The CMR Jnanadhara Trust was established in 1990, as a tribute to the late Sri Chikka Muniyappa Reddy, a visionary educationalist and philanthropist who believed that every individual deserves an education. He dreamt of bringing quality education to the masses.

The Trust started the National Junior School (now CMR National Public School) in 1991. In its first year, the school had only six kindergarten students, who studied in a modest school building located in the CMR family orchard. The CMR National Public School is now a full-fledged CBSE School with a 1.5 acre campus that hosts 3500 students from Montessori / Kindergarten through Grade XII every year.

The CMR Jnanadhara Trust continues to support and manage the growth of its educational institutions. Today, the CMR Group is a unique educational conglomerate of 20 institutions, 60 academic departments, more than 18,000 students including international students from 58 countries, and over 900 faculty members. CMR has also partnered with the National Education Trust to found the NPS International School on a lush 6-acre campus in Singapore. Academic programmes are varied and cover more than 50 areas of study including engineering, education, law, management, media studies, biosciences, business administration, psychology, paramedical and nursing at the undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels.

The CMR logo is rooted in Indian tradition, yet rendered in the contemporary form of the Hamsa, the Swan. The swan is the carrier of Goddess Saraswathi – the Goddess of Learning.

It is said that the Swan with its sensitive beak has the power of discrimination-an ability to distinguish pure milk from a mixture of milk and water. The swan thus symbolizes discrimination between right and wrong, good and evil or the eternal and the transient. This ability of the Swan to acquire and apply knowledge in a discerning manner, for the overall good of mankind, appropriately embodies the vision of the CMR Group.