

SYNERGY BYTES



31st July & 1st August 2025

INAUGURATION

The 12th edition of Synergy commenced with a captivating celebration of this year's theme: **"Harmony"**. In an inspiring display of unity, the auditorium came alive, as the classical dance performance gracefully wove tradition and togetherness, setting a soulful tone for the event.

Following this, Ms. Sarija Santhosh, our Principal, delivered a powerful speech emphasizing the significance of collective consciousness and the role of students as conscientious citizens. Her remarks inspired everyone present to channel individual efforts toward the greater good of the community.

Bringing these elements together—tradition, public-minded leadership, sustainability, and creative expression—Synergy 2025 launched on a truly impactful note. As the events unfolded, it became clear that the spirit of "Harmony" served not only as a theme, but as a lived experience—cultivating community, responsibility, and inspiration among all participants.

- Deepika, Grade 9 D



- Diya Grade 11 H



PRINCIPAL'S INSPIRING WORDS

Like our dear Principal had stated wisely -

"Synergy is a platform where a multitude of skills and capabilities converge across diverse cultural backgrounds. It is an opportunity for students to collaborate, engage, and evolve. Each child who steps onto the stage brings their own spark showcasing individuality, passion, and confidence. This is not a space that fosters fear or competition, but rather one that nurtures growth. Regardless of who wins an award, every participant walks away with an invaluable takeaway, be it experience, self-assurance, or inspiration. Synergy, ultimately, is about the journey of learning, where every effort is meaningful and every voice is celebrated."

- Deepika, Grade 9D

Words from Head of Senior School

Each day in our school is a new chapter — full of learning, challenges, laughter, and growth. As we move forward together, let us remember that excellence is not a destination, but a habit. Dream big, stay curious, support one another, and never stop believing in the power of effort and kindness.

Let's continue to build a school where potential is nurtured, character is shaped, and every voice matters. I am proud of each of you — let's keep aiming higher, together.

- Deepika, Grade 9 D



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ECO_CHEF Gr 6-8/9-12

The event was a beautiful celebration of sustainability, creativity, and culinary artistry.

Several innovative dishes were presented, including a colourful variety of salads, rich chocolate fudge, and an especially eye-catching bread rasmalai that was surrounded by candles.

However, the highlight of the event was the winning dish — *Chezhil of DAV Public School & runner up Shanaya from M.C.T.M. Chidambaram Chettyar International School*. It impressed the judges with its taste and mouth-watering presentation. In grade **9-12 category the winner being Mokshaini of Shraddha Children's Academy and runner up Vinishka of Campus K International School**.

Overall, the Eco Chef Competition was not just a culinary challenge but a thought-provoking reminder of how we can celebrate sustainability and creativity.

- Harshita, Grade



- Kausika, Grade 11 E

DUNK IT



The girls' basketball event saw an exciting face-off between DAV Girls School and Shraddha Children's Academy. From the very first whistle, both teams brought high energy and fierce determination to the court. Coaches shouted encouragement from the sidelines as players sprinted, passed, and strategized with impressive teamwork.

Shraddha Academy took an early lead, dominating the first half with a strong score of 16-2. Despite a spirited comeback attempt by DAV in the second half, **Shraddha Academy maintained their momentum, ultimately securing a decisive 26-6 victory**. The match was a thrilling display of skill, sportsmanship, and perseverance from both teams.

- Ada, Grade, 12 H

FUTSAL

The football field roared with energy as nine schools from across Chennai clashed in the Boys' Football Tournament at Synergy 2025. With powerful tackles, precise passes, and strategic plays, the event stood out as one of the most gripping, of the fest.

Participating schools included Surana High-Tech International, Shraddha Children's Academy, JS Global School, D.A.V. Public School, Chettinad Vidyashram, Campus K International School, Shishya School, Vels Global School, The Akshar Arbol International School, and Heartfulness International School.

Each team brought its own flair to the pitch, delivering thrilling performances, match after match. While the competition was intense, the tournament ultimately highlighted unity, sportsmanship, and the spirit of fair play—true to the values of Synergy.

- Deepika, Grade 9 D



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CHESS

A total of 9 players from different schools took part in the event. The tournament had four rounds, where players competed against opponents chosen based on their scores.

The games were played in a quiet and focused atmosphere. All players showed good concentration, strategy, and sportsmanship throughout the event. The rounds were well-organized and followed standard chess rules. It was a fun and challenging experience for all the participants.

At the end of the tournament, **Gopal S (DAV Public School)** emerged as the **champion**.

The **runner-up** was **Ishaan Sawhny (MCTM Chidambaram International School)**

- Adithuamahi, Grade 11



Shakthi, Grade 11 H



Gayatri, Grade 11 G

QUIZ UP Prelims Gr9-12

Eight teams from different schools participated in the quiz event, which began with a 30-minute pen-and-paper preliminary round. Casagrand International was the first to submit with 18 minutes remaining, followed by Vels International School with 15 minutes to go. Sun's Smart School and DAV School submitted with 5 minutes left. The remaining teams—MCTM, Vels International, Surana High Tech International, and Campus K—submitted just before time ended.

After evaluation, **MCTM secured 1st place, Surana High Tech 2nd**, and four schools—**Vels, DAV, Casagrand, and Shradha**—**tied for 3rd place**.

- Akshaya, Grade 12 H

CASE CLOSED

Case Closed unfolded as a gripping murder mystery during Synergy. The event opened with the discovery of Alice's body by Sophie played by every participating student. Each had to prove their innocence while uncovering the true killer.

Suspects including Dean and Olivia were questioned over multiple rounds. Tensions rose as conflicting clues and twisted alibis surfaced. After intense interrogation and deduction, three students correctly identified Dean as the murderer, and only 2 that showed the best justification and reasoning as to why Dean was the murderer took the podium.

Nanditha from Shraddha Children's Academy secured 1st place, and Ananya from Campus K took the runner-up, both demonstrating sharp observation and clever thinking.

Case Closed delivered suspense, strategy, and a dramatic finale that kept all eyes on the investigation until the very end.

- Deepika, Gr 9 D



Devna, Grade 9 I

FEEL THE BEAT Gr 6-8

The much-awaited solo dance competition for grades 6-8 took place recently, bringing together some of the most talented young dancers from various schools. The event saw participants from diverse dance styles, including Bharatanatyam, Western, and contemporary forms, executed with grace and energy. **Judges Arun Kumar, Anusha Sampat Kumar, and Leo** had the difficult task of evaluating the performances.

After the competition, the winners were declared. **Shree Latha (Vael's Global)**, secured the **2nd runner-up**, **S. Mithuth** claimed the **1st runner up**. The **winner** of the event was **Vinani from DAV**, whose flawless performance left the judges and audience in awe. Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and dedication!

- Hariny, Grade 9 I



- Samrudhra, Grade 9 E



SPLIT PERSONALITY

Although the event began with a slight delay, it went on smoothly and was a great success. Students were given four different prompts and had just 30 seconds to step into character and perform. The real challenge was adapting quickly to each scenario and bringing the character to life on the spot.

All the participants showed impressive creativity and confidence. In the end, **Raeshmi from Grade 8 (D.A.V)** was declared the winner, with **Pranav Aditya** from Grade 9 as the runner-up. Congratulations to both for their outstanding performances!

- Akshaya Grade 12



SHIPWRECK

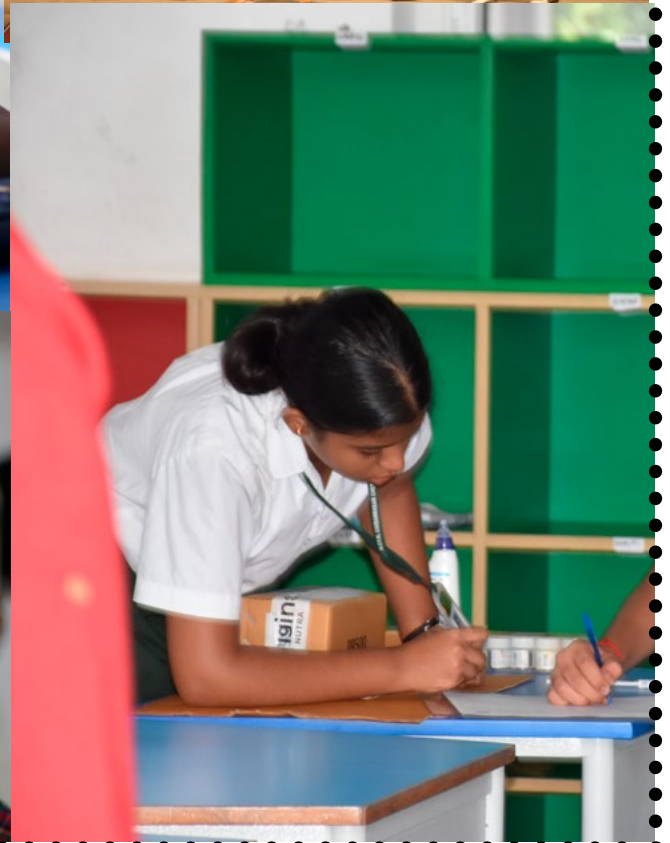
Shipwreck at APL Synergy 2025 was an exciting event where five students acted as famous people stuck on a sinking ship. They had to convince the others why they should be saved. The characters were Michael Jordan, Cristiano Ronaldo, A.R. Rahman, Serena Williams, and Walt Disney. Each student gave strong reasons, using both facts and humor, to prove they deserved a spot on the lifeboat.

The judges, Jolly Francis & Jennifer R. were impressed by their confidence and creativity.

In the end, **Valli Subramaniam from M.C.T.M. Chidambaram Chettyar International School** won 1st place. **Dakshita from Sun Smart Foundation International School** came 2nd place.

Anush, Grade 11

- Deepika, Grade 9 D





PENCIL DRAWING

At 1:30 p.m., the pencil drawing event began with nine talented students from Grades 6 to 8 ready to bring their creativity to life. The intriguing prompt, "Precision meets Accuracy," sparked a wave of inspiration, with many participants channeling the theme through realistic and detailed artworks.



Anush, Grade 11

For one intense hour, the room buzzed with quiet focus as pencils danced across paper. Each student was judged on six key criteria: relevance to the topic, creativity, composition, uniqueness, depth, and neatness. After a close competition, **Kavyashree from DAV Public School** emerged as the winner, with **A Aarron from Shraddha Academy** as the well-deserved runner up.

- Adithya, Grade 12

FEEL THE BEAT Gr 9-12

Six talented students from grades nine to twelve showcased their skills in the solo dance event, featuring a variety of styles including Bharatanatyam, unique songs, Carnatic, and Hip Hop. The event was judged by Mrs. Gayathri Kalyan and Mr. Arun Kumar, who had the challenging task of selecting winners from such diverse performances. Each performance was captivating and inspiring, leaving the audience mesmerized.

After careful deliberation, the judges announced the winners: a tie for the **runner-up position went to Diya Ganesh Prasad (Chettinad Vidyasharam) and M.Sadhana (Sharadha Academy)**, while the **first-place winner was Prakriti Joshi**. Congratulations to all the participants for their outstanding performances!



- Harinee, Grade 11

Mallavika, Grade 11

UPCYCLING ART

The Upcycling Art Competition for grades 6-8 showcased the creativity of young artists. Judged by Mrs. Madhani V. and Mrs. Rahamathunnisa A.

Participants impressed with unique creations such as Manha Kaleem's plant holder from Campus K International School and Siddarth Yohan's sustainability Mind Map from Casagrand International School. Srishiti S. of Surana International School transformed an old necklace into earrings, Lisshika Maddala from Shraddha Children's Academy crafted a beach scene using coconut shells. Shafreen M. of Excel Global School envisioned a pollution-free underwater world, and Riya L. from M.C.T.M. Chidambaram Chettyar International School, built a model sustainable house. Padmasri from Sun Smart Foundation International School created a globe made from plastic bottle caps.

The winner is **Manha Kaleem from Campus K International School**, **1st runner up is Riya L. from M.C.T.M. Chidambaram Chettyar International School**, the **2nd runner up is Srishiti S. of Surana International School**.

- Hariny, Grade 9 I



Anush, Grade 11



THROUGH THE LENS

Through the lens, our photography event welcomed 9 students, five between grades 9 to 12, and four between grades 6 to 8. The two groups were given different topics. The 6th-8th graders were asked to capture contrast in nature, most of them decided to focus on the contrast in color between the flowers and leaves.

The 9th- 12th graders were asked to focus on their surroundings. This was a topic with a lot of breathing room, therefore their photos displayed several subjects like animals, nature, people, buildings, etc. Both groups were judged on 4 categories, creativity, visual aesthetics, relevance to the topic, and technique.

- Ada, Grade 12 H



Vishnu, Grade 12 H

TURNING POINT

Team 1 (ECO-kennel - dog house) Campus K International School

After couple of scraped ideas and pondering, this team decided to use old clothes, pipes, tennis balls, newspapers and foam boards to make a dog/cat house more specifically as the team said it is targeted towards “medium sized dogs and cats”. They loved working in the team and had amazing teamwork to create this project.

Team -2 (Haven pack - safety bag) M.C.T.M. Chidambaram Chettyar International School

Initially, this team had disagreements but working together made them the perfect team ; their inspiration was the conflict in Gaza, the citizens not having enough time to take their personal items or even basic necessities .They combated this by making bags for areas of conflict because it's easy to take around and has multiple usages like pockets have First Aid kits. The bag turns into a blanket and has a reflective side to reflect the heat at high temperatures . This is done by using the underside of chips bags. The bag also has a side for low temperatures to keep them cool .

- Hariny, Grade 9 I



Devna, Grade 9 I

SHARK TANK

*Shivaram K. S. and Midhun from Grade 8, DAV Public School, Velachery, emerged as **winner**s in the Shark Tank (Grades 6–8 Category). They impressed the panel with a working model of a sensor-enabled stick designed to aid the visually impaired. Their innovative approach and practical solution truly stood out—congratulations to both!*

- Akshaya, Grade 12 H



Gayatri, Grade 11 G

WHATS NEW?



*This being the 12th edition of APL SYNERGY, we've got some new additions this year. One of our main events, **Futsal!** had something special, something that makes the event intense but joyous at the same time. This year we've introduced “**commentary**”, much like the real games we all know and love watching in our free time. Our special commentators, all being football players themselves, assessed the matches and intense competition happening between the competing schools.*

*Next up we have the suspenseful, thrilling, and bone chilling event, circling around a murder mystery, **Case Closed!** This puzzling game of a murder mystery is a new event to APL SYNERGY. Case closed revolves around a murder mystery of a co-worker who was close to the detective. Participants had to interrogate six suspects and derive on the final suspect, all individually, while on the parallel, prove their innocence, whodunit?*

*Finally, we have the event that requires a lot of brains and speed, **Time Is Ticking!** The contestants competed with each other on answering questions, fighting the chance to be the first. The questions got more intense with every round, starting off with riddles, then moving onto puzzles and finally advancing to anagrams. This tested their knowledge and critical thinking, giving their brains a good workout.*

AROUND THE CAMPUS

A big thank you to the Registration and Scoring Team for their dedicated efforts. This year, we saw enthusiastic participation from 17 schools, with a total of 576 unique registrations.

The artworks reflect our theme of “*Harmony*,” showcasing vibrant colors and emotions, creating a welcoming atmosphere on campus. Thoughtfully designed frames enhance the creativity and craftsmanship of the pieces.

- Devna, Grade 9 I



- Vishnu, Grade 12 H



- Devna, Grade 9 I

RCP FOOD SALE

The **Responsible Citizen Program (RCP)**, part of the Expressions team, held a two-day food sale to raise funds for charity. On Day 1, students prepared and sold fudgy brownies, customisable chipotle bowls, and lemon iced tea. Day 2 featured cake pops, pizza bites, and lemonade. All ingredients were kindly donated by staff, making the event a collaborative effort.

The sale drew steady interest and support from the school community. The funds raised will be donated to a charitable cause, in keeping with RCP's aim of encouraging social responsibility. Overall, it was a thoughtful initiative, combining teamwork, effort, and purpose.

- Devna, Grade 9 I

EDITORIAL TEAM

This year's editorial team are the true heroes of the event. We worked relentlessly behind the scenes to cover as many of the thirty events as possible. Long lunch queues and missing reporters did not help. At one point reporters and photographers were running to their events with an tiramisu in one hand and pizza in the other.

However, Fiza ma'am came to our aid: running around calling missing individuals, and bringing the team snacks at the most optimal time. Anecdotes aside, we would like to thank Shirley Ma'am and Jennifer Ma'am for all their support. They were always there to clean up our mistakes. We hope we have done justice to the role of Chief Editors and designers, as well, this Synergy 2025.

- Devna and Deepika

