

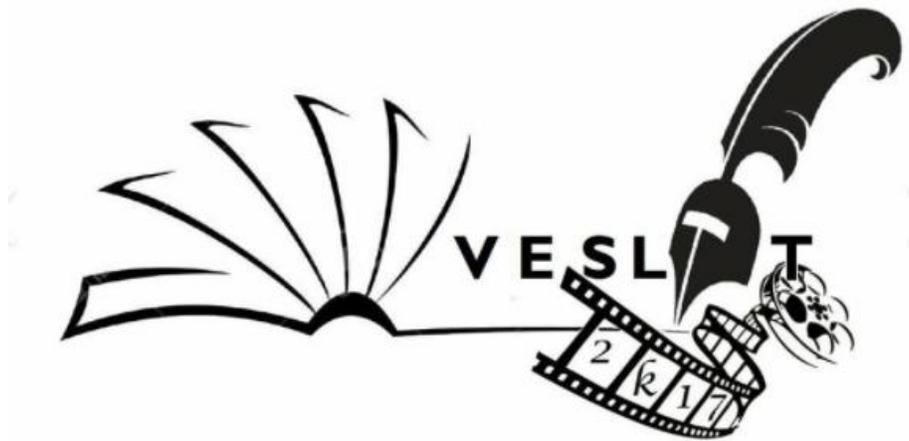
VESLit Circle

- **Staff incharge:** Mrs. Geeta Ajit, Dr. Pooja Kundu, Dr. Sushil Dhuldhhar
- **Student Incharges:**
Student Head: Yash Bhanushali



Council members

- **Council Logo:**



- Group council photo:



From L to R: Himanshu Jahagirdar (D6A), Harish Muthalagan (D9A), Shivani Gole (D9A), Pranjali Temburnikar (D7B), Nidhi Mishra (D15), Yash Bhanushali (D13), Anisha Kaul (D7A), Smruti Kshirsagar (D7A), Rahul Panicker (D13), Pradyumna Kale (MCA-1)

Bottom Row L to R: Meghana Achanta (D9A), Prerna Pandey (D9A), Sanchit Agarwala (D9A), Anahita Goswami (D9A)

- **Brief Introduction of the council:**

The VESLit Circle was started in 2015, under the recommendation of the principal to give an added impetus to the enhancement of soft skills among the students. It is also the platform where students can build and groom their character and personality while working on their preparations to hone their skills for the placements which they would face in their final year. It aims at teaching spoken English skills by taking special sessions for the students who want to hone their spoken English skills and groom their personalities. To spread greater awareness among students about VESLit and give impetus to the students to take advantage of this facility, VESLit Week was conceived. The maiden run of this English language and literature based festival was held from 9th February to 18th February 2015 with its grand finale on 18th February 2015. After getting a humongous response from the students last year, the newly constituted council of 2017-2018, with a lot of enthusiasm and energy, marched on with these agendas in mind. They had a very successful year with great new activities lined up in both the semesters.

- **Event List:**

- 1. Whiplash**

Whiplash, an intra-college debate, in association with the highly reputed group, The Times of India was held in the college auditorium on 12th September, 2017. After a very rigorous selection procedure, a team of two students were selected from each year to represent their section. It was a hard fought battle, with each year putting their best foot forward. Yet, it was eventually the BE's, **Clive Aaron D'Souza (D16)** and **Shashank Agnihotri (D17)**, who clinched the top spot. Shashank Agnihotri, was also adjudged the best speaker. All the participating members received certificates from the Times Group. The event was even featured

in the Student edition of Times of India.



Winners and participants of Whiplash with the TOI group



Article in TOI dated 14th September 2017

2. Make the Cut

In association with Union Bank of India, eight short films were screened in the college auditorium on 19th October, 2017. These short films were made by the students of the college as

a part of their commitment to spearhead a campaign against corruption. Hence, all the films had the same theme. The exercise was a part of a broader agenda, to comply with The Central Vigilance Commission's Vigilance Awareness Week to be held between October 30 and November 4. The winners of the competition were Harsh Bhatia (D19) and team, who made a hard-hitting short film on stopping corruption. All the participants were awarded and appreciated by UBI as well.

Showcase of issues with a creative twist!

Students of Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology (VESIT) flex creative muscle by highlighting corruption issues through a showcase of short films

By Parth Khatau

Students from Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology (VESIT) showcased a series of 7 short films as part of their commitment to spearhead an awareness drive against corruption. The students acted in, conceived the plots and directed the films which exhibited their visions of an ideal and corruption-free society. The films were part of a broader exercise to comply with the Central Vigilance Commission's Vigilance Awareness Week, themed around 'My Vision'-Corruption Free India'. The Vigilance Awareness Week will be observed from October 30 to November 4.



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Geeta Ajit, Assistant Professor, Business Communication of VESIT said, "Corruption is a social evil that impacts all strata of society. A sustainable awareness campaign against

corruption should be encouraged across all educational campuses in the country. The films made by the students are the defining perspectives of a generation yearning for societal change and development."

sha Shetty, too feels that corruption has loosened the moral fabric of our society. "Corruption has created an unfavorable environment where development is not possible. We have taken this occasion to unveil our idea of a society where there is equitable distribution of resources and every individual gets an equal chance to realize his or her self-worth," he said.

Students of the institute, too had bullish opinions about the array of talent on display. "The visual medium makes a lasting impression on the human mind. Through these films, we have reiterated the commitment of a generation towards spreading corruption awareness and promoting the values of honesty and transparency," said Harsh Bhatia, a student.

Harsh's classmate Deek-

12 teams of 4 students each participated in the event which provided them a platform to display their film-making skills and talent. Three teams were declared as winners and consolation prizes were awarded to all participants.



Screen shot from one of the short films that was showcased.

Article in the Afternoon DC (20th October 2017)

3. VESLit Week

The last event for the year, was VESLit Week, a week meant to celebrate literature in its many forms. A variety of events were held from 29th January 2018 to 3rd February 2018 in the college auditorium and online as well (a first for the college). Every event was different from each other and thus helped in honing the English spoken skills of students in various ways. It included:

- **Showtime**

This opening event of VESLit Week (on 29th February), Showtime, was an interactive session held on movie-making techniques. The show started with a timeless classic, Psycho (Alfred Hitchcock), after which the techniques used in making such a movie were discussed by Harsh Bhatia.

- **Sell it off**

Held on 31st January, this event made the students to come up with catchy slogans and interesting short skits to sell an item which was given to them just 10 minutes prior. Events like

this further help in honing speaking skills of students. The event witnessed a lot of laughs as teams tried to convince as many people possible to buy their products. The event was finally won by first years - **Rahul Motwani and Aditya Rao (D2B)**.



Winners Aditya Rao and Rahul Motwani trying to sell a water bottle



Chaitanya Kulkarni trying to make nameplates appealing to an adult audience

- **Game of Shows**

A fun event, Game of Shows, tested the knowledge of TV show binge watchers in a quiz. The first round was a paper elimination through which 8 teams made their way to the finale on 1st February. There was palpable nervousness as the participants tested their knowledge on shows like F.R.I.E.N.D.S, Suits, Stranger Things etc. Even the audience had a chance to win small gifts through a special audience round. The winners of the event were first year students - **Rahul Motwani, Aditya Rao and Vedant (D2B)**



Shubham Annigeri and team answering questions on the famous, Game of Thrones



Harish Muthalagan and team debating on an answer from the show Suits

- **Stand Up comedy**

This event was an open mic for students who wanted to showcase their talent in this sphere. A large audience turned up for this event on 2nd February and the event also saw a huge participation. Students and teachers alike, were seen laughing their heads off and enjoying themselves. This event gave everyone a small break from routine activities and was undoubtedly a very successful event.



Milan Hazra enthraling the audience



The absolutely jam packed auditorium during Stand Up with students as well as teachers enjoying themselves thoroughly.

- **Playoffs 2018**

The finale event of VESLit Week, on 3rd February, was held in association with the Times of India. An inter-class drama competition, this event too saw a jam-packed auditorium. The theme for the day was - “Every Coin has two sides”. The finalist teams - D4A, D4B, D1A and D2C came up with completely different interpretations to the theme. All the dramas were extremely interesting and gave unique messages. The judges had a tough time choosing the top 3 teams.

The winners were-

1st place - **D1A**

2nd place - **D4A**

3rd place - **D4B**



A still from D1A's drama on the relations between India and Pakistan



A still from D4A's drama which talked about role reversal and choices



A still from D4B's drama on the lives of bar dancers and the discrimination they face.

- **Fan Made Tale and Terribly Tiny Tales**

These events were exclusively held online during the VESLit Week days. Fan Made Tale, stimulated all the prolific writers of the college to change their favourite classics or re-interpret them. IN Terribly Tiny tales event students had to come up with short tales in just 140 characters, just like a tweet. These events were appreciated by all the writing folk in the college and saw a huge participation.