

# **P.S.KAMAT MEMORIAL Third District Level Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition 2013-2014**

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



Topic: **Indian Culture and Law have ensured Liberty, Equality, Safety and Dignity of Women**

Jointly organized by



**Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar**

**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**, the sponsor of this event, 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.



The present debate competition was aimed at increasing the awareness about the need for ensuring liberty, equality, justice and dignity to all women on par with men. Women who constitute about half of the population of our country need to be encouraged and empowered in all possible way so that they



contribute to make India a great nation. The competition was meant for sensitizing the youths about the atrocities and heinous crimes committed against women; the ways and means to stop them and thereby make women equal and powerful partners in nation building.

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.

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>Dr. A.V.Baliga College of Arts &amp; Science, Kumta</b>
<b>Siddapur</b>	<b>M.G.C. College, Siddapur</b>
<b>Sirsi</b>	<b>M.E.S. Arts &amp; Science College, Sirsi</b>
<b>Yellapur &amp; Mundgod</b>	<b>Y.T.S.S. Junior College, Yellapur</b>

## TALUKA LEVEL STATISTICS

CENTRE	PARTICIPATION		WINNERS			
	STUDENTS	COLLEGES	DEGREE		P.U.	
			Male	Female	Male	Female
Ankola	14	07	-	1	-	1
Bhatkal	18	09	-	-	-	2
Haliyal & Joida	26	13	-	-	1	1
Honnavar	10	05	1	-	-	1
Karwar	17	09	-	1	1	-
Kumta	16	08	-	-	1	1
Siddapur	13	07	-	1	-	1
Sirsi	36	19	-	1	-	1
Yellapur & Mundgod	13	07	-	1	1	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>

## WINNERS AT THE TALUKA LEVEL

Centre	Winners	Class	Name of the College
Ankola	Ms. Bhavana Gaonkar	BSc VI Sem	G. C. Degree College, Ankola
	Ms. Gouri D Gaonkar	PU II Sci	G. C. PU College, Ankola
Bhatkal	Ms. K K Apoorva	PU II Sci	RNS PU College, Murdeshwar
	Ms. Gule-Simran Muallim	PU II Sci	Anjuman PU College for Women, Bhatkal
Haliyal & Joida	Ms. Apoorva Malingapura	PU II Sci	KLS Science PU College, Haliyal
	Mr. Raghavendra N Gouda	PU II Sci	Bangurnagar PU College, Dandeli
Honnavar	Ms. Vijayalaxmi S Hegde	PU I Sci	SDM PU College, Honnavar
	Mr. Goutham R Shet	BCom II Sem	SDM Degree College, Honnavar
Karwar	Mr. Sajid R Dafedar	PU I Sci	Govt. PU College, Karwar
	Ms. Kshama Hegde	BCom II Sem	Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar
Kumta	Ms. Kavya S Bhandari	PU	Govt. PU College, Baad, Kumta
	Mr. Shivaprasad V Bhat	PU	Dr. A.V.Baliga PU Arts & Sci College, Kumta
Siddapur	Ms. Rashmi S Devadiga	Degree	MGC Degree College, Siddapur
	Ms. Pooja U Telugar	PU	Govt. PU College, Siddapur
Sirsi	Ms. Bhagya N Bhat	PU I Com	Sridevi Jr. College, Hulekal, Sirsi
	Ms. Ashwini M Bhat	BSc III Sem	M.M. Arts & Science College, Sirsi
Yellapur & Mundgod	Ms. Shruti P Somavamshi	BCom VI Sem	Govt. First Grade College, Yellapur
	Mr. Ganesh L Bhat	PU II Sci	YTSS PU College, Yellapur

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

**Topic: Indian Culture and Law have ensured Liberty, Equality, Safety and Dignity of Women**

P.S.Kamat Memorial III District Level Inter - Collegiate Debate Competition was held at **KWT's Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar**, on **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014**.

All 18 taluka level winners had participated in the competition. The preliminary competition to select the best five finalists from all 18 winners at taluka level was held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar.

### DAY ONE - 04 JAN 2014

The following dignitaries were present on the dais.

- **Shri S.P.Kamat**, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Prof. G.V.Bhat**, *Trustee, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Shri K.V.Shetti**, *Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust, Ankola*
- **Dr. M.H.Naik**, *Principal, KWT's Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar*
- **Prof. C.D.Bhat**, *Project Coordinator, Debate Competition*
- **Shri P.M.Tandel**, *Member, Governing Body*

The inauguration ceremony commenced with the invocation, '*Saraswati Stuthi*' by **Shri Devanand Gaonkar**, *Lecturer, Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar*. **Dr. M.H.Naik**, *Principal, KWT's Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar*, welcomed the dignitaries and the audience. **Ms. Minaz Nadaf & Ms. Reena Anvekar**, *B.Com VI Semester*, introduced the dignitaries on the dais to the audience.



**Shri S.P.Kamat**, Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust, inaugurated the competition by lighting the lamp. In his inaugural address Shri S.P.Kamat highlighted the purpose of conducting the competition. **Prof. C.D.Bhat**, Coordinator of the competition, explained the rules of the debate. He elucidated about the various aspects in the conduct of this competition at the College level and Taluka level.



Afterwards the debate competition actually started and all 18 participants spoke excellently either for the proposition or against the proposition. Earlier the lot was drawn (one hour before the competition) to decide the proponent and opponent and the order of speaking. The code nos. were given to participants.



**Smt. Madhuri Chipkar**, Advocate, Karwar, **Shri R.S.Hegde**, Retd. Head Master, Karwar, and **Dr. Jayakar Bhandari**, Associate Professor, Govt. First Grade College, Karwar, were the three judges of the debate competition. Based on the overall performance assessment of the 18 participants, the judges selected the best five speakers. Entire process of consolidation of marks and declaration of results were done by the judges themselves.

Shri R.S.Hegde, (Retd.) Head Master, made the observations on behalf of judges and announced the results. The best five debaters were;

Sl. No.	Name of the Student	Name of the Institution
01	<b>Sajid R. Dafedar</b>	Govt. PU College, Karwar
02	<b>Ganesh L.Bhat</b>	Y.T.S.S. PU College, Yellapur
03	<b>Bhagya N.Bhat</b>	Sridevi Comp Junior College, Hulekal, Sirsi
04	<b>K.K.Apoorva</b>	R. N. S. PU College, Murdeshwar
05	<b>Goutam R.Shet</b>	S. D. M. Degree College, Honnavar

**Prof. G.V.Bhat**, *Trustee, Kanara Welfare Trust*, delivered the Presidential address.

**Shri K.V.Shetti**, *Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust, Ankola* proposed vote of thanks.



**Prof. M.V.Bhat**, Associate Professor, Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar anchored the programme. Snacks and hot coffee/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 - 05 JAN 2014

The final competition among five finalists was held on January 05, 2014. The following dignitaries were present on the dais.

- **Ms. Indira Jaising**, *Hon'ble Additional Solicitor General of India, 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*
- **Shri K.V.Shetti**, *Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust, Ankola*
- **Dr. M.H.Naik.**, *Principal, KWT's Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar*
- **Prof. C.D.Bhat**, *Project Coordinator, Debate Competition*
- **Shri P.M.Tandel**, *Member, Governing Body*

The inauguration ceremony commenced with the invocation by **Shri Devanand Gaonkar**. **Dr. M.H.Naik** welcomed the dignitaries and the audience. **Ms. Akshata Kadam & Reena Anvekar**, B.Com VI Semester, introduced the dignitaries on the dais. Garlands and bouquets were offered to the guests and to the judges of the competition.

**Smt. Indira Jaising**, Additional Solicitor General of India, New Delhi, inaugurated the final competition by lighting the lamp. While delivering the inaugural address, Smt. Indira Jaising said that women should be given the protection and equal opportunities in the country. On world situation, she said that water and land would be the main issues in the twenty first century.



**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 in the youth is the main purpose behind organizing this event.



**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. He narrated his own experiences while participating in various competitions during his college days.

**Shri S.M.Pandit**, Sr. Advocate, Karwar, **Dr. S.R.Nayak**, Doctor, Karwar, and **Smt. Shreedevi Keremane**, Aversa, Ankola, were the three judges at the final day. They also made the observations on the overall performance of the participants.





The taluka level cash prizes of Rs.3000/- & Rs.2000/- to the first two taluka finalists along with complimentary gifts were given to the participants by **Shri Devadatt Kamat, Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi**, who had sponsored this entire event. A Tablet PC to each participant was sponsored by **Shri Madhav Kamat, Managing Director, EAPL Group, Bangalore**. Each Tablet PC contained more than 1000 e-books and other utilities which the organizers felt would be useful to the recipients in their academic career.

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 given away in the following order.

**Fifth Place - Consolation Prize of Rs.5,000/-**

**Mr. GOUTAM R SHET**  
SDM Degree College, Honnavar



**Fourth Place - Consolation Prize of Rs.5,000/-**

**Mr. GANESH L BHAT**  
Y.T.S.S. PU College, Yellapur



Third Prize of Rs.20,000/-

**Ms. K K APOORVA**  
R. N. S. PU College, Murdeshwar



Second Prize of Rs.30,000/-

**Mr. SAJID R DAFEDAR**  
Govt. PU College, Karwar



First Prize of Rs.50,000/-

**Ms. BHAGYA N BHAT**  
Shreedevi Comp. Junior 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 **Shri K.V.Shetti**, Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust, Ankola. The Master of Ceremony was **Prof. M.V.Bhat**, Assoc. Professor, Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar. The National Anthem was sung respectfully at the closure of the program. The sumptuous lunch was arranged for all the participants and audience after the event.

*The total cost of the entire event (including the prizes and incentive gifts) amounted to Rs.4,93,977/- (Rupees Four lakh ninety three thousand nine hundred seventy seven only) which has been sponsored entirely by Shri Devadatt Kamat, Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi.*