

VESLit Circle (2019-2020)



VESLit Circle was founded to improve the communication skills of VESIT students. Every year, events that involve speaking, debating, quizzing, etc., are held, to improve the listening, speaking, reading and writing skills of students and also to provide a platform to express themselves better.

This year's VESLit Circle had a complete makeover. It was structured, with four divisions, each tasked with a focused objective. The four divisions are: Debate, MUN & Mock Parliament; Quiz and Elocution, and Films. The student in-charges are as follows:

Faculty In-charges:

Dr. Geeta Ajit
Dr. Pooja Kundu
Dr. Sushil Dhuldhhar

Student Heads

Student Head: Aditya Rao (D12B)
Deputy Student Head: C V Ananya (D14A)
Films Head: Faaiz Dastaagir (D11B)
Films Deputy Head: Tanmai Govindan (D11B)
Debate Head: Rahul Motwani (D12B)
Debate Deputy Head: Itisha Dalvi (D11A)
MUN Head: Anusha Krishnan (D14B)
MUN Deputy Head: Prasad Naik (D14B)
Quiz Head: Adith Nair (D14B)
Quiz Deputy Head: Pranav Bindra (D14B)



VESLit Week 2019

Dates: 30 September to 5 October 2019

VESLit Week is the main event of this Circle and is held in the Odd Semester of each academic year. This year it was conducted from 30 September to 5 October 2019. It was a fun-filled week, with plethora of activities where students can test and enhance their skills. The program of the week were as follows:

Day 1: September 30, 2019

Model United Nations

The first event for the *VESLit Week 2019* was the VES Model United Nations competition. This event was held in the smart class rooms on the 4th and 5th Floor. Forty Four teams had registered for this event, and so two committees, each having twenty two countries were formed. Prior to the event, a mock session was arranged for all the participants wherein they were given a detailed explanation on how an MUN is conducted. The agenda for this MUN was 'Weaponization of Artificial Intelligence'. Each country had to come up with an effective solution to weaponizing Artificial Intelligence in their respective countries, where they also had to ensure adherence to the national and international interests of the country. The session lasted for four hours and the participants were judged on the basis of the policies they put forth, their conduct and their ability to collaborate with other countries to pass the most effective Motion.

Chairpersons:

Committee 1 : Mr. Avinash Tripathy (D9A), Junior Council Member, VESLit Circle 2019

Committee 2 : Mr. Shlok Jagushte (D9B), Junior Council Member, VESLit Circle 2019

Mr. Rohan Ghosalkar (D7C), Junior Council Member, VESLit Circle 2019

Winners:

Committee 1:

Best Delegate: Sneha Kartik(D2C) and Sahana Shetty(D5A) (China)

High Commendation: Gaurav Govilkar (D3) and Rahul Patil (D3) (Pakistan)

Special Mention: Himesh Shadiza (D9A) and Neeraj Patil (D6B) (USA)

Committee 2

Best Delegate: Yash Bhise (D4B) and Tanya Dubey (D4B)(Iran)

High Commendation: Kaushal Jagasia (D2C)and Mihir Pamnani (D2C) (DPRK)

Special Mention: Atique Kudchi (D11A) and Atharva Gupte (D9B) (Russia)

Editor's Cut

The **Editor's Cut** was also held on the first day of VESLit week. This was a competition, where teams had to make a video collage of clips from a list of films provided to them. The screenings of the competition were preceded by screening short films sent by the VESlit Films Divisions to various short film competitions. The first screenings were the short films submitted to India film project's '50 hour filmmaking competition' which is one of the largest such competition in the world. This was followed by the short films for the 'Best Video' competition organized at the Pan-India level by the Central Vigilance Commission of India. After these screenings, the films registered for the Editor's Cut were screened, and at the same time, the organizers also held a fun quiz on the films for the audience.

Judges: Suraj Bhatija (D16B)

Ashwin Pillay(D16B)

Winners

1st Place: Anshul Chimnani (D11B)

2nd Place: Sanika Sayane (D12C)

3rd Place: Garv Jhangiani (D2A)

Day 2:October 1, 2019

Fancon 2019

The first round of FANCON was an online round conducted through a Google form which comprised of a quiz based on various popular book series and fandoms. Seventy teams registered for the event of which, the top twenty two teams were selected for the final round. The final round was divided into two parts: where the first round was a treasure hunt and the second part had the narrators write a story. In the first round, the participants were given 800 points and they had to solve clues and buy fictional characters from popular books and fandoms with their points. The top six teams who went onto the second round had to create a story with the characters that they had bought and narrate it. The top three teams were crowned winners of the competition.

Name of the judges:

Anahita Goswami (D19A)

Anisha Kaul (D17A)

1st Place: Ankita Mandal and team (D14B)

2nd Place : Shreyas Udupa and team (D7B)

3rd Place : Shreeja Nanda and team(D7B)

Day 3: October 3, 2019

KBC

Kaun Banega Candyapati was VESLit's spin off version of the acclaimed show, *Kaun Banega Crorepati*. Ninety one students registered for this event. The 1st round was an elimination round where the participants were tested on their general knowledge. Round Two was held in the VESIT auditorium. Thirty four students who qualified for round Two were divided into groups of eight. This round had "Fastest Finger First", wherein the participants had to test their speed and knowledge, and the one who gave the fastest correct answer was invited to the Hot Seat. In this round, the participant was asked a series of questions, and every answer was rewarded with chocolate, where, as the level of difficulty of questions increased, the chocolates given were higher priced. The audience, too were kept involved where a number of questions were directed to them and chocolates given to the correct answers. The response from the audience was indeed overwhelming.

Winner:- Anjali Patil (D14B)

Day 4:October 4 ,2019

Spell Bee

Around sixty students participated in the preliminary round of Spell Bee competition. The top twenty-one participants battled through four rounds to win the event. The final rounds of Spell Bee was held on 4 October in CA3. The first round was Dictation, and the top twelve participants proceeded to the next round. The second round was a Challenge round, where each participant had to challenge his or her opponent to spell seven words. The top eight students from this round proceeded to the homophones round, where they had to spell all possible variations of the pronounced word. The last round was rapid fire between the top four.

Winners: 1st Position: Athreya Vijayaraghavan (D9A)

2nd Position: Salonee Velonde (D7B)

3rd Position: Aditya Raute (D12C)

Game of Shows

This event was a quiz based on popular TV shows. The preliminary round was a paper elimination, which was held on 26 September 2019. Forty teams, consisting of four participants

each, participated in this round. The top eight scorers proceeded to the Finals. The first round of the finals had the participants guess the TV Show based on its theme song. The top six teams proceeded to the second round, where they had sixty seconds to answer as many questions as they could, on a show of their choice. The top four teams from the second round battled it out in a neck-to-neck buzzer round. The Winners of the event are:

1st Place: Anahita Goswami(D19A), Nidhi Nayak(D19A), Smruti K(D17A)Anisha K. (D17A)

2nd Place: Tanmai Govindan(D11B), Tanmay Kothale(D11B), Varun Talwadkar(D11B), Faaiz Dastagir (D11B)

3rd Place: Swapnil Taur(D9A) Rohan K.(D9A), Veerabh M.(D9A),Siddhant S.(D9A)

Day 5: October 5, 2019

Short Film Competition

The short film competition with the theme '**Integrity : A Way Of Life**' was held in association with the Union Bank of India in compliance with the Vigilance Week initiative. The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the UBI dignitaries as well as, Hrishikesh Dalvi and Nilesh Gopali, VESIT Alumni, and members of the faculty. They guests were honored with *tulsi* plants as mementos. The Short Films were then screened for the audience and members of UBI evaluated and judged the films. The winning teams are:

1st place: Gaurav Govailkar and team(D3)

2nd place: Aditya Bhoir and team (D11B)

3rs place: Chirag Rajput and team (D16B)

Intra-College Debate Competition

The VESLit Debate team began the elimination round for the Intra-class debate in September with the theme “Corruption”. Over a hundred eliminations rounds were conducted, of which two best students from each class were selected. This was followed by forty Intra-Year debate eliminations to select the best team from each year. The final elimination round was between the FE and MCA, which was held on 1 October, 2019 in the CA-3, and judged by Prof. Pooja Shetty. There was a stiff competition and in the end the FEs qualified for the finals.

The finals, which was also the Grand Finale of VESLit week, was held in the college auditorium on 5 October 2019. The semi-final competition began with the debate between the FE and BE on

the topic '2019 Indian Motor Vehicle act will lead to higher corruption'. The second round was between the TE and SE on the topic 'Electoral bonds in elections should name the bearer'. The First-Years and the Third Years qualified for the final round. The topic for the final round was, 'Price control leads to shortages in the market.' After an intense competition, the Third Years won the debate. The judges awarded the winners with trophies and certificates.

Judges from UBI: Mr. Vikash Kumar(Dy. General Manager(Vigilance), Mr. Sanjeev Ranjan Sahay (Asst. General Manager (Vigilance), Mr. Raj Kumar (Dy. Regional Head of Mumbai (North Region).

Alumni: Mr.Hrishikesh Dalvi, founder and CEO of Rishi Consultancies. (Batch of 1995), Nilesh Gopali, CEO OF Aavor. (Batch of 1995)

Winners: Third Year

Adith Nair (D14B) Lewin Naronha (D14B)

Runnerup: First Year

Chelsi Prakash (D4B) , Manu Siddharth D4B)

Best Speaker: Bhuvana Raisinghani (D9A)