

**P.S.KAMAT MEMORIAL  
Fifth District Level Inter-Collegiate  
Debate Competition 2015-2016**

(sponsored by Kruger Foundation for Child Aid, Karwar, and  
Shri Devadatt Kamat, Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi)



Topic: **WORLD PEACE IS AN ACHIEVABLE REALITY AND NOT AN ILLUSION**

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**A REPORT**

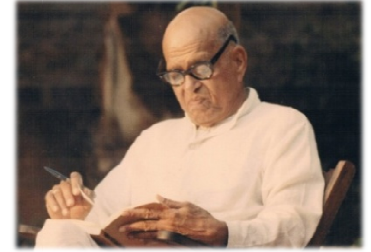


**Kanara Welfare Trust**, pioneer Institution of Uttar Kannada District has been working for the cause of education and social upliftment for the last six decades. Its main concern has been the emancipation of the poor and downtrodden people of the district.

As a part of the campaign for alerting the youths to the social, economic and political problems of our country and for developing leadership quality among them, Inter-Collegiate Debate Competitions and Lecture Series are being organized on an annual basis.

***Devadatt Kamat is co-sponsoring this District Level Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition along with Kruger Foundation for Child Aid, in memory of his grandfather, Late P.S.Kamat.***

**Late P.S.Kamat** shared the vision of KWT's founder, Dr. Dinkar Desai and was associated with Divekar College of Commerce and the Trust. He was a Gandhian and actively participated in the freedom struggle losing his Law *Sanad* which was restored later under Gandhi-Irwin Pact. He was an eminent Sanskrit scholar, freedom fighter, a legal luminary and an inspiring orator. He was an educationist who headed the Academy of General Education which established the first full-fledged College in Karwar which is presently known as Govt. Arts & Science College. He worked for the unification of the then Mysore State, subsequently named Karnataka State. He was Member of Legislative Council in Bombay Province between 1951 and 1957.



An attempt is made to realize his dreams of making the youth better leaders and creative personalities by organizing a District Level Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition open to students of all Pre-University and Degree Colleges, Technical Institutions and Engineering Colleges of Uttar Kannada.

**Kruger Foundation for Child Aid**, based in Karwar, on the West Coast of India, envisages a role for itself in helping children in distress and need. The role of the Foundation transcends beyond the help to the children and encompasses several other activities aimed at bringing a positive change in the social structure of the society. The areas such as health care, education, village sanitation, village restructuring, supporting people in distress in general and the young children in particular are the focused targets of the Foundation.



**Devadatt Kamat** is a fourth generation lawyer, practicing in the Supreme Court of India. He has recently been elevated to the position of Additional Advocate General of Karnataka representing the state in the Supreme Court. He has a deeper interest in philanthropic initiatives and actively participates in the programmes aimed at poverty alleviation, rural health, youth empowerment, education for the children from backward classes & areas and the like.



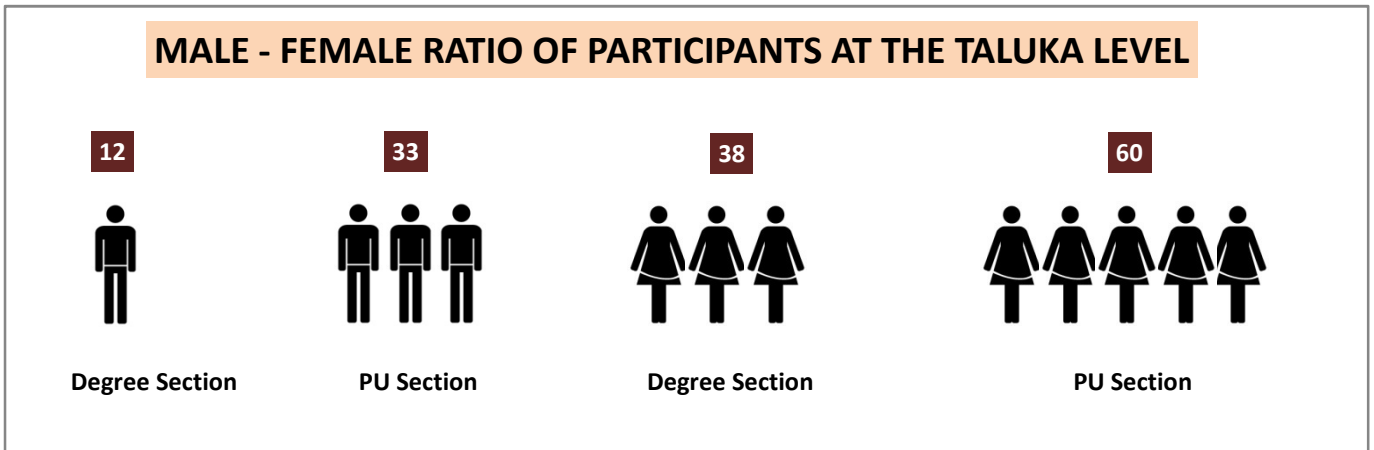
The event was organized jointly by Kanara Welfare Trust and Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar. Around 162 colleges [50 Degree Colleges, 87 PU Colleges and 25 other Colleges] across the district were invited to participate in the competition. The competition was conducted at 3 stages – College Level, Taluka Level & District Level. More than 600 students from around 75 colleges participated in the first round. The following were the Taluka Level Centres.

<b>Ankola</b>	<b>KWT’s Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola</b>
<b>Bhatkal</b>	<b>KWT’s Janata Vidyalaya, Shirali</b>
<b>Haliyal &amp; Joida</b>	<b>KWT’s Janata Vidyalaya, Dandeli</b>
<b>Honnavar</b>	<b>S.D.M. College, Honnavar</b>
<b>Karwar</b>	<b>KWT’s Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar</b>
<b>Kumta</b>	<b>Saraswati PU College, Vidyagiri, Kalbag, Kumta</b>
<b>Siddapur</b>	<b>M.G.C. College, Siddapur</b>
<b>Sirsi</b>	<b>M.E.S. Commerce College, Sirsi</b>
<b>Yellapur &amp; Mundgod</b>	<b>Y.T.S.S. Junior College, Yellapur</b>

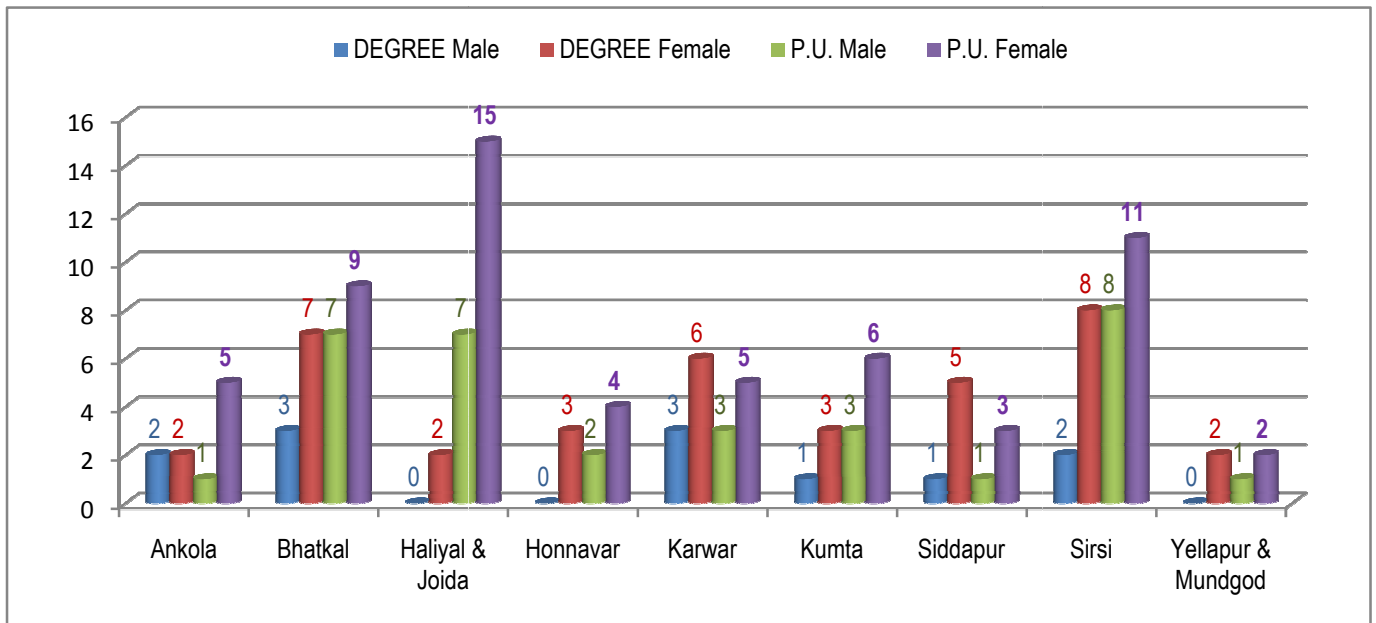
### TALUKA LEVEL STATISTICS

CENTRE	PARTICIPATION		COLLEGE LEVEL WINNERS			
	STUDENTS	COLLEGES	DEGREE		P.U.	
			Male	Female	Male	Female
Ankola	10	5	2	2	1	5
Bhatkal	26	13	3	7	7	9
Haliyal & Joida	24	12	-	2	7	15
Honnavar	9	5	-	3	2	4
Karwar	17	9	3	6	3	5
Kumta	13	7	1	3	3	6
Siddapur	10	6	1	5	1	3
Sirsi	29	15	2	8	8	11
Yellapur & Mundgod	5	3	-	2	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>60</b>

<b>Participation</b>	<b>Total Male – 45</b>	<b>Total Degree students – 50</b>
	<b>Total Female – 98</b>	<b>Total PU students – 93</b>

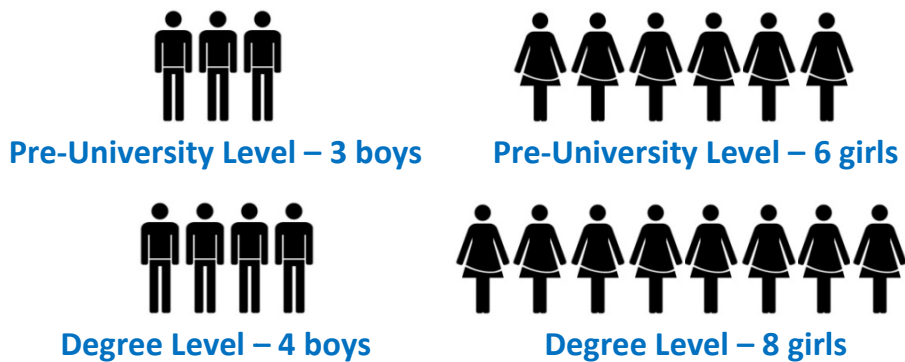


## GRAPH OF WINNERS AT THE TALUKA LEVEL



As was the trend in the earlier events, in the initial stages girl participants outnumbered boys in the ratio 2:1. Out of 143 students who participated at the taluka level, 98 were girls and 45 were boys. After the taluka level competitions were conducted, the male/female ratio of finalists who made it to the district level changed in favour of girls again. Out of 21 candidates selected for the final event, 14 were girls and 7 were boys.

## MALE - FEMALE RATIO OF FINALISTS AT THE TALUKA LEVEL
























**7 boys + 14 girls = 21 participants at the District Level**

With two-thirds of the participants being girls, the district level event has been scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar.

The final event is spread over two days. The first day will see the finalists at the taluka level competing for the top 6 slots. The final competition will be held on the next day.

## WINNERS AT THE TALUKA LEVEL

Centre	Winners / Class / College	Photo
<b>Ankola</b>	<b>Ms. Vinanti S Naik</b> BSc II G.C.Degree College, Ankola	
	<b>Mr. Vijay M Shenvi</b> PU I Sci G.C.PU College, Ankola	
<b>Bhatkal</b>	<b>Ms. Gouri K Balse</b> BE I Anjuman Engineering College, Bhatkal	
	<b>Ms. Sabeera Suweba Mohd. Saleem Tamburi</b> PU I Sci Anjuman Women's PU College, Bhatkal	
	<b>Mr. Anoop Acharya</b> BCom III Guru Sudheendra College, Bhatkal	
<b>Haliyal &amp; Joida</b>	<b>Ms. Afreen M Thahashildar</b> BSc III Bangurnagar College, Dandeli	
	<b>Ms. Aishwarya B Naik</b> PU II Sci Bangurnagar College, Dandeli	
	<b>Ms. Rachana N Patil</b> PU I Com Bangurnagar College, Dandeli	
<b>Honnavar</b>	<b>Ms. Vidya G Bhat</b> BSc II SDM Degree College, Honnavar	
	<b>Ms. Rama N Naik</b> PU II Sci SDM PU College, Honnavar	

<b>Karwar</b>	<b>Ms. Kshama Hegde</b> BCom III Divekar College, Karwar	
	<b>Ms. Ganapati M Hegde</b> BCom III Govt. Arts & Science College, Karwar	
<b>Kumta</b>	<b>Mr. Chinmay R Nayak</b> PU I Sci Saraswati PU College, Kumta	
	<b>Mr. Shreeganesh Hegde</b> BSc II Dr. A.V.Baliga College, Kumta	
<b>Siddapur</b>	<b>Ms. Rashmi S Devadiga</b> BSc III MGC College, Siddapur	
	<b>Mr. Shivaram R Bhat</b> BCom I Govt. First Grade College, Siddapur	
<b>Sirsi</b>	<b>Ms. Bhagya N Bhat</b> BBA I Govt. First Grade College, Sirsi	
	<b>Mr. Parashar R Hegde</b> BCom II MES College of Commerce, Sirsi	
	<b>Ms. Vijeta Bhat</b> PU I Sci MES Chaitanya PU College, Sirsi	
<b>Yellapur &amp; Mundgod</b>	<b>Ms. Shruti Hegde</b> PU II Sci YTSS PU College, Yellapur	
	<b>Mr. Anup Kotharkar</b> PU II Sci YTSS PU College, Yellapur	

## P.S.KAMAT MEMORIAL FIFTH DISTRICT LEVEL INTER - COLLEGIATE DEBATE COMPETITION

P.S.Kamat Memorial Fifth District Level Inter - Collegiate Debate Competition was held at **KWT's Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar**, on **13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016**.

All 21 taluka level winners participated in the competition. The preliminary competition to select the best six finalists among all the 21 winners from the taluka level was held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

### DAY ONE - 13 FEBRUARY 2016

The following dignitaries were present on the dais.

- **Shri S.P.Kamat**, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Shri Muralidhar Prabhu**, *Industrialist and President, Konkan Education Society, Kumta*
- **Shri Devadatt Kamat**, *Advocate, Supreme Court. New Delhi*
- **Shri K.V.Shetti**, *Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Dr. M.H.Naik**, *Principal, Divekar College of Commerce & P.G. (M.Com) Centre, Karwar*
- **Dr. Keshav K.G.**, *Project Coordinator, P.S.Kamat Memorial Debate Competition*

The inauguration ceremony commenced with an invocation by the students of Dinkar Kalaniketan, Karwar. **Dr. M.H.Naik**, *Principal, Divekar College of Commerce*, welcomed the dignitaries and the audience.



**Shri Muralidhar Prabhu**, *Industrialist and President, Konkan Education Society, Kumta*, the chief guest at the event, inaugurated the first day's program by lighting the traditional lamp. In his inaugural speech, he commended the youth-centered activities being conducted by the Kanara Welfare Trust for the empowerment of students of the district. He appreciated the involvement of

**Shri Devadatt Kamat**, *Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi*, in the numerous projects being undertaken for the social good. In this age of digital technology, it has become very easy to obtain information from various media. Also, the amount of information accessible now has been growing and multiplying at a rapid rate. The students of this generation are fortunate that they have access to technology and media to harness this ocean of information. However, it is imperative that the information be converted to knowledge and in turn the knowledge should lead to wisdom. This should be the ultimate goal of the knowledge seeker.

**Dr. Keshav K.G.**, *Project Coordinator, P.S.Kamat Memorial Debate Competition*, elaborated on the levels conducted so far and explained the rules of the debate to the participants.

The debate competition commenced with all 21 participants speaking either for the proposition or against the proposition, based on lots which were drawn one hour prior to the competition. The order of speaking was decided as per the code numbers given to the participants.



**Shri Arunachal Hegde**, *Advocate, Sirsi*, **Shri G U Bhat**, *Journalist, Honnavar*, and **Prof. Prajna Mattihalli**, *Govt. First Grade College, Dharwad*, were the three judges of the debate competition. Based on the overall performance assessment of the 21 participants, the judges selected the best six speakers. Entire process of consolidation of marks and declaration of results were done by the judges themselves. Each of the judges made their observations and announced the results. The best six debaters selected were;

Sl.	Name of the Student	Name of the Institution
01	<b>Ms. Bhagya N Bhat</b>	Govt. First Grade College, Sirsi
02	<b>Ms. Vinanti S Naik</b>	G.C.Degree College, Ankola
03	<b>Mr. Parashar R Hegde</b>	MES College of Commerce, Sirsi
04	<b>Ms. Vijeta Bhat</b>	MES Chaitanya PU College, Sirsi
05	<b>Ms. Sabeera Suweba Mohd. Saleem Tamburi</b>	Anjuman Women's PU College, Bhatkal
06	<b>Ms. Shruti Hegde</b>	YTSS PU College, Yellapur



**Shri K.V.Shetti**, *Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust, Ankola*, proposed vote of thanks. **Prof. Mohan V. Bhat**, *Divekar College of Commerce*, anchored the programme. Snacks and tea were served to all after the competition. Outstation participants were provided with accommodation at Karwar. Refreshments and meals were also arranged for them.



## DAY TWO - 14 FEBRUARY 2016

The final competition for the six finalists was held on February 14, 2016. The following dignitaries were present on the dais.

- **Shri S.P.Kamat**, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Mr. Christian Kruger**, *Chairman, Krüger Holding AG and Krüger & Co. AG., Switzerland*
- **Ms. Lee Jihyun Julianne**, *Founder & CEO of JulianneLee & Co., South Korea*
- **Shri Devadatt Kamat**, *Advocate, Supreme Court. New Delhi*
- **Shri K.V.Shetti**, *Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Dr. M.H.Naik**, *Principal, Divekar College of Commerce & P.G. (M.Com) Centre, Karwar*
- **Dr. Keshav K.G.**, *Project Coordinator, P.S.Kamat Memorial Debate Competition*

The inauguration ceremony commenced with an invocation by students of Dinkar Kalaniketan, Karwar. *Naada-Geete* was recited by the students of Divekar College. **Dr. M.H.Naik** welcomed the dignitaries and the audience. The students of the College introduced the dignitaries on the dais. Garlands and bouquets were offered to the guests and to the judges of the competition.



**Shri Devadatt Kamat**, *Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi*, who has sponsored the P.S.Kamat Memorial District Level Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition, spoke on 'Why this Event?' He stated that generating awareness of various issues in the country among the youth is the main purpose behind organizing this competition. More than 600 students participate every year in this competition at various levels. Along with them, their parents, teachers and friends are also exposed to the prevalent issues in the country which are raised in the debates. The youth should be able to form their opinions and communicate the same to others which will surely help in nation building.

The event formally commenced with the lighting the lamp by the dignitaries - **Ms. Lee Jihyun Julianne**, *Founder & CEO of JulianneLee & Co., South Korea*, **Mr. Christian Kruger**, *Chairman, Krüger Holding AG and Krüger & Co. AG., Switzerland* and others on the dais.

The final level of the debate commenced with six competitors speaking for and against the proposition.



**Mr. Christian Kruger, Chairman, Krüger Holding AG and Krüger & Co. AG., Switzerland,** spoke on this occasion. Asking the audience to close their eyes for two minutes, he asked them later whether the thoughts they had during that period were pleasant or turbulent. Peace should come from within; we don't have to search for it elsewhere. Indian values and culture have

enriched the entire world. The epics, *Vedas, Upanishads, Yoga* and sermons of sages throughout the history of India have stressed the need to cultivate oneness and inner peace. India can play a greater role in guiding other countries to maintain peace and harmony.



**Shri S.P. Kamat, Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust,** delivered the presidential address. He congratulated all the participants of the competition for presenting their views so eloquently. Recalling the words of the chief guest of the previous day - Shri Muralidhar Prabhu, he said that improving one's knowledge is the key factor towards gaining wisdom. Organizing such events and exposing the students of this district to new ideas is a step towards this direction. He informed the participants that

**Shri Madhav Kamat, MD of Electronic Automation Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore,** has been sponsoring special incentive prizes for all the finalists. This year also, each of the debating candidates will get a thousand books on various topics loaded in a brand new Tablet PC. He asked the recipients to make judicious use of the gift presented by EAPL Ltd.

**Dr. V P Hegdekatte, Cardiologist, Karwar, Shri Aniruddh Haldipurkar, Advocate, Karwar,** and **Shri Vinayak M Bhat, Engineer, Zilla Panchayat, Sirsi,** were the three judges for the final competition. They made observations on the overall performance of the participants and announced the final results.






The taluka level cash prizes of Rs.2000/- to all the Taluka level finalists along with a certificate and complimentary gift were given to the participants by **Ms. Lee Jihyun Julianne.** The special gift of a Tablet PC to each participant was sponsored by **Shri Madhav Kamat, Managing Director, EAPL Group, Bangalore.**

This was followed by the most interesting part of the event - announcement of the names of the prize winners at this district level competition & distribution of prizes. 90% of the first, second and third prizes would go to the individual winner and 10% shall be for the concerned College. The prizes were distributed by the dignitaries.



**FINAL WINNERS OF THE INTER-COLLEGIATE DEBATE COMPETITION**

First Prize of Rs.50,000/-	Second Prize of Rs.30,000/-	Third Prize of Rs.20,000/-
 <p><b>Ms. Bhagya N Bhat</b> Govt. First Grade College, Sirsi</p>	 <p><b>Ms. Vinanti S Naik</b> G.C.Degree College, Ankola</p>	 <p><b>Mr. Parashar R Hegde</b> MES College of Commerce, Sirsi</p>

3 Consolation Prizes of Rs.5,000/- each		
 <p><b>Ms. Vijeta Bhat</b> MES Chaitanya PU College, Sirsi</p>	 <p><b>Ms. Sabeera Suweba Tamburi</b> Anjuman PU College, Bhatkal</p>	 <p><b>Ms. Shruti Hegde</b> YTSS PU College, Yellapur</p>

At the conclusion of the program, mementoes were given to each of the guests and judges. Vote of thanks was proposed by **Dr. Keshav K G, Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar**. Master of Ceremony was **Prof. Mohan V Bhat**. The National Anthem was sung respectfully at the closure of the program. A sumptuous lunch was arranged for all after the event.