

**P.S.KAMAT MEMORIAL
Fourth District Level Inter-Collegiate
Debate Competition 2014-2015**

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



Topic: **In the present context in India, Reservation in Education and Employment requires to be done away with**

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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.

Shri Devadatt Kamat, Advocate, Supreme Court, and son of **Shri S.P.Kamat**, the present Chairman of Kanara Welfare Trust, is 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 headed the District Congress Committee and was responsible for getting all the Congress candidates elected in Uttar Kannada District in the first general elections. 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 hails from Karwar in Uttar Kannada District, Karnataka, and is a fourth generation lawyer, practicing in the Supreme Court of India. His father, S.P.Kamat is a senior advocate practicing at Karwar & actively involved in running more than 50 educational & social Institutions in Uttar Kannada District. Devadatt Kamat has inherited the legacy of his grandfather and father and is actively involved in creating a new social awareness in the Uttar



Kannada District through several social projects benefitting the people of Uttar Kannada – mainly those who are backward - economically and socially. In his legal career, he was involved in defending the Govt. reservation policy before the Supreme Court. He also actively worked and participated in defending the Govt. initiative in introducing the Right to Education Act, in the Supreme Court. His interest in the development of Uttar Kannada District so also the interest in upholding the rights of the lesser privileged people is abiding and deeply rooted. His deeper interest in philanthropic initiatives have prompted him to participate in various programmes aimed at poverty alleviation, rural health, youth empowerment, education for the children from backward classes & areas and the like.

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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 85 colleges participated in the first round.

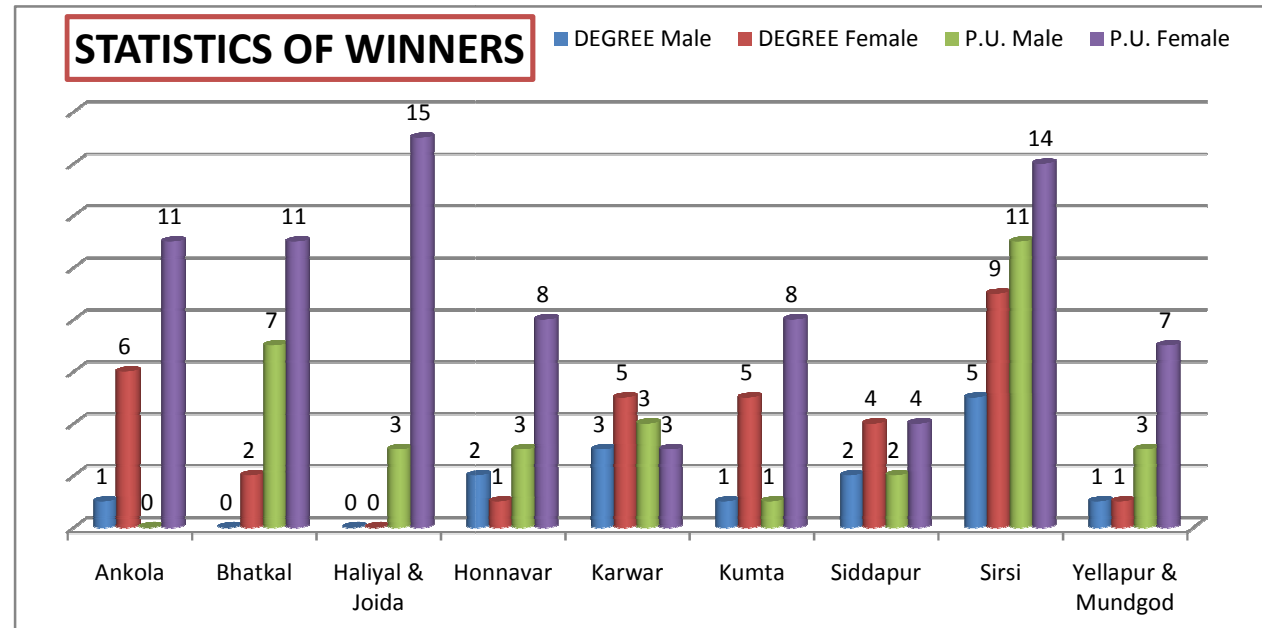
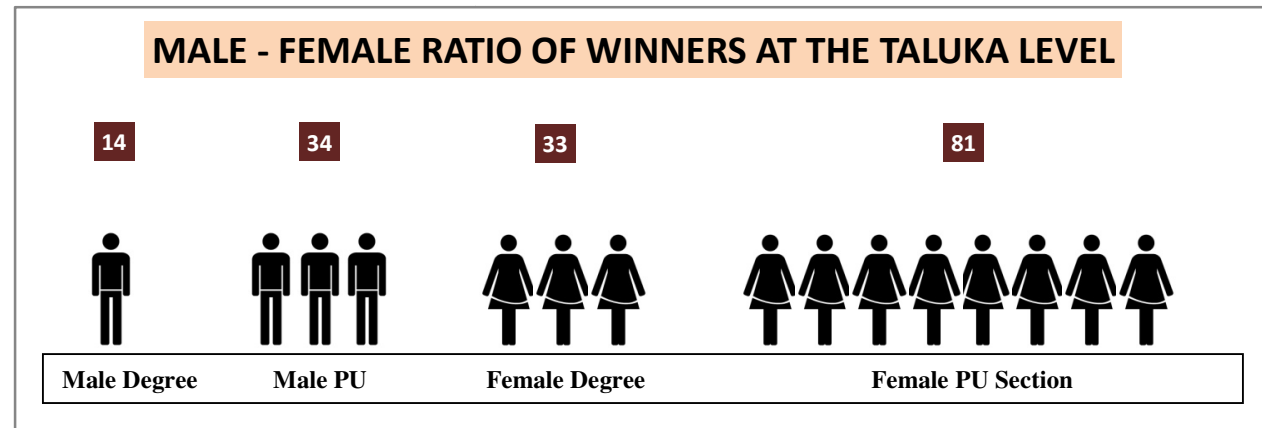
The following were the Taluka Level Centres.

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. Arts & Science 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	18	10	01	06	-	11
Bhatkal	20	10	-	02	07	11
Haliyal & Joida	18	09	-	-	03	15
Honnavar	14	07	02	01	03	08
Karwar	14	08	03	05	03	03
Kumta	15	08	01	05	01	08
Siddapur	12	06	02	04	02	04
Sirsi	39	20	05	09	11	14
Yellapur & Mundgod	12	07	01	01	03	07
TOTAL	162	85	15	33	33	81

Participation	Total Male – 48 Total Female – 114	Total Degree students – 48 Total PU students – 114
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WINNERS AT THE TALUKA LEVEL

Centre	Winners	Class	Name of the College
Ankola	Ms. Vinanti S Naik	PU II Sci	G.C.P.U.College, Ankola
	Ms. Sinchana R Nayak	PU II Sci	G.C.P.U.College, Ankola
Bhatkal	Ms. Rabia Abdul Razak Ruknuddin	PU	Anjuman Women's PU College, Bhatkal
	Ms. Aysha Syed Iqbal	PU	Anjuman Women's PU College, Bhatkal
Haliyal & Joida	Ms. Farath Dawood Khadar	PU II Sci	Bangurnagar PU College, Dandeli
	Ms. Rifath Dawood Khadar	PU II Sci	Bangurnagar PU College, Dandeli
Honnavar	Ms. Rama N Naik	PU I Sci	SDM PU College, Honnavar
	Ms. Jyoti G Naik	PU I Sci	Govt. PU College, Allanki
Karwar	Mr. Sajid Ahmad Dafedar	PU II Sci	Govt. PU College, Karwar
	Mr. Irol Furtado	PU II Sci	Govt. PU College, Karwar
Kumta	Mr. Shridhar N Hegde	PU I Sci	Saraswati PU College, Kumta
	Mr. N V Subrahmanya	BCom II	Dr.AVB Commerce College, Kumta
Siddapur	Ms. Rashmi Devadiga	BSc II	MGC College, Siddapur
	Mr. Puneet C Goudar	BCom III	MGC College, Siddapur
Sirsi	Ms. Ashwini M Bhat	BSc III	M.M. Arts & Sci College, Sirsi
	Ms. Bhagya N Bhat	PU II Com	Sridevi Jr. College, Hulekal, Sirsi
	Mr. Parashar R Hegde	BCom I	MES Commerce College, Sirsi
	Mr. Nandan S Bhat	PU I Sci	Govt. Marikamba PU College, Sirsi
Yellapur & Mundgod	Ms. Shruti Hegde	PU I Sci	YTSS PU College, Yellapur
	Ms. Jyothi Nandi	PU II Com	Govt. PU College, Yellapur

WINNERS AT THE TALUKA LEVEL

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Ms. Vinanti S Naik

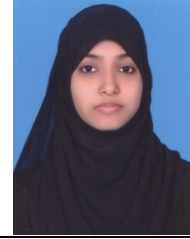


Ms. Sinchana R Nayak

BHATKAL



Ms. Rabia Ruknuddin



Ms. Aysha Syed Iqbal

HALIYAL & JOIDA



Ms. Farath Khadar



Ms. Rifath Khadar

HONNAVAR



Ms. Rama N Naik



Ms. Jyoti G Naik

KARWAR



Mr. Sajid Ahmad Dafedar



Mr. Irol Furtado

KUMTA



Mr. Shridhar N Hegde



Mr. N V Subrahmanya

SIDDAPUR



Ms. Rashmi Devadiga



Mr. Puneet C Goudar

YELLAPUR



Ms. Shruti Hegde



Ms. Jyothi Nandi

SIRSI



Ms. Ashwini M Bhat



Ms. Bhagya N Bhat



Mr. Parashar R Hegde



Mr. Nandan S Bhat

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

P.S.Kamat Memorial Fourth District Level Inter - Collegiate Debate Competition was held at KWT's Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola, on 23rd & 24th January 2015.

All 20 taluka level winners participated in the competition. The preliminary competition to select the best six finalists among all the 20 winners from the taluka level was held on 23rd January 2015.

DAY ONE - 23 JAN 2015

The following dignitaries were present on the dais.

- **Shri S.P.Kamat**, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Prof. M.P.Bhat**, *Retired Professor, Dept. of Sanskrit, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola*
- **Dr. B.H.Nayak**, *Principal, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola*
- **Dr. S.V.Vastrad**, *Project Coordinator, P.S.Kamat Memorial Debate Competition*

The inauguration ceremony commenced with an invocation by **Smt. Bharati Hegde**, *Asst. Teacher, Janata Vidyalaya, Mirjan-Kodkani*. **Dr. B.H.Nayak**, *Principal, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola*, welcomed the dignitaries and the audience.



Shri S.P.Kamat, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust*, and **Prof. M.P.Bhat**, *Retd. Professor, Dept. of Sanskrit, G.C.College, Ankola*, inaugurated the competition by lighting the lamp. In his inaugural address **Shri S.P.Kamat** highlighted the purpose of conducting the competition. **Dr. S.V.Vastrad**, *Coordinator of the Debate Competition*, elaborated on the levels conducted so far and explained the rules of the debate to the participants. **Prof. M.P.Bhat** delivered the presidential address.

The debate competition commenced with all 20 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.



20 contestants participating at the pre-final competition

Dr. V.D.Kerur, Retd. Principal, Kumta, Shri R.S.Hegde, Retd. Headmaster, Karwar, and Smt. Meenal Kiran Narvekar, Principal, KLE Society's Degree College, Ankola, were the three judges of the debate competition. Based on the overall performance assessment of the 20 participants, the judges selected the best six speakers. Entire process of consolidation of marks and declaration of results were done by the judges themselves. Dr. V.D.Kerur made the observations on behalf of judges and announced the results. The best six debaters selected were;

Sl. No.	Name of the Student	Name of the Institution
01	Ms. Ashwini M Bhat	M.M. Arts & Sci College, Sirsi
02	Ms. Bhagya N Bhat	Sridevi Jr. College, Hulekal, Sirsi
03	Mr. Nandan S Bhat	Govt. Marikamba PU College, Sirsi
04	Mr. Parashar R Hegde	MES Commerce College, Sirsi
05	Mr. Sajid Ahmad Dafedar	Govt. PU College, Karwar
06	Mr. Shridhar N Hegde	Saraswati PU College, Kumta

Prof. Rohini Nayak, Dept. of English, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola, proposed vote of thanks. Ms. Sahana & Ms. Vidya, students of the B.Sc. I year, anchored the programme. Snacks and tea were served to all after the competition. Outstation participants were provided with accommodation at Ankola. Refreshments and meals were also arranged for them.

The final competition for the six finalists was held on January 24, 2015. The following dignitaries were present on the dais.

- **H.E. Mr. Idriss Raoua OUEDRAOGO**, *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Burkina Faso, Burkinese Embassy, New Delhi*
- **Shri S.P.Kamat**, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Shri Devadatt Kamat**, *Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi*
- **Prof. G.V.Bhat**, *Trustee, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Dr. B.H.Nayak**, *Principal, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola*
- **Dr. S.V.Vastrad**, *Project Coordinator, P.S.Kamat Memorial Debate Competition*

The inauguration ceremony commenced with the invocation by **Miss Namrata Gaonkar**, *student of Gokhale Centenary College*. The event formally commenced with the lighting the lamp by the dignitaries. **Dr. B.H.Nayak** welcomed the dignitaries and the audience. **Dr. S.V.Vastrad**, 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. In his words - *"The issues concerning the nation have to be discussed and debated not only in Parliament, not in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha alone, but in every home, every school and college of India. The youth themselves should deliberate – what is the best way forward. With this intent in mind, we started this small debate endeavour. We have seen some excellent debates in the past. The students have really studied these topics, got into the depth of it, analysed it thread-bare and have presented it in a very lucid and crisp manner. This year we are discussing a very controversial topic, which unfortunately no politician wants to discuss and that is about the topic of Reservation. Both points of view are extremely strong, extremely sensitive. But time has come; and there are whispers from every corridor of the political parties that we need to take this to a different level. After sixty years of independence we need to give a fresh thought to this issue of reservation."*



H.E. Mr. Idriss Raoua OUEDRAOGO, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Burkina Faso, delivered the inaugural address.

“First of all, I would like to pay my homage to my Masters, our teachers and their families who are working day and night to feed us with knowledge and wisdom. My benevolent homage goes to Dr. Dinkar Desai who originally brought this vibrant environment by converting his thoughts into action and my friends here who took up his ideals to make the Trust what it is today.

I was very impressed by seeing how the youth of this part of Incredible India have been taking up the issues in the competition. I was not able to understand the language but their body language was very lively and self-explanatory. I must congratulate all of you for your achievement.

My friends, I come from a country called Burkina Faso, which means ‘land of honest people’. In my present position, I have got an opportunity to learn lots and lots from India. I always say, “Burkina is my Fatherland, India is my Motherland”. We are here in India to learn from you. We congratulate the achievements made by the people of India. We call the people of India our eldest brother. We need to join our hands together to move forward to form what we call an egalitarian society. The vision laid by your Trust is the appropriate way – which is education. We must move ahead through education to help all people without any discrimination. Before going to school, we should have the privilege of having access to schools. This is the major initiative taken by the Kanara Welfare Trust, which by way of opening schools has provided quality education to all without discrimination. To support and educate the underprivileged by giving them access to knowledge is the best help. I am impressed by Mr. Kamat and his family spreading this love of knowledge in different circles of the community. I must say that they are the real builders of the society. I will recall the words of Martin Luther King who said that, ‘we have to live together as brothers or perish together as fools’.

A great Himalayan saint, Swami Rama has said, “A human being is a citizen of two worlds, and he or she has to develop the ability to have access to both without any confusion. Clarity of mind comes if you have learned to direct your mind according to your desire and goal.” Today, youth need to be balanced citizens of these two worlds - that is to look inside, have the knowledge and potential to discover your true self and your goal of life, to gain the opportunity to express yourself in the service of humanity. Here I can say without any doubts that Dr. Dinkar Desai and all those who are promulgating this initiative today are the brilliant examples of ‘the citizens of these two worlds’. The founder and the people who are following in his steps have paved the way to move forward and have a society where people have equal opportunities in life. In my culture, there is a saying that - ‘our five fingers may not be of the same size but together they achieve a lot’. We have to find an appropriate way to work in perfect harmony.

Tracing the path from his humble origins, **H.E. Mr. Idriss Raoua OUEDRAOGO**, motivated the youth to be the architects of their own life and to respect their parents for the sacrifices they have made in bringing them up.

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 well. Addressing them, he said, *“I was stunned to listen to all of you. It was not just passion, not just vocabulary, not just oratory. The entire presentation was a combination of so many wonderful traits which indicates a wonderful blooming of talent and creative ideas. This makes me feel that India is emerging into that state of life where the youngsters are going to be the game changers.”*



Shri S.M.Pandit, *Senior Advocate, Karwar*, **Shri S.J.Kairanna**, *Retd. Principal, Honnavar*, and **Shri Krishnamurthy Hebbar**, *Journalist & Editor, Kumta*, were the three judges for the final competition. They also made the observations on the overall performance of the participants.

The taluka level cash prizes of Rs.2000/- to all the Taluka level finalists along with complimentary gifts were given to the participants by **Shri Devadatt Kamat**, *Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi*, who has sponsored this entire event. A special gift hamper to each participant was sponsored by **Shri Madhav Kamat**, *Managing Director, EAPL Group, Bangalore*. Each gift hamper contained a Titan watch, one 16 GB pen-drive, a copy of the Concise Oxford English Dictionary, 2 Books of poems & limericks by Dr. Dinkar Desai and one Parker Pen Set.



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/-



Mr. PARASHAR R HEGDE
MES Commerce College, Sirsi

Second Prize of Rs.30,000/-



Mr. NANDAN S BHAT
Marikamba PU College, Sirsi

Third Prize of Rs.20,000/-



Mr. SHRIDHAR N HEGDE
Saraswati PU College, Kumta

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



Mr. SAJID AHMAD DAFEDAR
Govt. PU College, Karwar



Ms. ASHWINI M BHAT
M.M. Arts & Sci College, Sirsi



Ms. BHAGYA N BHAT
Sridevi College, Hulekal, Sirsi

At the conclusion of the program, mementoes were given to each of the guests and the judges. Vote of thanks was proposed by **Dr. Venkataraya Shettigar**, *Dept. of Physics, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola*. Master of Ceremony was **Prof. Poornima Gaonkar**, *Assoc. Professor, G.C.College*. The National Anthem was sung respectfully at the closure of the program. A sumptuous lunch was arranged for all the participants and audience after the event.