KARNATAKA ACCELERATION NETWORK (KAN)

COHORT 2 | MANGALURU CLUSTER

Scale Faster. Grow Smarter. Lead the Market.

State government-backed startup acceleration program delivering expert mentorship, market access and investor readiness.

SHINE
FOUNDATION

KAN Execution Partner at Mangaluru Cluster

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

WHAT IS KAN?

A flagship startup acceleration program by the Government of Karnataka and KDEM, designed to help early-stage startups scale faster through mentorship, market access and investor readiness.

WHY THIS PROGRAM MATTERS

- Shortens the time from idea → traction → scale
- Provides structured guidance from industry experts
- Opens doors to market pilots, investors and government networks
- Strengthens regional startup ecosystems.

WHAT YOU GET

Expert Mentorship
1:1 sessions + group workshops with seasoned leaders

Growth Modules
Strategy, finance, Go-To-Market and operational scaling

Market Access
Pilot opportunities with industry & government

Investor Bootcamp
Curated connects + Demo Day

Workspace Access
Premium incubation facilities across Karnataka

MANGALORE CLUSTER

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HOW THE PROGRAM RUNS IN MANGALURU

Structured 4-Module Program

Delivered by SHINE Foundation under KDEM guidelines — covering strategy, validation, Go-To-Market and scale pathways.

Weekly Mentorship & Reviews

Dedicated mentors track progress, identify gaps and support founders through milestone completion.

Local Market Pilots

Startups get access to customers, partner institutions, and early validation opportunities in the Mangalore region.

Investor Readiness

Pitch coaching, financial refinement, curated investor connects and Demo Day preparation.

Reporting & Transparency

Monthly updates are submitted to KDEM on progress, milestones and financial utilization.

Infrastructure Support

Participating startups get access to premium workspaces, labs and facilities in Mangaluru.

WHO CAN APPLY

- Karnataka-registered startups (except OPC)
- MVP-ready / PoC-ready / early-traction startups
- Seed-funded or revenue-ready startups
- Innovation-led, tech-enabled solutions
- Founders committed to full-time execution

Cohort Benefits

- Build → Validate → Scale under expert supervision
- Connect with mentors, investors and partners
- Accelerate growth with structured support
- Gain visibility through Demo Day

Implementing Accelerators & Incubators

DERBI FOUNDATION ...Fueling Dreams

SHINE FOUNDATION

JGI JAIN LAUNCHPAD

SJCE-STEP

ASTRA UAS DHARWAD

GINSERV Nurturing Ventures

Startup ecosystem - Partners in progress

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