

P.S.KAMAT MEMORIAL Seventh District Level Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition 2017-2018

(sponsored by Shri Devadatt Kamat, Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi)



Topic: DEMONETIZATION HELPED TO CURB THE BLACK MONEY

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A REPORT

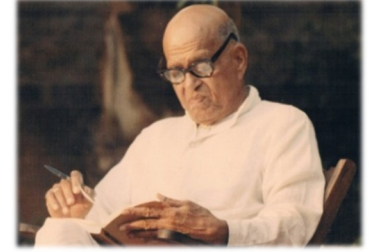


Kanara Welfare Trust, pioneer Institution of Uttar Kannada District has been working for the cause of education and social upliftment since the last six decades. Its main concern has been the emancipation of the poor and downtrodden people of the district.

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 has been sponsoring this District Level Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition 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.

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.



He has instituted this debate competition in 2011-2012 and since then many competitions have been conducted over the years by Kanara Welfare Trust and its flagship Colleges. The main aim is to make the youth and people of the region aware of the prevailing social, economic and political issues of the country.

P.S.KAMAT MEMORIAL DEBATE COMPETITION OVER THE YEARS

Year & Date	Topic for the Annual Debate	Place of Final Event	Chief Guests at the Main Event
18th Feb. 2012	The Proposed Anti-Corruption Laws / Enactments will Eliminate Corruption in India	Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar	Shri Vivek Tankha, Additional Solicitor General of India, New Delhi
8th & 9th Jan. 2013	Indian Parliamentary Democracy is a Success Story	Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola	Prof. G.V.Bhat, Trustee, Kanara Welfare Trust
4th & 5th Jan. 2014	Indian Culture and Law have ensured Liberty, Equality, Safety and Dignity of Women	Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar	Smt. Indira Jaising, Additional Solicitor General of India, New Delhi
23rd & 24th Jan. 2015	In the present context in India, Reservation in Education and Employment requires to be done away with	Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola	H.E. Mr. Idriss Raoua OUEDRAOGO, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Burkina Faso, Burkinese Embassy, New Delhi
13th & 14th Feb. 2016	World Peace is an achievable reality and not an illusion	Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar	Mr. Christian Kruger, Chairman, Krüger Holding AG and Krüger & Co. AG., Switzerland Ms. Lee Jihyun Julianne, Founder & CEO of JulianneLee & Co., South Korea
27th & 28th Jan. 2017	Solution to Kashmir problem lies in integrating POK [Pakistan Occupied Kashmir] with rest of India	Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola	Shri Maneesh Chhibber, Chief of Bureau & Legal Editor, The Indian Express, New Delhi
1st & 2nd Dec. 2017	Demonetization helped to curb the black money	Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar	Shri Prashant Bhushan Renowned Lawyer & Social Activist New Delhi

The present event is organized jointly by Kanara Welfare Trust and Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar. Around 164 colleges [52 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 800 students from around 90 colleges participated in the first round.

The following were the Taluka Level Centres.

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

TALUKA LEVEL STATISTICS

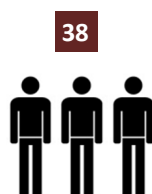
CENTRE	PARTICIPATION		COLLEGE LEVEL WINNERS			
	STUDENTS	COLLEGES	DEGREE		P.U.	
			Male	Female	Male	Female
Ankola	12	06	--	01	--	01
Bhatkal	25	16	--	--	02	01
Haliyal & Joida	25	13	--	02	--	01
Honnavar	14	07	01	01	--	--
Karwar	23	13	01	01	01	--
Kumta	15	09	--	--	01	01
Siddapur	13	08	02	--	--	--
Sirsi	23	13	01	02	--	--
Yellapur & Mundgod	10	05	--	01	--	01
TOTAL	160	90	05	08	04	05

Participation	Total Male – 09	Total Degree students – 13
	Total Female – 13	Total PU students – 09

MALE - FEMALE RATIO OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE TALUKA LEVEL



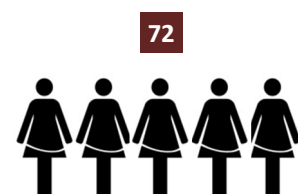
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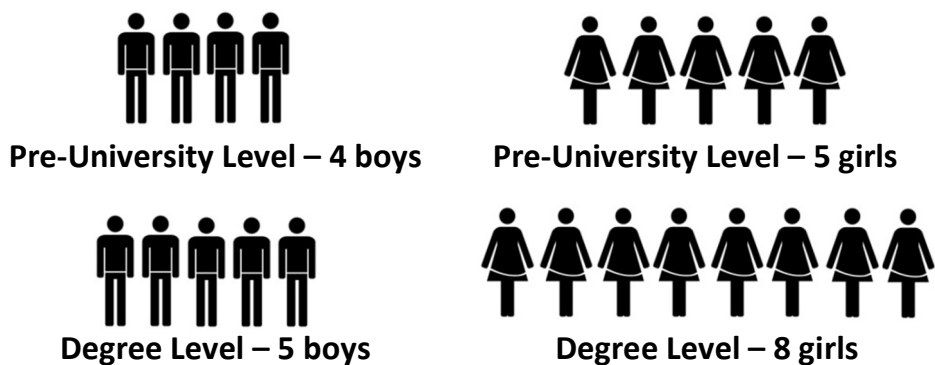
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PU Section






As was the trend in the earlier events, in the initial stages, girl participants outnumbered boys. Out of 160 students who participated at the taluka level, 103 were girls and 57 were boys. After the taluka level competitions were conducted, the male / female ratio of finalists who made it to the district level was in favour of girls again. Out of 22 candidates selected for the final event, 13 are girls and 9 are boys.











MALE - FEMALE RATIO OF FINALISTS AT THE TALUKA LEVEL










9 boys + 13 girls = 22 participants at the District Level

WINNERS AT THE TALUKA LEVEL

Centre	Winners / Class / College	Photo
Ankola	Ms. Ranjita Ramesh Nayak PU II Sci Gokhale Centenary PU College, Ankola	
	Ms. Vinanti Naik BSc III Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola	
Bhatkal	Mr. Prajwal P Naik PU II Sci RNS PU College, Murdeshwar	
	Ms. Aysha Patel Anjuman College for Women, Bhatkal	
	Mr. Bharath Hegde III yr. Diploma RNS Rural Polytechnic, Murdeshwar	

Haliyal & Joida	Ms. Rifath Dawood Khadar V Semester V R Deshpande Memorial Engineering College, Haliyal	
	Ms. Farath Dawood Khadar V Semester V R Deshpande Memorial Engineering College, Haliyal	
	Ms. Tasmiya Abdulsamad Zunjwad PU II Arts Tauheed PU College, Dandeli	
Honnavar	Mr. Nitesh Suresh Hegde BCom III SDM Degree College, Honnavar	
	Ms. Rama Narayan Naik BSc III Govt. First Grade College, Honnavar	
Karwar	Mr. Abhishek Kalas BSc I Govt. Arts & Science College, Karwar	
	Mr. Shivam Naik PU II Sci Govt. PU College, Karwar	
	Ms. Sahana Suresh Gaonkar BCom II Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar	
Kumta	Mr. Shrivar N Nayak PU I Govt. PU College, Hiregutti	
	Ms. Sneha S Dixit PU I Hanumant Benne Govt. PU College, Nellikeri, Kumta	

Siddapur	Mr. Shivaram R Bhat BCom III Govt. First Grade College, Siddapur	
	Mr. Sharat J Gouda BCom I MGC Arts, Commerce & GHD Science College, Siddapur	
Sirsi	Ms. Bhagya N Bhat BBA III Govt. First Grade College, Sirsi	
	Ms. Sahana Hegde BCom III MES Commerce College, Sirsi	
	Mr. Ajit S Nadig BCom III MES Commerce College, Sirsi	
Yellapur & Mundgod	Ms. Aishwarya Acharya PU II Sci YTSS PU College, Yellapur	
	Ms. Jyothi Nandi BCom III Govt. First Grade College, Yellapur	

The district level final event was held on 1st and 2nd December 2017 at Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar.

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

The chief guest for the first day was Shri **Gangadhar Hiregutti** who is the founder-editor of 'Karavali Munjavu', a daily newspaper, mainly covering Uttar Kannada district of Karnataka.

The chief guest for the main event was Shri **Prashant Bhushan**, who is a well-known lawyer and social activist from New Delhi.

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

P.S.Kamat Memorial Seventh District Level Inter - Collegiate Debate Competition was held at **KWT's Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar**, on **1st & 2nd December 2017**.

21 taluka level winners participated in the competition. The preliminary competition to select the best six finalists among all the 21 participants from the taluka level was held on 1st December 2017.

DAY ONE - 01 DECEMBER 2017

The following dignitaries were present on the dais.

- **Shri S P Kamat**, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Shri Gangadhar Hiregutti**, *Founder-Editor, Karavali Munjavu newspaper, Karwar*
- **Shri K V Shetti**, *Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Dr. B H Nayak**, *Principal, Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar*
- **Dr. Keshav K G**, *Project Coordinator, P.S.Kamat Memorial Seventh Debate Competition*

The inauguration ceremony commenced with an invocation by **Ms. Vinuta Ambekar**, student of Dinkar Kalaniketan, Karwar. **Dr. B H Nayak**, *Principal, Gokhale Centenary College*, welcomed the dignitaries and the audience.



Shri Gangadhar Hiregutti, *Founder-Editor, Karavali Munjavu newspaper, Karwar*, the chief guest at the event, inaugurated the first day's program by lighting the traditional lamp. In his inaugural speech, he called upon the youths to involve in nation building activities and urged them to inculcate good habits. He congratulated the taluka level winners and wished them good luck in the final competition.

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 and also introduced the Chief Guest and three Judges.

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.



Dr. Heggannavar, Department of Political Science, KLE’s SVS Bellubbe College, Soudatti, **Dr. S V Hegadal**, HOD in Commerce, CSI College, Dharwad, and **Dr. Stany Pinto**, Principal, St. Joseph PU College, Karwar, 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	Mr. Ajit S Nadig	MES Commerce College, Sirsi
02	Ms. Bhagya N Bhat	Govt. First Grade College, Sirsi
03	Ms. Sahana Hegde	MES Commerce College, Sirsi
04	Mr. Shivaram R Bhat	Govt. First Grade College, Siddapur
05	Mr. Shrivar N Nayak	Govt. PU College, Hiregutti
06	Ms. Vinanti Naik	Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola



In his presidential remarks, **KWT Chairman Shri S P Kamat** explained the importance of conducting this mega debate competition. He stated that this competition is organized as a campaign for alerting the youth to the social, economic and political problems of our country and for developing leadership quality among them.

Shri K V Shetti, *Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust*, proposed vote of thanks. **Prof. S N Dafedar**, *Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar*, anchored the program. Outstation participants were provided with accommodation at Karwar. There was again a draw of lots for the six finalists who were to present their views on the subject on the next day.

DAY TWO - 02 DECEMBER 2017

The final competition for the six finalists was held on December 02, 2017. The following dignitaries were present on the dais.

- **Shri S P Kamat**, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Shri Prashant Bhushan**, *Renowned Lawyer and Social Activist, New Delhi*
- **Shri Devadatt Kamat**, *Advocate, Supreme Court. New Delhi*
- **Shri K V Shetti**, *Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Dr. B H Nayak**, *Principal, Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar*
- **Dr. Keshav K G**, *Project Coordinator, P.S.Kamat Memorial Seventh Debate Competition*

The inauguration ceremony commenced with an invocation by **Smt. Bharati Hegde**, Asst. Teacher, Janata Vidyalaya, Mirjan-Kodkani. **Dr. B H Nayak**, *Principal, Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar*, welcomed the dignitaries and the audience. Garlands and bouquets were offered to the guests and the judges of the competition.

The event formally commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries on the dais.



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

Shri Prashant Bhushan, *Renowned Lawyer and Social Activist, New Delhi*, spoke on this occasion. The Senior Lawyer expressed his concern regarding environmental problems which are being created in the name of development. He stressed the need for revamping of our education system. He stated that the entire system in the country should be overhauled to keep it corruption free and people friendly. He also called on the Government to be more transparent and to be pro-farmers.



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. He mentioned that the competition was being held in the memory of Late P S Kamat, Gandhian and actively participated in the freedom struggle losing his Law Sanad which was restored later under Gandhi-Irwin Pact. He said that the competition was a small, but sincere attempt to realize the dreams of the Late P S Kamat of making the youth better leader and responsible and creative personalities.



Dr. Hemanth Kamat, Medical Practitioner (Cardologist), Karwar, Shri Deepak Kumar Shenoy, Reporter, Times of India, Karwar, and Shri Nagaraj Nayak, Advocate, Karwar, 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 the dignitaries. The special incentive gift pack consisting of a Casio Scientific Calculator, a Parker pen-set and a 32 GB Sandisk pen-drive sponsored by **Electronic Automation Pvt. Ltd. [EAPL] Group, Bangalore**, was presented to each participant.

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 shared with their concerned College. The prizes were distributed by the dignitaries.



FINAL WINNERS OF THE INTER-COLLEGIATE DEBATE COMPETITION

First Prize of Rs.50,000/-



Mr. Shrivar N Nayak
Govt. PU College, Hiregutti

Second Prize of Rs.30,000/-



Ms. Sahana Hegde
MES Commerce College, Sirsi

Third Prize of Rs.20,000/-



Mr. Shivaram R Bhat
Govt. College, Siddapur

3 Consolation Prizes of Rs.5,000/- each



Ms. Bhagya N Bhat
Govt. First Grade College, Sirsi



Ms. Vinanti Naik
G. C. College, Ankola



Mr. Ajit S Nadig
MES Commerce College, Sirsi

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**. The program was anchored by **Prof. S N Dafedar**. The National Anthem was recited respectfully at the closure of the program. Breakfast and lunch was arranged on both days of the event.