd AC.
- 6) Kumar. Y. Lecturer Fine arts College
- 7) G. Rajappa Nirmithi Kendra

- 8) Saiyad Mansur Basha, Horticulture
- 9) Prof. Y. Vrushabendrappa, BIET., Davanagere
- 10) Bellodi Shivakumar, Lions club.
- 11) V.P. Laxminarayan Lions club. Davanagere.
- 12) Dr. B.E. Rangaswamy. HOD of BT. Davanagere.

Agenda Points

1) Deweeding and Desilting:

While deweeding was in progress, the requirement of desilting also came up. It should not be required. Desilting has to be done simultaneously to about 1ft throughout the embankment, and it should be completed before the water is released from the main canal. Both the Deweeding and Desilting are the simultaneous processes, cutting down on the total quantum of time.

2) Walking Path:

Kerb stones along the walking path have broken down at most of the places. After detailed discussion it was decided that the Kerb stones are not required and recommended to be removed through the stretch. Follow up with the Municipal commissioner to remove the kerb stones through the stretch of about 1Km of both sides of Kere. Fencing for the area between main gate to Kundawada village gate needs to be done immediately.

3) Creation of the Island: The deweeding and desilting have produced a reasonable amount of silt, extracted from the Lake, which can be used to create an island in the SE part of the Lake.

4) Creation of Herbal Garden:

As it was planned the area below the high tension wires, should be used to create herbal garden. TKVK, District Ayush Department establishes the same. More than 25 varieties of Medicinal plants should be incorporated in the Garden. For the whole project the estimate is prepared and will be submitted to CEO and request him to use the BRGF fund.

5) Creation of Nurseries:

The govt. dept nursery like Horticulture, forestry should open a nursery at Kere, the area all along the compound wall of Bapuji college will be provided to dept. for establishing Nursery activities. The task should be executed immediately without a reason.

All govt. nurseries of different depts. involved with Agriculture, Forest and Horticulture should be located in the Kere. One specific location along with the Bapuji Institute compound wall is sufficient to take care of all the Nurseries would be provided. Horticulture and Forest depts, should be addressed to start nurseries of the respective departments in the area provided for the same.

6) City Bus Service:

The city bus service started its onward and return journeys from city in the morning and evenings at least to the Kere from 15/07/2012. It is requested to advertise in a proper manner so that public can take full benefits. Signage's should be placed at the concerned bus stops.

7) Tree Cover:

The chain link mesh area of the Kere should be covered by the suitable ornamental creepers. Trees with thick stem girth should be used to plant the creepers.

The cost is minimal and the impact is phenomenal. Pergola should be given special attention, Mexican grass should be used for the complete open area, the fencing should be covered with ornamental creepers and landscaping should be done. For the execution of this procedure the detail estimate is prepared and submitted to authority who so ever is ready for funding the whole work.

8) Lighting:

As it was discussed with the KREDL MD on 16/6/12, alternate centralized solar panel systems preferably with back up are being put in place doing away with single panel and battery system presently in operation, which has been to impossible to maintain as per the experience of the Kere. All other critical areas/locations would also be provided with power like entry and exit gates, Pergola, shelters, amphitheatre, the proposed Photography Machans and other such locations.

Till now no progress in this subject.

9) Bird Sanctuary:

A project report should be created in this regard and should be got approved by the Karnataka Forest Dept. Necessary steps will be taken to get approval by the Govt.to declare Kundawada Kere as the Bird Sanctuary.Visit to different Bird sanctuaries and collect relevant information for making a full proof proposal for the Bird Sanctuary.. Letter will be addressed to PCCF, Karnataka for approving a Bird Sanctuary in the Kere by the name Pakshidhama.

10) Photography/Exhibition/Sculpture/Shelter with basic amenities:

Raised platforms should be erected at two or three vantage points which would be the ideal locations/ setting for photographers to shoot/video record and it should also be provided with all the amenities required for still and video shooting. Running gallery of Photography exhibition has also been decided to be constructed.

A photography exhibition will be arranged on Aug 25 and 26th in Bapuji Auditorium. The 100 superior photograph representing Flora and Fauna of Kere should be displayed in Photographic exhibition.

11) Maintenance:

It is known that we are planted nearly 1000 plants all around the Kere, due to delay of onset of monsoon the trees are dying, so to keep them alive necessary to water them regularly. Either the Municipal Corporation or Forest dept. must take the responsibility of watering to all plants, including pergola region.

12) Installation Of Drip Irrigation System:

It was observed if we install Drip irrigation system on both the sides through the KERE the maintenance will be made very easy, Drip irrigation system helps to maintain optimum soil moisture and keep plants in a healthy condition. The estimates regarding this will be provided by the Horticulture Dept. at the earliest.

To complete the above works the funding is reqd.