

**P.S.KAMAT MEMORIAL
Ninth District Level Inter-Collegiate
Debate Competition 2019-2020**

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



Topic: NUCLEAR ENERGY ALONE CAN SOLVE INDIA'S POWER PROBLEMS

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DIVEKAR COLLEGE OF COMMERCE, KARWAR

A REPORT

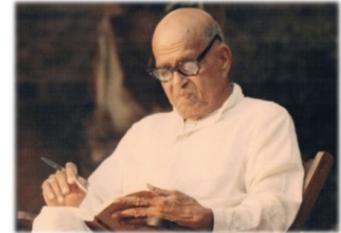


Kanara Welfare Trust, pioneer Institution of Uttar Kannada District has been working for the cause of education and social upliftment since the last six decades. Its main concern has been the emancipation of the poor and downtrodden people of the district.

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
14th & 15th Dec. 2018	Social media is ruining the life of students	Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola	Shri Ramanand B Nayak Former President, Zilla Parishat, Uttar Kannada
25th Jan. 2020	Nuclear Energy alone can solve India's power problems	Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar	Shri Suresh Heblkar Film-Maker & Environmentalist Bangalore

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, Cluster Level & District Level. **More than 400 students from around 80 colleges participated in the first round.**

The following were the Cluster Level Centres.

Karwar & Joida	KWT's Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar
Ankola & Kumta	KWT's Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola
Honnavar & Bhatkal	KWT's Janata Vidyalaya PU College, Shirali
Yellapur, Mundgod, Haliyal & Dandeli	KWT's Janata Vidyalaya PU College, Dandeli
Sirsi & Siddapur	M.E.S. Commerce College, Sirsi

CLUSTER LEVEL STATISTICS

CENTRE	PARTICIPATION		COLLEGE LEVEL WINNERS			
	STUDENTS	COLLEGES	DEGREE		P.U.	
			Male	Female	Male	Female
Karwar & Joida	24	12	4	11	2	7
Ankola & Kumta	28	14	5	7	8	8
Honnavar & Bhatkal	25	13	3	10	1	11
Sirsi & Siddapur	21	11	4	10	3	4
Yellapur, Mundgod, Haliyal & Dandeli	21	12	0	0	6	15
TOTAL	119	62	16	38	20	45

Taluka Level Participation - 119	Male Total – 36	Total Degree Students – 54
	Female Total – 83	

As was the trend in the earlier events, in the initial stages, girl participants outnumbered boys. Out of 119 students who participated at the cluster level, 83 were girls and 36 were boys. After the cluster level competitions were conducted, the male / female ratio of finalists who made it to the district level was majorly in favour of girls again. Out of 15 candidates shortlisted for the final event, 14 are girls.

WINNERS AT THE CLUSTER LEVEL

Cluster Centre	Name of the Participant	Name of the College	Class
Karwar & Joida	Ms. Gagandeep Kaur	Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar	BCom II
	Ms. Namrata C Bandekar	Shivaji College of Education, Karwar	B.Ed. I
	Ms. Swasthi S Hegde	Govt. PU College, Karwar	PU I Sci
Ankola & Kumta	Ms. Snehal V Naik	Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola	BSc II
	Ms. Sangeeta Shetty	Kamala Baliga College of Education, Kumta	BEd
	Ms. Ranjita R Nayak	Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola	BSc II
Honnavar & Bhatkal	Ms. Hajira Aifa	Anjuman PU College for Women, Bhatkal	PU I
	Ms. Sumangala	Jnaneshwari B.Ed. College, Bhatkal	B.Ed.
	Ms. Medha S Bhat	SDM PU College, Honnavar	PU I
Sirsi & Siddapur	Mr. Gajanan Hegde	MES College of Commerce, Sirsi	BCom II
	Ms. Bhavya Bhat	MM Arts & Science College, Sirsi	BA II
	Ms. Deepti Bhat	MES College of Commerce, Sirsi	BCom II
Yellapur, Mundgod, Haliyal & Dandeli	Ms. Sahana C Naik	YTSS PU College, Yellapur	PU I
	Ms. Shaziya A Shaikh	Touheed PU College, Dandeli	PU I
	Ms. Sana Kutbuddin Sambrani	Touheed PU College, Dandeli	PU II

The district level final event was held on 25th January 2020 at Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar. Renowned film-maker and environmentalist, Shri Sureh Heblikar, Bangalore, was the chief guest.

The following dignitaries were present on the dais.

- **Shri S P Kamat**, *Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust*
- **Shri Suresh Heblikar**, *Film-maker and Environmentalist, Bangalore*
- **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. Keshava K G**, *Principal, Divekar College of Commerce, Karwar*
- **Ms. Poojan Naik**, *Debate Coordinator, P.S.Kamat Memorial Ninth Debate Competition*

The inauguration ceremony commenced with an invocation by the students of Dinkar Kalaniketan Music School, Karwar. **Dr. Keshava K G**, *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 commenced by narrating the preamble of the Indian Constitution which provides equality to all its citizens irrespective of religion, caste, creed and gender. The youth of today should know the constitution and what it entails. 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 the final competitors speaking for and against the proposition.

Shri Suresh Heblikar, *Film-maker and Environmentalist, Bangalore*, spoke on this occasion. He expressed his concern over the drastic change in the environment of the once pristine Western Ghats. He also shared his experiences connected with ecological aspects from India and abroad. 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.



Shri Ashok Shanbhag, *Managing Director, Electronic Automation Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore*, **Dr. Ishwar Hegde**, *Managing Director, SUNFAL Energy Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore* and **Smt. Anjali Mane**, *Principal, Balmandir High School, Karwar*, were the three judges for the final competition. They made observations on the overall performance of the participants and announced the final results.

Cluster level cash prizes of Rs.2000/- along with certificates were presented to all the finalists by the dignitaries. The special incentive gift pack consisting of a backpack bag, an autobiography of Shri APJ Abdul Kalam, an umbrella, tiifin box, water bottle and a padlock, 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/-	Second Prize of Rs.30,000/-	Third Prize of Rs.20,000/-
 <p>Ms. Snehal V Naik Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola</p>	 <p>Mr. Gajanan Hegde MES College of Commerce, Sirsi</p>	 <p>Ms. Medha S Bhat SDM PU College, Honnavar</p>

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

 <p>Ms. Sahana C Naik YTSS PU College, Yellapur</p>	 <p>Ms. Sangeeta Shetty Kamala Baliga College of Education, Kumta</p>
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Towards the conclusion of the program, mementoes were given to each of the guests and judges. Vote of thanks was proposed by **Shri K.V.Shetti**, *Trustee-Secretary, Kanara Welfare Trust*. The program was anchored by **Ms. Reevon Rebello**. The National Anthem was recited respectfully at the closure of the program.