



# PRODIGY XVIII

## REPORT

**Communiqué**, the Public Relations Cell of SSCBS, proudly hosted the 18th edition of its annual management extravaganza **Prodigy XVIII** under the riveting theme "**The Black Sea Chronicles**" on **21st and 22nd April 2025**. Staying true to its legacy, the event continued to inspire and challenge school students from classes XI and XII across the country, testing their mettle in strategic thinking, decision-making, and problem-solving in simulated corporate scenarios. With over **100+ schools** participating from across India and beyond, Prodigy XVIII created an unforgettable immersive experience inspired by the intrigue and mystery of the high seas.

### **Day 0: Preliminary Round – Gauntlet of Greed**

Held on **13th April 2025**, the online preliminary round kicked off the event with an intellectual battle titled "**Gauntlet of Greed**". This quiz tested the students' command over logical reasoning, quantitative aptitude, and general awareness. With participation from more than **111 teams**, this round served as a gateway into the world of The Black Sea Chronicles, where ambition met intellect.

### **Day 1: Simulation Round – The Pirates' Gambit**

On **21st April**, the **top 90 teams** who qualified were invited to the SSCBS campus for an intense simulation round titled "**The Pirates' Gambit**". Set against the backdrop of fractured economies and unpredictable tides, this round challenged participants to optimize their resources and navigate through competitive market dynamics. Teams strategized, traded, negotiated, and adapted in real-time to maximize their gold and earn their glory. It tested analytical skills, risk assessment, adaptability, and ethical reasoning.

### **Day 2: Mock Stock & Case Competition – Sundering of the Seven Seas**

The second day saw the **top 40 teams** face two ultimate tests. First came the Mock Stock round, "**Gold and Glory**", where participants entered volatile trading waters. Teams had to interpret new information across multiple rounds, allocate budgets, manage risks, and build the most valuable portfolio.

The **top 7 teams** moved to the final case round, "**Sundering of the Seven Seas**". Here, they were presented with a complex real-life business dilemma. Participants had to dissect the case, structure strategic solutions, and present their insights to a distinguished panel of judges. This round tested both analytical acumen and presentation skills under pressure.

### **Our Judges**

The final round was judged by **Keshav Mittal**, a Chartered Accountant and Analyst at Alvarez & Marsal. With a strong background in finance and consulting, Keshav brought a perfect blend of

analytical insight and industry experience to the evaluation table. His questions challenged participants to think deeper and defend their strategies with clarity and confidence.

### **Speakers at Prodigy XVIII**

We were honored to host a panel of inspiring professionals who shared their insights with the participants during the Networking Mixer and various sessions:

- **Jitin Chawla**, Founder and Director - Centre for Career Development
- **Shubham Singhal**, Manager - Corporate Communications, NCRTC
- **Rishabh Prakash**, Executive - Corporate Communications, NCRTC
- **Mr. Nakul Shairwal**, Chief Business Officer - UG Business & Chief Mentor, IMS Delhi
- **Swami Sachdeva**, Head - Student Awareness, IMS
- **Dr. Abhijeet Auti**, Principal - Trinity College of Engineering & Research

Their presence enriched the experience for all attendees by bridging the gap between education and industry expectations.

### **Sponsors of Prodigy XVIII**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors, whose support made this event possible:

- **NCRTC**
- **IMS**
- **Raj Path Infracon**
- **KJ's Educational Institute**

Their contributions played a vital role in ensuring the success and grandeur of Prodigy XVIII.

### **Winners of Prodigy XVIII**

The results reflected the brilliance and dedication of young minds:

- **Winner:** Modern Vidya Niketan School
- **1st Runner Up:** JP International School
- **2nd Runner Up:** GD Goenka Public School

The winning teams received trophies and cash prizes worth **₹20,000**, **₹15,000**, and **₹8,000** respectively, honouring their innovation, teamwork, and determination.

### **Legacy of Prodigy XVIII**

Prodigy XVIII was more than a competition, it was an experience. It captured the ambition, creativity, and drive of a generation ready to rewrite the rules. From thought-provoking quizzes to real-world case solving and the thrill of market trades, every round was an ode to potential.

## Glimpses of Prodigy XVIII

