

# Vibing and Living to Socially Eye-Opening Themes: The Danceathon Inter-school Group Dance Competition

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With nearly a month of preparation, 26<sup>th</sup> August finally arrived: the day when the Danceathon Inter-school Group Dance Competition was held. Budding from a simple idea by dance teachers Mr. Ajay Chawaria and Ms. Varsha Kulkarni, the dream was finally realised.

The event saw 19 schools from all over Pune participate. Students were accompanied by their respective dance teachers. With all assembling and seated in the auditorium, the programme commenced at 10:00 am. The event was compered by CCA incharge, Ms. Erekar Durga Bhavani who led the audience into and through

the show.



The competition commenced with the traditional lamp-lighting ceremony by the principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda; and the judges. Judging the competition for the day were: Mr. Amol Kalunke a choreographer with 11 years of experience and who is the founder of Arts Passion Dance Studio; and Mr. Krishna Nair, who works at Stepping Stones High School, Sambhajinagar and has six years of experience in the field of dance and

choreograph; Mr. Nikhil Chikne, the founder of Challengers Dance Studio with eight years of experience; and finally, Ms. Geetu Manocha, who is currently the event coordinator at Rose Kids International School and has to her credit over 12 years of experience.



The event was divided into two segments: the first half for Grades VI to VIII; and the second for Grades IX to X. Dances from all schools were beautifully performed using apt props and costumes. They were themed on patriotism, freedom and sacrifice; environmental cleanliness; gender equality; etc. Each performance received spells of cheer and applause from the audience.

Finally, the time for announcing the winners arrived. **The winners are enlisted below.**

## For Grades VI to VIII

S. No.	School	Rank
1.	S.B. Patil Public School	1 <sup>st</sup>
2.	D.Y. Patil School	2 <sup>nd</sup>
3.	Pratibha School	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4.	Vishwashanti Gurukul	4 <sup>th</sup>
5.	The Kalyani School	5 <sup>th</sup>
6.	DSK School	6 <sup>th</sup>

### For Grades IX to XII

S. No.	School	Rank
1.	Beacon High School	1 <sup>st</sup>
2.	S.B. Patil Public School	2 <sup>nd</sup>
3.	Akshara International School	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4.	The Kalyani School	4 <sup>th</sup>

We heartily congratulate the winners for not just performing so well but also for very boldly taking a stand on such sensitive social themes; but we also congratulate every participant and their respective dance teachers for all the hard work, dedication and hours of practice that went into each performance.



With the event nearing a close, the guest faculty and students all gave their feedback on the overwhelming experience they had which was received with positivity and the promise of hosting more and better competitions in future.

As we bring this article to a close, we thank our principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda; the section coordinators, Ms. Darshana Kamat and Ms. Vandana Sangle; and the administrative officer, Mr. Manish Dhekale.



Our immense gratitude goes out to Mr. Ajay Chawaria and Ms. Varsha Kulkarni whose concept was brought to such fruitful reality with their hard work and dedication. Our thanks also goes out to the judges: Mr. Kalunke, Mr. Nair, Mr. Chikne and Ms. Manocha for so dedicatedly judging the competition.



We thank Ms. Durga Bhavani and Ms. Swaleha Mujawar for compering the show so wonderfully, and for the splendid Vote of Thanks; to our IT Team: Mr. Abhijeet Gaikwad and Mr. Aman Yadav; and to Dr. Rohit Sarkar, Mr. Aman Yadav and Mr. Gومتेश Langare for aiding out in the recording of the show.



A standing ovation to every student whose hard work, dedication and hours of practice made them perform so well on stage. Our thanks to every parent whose support and encouragement helped students perform so well, and share with every audience member messages of such utmost importance.

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