# P.S.KAMAT MEMORIAL Eighth District Level Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition 2018-2019

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# **A REPORT**

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



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

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Year &	Topic for the Annual Debate	Place of	Chief Guests at the Main Event
Date		Final Event	
18 <sup>th</sup>	The Proposed Anti-Corruption	Divekar College of	Shri Vivek Tankha,
Feb. 2012	Laws / Enactments will	Commerce,	Additional Solicitor General of India,
	Eliminate Corruption in India	Karwar	New Delhi
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Indian Parliamentary	Gokhale	Prof. G.V.Bhat,
Jan. 2013	Democracy is a Success Story	Centenary College,	_
Jan. 2015	Democracy is a success story	, ,	Trustee, Kanara Welfare Trust
		Ankola	
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	Indian Culture and Law have	Divekar College of	Smt. Indira Jaising,
Jan. 2014	ensured Liberty, Equality,	Commerce,	Additional Solicitor General of India,
	Safety and Dignity of Women	Karwar	New Delhi
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	In the present context in India,	Gokhale	H.E. Mr. Idriss Raoua OUEDRAOGO,
Jan. 2015	Reservation in Education and	Centenary College,	Ambassador Extraordinary and
Jan. 2013	Employment requires to be	Ankola	Plenipotentiary of Burkina Faso,
	done away with	Alikola	Burkinese Embassy, New Delhi
	•		Burkinese Embassy, New Deim
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>	World Peace is an achievable	Divekar College of	Mr. Christian Kruger, Chairman,
Feb. 2016	reality and not an illusion	Commerce,	Krüger Holding AG and Krüger & Co.
165. 2010		Karwar	AG., Switzerland
		Kai Wai	Ms. Lee Jihyun Julianne, Founder &
			CEO of JulianneLee & Co., South
			Korea
27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	Solution to Kashmir problem	Gokhale	Shri Maneesh Chhibber,
Jan. 2017	lies in integrating POK	Centenary College,	Chief of Bureau & Legal Editor, The
Jan. 2017	[Pakistan Occupied Kashmir]	Ankola	Indian Express, New Delhi
	with rest of India	Alikula	Indian Express, New Deini
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Demonetization helped to	Divekar College of	Shri Prashant Bhushan
Dec. 2017	curb the black money	Commerce,	Renowned Lawyer & Social Activist
2017	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Karwar	New Delhi
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14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	Social media is ruining the life	Gokhale	Shri Ramanand B Nayak
Dec. 2018	of students	Centenary College,	Former President, Zilla Parishat,
2010	201313133	Ankola	Uttar Kannada
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The present event is organized jointly by Kanara Welfare Trust and Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola. 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 600 students from around 80 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	KWT's Janata Vidyalaya, Kulve-Baroor
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	17	9	2	5	3	7
Bhatkal	26	14	7	5	6	8
Haliyal & Joida	30	15	2	6	4	18
Honnavar	10	5	2	0	3	5
Karwar	24	12	6	8	1	9
Kumta	12	6	1	1	1	9
Siddapur	10	7	2	2	2	4
Sirsi	16	9	2	2	5	7
Yellapur & Mundgod	6	3	1	1	1	3
TOTAL	151	80	25	30	26	70

Taluka Level	Male Total – 51	Total Degree Students – 55	
Participation - 151	Female Total – 100	Total PU Students – 96	

As was the trend in the earlier events, in the initial stages, girl participants outnumbered boys. Out of 151 students who participated at the taluka level, 100 were girls and 51 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 21 candidates shortlisted for the final event, 14 are girls and 7 are boys.

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



Pre-University Level – 3 boys Pre-University Level – 5 girls







Degree Level - 9 girls

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

## WINNERS AT THE TALUKA LEVEL

Taluka Centre	Name of the Participant	Name of the College	Class
Ankola	Mr. Vallabh Bhat	Gokhale Centenary PU College, Ankola	PU II Sci
Апкоїа	Ms. Snehal V Naik	Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola	BSc I
	Ms. Fatima Desai	Anjuman Women's PU College, Bhatkal	PU II Sci
Bhatkal	Ms. Chandraprabha Kodiya	Jnaneshwari BEd College, Bhatkal	B.Ed.
	Mr. Mohiddin Asbah	Anandashram PU College, Bhatkal	PU I
	Ms. Rajemol R	KWT's B.Ed. College, Dandeli	V Sem
Haliyal & Joida	Ms. Famida Khan	KWT's B.Ed. College, Dandeli	IV Sem
	Ms. Rifath Dawood Khadar	V R Deshpande Rural Engineering College, Haliyal	VII Sem
Honnavar	Mr. Gaurish Muroorkar	SDM Degree College, Honnavar	BSc III
	Mr. J V Prasanna	SDM PU College, Honnavar	PU I Sci

	Ms. Chinmay B Nayak	Divekar PU College of Commerce, Karwar	PU II Com
Karwar	Ms. Shahana Sayed	Govt. Arts & Science College, Karwar	BSc V Sem
	Ms. Divya U Raikar	Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar	BCom I Sem
Kumbo	Ms. Chetana R Naik	Govt. PU College, Baad, Kumta	PU II
Kumta	Mr. Akshay Narayan Hegde	Dr. A V Baliga Commerce College, Kumta	BCom III
Siddapur	Ms. Bhavya D Hegde	MGC Arts, Commerce & GHD Science College, Siddapur	BCom III
	Mr. Sharat I Gouda	MGC Arts, Commerce & GHD Science College, Siddapur	BCom I
Sirsi	Mr. Nandan Satish Bhat	M.M.Arts and Science College, Sirsi	BA III
	Ms. Aishwarya H Poojari	Govt. First Grade College, Sirsi	BA III
Yellapur & Mundgod	Ms. Meghana S Nayak	YTSS PU College, Yellapur	PU II Sci
	Ms. Prathvi T Gaonkar	Govt. PU College, Yellapur	PU I Com

The district level final event was held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 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.

The chief guest for the first day was Shri **Krishnamurthy Hebbar** who is the founder-editor of 'Nagarika', a weekly newspaper, mainly covering Uttar Kannada district of Karnataka.

The chief guest for the main event was Shri **Ramanand B Nayak**, Former President, Zilla Parishat, Uttar Kannada.

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

P.S.Kamat Memorial Eighth District Level Inter - Collegiate Debate Competition was held at KWT's Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola, on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Out of 21 taluka level winners, 19 of them participated in the competition. The preliminary competition to select the best six finalists among all the 19 participants from the taluka level was held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

### DAY ONE - 14 DECEMBER 2018

The following dignitaries were present on the dais.

- Shri S P Kamat, Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust
- Shri Krishnamurthy Hebbar, Founder-Editor, Nagarika newspaper, Honnavar
- Shri K V Shetti, Trustee-Secretary, Kanara Welfare Trust
- Shri Vishnu Naik, Trustee, Kanara Welfare Trust
- Dr. I A Khan, Principal, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola
- Dr. S V Vastrad, Debate Coordinator, P.S.Kamat Memorial Eighth Debate Competition

The inauguration ceremony commenced with an invocation by **Ms. Priyanjali Vaidya and team**, students of G.C.College, Ankola. **Dr. I A Khan**, *Principal*, *Gokhale Centenary College*, welcomed the dignitaries and the audience.



**Shri Krishnamurthy Hebbar,** Founder-Editor, Nagarika weekly newspaper, Honnavar, 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.

**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 and also introduced the Chief Guest and the three Judges to the audience.

The debate competition commenced with all 19 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.



**Smt. Krishni Shiroor**, *Journalist, Prajavani, Hubli,* **Shri S J Kairanna**, *Retd. Principal, Honnavar*, and **Shri Vinayak Hegde**, *Principal, KLE College of Education, Ankola*, were the three judges of the debate competition. Based on the overall performance assessment of the 19 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;

01	Ms. Shahana Sayed
	Govt. Arts & Science College, Karwar
	Mr. Akshay Narayan Hegde
02	Dr. A V Baliga Commerce College,
	Kumta
	Ms. Rifath Dawood Khadar
03	V R Deshpande Rural Engineering
	College, Haliyal
04	Ms. Meghana S Nayak
04	YTSS PU College, Yellapur
05	Mr. Vallabh Bhat
	Gokhale Centenary PU College, Ankola
06	Ms. Snehal V Naik
00	Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola





In his presidential remarks, **Shri S P Kamat, Chairman KWT**, explained the objective 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 to lend them a platform to voice their views.

**Smt. Sujata Lad,** *Lecturer, G.C.College,* proposed vote of thanks. **Shri Padmanabh Prabhu** and **Shri Nagaraj Divgikar,** *G.C.College,* anchored the program. Outstation participants were provided with accommodation at Ankola. 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 - 15 DECEMBER 2018

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 Ramanand B Nayak, Former President, Uttar Kannada Zilla Parishat
- Shri Devadatt Kamat, Advocate, Supreme Court. New Delhi
- Shri K V Shetti, Trustee-Secretary, Kanara Welfare Trust
- Shri Vishnu Naik, Trustee, Kanara Welfare Trust
- Dr. I A Khan, Principal, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola
- Dr. S V Vastrad, Debate Coordinator, P.S.Kamat Memorial Eighth Debate Competition

The inauguration ceremony commenced with an invocation by **Smt. Bharati Hegde**, *Asst. Teacher*, *Janata Vidyalaya*, *Mirjan-Kodkani*. **Shri K V Shetti**, *Trustee-Secretary of Kanara Welfare Trust*, 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 700 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 Ramanand B Nayak,** Former President, Uttar Kannada Zilla Parishat, spoke on this occasion. He expressed his concern over the growing trends of social media and the effect it has on students and the society at large. He congratulated Shri Devadatt Kamat and the organizers for conducting this competition on a vast scale in the district of Uttar Kannada.





**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.





Smt. Rama Nayak, Social Worker, Ankola, Shri S.M.Pandit, Advocate, Karwar, and Shri Preetam Barkur, Industrialist, 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 gifts were given to the participants by the dignitaries. The special incentive gift pack consisting of a backpack bag, a dictionary, a book on Mahatma Gandhi's life and an autobiography of Shri APJ Abdul Kalam 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/-



Ms. Meghana S Nayak YTSS PU College, Yellapur

#### Second Prize of Rs.30,000/-



Mr. Akshay Narayan Hegde Dr. A V Baliga Com. College, Kumta

#### Third Prize of Rs.20,000/-



Mr. Vallabh Bhat G.C. PU College, Ankola

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



Ms. Snehal V Naik Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola



Ms. Shahana Sayed Govt. Arts & Sci. College, Karwar



Ms. Rifath Dawood Khadar VRD Rural Engg. College, Haliyal

Towards the conclusion of the program, mementoes were given to each of the guests and judges. Vote of thanks was proposed by **Smt. Sujata Lad**. The program was anchored by **Shri Padmanabh Prabhu** and **Shri Nagaraj Divgikar**. The National Anthem was recited respectfully at the closure of the program. Breakfast and lunch was arranged on both days of the event.