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Report on the Annual Inter-School Cultural Fest of D.A.V. Public School Chennai – “AGE 2026”

The Inter-School Cultural Fest “Avant Garde Essence - AGE 2026” was held on **18 July, 2026** at **D.A.V. Public School, Velachery, Chennai**. The Annual Event that aims to promote cultural exchange, showcase student talent, encourage creative expression and build camaraderie among the young learners of Std. IX to XII witnessed the overwhelming participation **22 C.B.S.E. Schools** across the city and more than 750 student contestants.

The patriotic *Tamizh Thaai Vazhthu* and the invigorating invocation song - **Ganesha Vandana** in a Punjabi Composition marked the auspicious beginning of the Event and was followed by the Ceremonial lighting of the lamp. A Classical Dance performance of ‘Nrityanjali’ by the Host School portrayed an amalgamation of Kathak and Odissi. **‘SonyX’, the Mascot** of AGE 2026 added an element of Gaiety and suspense.

The Inaugural Ceremony was presided over by renowned Carnatic vocalist, Mrs. Lavanya Sundararaman. In the Inaugural Address, Mrs. Lavanya reiterated that participation in Cultural events and competitions will create cherished memories and build confidence to face the tough world outside. She congratulated the students who performed the Inaugural dance and said it was ‘Divine’ and ‘Mesmerising’.

The Valedictory Ceremony was graced by Shri. B Gopalakrishnan, a Doyen of the Music World. Shri. B Gopalakrishnan captivated the audience with his beautiful voice and urged students to overcome inhibitions and participate whole heartedly in Inter School Competitions.

The Cultural Fest featured an array of 15 competitions where all the contestants from each school displayed extraordinary talent, creativity, and team spirit, making the event a visual and intellectual treat. Eminent personalities from the respective fields critically judged the events.

The stage came alive with **Beat Breakers**, where electrifying freestyle dance performances enthralled the audience with their energy, rhythm, and flawless choreography.

Creativity reached new heights in **Cosplay Carnival**, where participants walked the ramp draped in imaginative costumes carrying intricate props and staging captivating characters.

Music echoed across the campus through **Harmony Fest – A Melody Through the Ages**, as melodious voices presented beautiful mash-ups of timeless classics and contemporary favourites, leaving the audience spellbound.

Aspiring filmmakers showcased their cinematic brilliance in **Memento – Trailer Edit**, demonstrating remarkable storytelling, editing skills, and creative vision.

Silence spoke volumes in **Echoes with Words**, the mime competition, where emotions were conveyed powerfully through expressions, gestures, and impeccable stage presence.

Communication skills took centre stage in **Channel Surfing** and **Radio Jockey**, where participants entertained the audience with their spontaneity, confidence, humour, and eloquence.

The courtroom witnessed intense arguments in **Verdict – Lawyer Up**, as budding advocates displayed their analytical thinking, persuasive speaking, and knowledge of legal procedures in a realistic mock trial.

The battle of intellect unfolded in **Wisdom War**, where participants demonstrated their awareness of current affairs, general knowledge, and sharp thinking.

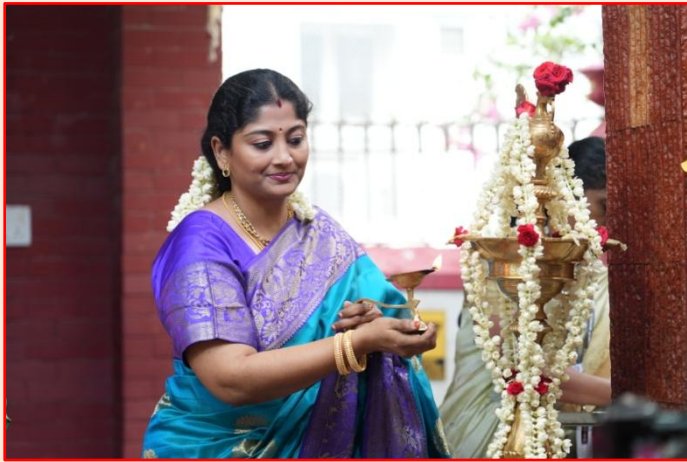
Art found expression in **Expression in Exaggeration**, the caricature sketching competition, where young artists brilliantly combined satire with creativity to produce thought-provoking works.

The excitement continued with **IPL Bid War** and **Futsal**, two competitions that remained the favourites, highlighting strategic thinking, teamwork, and sporting spirit.

Technology and visual storytelling also found their place in AGE 2026. **Future Bots** showcased innovation and technical expertise, while **Through the Lens** and **Cinema Paradiso** celebrated the power of photography and filmmaking in narrating compelling stories through visuals.

Every performance, Every Presentation, and Every Competition made the 16th Edition of AGE truly memorable.

The Overall Championship trophy was lifted by **Sunshine Chennai Senior Secondary School, Puzhuthivakkam**. **St. Britto's Academy, Velachery** was adjudged the First Runner up and **SBOA Matric Higher Secondary School, Anna Nagar West** bagged the Second Runner up. All participating schools were presented an Individual Trophy to mark their enthusiastic participation.



The Lighting of Lamp by renowned Carnatic Vocalist, Mrs. Lavanya Sundararaman



A Cheerful Reception of Shri. B Gopala Krishnan



Felicitation of Mrs. Lavanya Sundararaman at the Inaugural Ceremony



Honouring Shri. B Gopalakrishnan at the Valedictory Function



Nrityanjali – The Host Performance



'SonyX' – the Mascot Welcomes all



Electrifying Free Style Dance Performance



Ramp Walk – Staging Imaginative Characters



Mash ups of Timeless Classics



Futsal – Highlighting Teamwork and Sporting Spirit



IPL Bid War – An Electrifying Auction showcasing Strategic Thinking



Changing Channels, Endless Entertainment



Powerful Expressions through Mimes



**Radio Jockey –
Captivating Voice, Connecting with Everyone**



A Courtroom Battle of Words and Wisdom



The Principal Felicitates the Judges



**Sunshine Chennai Senior Secondary School,
Puzhuthivakkam lift the Overall Championship
Trophy**