

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Name: **RURAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

PROFILE:

Rural Development Trust (RDT) has been carrying out need based welfare and integrated programs of development for rural poor and needy especially belonging to marginalized and underprivileged sections- scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, backward castes and persons with disability for the past 46 years.

RDT is working in 3268 villages spread across 102 Revenue **Mandals**. “Education is not meant for us but for the children of privileged sections of the society” was the common response when RDT initiated its education program in 1978. This belief had to be changed to - “Education holds the key to our development and is one of our unalienable rights”. RDT introduced the **Education Special Scholarship** Scheme in 2004 with a view of supporting children from poor and rural families to seek higher placed jobs as executives and professionals. This scheme helps meritorious rural students to pursue their intermediate course in corporate colleges and further continue various professional/technical courses such as **medicine, engineering, pharmacy, nursing etc.**

Since the inception of Rural Development Trust, 2449 rural students have been enrolled out of them about 300 of the enrolled students are now employed in government/corporate sector while the rest are pursuing professional/technical courses.