



MOVERS AND SHAKERS: Students perform at 'Brains and Beats,' the annual inter-collegiate competition organised by Deccan Herald at the Oxford College of Arts and Science in the City on Tuesday. DH PHOTO

A contest that was all about grace & style

BANGALORE: College students of the City battled it out on the dance floor on the second day of the inter-collegiate quiz and dance festival. The festival was organised by Deccan Herald.

After putting on their thinking hats for the quiz competition on Day One of 'Brains and Beats', the students were all geared up to show the audiences their dance moves on Day Two. The dance competition, which was divided into two parts (Indian and modern), saw participation from about 50 colleges.

"The Indian form of dance

involves many styles. The most important thing we will be looking for is expression, grace and the postures. The group that has all this will surely win," said Rupesh K C, one of the judges for the Indian dance form. Meera Mohan, the other judge, said the participants should also have an X-factor that sets them apart from the others.

Government First Grade College, Vijayanagar, RV Institute of Management and PES Degree College were among the many that performed to semi-classical and classical songs. St Joseph's College of

Commerce secured the first place and Bangalore University PG Centre, Kolar secured the second place.

The all-girls team impressed the judges with their grace and perfect moves, while the unique performance by the Kolar boys, using traditional drums, left the audience wanting more. SSMRV College, Jayanagar and Jyothi Nivas College secured the third and consolation prize, respectively.

The modern style of dance saw participation by 20 teams from various colleges and was judged by acclaimed dancers

Christopher King and Likith Achaiah. The six-member team from BMS College of Engineering that won the first prize floored the judges with their urban hip-hop dance style. "Their team had amazing co-ordination and great expressions. Also, they had the right attitude required for such a style," said Achaiah. PES Institute of Technology emerged second and I-CAT third. The venue partners for the event were Oxford College of Arts and Science, HSR Layout and fashion partners were Turtle.

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