

# **P.S.KAMAT MEMORIAL Sixth District Level Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition 2016-2017**

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



Topic: **SOLUTION TO KASHMIR PROBLEM LIES IN INTEGRATING POK  
[PAKISTAN OCCUPIED KASHMIR] WITH REST OF INDIA**

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**GOKHALE CENTENARY COLLEGE, ANKOLA**

**A REPORT**

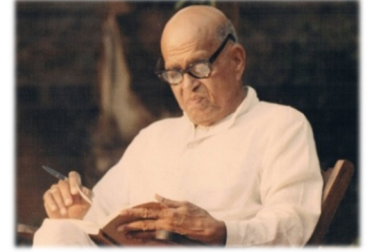


**Kanara Welfare Trust**, pioneer Institution of Uttar Kannada District has been working for the cause of education and social upliftment for the last six decades. Its main concern has been the emancipation of the poor and downtrodden people of the district.

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.



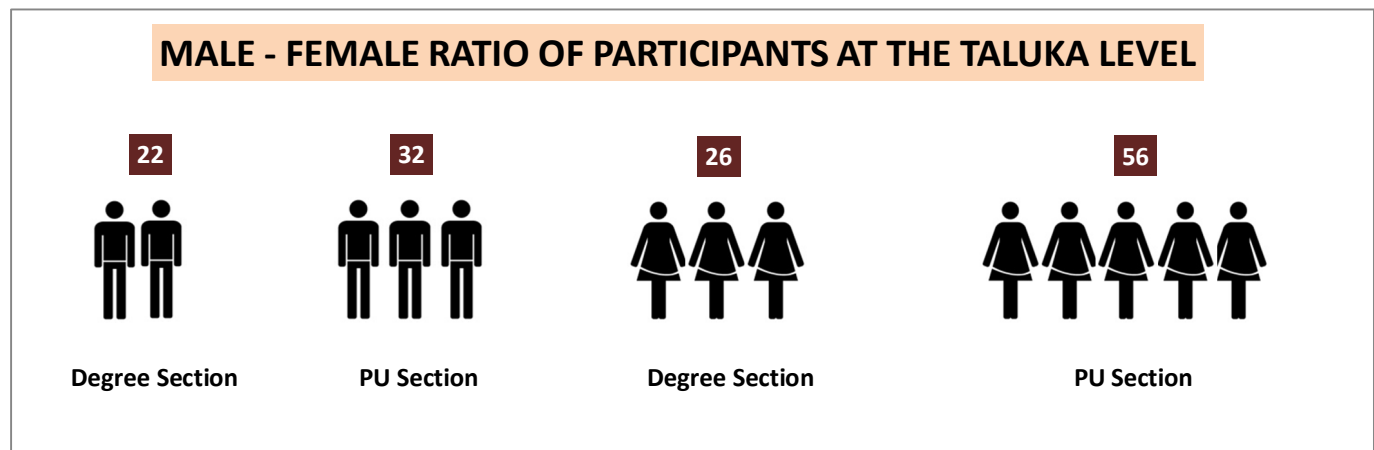
The event was organized jointly by Kanara Welfare Trust and Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola. Around 162 colleges [50 Degree Colleges, 87 PU Colleges and 25 other Colleges] across the district were invited to participate in the competition. The competition was conducted at 3 stages – College Level, Taluka Level & District Level. More than 600 students from around 70 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>

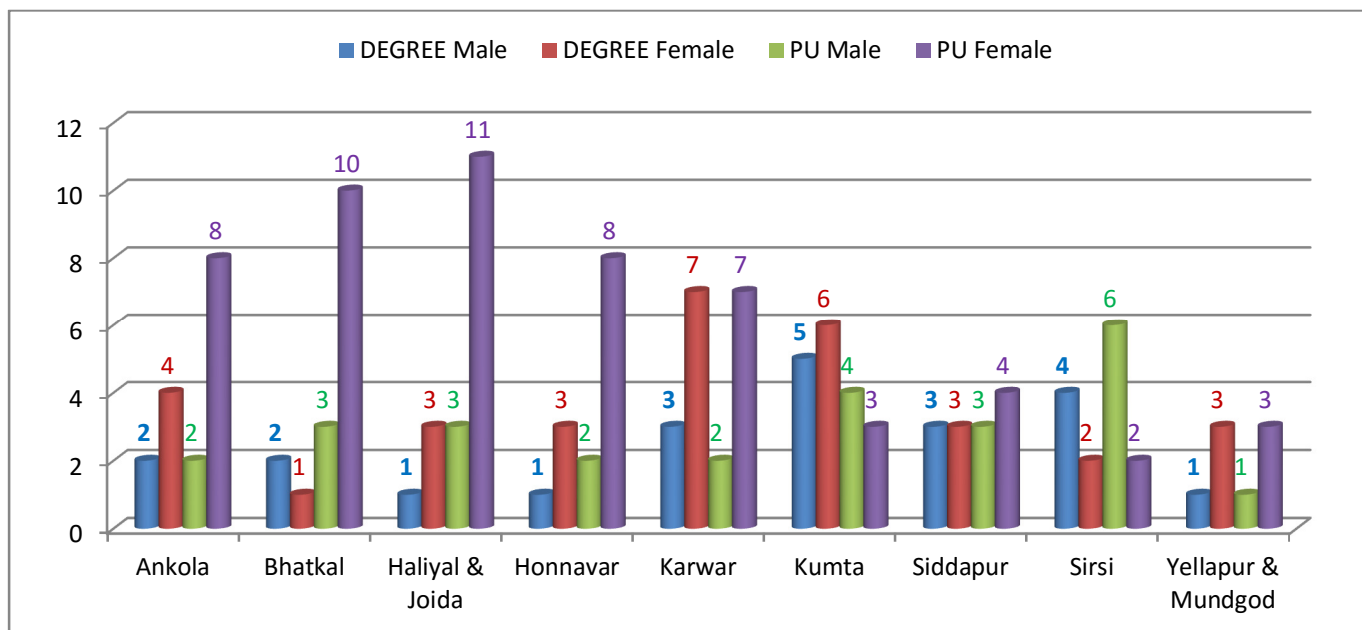
### TALUKA LEVEL STATISTICS

CENTRE	PARTICIPATION		COLLEGE LEVEL WINNERS			
	STUDENTS	COLLEGES	DEGREE		P.U.	
			Male	Female	Male	Female
Ankola	16	08	2	4	2	8
Bhatkal	16	09	2	1	3	10
Haliyal & Joida	18	09	1	3	3	11
Honnavar	14	07	1	3	2	8
Karwar	19	10	3	7	2	7
Kumta	18	09	5	6	4	3
Siddapur	13	07	3	3	3	4
Sirsi	14	08	4	2	6	2
Yellapur & Mundgod	08	04	01	03	01	03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>56</b>

<b>Participation</b>	<b>Total Male – 48</b>	<b>Total Degree students – 54</b>
	<b>Total Female – 88</b>	<b>Total PU students – 82</b>

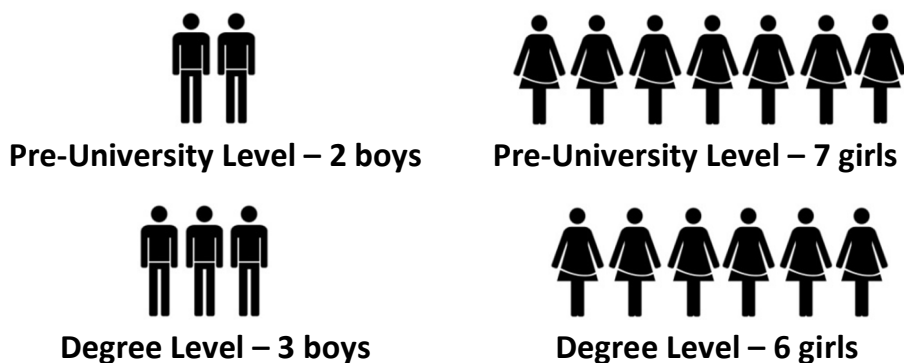


## GRAPH OF WINNERS AT THE TALUKA LEVEL



As was the trend in the earlier events, in the initial stages, girl participants outnumbered boys. Out of 136 students who participated at the taluka level, 88 were girls and 48 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 18 candidates selected for the final event, 13 were girls and 5 were boys.

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





















**5 boys + 13 girls = 18 participants at the District Level**

The district level final event was held on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola.

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.

## WINNERS AT THE TALUKA LEVEL

Centre	Winners / Class / College	Photo
<b>Ankola</b>	<b>Ms. Namrata N Hegde</b> PU I Sci Himalaya PU College, Ankola	
	<b>Ms. Aishwarya Dinkar Naik</b> BSc I Govt. First Grade College, Ankola	
<b>Bhatkal</b>	<b>Ms. Aikya Naik</b> PU II Sci RNS PU College, Murdeshwar	
	<b>Ms. Anil Acharya</b> BCom III Guru Sudheendra College, Bhatkal	
<b>Haliyal &amp; Joida</b>	<b>Ms. Rachana N Patil</b> PU II Com Bangurnagar College, Dandeli	
	<b>Ms. Ashwini R Mindolkar</b> PU I Sci KLS Science PU College, Haliyal	
<b>Honnavar</b>	<b>Ms. Roopa N Naik</b> BSc II Govt. PU College, Idagunji	
	<b>Ms. Vidya Gajanan Bhat</b> BSc III SDM Degree College, Honnavar	
<b>Karwar</b>	<b>Mr. Mohammed Moosa Siddique</b> BCom I Divekar College, Karwar	

	<b>Ms. Supriya Dattanand Vernekar</b> BCA III KWT's BCA College, Karwar	
<b>Kumta</b>	<b>Ms. Mazmiya M Beg</b> BEd I Dr. Kamala Baliga College, Kumta	
	<b>Mr. Bhoomika S Bhat</b> PU I Saraswati PU College, Kumta	
<b>Siddapur</b>	<b>Mr. Shivaram R Bhat</b> BCom II Govt. First Grade College, Siddapur	
	<b>Mr. Manoj S Bhat</b> PU I MGC PU College, Siddapur	
<b>Sirsi</b>	<b>Ms. Bhagya Bhat</b> BBA II Govt. First Grade College, Sirsi	
	<b>Mr. Seetaram Hegde</b> VI Sem R N Shetty Polytechnic, Sirsi	
<b>Yellapur &amp; Mundgod</b>	<b>Ms. Vanishree Bhat</b> PU I YTSS PU College, Yellapur	
	<b>Ms. Laxmi Samsagi</b> PU II Govt. First Grade College, Yellapur	

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

P.S.Kamat Memorial Fifth District Level Inter - Collegiate Debate Competition was held at **KWT's Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola**, on **27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

All 18 taluka level winners participated in the competition. The preliminary competition to select the best six finalists among all the 18 participants from the taluka level was held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

### DAY ONE - 27 JANUARY 2017

The following dignitaries were present on the dais.

- **Shri S.P.Kamat**, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Shri Pramod Hegde**, *President, Sankalpa Seva Sansthe, Yellapur*
- **Shri K.V.Shetti**, *Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Dr. Imthyaz Ahmed Khan**, *Principal, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola*
- **Dr. S.V.Vastrad**, *Project Coordinator, P.S.Kamat Memorial Sixth Debate Competition*

The inauguration ceremony commenced with an invocation by Ms. Namrata Gaonkar, student of G.C.College, Ankola. **Dr. Imthyaz Ahmed Khan**, *Principal, Gokhale Centenary College*, welcomed the dignitaries and the audience.



**Shri Pramod Hegde**, *President, Sankalpa Seva Sansthe, Yellapur*, 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.

**Dr. S.V.Vastrad**, *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 18 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. S.R.Naik, Karwar, Shri A.R.Hegde, Advocate, Sirsi, and Dr. Dattatraya Gaonkar, Yellapur, were the three judges of the debate competition. Based on the overall performance assessment of the 18 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. Namrata N Hegde</b>	Himalaya PU College, Ankola
02	<b>Ms. Bhagya N Bhat</b>	Govt. First Grade College, Sirsi
03	<b>Mr. Shivaram R Bhat</b>	Govt. First Grade College, Siddapur
04	<b>Ms. Vidya Gajanan Bhat</b>	SDM Degree College, Honnavar
05	<b>Ms. Roopa N Naik</b>	Govt. PU College, Idagunji
06	<b>Ms. Mazmiya M Beg</b>	Dr. Kamala Baliga College, Kumta

Prof. Rohini Nayak, Gokhale Centenary College, proposed vote of thanks. Ms. Sahana Nayak and Ms. Shifa Shaikh, students of G.C.College, anchored the program. Outstation participants were provided with accommodation at Ankola.



## DAY TWO - 28 JANUARY 2017

The final competition for the six finalists was held on January 28, 2017. The following dignitaries were present on the dais.

- **Shri S.P.Kamat**, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Shri Maneesh Chhibber**, *Chief of Bureau & Legal Editor, The Indian Express, New Delhi*
- **Shri Devadatt Kamat**, *Advocate, Supreme Court. New Delhi*
- **Shri K.V.Shetti**, *Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Dr. Imthyaz Ahmed Khan**, *Principal, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola*
- **Dr. S.V.Vastrad**, *Project Coordinator, P.S.Kamat Memorial Sixth Debate Competition*

The inauguration ceremony commenced with an invocation by **Smt. Bharati Hegde**, Asst. Teacher, Janata Vidyalaya, Mirjan-Kodkani. **Shri K.V.Shetti**, *Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust*, welcomed the dignitaries and the audience. Garlands and bouquets were offered to the guests and to the judges of the competition.



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



**Shri Maneesh Chhibber**, *Chief of Bureau & Legal Editor, The Indian Express, New Delhi*, spoke on this occasion. Having been born and brought up in Kashmir, he was personally acquainted with the ongoing struggle for existence in the troubled area. “Ladies and gentlemen, when we talk of Kashmir

and the solution, let’s not forget that there must have been some fault with us – the Indians – that we haven’t been able to make all the Kashmiris accept the fact that they are Indians first and Kashmiris later. Do ponder over this question. I want to say a few things to my young friends here. All of you have a bright future ahead, some of you will go on to become doctors, some engineers, some lawyers, some judges and some politicians. Whatever you do in your remaining life; please remember that it is very important to listen.. especially to the other side.. listen to those whose views don’t match with yours.. somebody who you are not in agreement with. Your freedom of expression guaranteed by the Constitution is as important as somebody else’s freedom to have a counter-expression. If we all respect the views of others, that is the day India will truly be great. I hope you all will remember this when you are successful in your later years.”



**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. Learning new things and earning goodwill is a crucial part of student life. He urged the youth to keep this aspect in mind and treat every situation as a learning experience and never lose any opportunity to earn goodwill. The world as we know it has been rapidly changing since some time now. The equation of super-power countries is undergoing swift fluctuations. Recent developments in the global political scenario will have a far-reaching impact on countries, especially India, which is poised to be a key player in the world economy. Dialectic is a continuous process. He asked the youth to be attuned to these changes and have an understanding of different thought patterns prevailing on various issues. Being well-informed on current events will help one to take a position one way or the other.

He informed the participants that **Shri Madhav Kamat**, *MD of Electronic Automation Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore*, who has a special affinity to this district where he was born and brought up, has been sponsoring special incentive prizes for all the finalists since this competition was started. This year also, all the district level participants will receive special gifts. This is a token of his love and affection to the students of this place.

Dr. R.G.Hegde, Dandeli, Shri Ravi Hegde Gadihalli, Sirsi, and Shri S.M.Pandit, 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 Titan wrist-watch, a Parker pen-set and a 16 GB Sandisk pen-drive was sponsored by Shri Madhav Kamat, Managing Director, 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/-



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

Second Prize of Rs.30,000/-



**Ms. Roopa N Naik**  
Govt. PU College, Idagunji

Third Prize of Rs.20,000/-



**Ms. Vidya Gajanan Bhat**  
SDM Degree College, Honnavar

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



**Ms. Mazmiya M Beg**  
Dr.Kamala Baliga College, Kumta



**Mr. Shivaram R Bhat**  
Govt. College, Siddapur



**Ms. Namrata N Hegde**  
Himalaya PU College, Ankola

At the conclusion of the program, mementoes were given to each of the guests and judges. Vote of thanks was proposed by **Dr. Imthyaz Ahmed Khan**. Students of Gokhale Centenary Collge, Ankola - **Ms. Sahana** and **Ms. Shifa** anchored the program. The National Anthem was recited respectfully at the closure of the program. A sumptuous lunch was arranged for all after the event.