

July 21, 2023 "Embracing Dreams: The Vibrant Success of Van Celebrations"

In the past three decades, the Van celebrations have blossomed into a magnificent spectacle, with participation increasing with each passing year. These festivities encompass a rich tapestry of cultural activities, such as **Vanfest**, **Vankids**, **Vanquest**, **Van Samkhya**, and **Vancom**, aimed at unveiling the hidden talents of our young and spirited students. This year, the addition of **Vanmun** and **Vankrida** has infused even more vibrancy into the celebrations.

The grand inauguration of the Van celebrations took place at 9:00 am on the 21st of July, marked by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, accompanied by a heartfelt prayer song and the soul-stirring rendition of *Thamizh Thai Valthu* by our school choir. The audience was further captivated by a mesmerizing group dance performance known as "Vandhana," signifying the warm welcome extended to all and seeking blessings from the divine.

The esteemed Chief Guest, Mr. Sanjay Bharathi, a distinguished film Director and actor, graced the occasion with his presence and addressed the gathering, emphasizing the significance of cultural activities in shaping one's personality. His inspiring words of encouragement lifted the spirits of our students, motivating them to pursue their dreams with unwavering courage.

A plethora of events unfolded throughout the celebrations, with different venues catering to on-stage events in primary, middle, and high school stages, as well as other technically supported contests in the AV room of the school. The energetic crowd filled every room, and events were thoughtfully distributed across various blocks to ensure the smooth and successful execution of all competitions. A remarkable total of 13 schools actively participated, and most events featured 6 to 7 talented participants each.

The highlights of **Vanfest** included captivating group dance performances, thought-provoking Word Art Attack, engaging JAM sessions, and the thrilling Block and Tackle challenge.

Van Samkhya showcased brilliant minds competing in Brain Bashers and unleashing their creativity in the "Design Your Dream House" event.

Meanwhile, **Van Kids** witnessed the fearless embrace of individuality in "Daring to be Different" and the ingenious skills of "We are the Tech Kids."

Van Quest, on the other hand, kept the excitement alive with the enthralling Demo Quiz and captivating PPT presentations.

Van Com events, such as Adzap and Shark Tank, were equally thrilling and captivating. Notably, the climactic "Winners' Event" featured participants who emerged victorious in Jam, Block and Tackle, and Shipwreck competitions, with the ultimate prize being a bumper cash reward, as tradition dictates.

We were privileged to have the esteemed presence of Mr. Rathina Shiva, a renowned Indian film director and writer, at our valedictory ceremony. Mr. Rathina Shiva's impressive journey in the Tamil film industry has left a lasting impact, making him an inspiration for many aspiring talents. During the event, Mr. Rathina Shiva distributed prizes for the various competitions held, recognizing and applauding the efforts and achievements of the talented participants. The presence of such an accomplished personality further encouraged and validated the hard work put in by the young minds.