Kaginele is the birthplace of [Kanaka Dasa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanaka_Dasa), also known as Kanakada, who is venerated as a saint by the *[Kuruba Gowda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuruba" \o "Kuruba)* community. In addition to poems and songs he wrote about philosophy and social issues and worked as a social reformer in the village. A Krishna temple in the village, the *Keshava*, is dedicated to his family god and contains a statue of Kanaka Dasa.