

VOICE IN ACTION: THEORY, THERAPY & TALENT

Workshop and Competition Series – 2026

Program Report

Event	Voice in Action: Theory, Therapy & Talent – Workshop and Competition Series 2026
Date	16 May 2026 (Saturday)
Time	9:45 AM – 4:00 PM
Venue	Smt. Annapoorani Mini Auditorium (MPH), Vinayaka Mission's Puducherry Campus
Organised by	School of Rehabilitation and Behavioral Sciences (SRBS), Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (DU)
Convenor	Prof. Dr. Arun Banik, Director, SRBS
Organizing Chairperson	Prof. Dr. J. Prajna Bhat, Deputy Director, SRBS
Organizing Secretaries	Mr. M. Arunkumar, Ms. Priya Mahalakshmi AB, Ms. Celcia I

The School of Rehabilitation and Behavioral Sciences (SRBS), a constituent of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), Puducherry Campus, successfully conducted the "Voice in Action: Theory, Therapy & Talent" Workshop and Competition Series – 2026. This initiative was held under the leadership of Convenor Prof. Dr. Arun Banik (Director, SRBS) and Organizing Chairperson Prof. Dr. J. Prajna Bhat (Deputy Director, SRBS), with Mr. M. Arunkumar, Ms. Priya Mahalakshmi AB, and Ms. Celcia I serving as Organizing Secretaries. The program aimed to build awareness and clinical understanding of voice disorders among students and practitioners, blending theory, clinical application, and creative talent in a vibrant single-day event that drew enthusiastic participation from students and staff of the BASLP and M.Sc. Speech-Language Pathology programmes, providing a rich platform for academic exchange, clinical insight, and the celebration of talent rooted in the science of voice.

Morning Session: Inauguration (9:45 AM – 10:15 AM)

The day commenced at 9:45 AM with the singing of Tamil Thai Vaazhthu, followed by the traditional Lighting of the Kuthuvilakku (sacred lamp), marking an auspicious and culturally rooted beginning to the program. The ceremony was graced by the dignitaries and faculty present on the dais.



Lighting of the Kuthuvilakku – Inaugural Ceremony

Dr. Arun Banik, Director, SRBS, delivered the Welcome Address, warmly receiving all participants, faculty, and resource persons. He highlighted the significance of voice as the primary instrument of communication for speech-language pathologists and emphasized the importance of a focused academic event dedicated entirely to voice science and therapy.



Dignitaries on the dais during the Inaugural Function

The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. J. Prajna Bhat, Deputy Director, SRBS, who outlined the thematic framework of the day's program. She underscored the critical role of voice health in the professional lives of speech-language pathologists and articulated the aims of the workshop in bridging theoretical knowledge with clinical practice.



Keynote Address by Dr. J. Prajna Bhat



Welcome Address by Dr. Arun Banik

The Vote of Thanks for the inaugural session was delivered by Mr. M. Arunkumar, Organizing Secretary.



Felicitation during the Inaugural Ceremony



Group photograph of dignitaries and organizing team

Technical Session: Voice in Action Workshop (10:30 AM – 12:45 PM)

Following the inaugural function, the technical workshop commenced at 10:30 AM and was conducted by Dr. Aishwarya Nallamuthu from Sri Ramachandra Medical College (SRMC), Chennai. The session, themed "Voice in Action: Theory, Therapy & Talent," provided a comprehensive exploration of voice science from anatomy and physiology through clinical assessment and management strategies.



Technical session on VOICE IN ACTION



Participants attending the technical workshop session

Dr. Aishwarya Nallamuthu engaged the audience with interactive lectures covering vocal fold anatomy, common voice disorders such as vocal nodules, polyps, and laryngeal pathologies, as well as evidence-based therapeutic approaches. An interactive quiz segment midway through the workshop tested participants' grasp of clinical concepts in real time, and a lively question-and-answer exchange further enriched the learning experience. The session concluded at 12:45 PM, followed by a lunch break.

Afternoon Session: Competitions & Prize Distribution (1:45 PM – 4:00 PM)

After the lunch break, the afternoon session commenced at 1:45 PM. Organized and conducted entirely by the M.Sc. SLP 1st Year students, the afternoon featured a vibrant series of competitions designed to test knowledge, creativity, and communication skills related to voice.

Quiz Competition

The Quiz Competition was the first event of the afternoon, testing participants' clinical and theoretical knowledge on voice disorders and therapy. Teams competed in rapid-fire and buzzer rounds, with questions spanning anatomy, pathology, and therapeutic protocols. The competition generated enthusiastic participation and healthy competitive spirit among the attendees.

Poster Making Competition

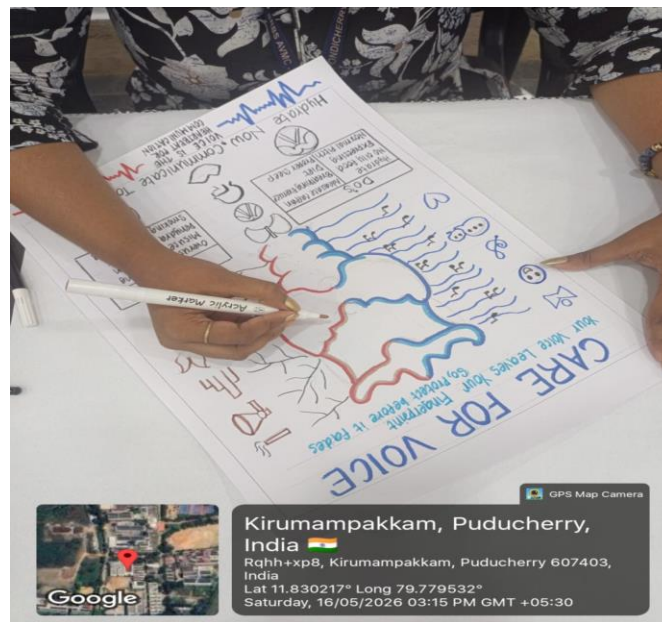
The Poster Making Competition invited participants to visually represent a theme related to voice health, care, and therapy. Working on large-format sheets with markers, paints, and creative illustrations, participants produced striking and informative posters. Topics ranged from vocal hygiene tips and voice disorders to awareness campaigns such as "Care for Voice" — encouraging the public to protect their vocal health. The posters demonstrated a commendable blend of clinical accuracy and creative expression.



Participants engaged in Poster Making



participant engaged in quiz activity



A completed poster on vocal hygiene – "Care for Voice"

Reels Competition

The Reels Competition was a creative highlight of the afternoon, where teams produced short-form video reels on voice-related themes. Entries showcased participants' ability to communicate complex clinical concepts in an engaging and accessible format suited for social media audiences, reflecting the modern need for health communication skills in the digital age.

Prize Distribution

The afternoon culminated in a Prize Distribution ceremony presided over by Prof. Dr. Arun Banik, Director, SRBS. Winners of the Quiz Competition, Poster Making, and Reels Competition were recognized and felicitated with certificates and prizes. Dr. Banik congratulated all participants for their enthusiasm, creativity, and academic commitment, and encouraged them to continue exploring voice science with the same energy.

Ms. Priya Mahalakshmi, Lecturer, SRBS, delivered the Vote of Thanks for the afternoon session, expressing gratitude to the resource person, all participants, and the organizing student volunteers. The program concluded at 4:00 PM with the National Anthem.

Conclusion

The "Voice in Action: Theory, Therapy & Talent" Workshop and Competition Series – 2026 was a resounding success, providing students with a rich academic and co-curricular experience. The event successfully integrated theoretical learning with clinical insight and creative expression, fulfilling the department's vision of holistic education in Speech-Language Pathology. The strong participation and the quality of work demonstrated by the students reflect the vibrant academic culture of the School of Rehabilitation and Behavioral Sciences, Vinayaka Mission's Puducherry Campus.