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VESLit Report

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VESLit Report 20-21

INTRODUCTION

The 2020-21 academic year saw all the events organized on an online platform due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, this did not prevent VESLit from conducting exciting events for the students of VESIT. The council as a whole had a very productive year. Multiple online meets and late night calls replaced post-lecture classroom meets as the medium of discussion and planning. We held a bunch of creative and formal literature based events in both the semesters of this academic year.

We kickstarted the year with announcing the newly formed council on our Instagram page. This was followed with some interactive interactions on Instagram to boost our reach amongst the students. Each division then carefully planned some small scale event to set the tone for the academic year. There was a brief collaboration between VESLit Circle and the other Student Councils of VESIT for "Invincia", held shortly after the Diwali break. The even semester consisted of multiple events organized for the newly inculcated First Year students. There was also the biggest literature fest held in VESIT, the trademark of the VESLit Circle - The VESLit Week.



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The complete detail and report on the activities and events held by the VESLit Circle in the academic year 20-21 is given below:

Faculty In-Charge

Dr. Pooja Kundu

Dr. Sushil Dhuldhare

VESLit Circle members for the academic year 20-21 :-

Student Head - C.V Ananya (D19A)

Deputy Student Head - Avinash Tripathy (D14B)

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Debate Division

Head - Adith Nair (D19B)

Deputy - Atharva Gadkari (D13)

Senior Member - Salonee Velonde (D12B)

Junior Members - Sneha Karthik (D7C)

Tanya Dubey (D9B)

Films Division

Head - Aditya Bhoir (D11B)

Deputy - Varun Pillai (D11B)

Junior Members - Tarun Mishra (D7C)

Prithvi Kumar (D7A)

Aditya Bedekar (D6)



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MUN Division

Head - Shlok Jagushte (D11B)

Deputy - Arnab Saha (D14B)

Senior Member - Paridhi Harpalani (D12B)

Junior Members - Kaushal Jagasia (D7C)

Aishwarya Krishnamurthy (D7A)

Mihir Pamnani (D7C)

Quiz Division

Head - Pranav Bindra (D19B)

Deputy - Rohan Ghosalkar (D12C)

Senior Members - Namrata Tolani (D12A)

Manoj Aiyappan (D12B)

Arnav Bagchi (D12C)

Junior Member - Krishik Rao (D9B)



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VESLit Circle members for the academic year 20-21.

FILMS DIVISION

Our first call to action came in the form of VESLit's intro videos. We worked hard to create unique and captivating videos to showcase each member and their role in VESLit. Credit where credit is due,



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precision, while the remaining members supported him with photo edits. The end result was a set of introduction videos that were short, sweet, and unmatched by the other councils.

We held a meet, in order to discuss VESLit week and the events we would propose. After much deliberation, we settled on two online and two offline events. They were as follows:

- An event similar to Editor's Cut held last year with the following changes
 - A song to be given as theme for the clip
 - An alternate genre to be given for a film
- An Online Poster making competition
- A Script Writing competition which would provide alternate endings to popular movies
- A traditional Short Film competition where participants are encouraged to take up any other topic other than corruption

The last item on the agenda was an outreach program. Each division of VESLit would hold small-scale, social media based events, in order to gain publicity.

The Films division decided on a B-Roll competition, where each participant would produce a B-Roll video, with a maximum length of 30 seconds. This would allow the videos to be uploaded to Instagram Reels, which would make the participants more comfortable with the format.

Out of the numerous participants, we had a stand-out winner in Abhiram Phadnis.

Soon after the social media events, it was decided that VESLit week would not take place in the odd semester. Instead, it would be held in the even semester, which was when we hoped college would reopen.



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Finally, we held an ad-making competition: AD-Venture, held during Invincia. Each team would have to make a 1 minute ad representing any one of ten brands supplied to them.



Poster for Ad Venture



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Poster for the B-Roll Face Off

MUN DIVISION

The Model United Nations (MUN) branch created quite a buzz amidst the students by contributing with exciting politically correct events ranging from the introductory quiz to the ultimate Invincia blockbuster in collaboration under the banner of Student Council.

- MUN Roulette

Date: 10th-11th October 2020

Platform: Google Meet



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Poster for MUN Roulette

The MUN division carefully curated a quiz that would help students to understand the kind of topics that are generally discussed in a MUN or a Youth Parliament. The preliminary round was conducted in morning and afternoon sessions with the participants randomly divided into groups of four. The format for this round was MCQs followed by a pictorial round and was concluded with a rapid fire round. The three preliminary rounds were conducted by Mihir Pamnani (D7C), Kaushal Jagasia (D7C), Aishwarya Krishnamurthy (D7A) and Paridhi Harpilani (D12B).

The top eight scoring students qualified for the semifinals of the event. Staying true to the event name *MUN Roulette*, the semifinals and finals had a Gambling Round. Participants placed a bet with their points, if their answer was correct then twice as many points were added to their total but in case of their answer being wrong the points were subtracted. The semi finals were also conducted in groups of four with VESLit Student Head C.V Ananya (D19A) and MUN Division Head Shlok



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Jagusthe (D11B) conducting the rounds simultaneously. Lastly, the final gamble was between the top four participants which concluded after a series of twists and turns and Gaurav Govilkar (D8) emerged victorious with the whole session being live streamed via Google Meet.

- **Mock Chief Ministers' Meet**

Date: 21st October 2020

Platform: Zoom Meeting



Poster for Mock Chief Ministers' Meet

This event was in collaboration with the Union Bank of India: a Youth Parliament in light of the Vigilance Awareness Week. Keeping the theme for this year 'Vigilant India, Prosperous India' in mind, the MUN Division decided to simulate a Mock Chief Ministers' Meet with the agenda as



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India's Fight Against Corruption. The three-hour long event was streamed live on YouTube. UBI officials all across the country were a part of the event as they watched it live online.

The formal proceedings began with opening statements where participants presented their stance to their respective peers and helped establish their point of view on the agenda in hand. They were followed by a Formal session where the participants could state views on a sub- agenda, which they felt was the most relevant to the agenda. The participants also engaged in a question and answer session with each other. Soon after the Formal Session, Shlok Jagusthe (D11B) and Arnab Saha (D14B), who were the moderators for the event, guided the Committee to an Informal Session.

After an extensive round of formal and informal discussions which showed the depth of research that the participants had carried out, it was time for the Closing Statements. The participants put forward their concluding remarks, summarising the constructive points raised during the session and reiterating the important points with respect to Corruption.

Mr. Sanjeev Sahay and Mr. Umesh Kumar Singh from the Union Bank of India gave their closing remarks and announced the winners :-

Malavika Anoop (D14A) - Best Parliamentarian

Rudrakshi Deshpande (D14A) - High Commendation

Rajesh Muni (D6) - Special Mention

- **Fandom Buzz**



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Date: 19th November 2020

Platform: Google Meet

Fandom Buzz was a unique platform to explore, discuss and present the most hyped fandoms of all times with an unconventional MUN twist. It was conducted in collaboration with the Cultural Council. The fandoms were assorted committees representing ten prominent members from each fandom discussing one mind-boggling agenda. The three-committee invitations were sent out for the wizards from Harry Potter, detectives from Brooklyn 99 and actors from Bollywood.



Poster for Fandom Buzz



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“Should Harry Potter have destroyed the elder wand?” was the perplexing viewpoint thrown at wizards to contemplate. The agenda for B99 Committee was - Captain Madeline Wuntch was seeking to downsize the 99th precinct in the NYPD, while the police force for the same precinct tried to put forward their case, to turn over Wuntch's evil motives. The ever-controversial Bollywood was to put their perspectives forward on the raging conversation around nepotism. All committees witnessed a banter-full discussion and concluded with a variety of hot takes around the introduced agendas.

The winners for the three committees were as follows :

Harry Potter Committee: Moderator - Neeraj Patil (D11B)

1. Vineet Bhole (D6) - Albus Dumbledore
 2. Nihar Abhyankar (D20) - Dolores Umbridge
- Best Dressed: Sristi Sharma (D10B) - Hermoine Granger

Brooklyn 99 Committee: Moderator - Arnab Saha (D14B)

1. Bhuvana Raisinghani (D14A) - Gina Linetti
 2. Sahil Salian (D14B) - Captain Holt
- Best Dressed: Muskan Hassanandani (D7A) - Amy Santiago

Bollywood Committee: Moderator - Shlok Jagauste (D11B)

1. Siddhi Bhosale (D7A) - Karan Johar
 2. Advait Bansode (D7B) - Alia Bhatt
- Best Dressed: Akshita Upadhyay (D7B) - Kangana Ranaut



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- Nirvana

Date: 20th November 2020

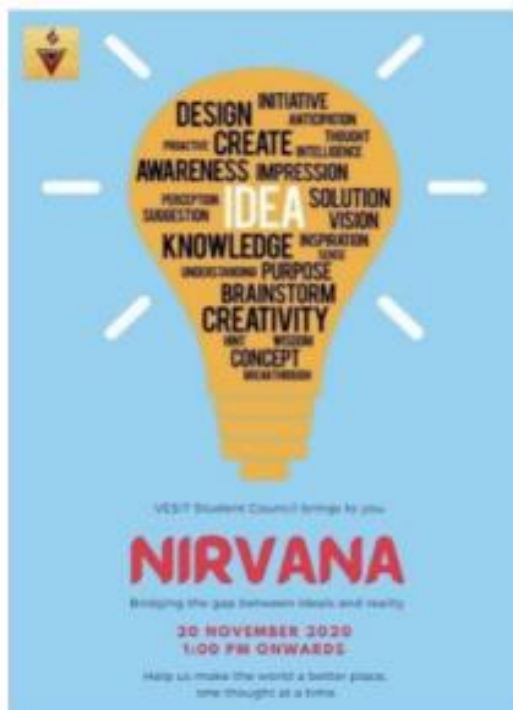
Platform: Google Meet

To further the spirit of rational discourse, Nirvana' was introduced - an event where young minds from our college were asked to narrow down any one social justice domain, research its most prominent problems, troubleshoot and offer viable solutions for the same in a five-minute presentation. The event was hosted by Mihir Pamnani (D7C) and Venkatesh Reddy (D10A). Topics ranging from LGBTQ+ Rights to Climate Change were all put on the table for participating teams to intrigue some thought-provoking conversations. The event was judged by **Mrs Vinita Mishra** (Assistant Professor at the Department of Information Technology) and **Ms Vismaya Kulkarni**, a clinical psychology graduate who works with a chain of NGOs for animal welfare and advocates for veganism.



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Poster for Nirvana

The event began with a presentation providing an innovative insight to increase accessibility to primary education for rural India. Following each presentation, a two-minute session was organized inviting constructive scrutiny from the judges and other fellow teams. The teams were graded on for the efficiency of solutions, presentation skills and depth of research. Applauding the efforts made by the students, the judges concluded the event with few words of wisdom. Following that, Ananya Venugopal (D19A) delivered a vote of thanks and brought the event to a close.

Winners:

1. Ninad Rao (D10A) and V Krishnasubramaniam (D10A)
2. Hrutika Pakhale (D8) and Shikha Negi (D8)



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3. Sristi Sharma (D10B) and Adarsh Kadam (D10B)
4. Daksh Ramchandani (D12C)
5. Prasanna Sridharan (D10A) and Rahul Nailwal (D10A)

QUIZ DIVISION

The Quiz Department of the VESLit Circle planned two main events for the Odd Semester: IPL QUIZ 2020 and ZOOMNISCIANT.

- **IPL QUIZ 2020**

Date: 3rd-4th October 2020

Platform: Google Meets

The IPL themed Quiz was full of questions revolving around legendary players, cricket stadiums and memorable matches in the history of IPL. The main rounds of the Quiz were:

1. Elimination Round
2. Semi - Finals
3. Grand Finale

The quiz was open to all the students of VESIT and saw a total participation of **156 students**.



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Poster for the IPL Quiz

1. Elimination Round

The elimination round was conducted on 3rd October, Saturday from 12:00 to 12:30 PM. Eliminations were conducted using the online **Kahoot** interface. Two sessions each of 78 students were carried out simultaneously. **Top 25** students from each session qualified to the next round. The list of questions is given below.



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All (14)		Difficult questions (6)		Search	
Question	Type	Correct/Incorrect			
1. Who is organising the IPL Quiz 2020?	Quiz	50%			
2. In which IPL team's logo would you see the 'Sudarsan Chakra'?	Quiz	42%			
3. What's the date of the first IPL match of 2020?	Quiz	60%			
4. Which IPL Team's Home Ground is Named After Former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi?	Quiz	42%			
5. In which year did Virat Kohli score all his IPL centuries?	Quiz	55%			
6. Who has the best strike rate in the IPL?	Quiz	55%			
7. Who was the most expensive auctioned player in the history of the IPL?	Quiz	72%			
8. How many Indians have won the Most Valuable Player Award?	Quiz	16%			
9. Where was the final venue for IPL in 2019?	Quiz	31%			
10. Which Player has the highest Batting Average in the IPL?	Quiz	61%			
11. Which team has the highest no. of sixes in the IPL?	Quiz	29%			
12. What is the total number of matches that will be played in the 2020 season?	Quiz	27%			
13. Which is the only player to score 37 runs in an over in IPL?	Quiz	55%			
14. Did you like the Quiz? :)	Quiz	71%			

List of questions for Eliminations

1. Semi-Finals

The 50 students who qualified from the Eliminations then moved to the Semi-Final round. This round was conducted on 3rd October, Sunday from 11:00 to 12:00 PM. The online quiz portal **Sporcle** was used for the same. This round consisted of 10 sessions of 5 players each. The **Top 12** players qualified to the Grand Finale.



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1. Grand Finale

The Grand Finale was conducted on 3rd of October from 4:00 PM onwards. It was segregated into 3 distinct rounds:

Round 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Round 2: Guess the Player

Round 3: Gambling Round

Top 8 players from MCQ round qualified to Round 2 and Top 4 from Round 2 entered the Gambling Round. The 4 players who entered the Gambling Round were Yogesh Inamdar (165), Anish Inamdar (165), Sarthak Thakur (150) and Vighnesh Verma (125). At this stage, the Finalists were each given an IPL team with 5 questions each. Every participant had to bet certain points from their earned before answering the question. Correct answer was awarded with double the betted points whereas a wrong answer led to deduction of the betted points.

The final tally was Sarthak leading with 250 points followed by Anish with 220 points. Vighnesh and Yogesh had 212 and 200 points respectively. Finally Sarthak Thakur was declared as the winner for the IPL Quiz 2020. This was followed by a short speech from Ananya Venugopal, Head of the VESLIT Circle and the event was brought to an end.

Winner - Sarthak Thakur (D12C)

• ZOOMNISCIENT

Date: 18th November

Platform: Google Meets



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This quiz based event was in collaboration with the VESIT Student Council under the banner of Invincia. The game ran via a series of rounds where the team with the most considerable number of points at the end of all rounds was declared the winner.

The quiz consisted of six main rounds:

1. Elimination Round

The elimination round was conducted on **Kahoot**, an online platform to conduct live quizzes. The questions and options were being displayed on the screen and the participants had to select the colour corresponding to the correct answer. 5 points were allotted for each correct answer, according to which **Top 20 Teams** were selected in this round.

2. Riddle Round

The Riddle round was played by the above selected 20 teams to compete for the **Top 16** positions. Here the participants were provided with three riddles, the answers to which was the password to a protected PDF file. The PDF file consisted of a google meet link wherein the 16 teams to join first were selected.

3. Scattergories

In the second round, the game of **Scattergories** was played by these top 16 teams. These teams had to fight for the **Top 12** positions. This game consisted of two wheels, which spun to give a category and a letter respectively. The teams had to name as many words directly or indirectly related to the category starting with that letter in 30 secs. Each team played this round twice and were allotted points according to the number of words the teams were able to mention in the given time limit.



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4. Guess the Personality

Round 3 or **Guess the Personality** round: In this round, the top 12 teams were given one question in the beginning, the answer to which was a notable personality. The teams had to guess 2 personalities in total. 20 points were allotted if the team guessed it without any hints, 15 with one, 10 with two and 5 with three hints. **Top 8** teams were selected based on cumulative scores from earlier rounds.

5. Marketing Event

Round 4 consisted of a marketing event wherein the teams were given a product which had to be marketed as if it belonged to some other company. The teams were given 1 minute to pitch their idea to the judges after which points were allotted according to their pitch.

6. Grand Finale

The final round was a rapid-fire round where the **Top 4 teams** were given +10 for every correct answer and -5 for an incorrect answer. The teams were made to choose one of the following domains: Sports, Music, Science and Technology, History and Indian advertising. Neeraj Patil (D11B) and Manas Maskar (D11B) mastered this event with a whopping 155 points and were declared as winners, followed closely by Shreeja Nanda (D12B) and Shreyas Udupa (D12B) with 151 points. "This was one of the most enthralling events out of all the quiz events I had participated in earlier, as the competition was neck to neck. Round 4 was particularly very interesting as my team had to market a product 'airbag' by the company 'Lays', which challenged me and my teammate to come up with a pitch in just under 1 minute", said Shreeja Nanda (D12B).

Winners:

Rank 1: Neeraj Patil (D11B) and Manas Maskar (D11B)

Rank 2: Shreeja Nanda (D12B) and Shreyas Udupa (D12B)



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Rank 3: Aditya Gurnani (D12A) and Krish Amesur (D12A) tied with Shivani Shenai (D12B) and Kunal Kotkar (D12B)

DEBATE DIVISION

Multiple meets, endless discussions and late night calls is the perfect way to summarize the debate team's work this semester. This Semester we conducted 2 major events, the details being provided below:

- **Among Us Debate**

Date: 18th October

Platform: Google Meet

Since formal debates seem to be intimidating at first, this innovative event was aimed at providing students with a platform to freely showcase their speaking and debating skills. The event was beginner friendly with a touch of the trending game 'Among Us'

The debate was conducted between two teams consisting of five members each. The participants had registered individually. They were split into two teams by the council members. The distribution of team members and the selection of the imposter in each team was done randomly. The topic of the debate was '*Is an audience necessary in sports?*' The participants had been informed about the topic and the teams a day before the event. The teams were also informed whether they would be ruling for or against the motion.

Each team consisted of four crewmates and one imposter. The participant was informed about being an imposter just a few minutes before the event began. The task of the imposter was to kill maximum



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crewmates without being caught. The imposters had to use a specific word in their arguments to kill a crewmate. The words were chosen by the council members. Every time the imposters decided to kill someone, they had to give prior notification to the assigned council member through Whatsapp. Once the imposters used the given words, the council would declare the selected crewmate to be dead after ten seconds. The dead crewmates would switch off their camera and mute themselves. The task of the crewmates included providing convincing arguments and also to figure out the imposter.

After killing a crewmate, the imposter was restricted from killing another for the next 5 minutes. Each team was allowed to have 2 emergency meetings to figure out the imposter. The teams had 1 minute for each emergency meeting. The teams could either vote out a member or skip the vote in an emergency meeting. Two separate breakout rooms were created for the emergency meetings. Sneha Kartik (D7C) and Aditya Dubey (D10A) moderated one breakout room while Tanya Dubey (D9B) and Salonee Velonde (D12B) moderated the other.

All the participants were asked to join the meet by 4:30 pm. The council began by briefing the participants with the rules and regulations of the event. Before starting the debate, the teams were given 10 minutes to discuss among themselves in the separate breakout rooms. The debate commenced at 5:20 pm. The total duration of the debate was 30 minutes. Atharva Gadkari (D13) was the timekeeper for the event. The debate began with an introduction from both the teams followed by a rebuttal. Both the teams had to conclude their arguments in the last 1 minute.

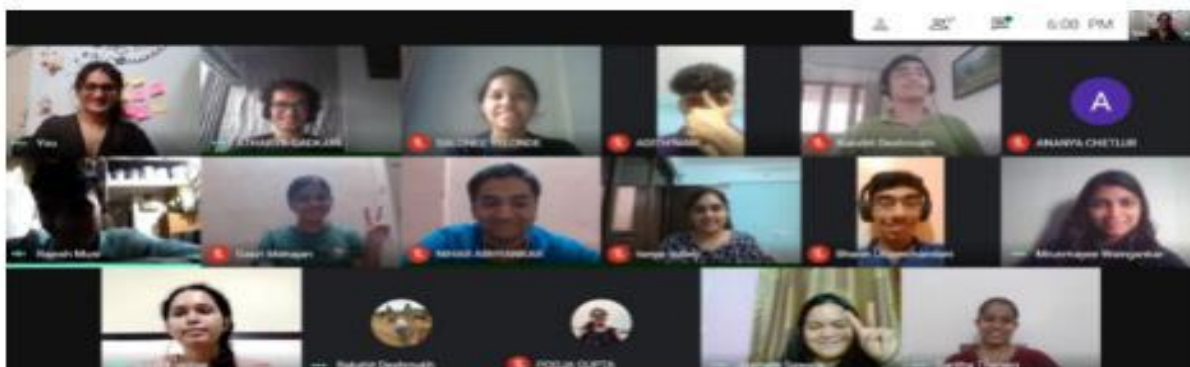
Adith Nair (D19B), Debate Division Head, was the judge for the evening. The participants were awarded points based on their debating skills. Bonus points were awarded to the team which was successful in identifying the imposter. Both the teams presented excellent arguments. However, the 'For' Team identified the imposter in the second emergency meeting and hence were entitled to the bonus points.



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The 'For' team was declared as the winning team after the final calculation of points. The winning team included Jasmine Sawra (D7C), Rajesh Muni (D6), Pooja Gopalprasad Gupta (D13), Saritha Ponnambalan Tharakan (D6) and Rakshit Deshmukh (D7A). Rakshit was the imposter in the 'Against' Team. The winners were declared on the Instagram story of VESLit's Instagram page. The winners will be rewarded with coupons and certificates.



VESLit Debate Division and the participants posing after conclusion of the event.

- **The Invincia Debate**

Date: 20th November 2020

Platform: Zoom Meeting

This was a Parliamentary Debate that consisted of multiple rounds. It was held in collaboration with the VESIT Student Council under the banner of Invincia. The first round was a knockout between 8 teams with the topics consisting of various social issues. The second round included 4 teams and then finals. The debates were judged by Aditya Rao, Rahul Motwani and Adith Nair. Other members of the debate division helped with moderation and smooth flow.



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Poster for Invincia Debate.

- **National Science Day Debate**

Date: 27th-28th February 2021

Platform: Zoom Meeting

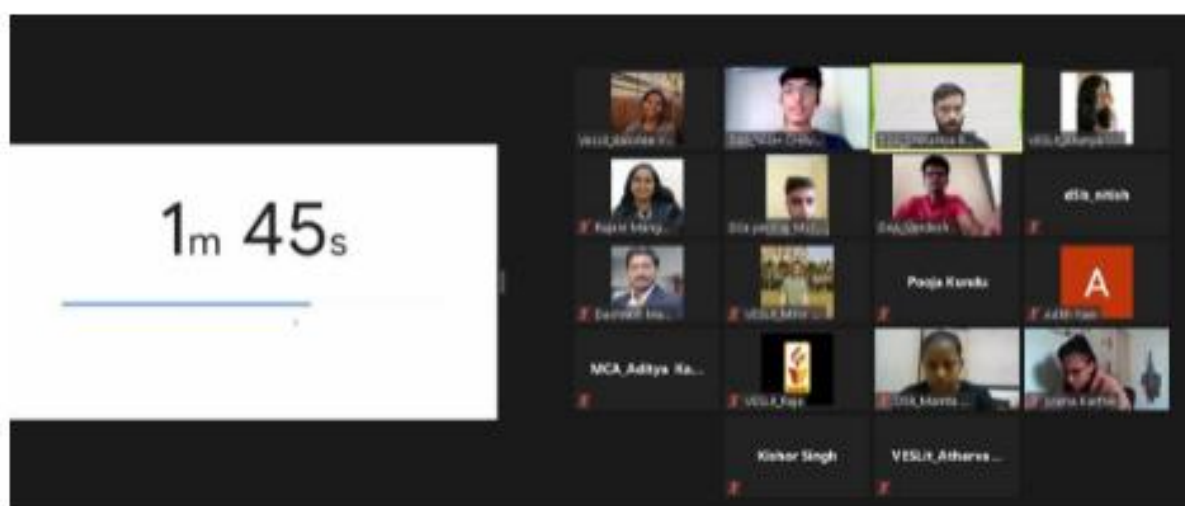
National Science Day is celebrated every year on February 28. This day recalls the notable discovery "Raman Effect" by India's greatest scientist C V Raman, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for this discovery. To celebrate this day, the VESLit Circle in association with VESIT IIC organized a debate competition. This competition was exclusively held for first-year students and each class had to send a team of two students. The eliminations were held on the 27th of February, with the topic being 'Is AI a boon or bane?'. The following four teams made it to the final event which was held on 28th of February on Zoom:



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- Yash Chavan and Vandesh Swant (D4A)
- Kishor Sharma and Aditya Kawale (MCA-B)
- Mamta Ahuja and Nitish Jaiswal (D5B)
- Chetaniya Bajaj and Yashraj Mulwani (D2A)



Proceedings of the semi-final debate.

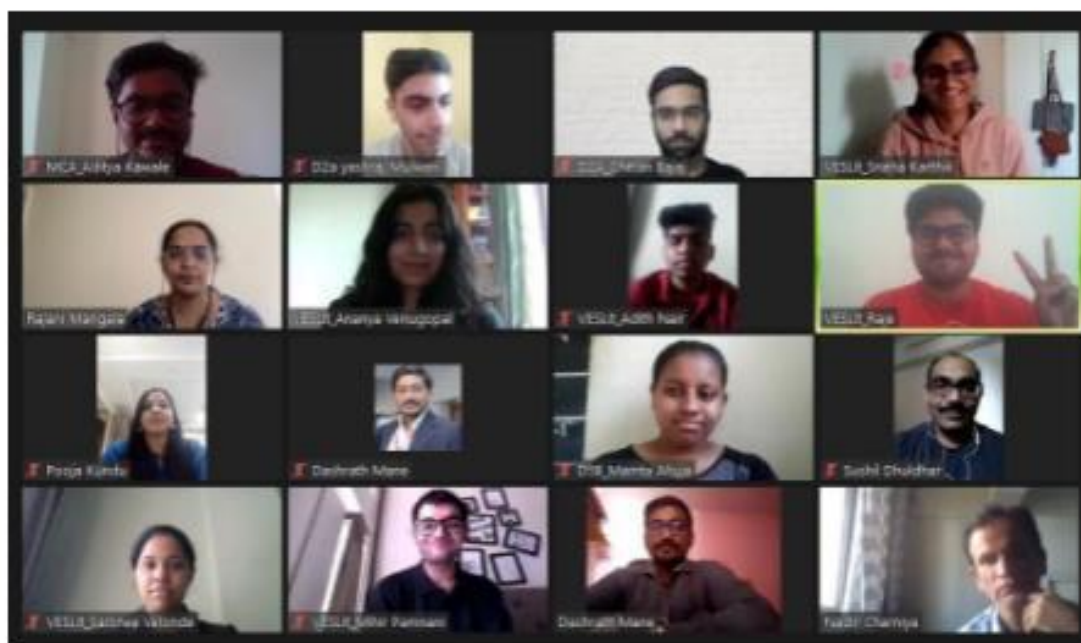
The topics for the semi-finals as well as the finals were provided one day prior to the event. The judges for the debate were Mr. Dashrath Mane, Assistant Professor, Department of MCA and Dr. T. Rajani Mangala, Associate Professor, Department of Electronics. The topic for the semi-finals was 'Should animal testing be banned?'. The first semi-final took place between team D2A as the proposition and team D4A as the opposition. In the second semi-final debate, team D5B was up against team MCA-B. Team MCA-B defended the motion whereas team D5B opposed it. Both the debates had an introduction time of two minutes for each team, followed by a rebuttal of five minutes and a concluding statement of two minutes each. All the four teams put forth concrete arguments



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backed by facts and figures supporting their stance, with team D2A and team MCA-B making it to the grand finale. The debates were moderated by CV Ananya (D19A) and Salonee Velonde (D12B). The topic for the final debate was 'The house believes that exploration of outer space is a waste of economical resources'. Team D2A was in favor of the motion while team MCA-B opposed it. The debate was closely fought with both the teams coming up with strong points to support their stance. Chetaniya Bajaj and Yashraj Mulwani from D2A were declared as the winners of the National Science Day debate. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Sneha Karthik (D7C).



VESLIT members along with the judges and participants.



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GENERAL EVENTS

- **SADHBHAWNA DIWAS**

Date: 5th September 2020

Platform: Online Submission via Google Form

The Sadbhawna Diwas celebration included a Poster making competition and an Essay writing competition. The winners for each are mentioned below:-

- A. Essay Writing Competition
 - 1st place - Sumit Jadhav
 - 2nd place - Isha Chawan
- B. Poster Making Competition
 - 1st place - Hruthika Pakhale
 - 2nd place - Isha Chawan

- **DIWALI SABHA**

Date: 13th November 2020

Platform: Google Meet

This event was held in collaboration with the VESIT Music Council to celebrate one of the biggest Indian festivals: Diwali. The event started out with a segment of performances by students and members of the Music Council which was followed by a quiz in which teams consisting of a



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GENERAL EVENTS

- **SADHBHAWNA DIWAS**

Date: 5th September 2020

Platform: Online Submission via Google Form

The Sadbhawna Diwas celebration included a Poster making competition and an Essay writing competition. The winners for each are mentioned below:-

A. Essay Writing Competition

1st place - Sumit Jadhav

2nd place - Isha Chawan

B. Poster Making Competition

1st place - Hruthika Pakhale

2nd place - Isha Chawan

- **DIWALI SABHA**

Date: 13th November 2020

Platform: Google Meet

This event was held in collaboration with the VESIT Music Council to celebrate one of the biggest Indian festivals: Diwali. The event started out with a segment of performances by students and members of the Music Council which was followed by a quiz in which teams consisting of a



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homogenous mixture of teachers and students took part. The quiz was based on Indian mythology, and the teams battled it out to the very end to win. The quiz had four rounds, including MCQ, Pictogram and rapid fire. There were five teams in total as mentioned below.

Team A: Neeraj Patil, Tanmai Govindan, Mr. Vijay Shejwalkar and Mr. Prashant Kanade

Team B: Kirti Patil, Vaishnavi Iyer, Mr. Sunny Nahar, Dr. Maya Bhatt

Team C: Meghana, Smruti, Mr. Abhay Kshirsagar sir and Mr. Gaurav Tawde

Team D: Praneel Rastogi, Aayushi Pamnani, Mr. Vivek Umrikar and Dr. (Mrs.) Manisha Tewari

Team E : Aarushi Sharma, Saurabh Maurya, Mrs. Rohini Temkar and Dr. (Mrs.) Shashwati Mujumdar.

Team D was declared winner with **Team C** being runners up. All in all, it was an evening dedicated to celebrating our culture and Indian roots.

- **F.E. INDUCTION**

Date: 15th-18th, 22nd February 2021

Platform: Zoom Meeting

Due to the late joining of the first year students in this academic year, their induction had to be held in the even semester. Starting on 15th February, 2021 we held a meeting with two or three classes each day, where we played some fun games with them and engaged them in discussions to help initiate them into their college lives. The entire experience was rewarding for the council members and the students as it helped us build bridges even in the restrictive online format. The induction ended on 22nd February with the MCA classes.



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Truths And A Lie: Facts Edition where every Monday we put out 3 statements, and the students had to reply which of the statements was false. Every Wednesday, we put out a segment called Pun-dits, which had some of our council members coming up with the wittiest wordplay. Fridays were for pictograms, where we often put out pictures like Amul advertisements and asked students to guess the event they were based on. Sundays saw a special edition of 'Tharaurus' - a Thesaurus inspired by Shashi Tharoor, where we started going into word origins. All in all, we have more than doubled our followers since the beginning of the academic year.

THE THARAURUS Tharoor Thesaurus

Word - Sesquipedalian

Meaning - 1. given to use long words
2. (of a word) containing many syllables.



The 'Tharaurus' was a big hit on Instagram.

VESLit WEEK 2021



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This year, VESLit Week had to be held online as offline college has been in indefinite suspension since the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic. We, as a council, had to come up with new and ingenious ways to keep our audience engaged, and we rose to the occasion. Some of our flagship events like the Play Offs couldn't be held and so we came up with some new events and kept some old ones, but all in all, we transitioned to the online medium remarkably well. Following is an account of all the events we held during the Week:-

Day 1: 30th March, 2021

- **Kaun Banega Crorepati**

Kaun banega crorepati (KBC) was held by the Quiz Division. True to its reputation, the event generated a tremendous response. It was meticulously planned and was played out in 3 stages.

1. Qualification Round

A quiz in the form of a google form was sent out to the participants and the top 30 were selected through this method. Groups of 6 were made and these groups qualified for a Fastest Finger First to get a chance to be on the hotseat.

2. Fastest Finger First

Each of these groups played a fun kahoot round, the stakes being the winner of each group gets a chance at the hotseat.



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3. Final Round

Each member of the quiz division hosted a round of the KBC and with a poetic continuity, the VESlit heads served as counsels of sound advice to the participants this time. A total of 6 rounds were played between 6 winners of the Fastest Finger First. To make the round more interesting the participants were given three lifelines being : Call a Friend, Expert Advice and 50/50. Ms. Ananya Chetlur and Mr. Avinash Tripathy, heads of VESLiT Circle, served as the expert panel.

The event was executed smoothly and the winners chosen on the basis of who answered the most questions and if that was a tie it was determined on the basis of who had more lifelines. The winners were Arnav Singhal (D1AD), Ashutosh Mishra (D2C), Tanmayee Bochara (D4B). The event received rave reviews from the participants and made a strong start to a very eventful VESlit week.

Day 2: 31 March, 2021

• Spell Bee

The Spell Bee was conducted on the 31st of March, moderated by C.V. Ananya (D19) and Prithvi Kumar (D7A).

To adapt to the online mode, an initial elimination round was held on the kahoot platform. The top 10 performers would advance to the next round.

The first round was **The Faceoff**.

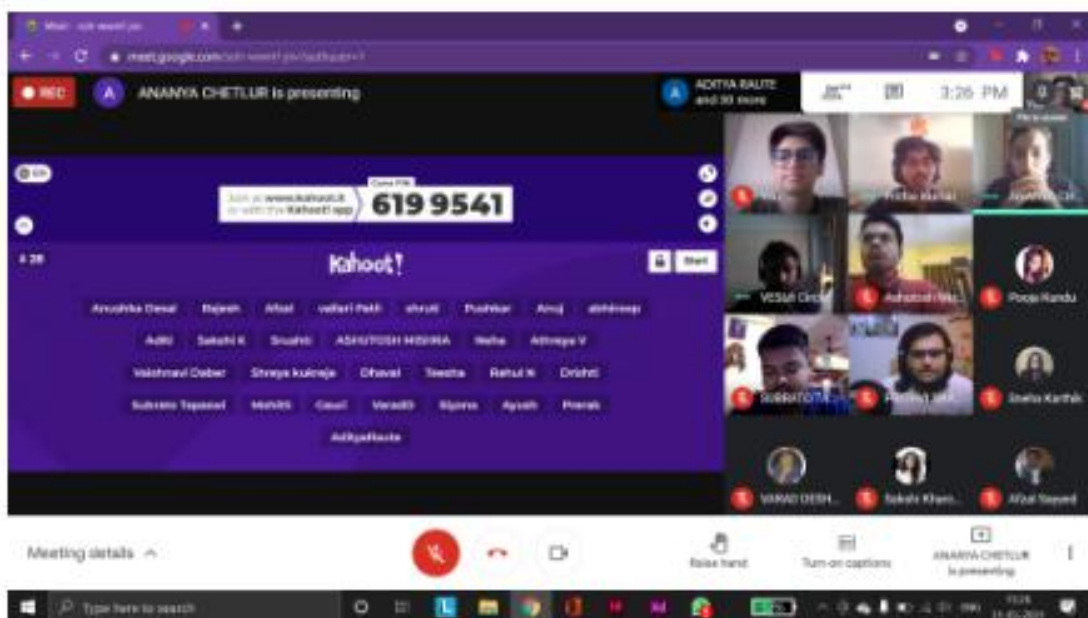
Here, the participants would be paired in tournament seed format, i.e rank 1 would face rank 10, rank 2 would face rank 9, and so on.



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The round required participants to submit a list of words to the moderators for a quality check. After approval, the participants would ask their paired competitor to spell the list, as they dictated each word. Once both sides completed their lists, the person with the higher point total would advance.



The elimination round was held on Kahoot.

Thus, the pool was winnowed down to 5 people, who would participate in The Gauntlet.

To change up the regular monotonous spell bee format, we introduced the gauntlet, which made use of interesting word games.

The Gauntlet consisted of four sub rounds:

1. **Frescorers** - A string of letters would be given, with three blanks in the middle. The objective is to fill those three letters, such that the first segment of the word and the last segment of the word (counting the three letters), would form two different words.

For example: Fre__rers - SCO gives Frescoreres, i.e Fresco and Scorers



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1. **Anagrams** - A jumbled string of letters would be given, and the participant would have to unscramble it to produce a valid English word.
2. **Homophones** - A sentence would be given, with two words missing. These words would be homophones, and would have to be guessed based on the context of the sentence.
3. **Addagrams** - A three letter word would be given, and the participant would have to find one 4,5,6,7, and 8 letter word that contains this word

From the 5 who participated in the gauntlet, the three with the highest scores would proceed to the final round, **Rapid Fire**.

Here, each participant would have 1 minute to spell the words asked by the moderator, who had a list of ten words.

Finally, the person with the highest score would be declared the winner of the VESLit Week Spell Bee.

Dhaval Mistry (D13) was the participant who earned this title, with Athreya Vijayaraghavan (D14A) coming in at second place, followed by Prerak Moolchandani (D7A) in third.

Day 3: 1st April, 2021

• The Mystery Of Tracy Johnson

This event was entirely organised and conducted by the Second Year Council. It was designed to be a murder mystery event, and was one of the events with maximum participation in VESLit Week.

All the participants were given a plotline to find out the killer. On the 31st of March the character sketch and the story of the entire kingdom was given out. Every team was given a set of 10 questions



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on the morning of 1st April. The event started at 3:30PM with the hosts introducing the event to everyone. The floor was then open to questions after which the participants were free to visit any of the suspects and ask them questions about the murder. However a team was allowed to ask no more than 3 questions to every suspect. After a 1 hour discussion the participants were given time till 11:59 PM to write their respective articles.



Participants clearing their doubts before the start of the Murder Mystery event.

This event saw more than 30+ registrations and every participant put up a great performance coming up with ideas and crafting a story. The event was judged by Faaiz Dastagir and Manoj Ayyapan. The Winners of the event were:

1. Anuj Bagad (D2C) and Atharva Joshi (D2C)
2. Akshiti Kachhawah (D1AD) and Sarthak Bansod (D1AD)



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3. Aditi Mishra (D1E) and Shruti Devlekar (D1E)

Day 4: 2nd April, 2021

• Policy Pandemonium

"Can you sway crowds? Can you run propagandas? Do you want to play a role in redefining adversities by designing and implementing groundbreaking policies?" is what the poster inviting participants for Policy Pandemonium read.

The event was an attempt to encourage critical discussions and help the teams think beyond conventional solutions. As discussed in MUN-Division meetings, the participating teams were divided into three groups of five teams each. The five teams in each group were provided with Rules Of Procedure explaining the event flow and a problem statement concerning the state in highlight and possible causes and consequences. The teams were asked to study and research for the brief assigned and prepare a policy document which was to be submitted a few days before the event (31st March). The teams in a group had to review the policies of other teams and try tracing possible logical fallacies and inaccuracies in the documents to fruitfully further the discussions in the main event.



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Poster of Policy Pandemonium.

The main event - 'Assembly' was conducted on 2nd April' 21 via Google Meet. For each group, two moderators from the council were assigned to ensure a smooth functioning. Each team had to deliver a speech explaining the statement and their policies which was followed by a Q&A session with fellow teams. The discussions brought numerous innovative and feasible solutions to the table for analysis. The event had certainly put the research, problem solving and debating skills of teams to the test. The moderators also provided the participating teams with feedback and suggestions. The event was concluded with enlightening words delivered by the Head and Deputy Head of the MUN Division. The teams were judged on the basis of appeal of introductory speech, feasibility of policies and participation in policy-analysis.

The winners for the event were :

Group A: Yashraj Mulwani (D2A) and Ananya PandeY (D2C)

Group B: Karthik Avhad (D9A) and Sumit Jadhav (D9A)



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Group C: Pooja Gupta (D13) and V. Anuparvathy (D9A)

From bringing well-researched policy opinions to the table to engaging in interactive discussions, this event certainly helped the teams to effectively develop a multitude of skills through its course. The event introduced variations of MUN procedures via the tasks and encouraged people to actively take part in civil discourse.

● Cut The Music

As a part of VESLit week, the Films Division organised two events, as follows:

- a. Video Editing Workshop - This was an extremely successful event, garnering the attention of around 140 students. Aditya Bhoir and Tarun Mishra hosted this workshop, effectively imparting their extensive knowledge of Premiere Pro to the attendees. They covered all that one would need to set out on the journey that is video editing. Spanning the course of two days, this workshop was well received by all who attended.
- b. Cut The Music - A submission based event, Cut The Music encouraged participants to apply their creativity and editing skills to create a music video for any song of their choice. The usage of original footage was encouraged, to elevate their filmography skills. After a tough decision, team D2A was declared the overall winner.

D2A members: Manasi Shah, Vansh Pahuja, Shreya Kukreja, Yashraj Mulwani and Shrey Panchamia.



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Poster for Cut the Music.

Day 5: 3rd April, 2021

- **Debate**

Is an audience really necessary for sports or is the Covaxin safe as they claim it to be? No matter the topic, everyone's got varying opinions. So VESLit was here to present the perfect platform for enthusiastic debaters to put forth their thoughts and debate in a constructive way. Interested participants were required to register before the 26th of March 2021 at midnight.



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22 teams of two participants registered for the debate competition. The eliminations were held on the 27th of March 2021. The topics were released at 3 pm while the eliminations began at 6 pm. The eliminations were scheduled in the evening to avoid any clashes with the students' lectures. The topics for the eliminations were 'betting and gambling should be considered legitimate sources of income and should be legalized' and 'Indian justice system leans towards the rich. The format for the debate was 1-3-1, that is, 1-minute introduction, 3 minutes rebuttal, and 1-minute conclusion.

The top ten teams were selected for the quarter-finals, which were held on the 29th of March, 2021. The topic for the debate was 'the pandemic has had a debilitating effect on humankind, from which it may not rise'. The eliminations and quarter-finals were judged by the VESLit student head, deputy head, Debate division head, and deputy head.

Out of these 10 excellent teams, the top 4 teams were selected for the semi finals and then the best 2 teams for the finals. Both the semi finals and the finals were conducted on the 3rd of April. The winners and Runners up for this event were:

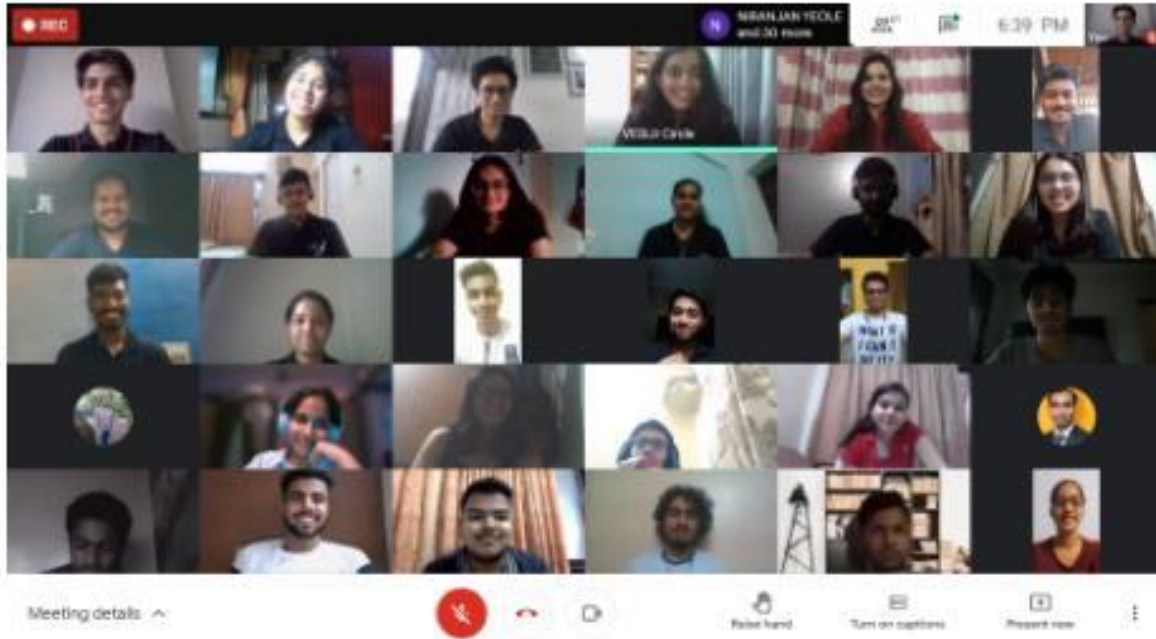
Winners - Pooja Gupta (D13) and V Anuparvathi (D9A)

Runners up - Tanuja Upadhyay (D13) and Kartiki Pande (D13)



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A Closing Ceremony was held to announce the results and declare the winners of VESLit Week 2021.



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CONCLUSION

This has been a report of our activities for this academic year. It has taken some adjusting to while transitioning online but we have tried to make the best out of it by tailoring our events to suit an online platform. The entire council has worked very hard, and we have tried to keep our focus on initiating more and more students into literature based activities. So while we had our major formal events such as Debate and MUN, we also had several smaller informal events to build our engagement with the students. VESLit Week has seen some record participation this year, and our activities have been well appreciated and recognised by the students.





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VESLit Circle Report (2019-20)

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 Dhuldhare

Student Heads

Student Head: Aditya Rao (D12B)
Deputy Student Head: C V Ananya (D14A)
Films Head: Faaz 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)





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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



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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)



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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 Crorepati 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



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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



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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)





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VES"Lit" Week 2k18

The Annual Literature Fest of VESIT, The VESLit Week, marks a full week of online and offline events that range from story writing to skits to microfiction. This festival is one of the most hyped and is the only festival which has events held in collaboration with companies like The Union Bank of India and The Times of India!

Even this year, from 8th to 13th October, this fest was met with much fanfare as hundreds of people took part in the events throughout the Week! The **PlayOffs**, which is the drama event of the Week, had participants preparing for over a month, whereas their online event, **TTT**

Microtale Writing, saw hundreds of entries over a span of 3 days.

Day 1 had the **Elocution**, which had the highest number of participants for an individual stage event. Around 40 students had registered, out of which only 16 were selected for the finals.

The finalists were given topics beforehand and were given 3 minutes to speak. The winners of this event were **Poorvi Parmar (BE)** and **Sahil Salian (FE)** for 1st place, **Harshita Kanai (FE)**



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and **Paridhi Harpalani** (FE) for 2nd place and **Neeraj Patil** (FE) for 3rd place.

On the same day, their **TTT** competition started, with one word prompts being sent to everyone to write 140 characters on. It was an open entry competition, meaning anyone could submit without any kind of registration. TTT went on for 3 days, with one word for each day, and their FanFic Writing Competition lasted until 13th October!

9th October saw the **Expose** and the **Short Film Competition**, both in association with UBI, take place in the auditorium. **Expose** required the participants to present on certain scams given to them, along with details, facts, causes, effects and also provide a solution as to how to prevent such scams again or how it could have been prevented. The best presentations came from:

1st place (D7):

Neelam Somai

Vanshika Khanna

Devansh Ahuja

Eakta Kithani

2nd Place (D9):

Bhairavi Sawantdesai

Anjali Patil

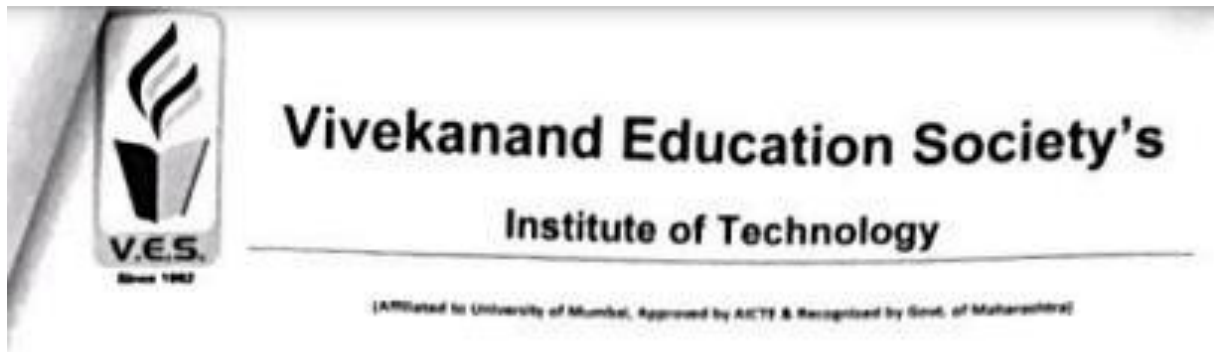
Pranav Bindra

Aishwarya Patange



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3rd Place (D3):

Dhaval Mistry

Shatanshu Chaudhary

Kartik Warkhede

The themes for Short Film were "Swatchh Bharat Abhiyaan" and "Corruption". The teams could be made by people from any class provided they were in the same year. The participants blended together excellent screenwriting and cinematography, with mind-blowing drone shots being the highlight of one of the winning films!

The winners were:

1) Viraj Sapte and Team

2) Karan Chotlani and Team

10th October brought along with it much enthusiasm, as it was time for "**Game Of Shows**", the event specially curated for TV show watchers! It consisted of 3 rounds in total. The 1st round made the participants guess the TV show from the cast and the theme song, followed by a Drama shows round and a Sitcom round. The 2nd round had General Trivia and the Final round was the traditional tension building Buzzer round!

The "Best Bingers" were:

* 1. Nidhi Nayak, Akshara Sarfare, Vikrant Indi, Manasvini Karthikeyan (D11A)

2. Himesh Shadiza, Varun Bhat, Ayushi Pamnani, Akshay Khanna (D4B)



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3. Apoorva Sudheesh, Tejas Doke, Atharva Gupte, Devesh Sawant (D9A)
PlayOffs, which is a prime event since it first appeared in the Week 3 years ago, has been attracting the best of the crowds to watch the best of the actors and writers put together a one-act play live on stage! The time limit was 18 minutes, and the theme was "Writings On The Wall" for this year. The finalist classes were all from the second year, and their various interpretations of the topic, and their execution, left the judges and the audiences moved!

The winners were:

- 1) D6A
- 2) D9A
- 3) D9C and D9B





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VESLit Circle Report (2017-18)

VESLit Circle

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



Council members

- **Council Logo:**



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• 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), Preena Pandey (D9A), Sanchit Agarwala (D9A), Anahita Goswami (D9A)



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- **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



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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

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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 Khosla

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 as, conceived the plots and directed the films which reflected their views on social and corruption issues. The films were part of a broader exercise to comply with the Central Vigilance Commission's Vigilance Awareness Week, themed around 'My Values - Corruption Free India'. The Vigilance Awareness Week will be observed from October 30 to November 4.



Guests like Assistant Professor, Business Communication of VESIT said, "Corruption is a social evil that impacts all strata of society. It is 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 perspective of a generation pointing for societal change and development."

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 witnessed the commitment of a generation towards spreading corruption awareness and promoting the values of honesty and transparency," said Harsh Bhatia, a student. Harsh's cinematic flick

the theory concludes that corruption has become the most fabric of our society. "Corruption has created an undesirable environment where development is not possible. We have taken this occasion to spread our idea of a society where there is equitable distribution of resources and every individual gets an equal chance to make his or her self worth," he said.

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



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



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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**



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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 FRIENDS, 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



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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.



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Milan Hazra enthralling the audience





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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



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



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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.





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The VESIT LITERATURE LABS

Lab 305A

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Prof. Pooja Kundu
Dr. Sushil Dhulidhar

Student Head: Hemali Jaguste

Student Team: Anisha Kakwani
Priya Hinduja
Yogeeta Mangani
Madhuri Gangwani
Ved Vartak
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Mrudali Birla
Gayatri Shinde
Nishant Shankar
Namita Nair
Yash Bhanushali
Ankit Gane

VESIT Literature Labs (VESLit) is an organisation aimed at teaching spoken English skills to students through the use of advanced software in our dedicated lab. To spread greater awareness among students about the VESLit Lab and give impetus to the students to take advantage of this facility, VESLit Week was conceived. The very second year of this English language and literature based festival was held from 8th February to 13th February 2016.

1. Open Letter Competition

The open letter competition was held where the students had to respond to the speech given by the RBI Governor, Raghuram Rajan at the convocation ceremony held at IIT, Delhi on 31st October 2015.
Winner : Salil Shanane



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2. The Memorial Quiz – Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary.

The Memorial Quiz was an online quiz based on the book : The Story of the Rock Memorial with a time frame from 10th Jan 8am to 11th Jan 5pm. The participants were supposed to answer 15 questions based on the book.

Winners : Sahil Bhatia (FE3)

Mahesh Khetpal (FEB)

Riya Jajoo (D11A)

3. Poster competition held on Swami Vivekananda Jayanthi

The poster making competition was held on the 12th of January, as an ode to our beloved Swami Vivekanandji. The theme of the poster was "National Youth Day" or "Yuva Diwas".

4. Photoweave : Story writing competition.

Photoweave was a story writing event held on 14th January 2016, in which the participants were shown a series of images and they had to write a story around it to showcase their creativity. We got a total of 45 entries including FEs, SEs and TEs.

Winners : 1st - Lairai Karnik (FE2) :: Red angels to the rescue.

Runner up - Sakshi Patil (FEB) :: World and Wealth.

All the eliminations of the events which were included in the VESLit, where held between 25th January to 5th February 2016.

VESLit Week Schedule:

DATE	EVENTS
8 th February 2016	Wheel of Fortune
9 th February 2016	One Act Play Exclusively for FEs
10 th February 2016	Group Discussion Finals (FEs, SEs, TEs)
11 th February 2016	Elocution for FEs, SEs, TEs
12 th February 2016	Debate Finals (FEs, SEs, TEs)



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3. Group Discussion finals :

The finals of Group Discussion were conducted on 10th February 2016 in an entirely professional way. Participants wore a formal attire and spoke on topics like cloning and impact of Valentine's Day.

Winners :

1st : Deepa Narayanan FE4

2nd : Kabir S. FE6

4. Elocution

The elocution competition brought out some the VESIT's best orators to speak on the topic 'Is modernisation a threat to moral ethics and values?'

Winners :

1st - Gaurav Hirani D19B

2nd - Rajiv K. Yadav D10



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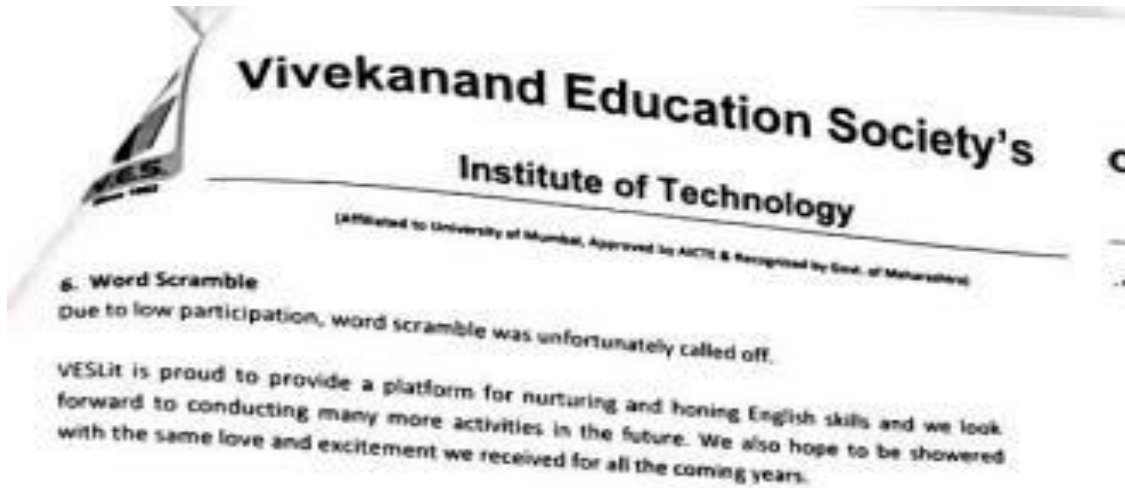
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VESlit Language lab Report



VIVEKANAND EDUCATION SOCIETY'S
Institute of Technology

Language Lab Report

Faculty In-charge:

1. Dr. Geeta Ajit
2. Dr. Pooja Kundu
3. Dr. Sushil Dhuldhare

Introduction

The Language Lab was set up in 2012 at VESIT to improve the communication skills of the students through the use of various innovative techniques and strategies while using the advanced software available in the lab. As Brian Tracy has rightly emphasized about the importance of communication in one's life, "**Communication** is a skill that you can learn. It's like riding a bicycle or typing. If you're willing to work at it, you can rapidly improve the quality of every part of your life". To enable the students to attain this expertise in the use of language, integrated skills of 'listening', 'speaking', 'reading', and 'writing' was strengthened and reinforced through special sessions conducted by the faculty in charge to empower the students to use it efficiently and effectively in their daily lives.



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The sessions specially benefited students who lack competency in English language as it fostered confidence-building for interviews and intra and inter collegiate competitive events.

iLotus

VESIT Language Laboratory has (iLotus) software. This program enables the students to have computer assisted teaching where they learn the language at their own pace and time. The program assists them to learn the correct pronunciation, intonation and pitch. This, in turn, definitely improves the student's professional skills and overall persona thus endowing him with an edge over others to hold on to prime positions in this competitive world.

VESLit Circle

VESLit Circle, was established as an extension of the language lab, to give further impetus to students who have great love and interest in English language and literature. While the activities in the Lab focused on improving the communication skills of those students who required assistance at enhancing their competency in the language, VESLit Circle was formed to engage those students who wished to engage ardently in literature and language activities and competitions at both intra and inter college level.

Since its inception in 2015, every year, VESLit Circle holds its Annual Literature Fest, The VESLit Week, which marks a week-long extravaganza, that includes online events like story



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writing, micro-fiction, poetry competitions etc. to offline competitions like skits, debates, elocution, quiz, mock parliament, films, etc. This fest has become one of the most popular events in the institute, and probably among the very few bodies which have events held in collaboration with establishments like **The Union Bank of India** and **The Times of India**. The popularity of VESLit week can be witnessed by the huge number of students who participate actively in all the competitions. These events help the students to not only build their courage to speak in public with confidence and poise, but also develop their critical thinking and nurture leadership skills.

List of Equipment:

Sr. No.	Name of Equipment	Total
1	Computers	37
2	Headphones	20
3	Software	11 iLotus
4	Mirror Technique	1 Mirror

Academic Year 2015-16

Language Lab

Sr. No.	Activities	Date/Duration	No. of Participants	
1	Skills Enhancement Programme (MCA) 'Speak with Confidence'	1 September 2015 to 14 October 2015	Morning Shift	Afternoon Shift
			MCA I- 38 MCA II- 33	MCA I- 27 MCA II- 29
2	Special Session	2015-16 Odd Semester	73	
3	Special Session	2015-16 Even Semester	40	

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Sr. No.	Activities	Date	No. of Participants	Winners
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Sr. No.	Activities	Date	No. of Participants	Winners
1	Guest Lecture Speaker- Mr. Antony Parokaran, CEO of Schindler India Pvt. Ltd. Topic- Leadership , Team-building, Negotiations and Ethics	26 September 2015	Third Year Students	
2	Open Letter Competition	January 2016	5 Students	Sahil Shanan
3	Poster Making Competition	12 January 2016	11 students	Priyanka Bhatia Sahil Hiranandani
4	The Memorial Quiz	10 to 11 January 2016	6 Students	Sahil Bhatia (FE3) Mahesh khetpal (FE8) Riya Jajoo (D11A)
5	Photo Weave: Story Writing Competition	14 January 2016	45 Students	Lairai Karnik (FE2) Sakshi Patil (FE8)
6	Quiz on the book "I too had a dream" by Dr. Verghese Kurien	8 March to 13 March 2016	52 Students	Pooja Jawandhiya (D14A) Ashwija Shetty (D12C) Ashish Ahuja (D7C)
7	Wheel of Fortune	9 February to 18 February 2016	7 Students	Yogesh Makhija and team (D12B) Utsav Das and team (FE9)
8	Play Off Finale	9 February to 18 February 2016	12 Teams	FE9 FE3
9	Group Discussion Final	10 February 2016	11 Teams	Deepa Narayanan (FE4) Kabir S. (FE6)
10	Elocution	10 February 2016	8 Students	Gaurav Hirani (D19B) Rajiv K. Yadav (D10)



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Academic Year 2016-17

Language Lab

Sr. No.	Activities	Date/Duration	No. of Participants
1	Special (TY)Session	2015-16 Odd Semester	45 Students
2	Special (FE)Session	2015-16 Even Semester	25 Students

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Sr. No.	Activities	Date	No. of Participants	Winners
1	Inter-Class Debate by Union Bank Of India	20 October 2016	10 Students	First- Rohan Mohandas Pragati Tripathi Second- Harish Muthalagan Rakshit Ganvir
2	Essay Writing Competition on Live Organ Donation	30 August to 9 September 2016	11 Students	FE Students
3	Essay Writing & Poster Competition on National Unity Day	31 October to 6 November 2016	13 Students	FE Students
4	Essay Writing & Poster Competition on Swaccha Bharat Abhiyan	2 February 2017	9 Students	FE Students

Academic Year 2017-18

Language lab

Sr. No.	Activities	Date/Duration	No. of Participants
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1	Special Session (TY)	20117-18 Odd Semester	18 Students
2	Special Session (FE)	20117-18 Even Semester	10 Students

Language Lab

Sr. No.	Activities	Date/Duration	No. of Participants	Winners
1	Intra-College Debate Competition in Association with The Times of India	12 September 2017	12 Students	Clive Aaron D'Souza (D16) Shashank Agnihotri (D17)
2	Short Films in Association with Union Bank of India	19 October 2017	8 teams	Harsh Bhatia and team (D19)
3.	Show Time	29 Feb 2018		Conducted by Harsh Bhatia
4.	Sell it Off	31 Jan 2018	8 teams	Rahul Motwani, Aditya Rao
5.	Game of Shows	1 Feb 2018	17 Teams	Rahul Motwani, Aditya Rao, Vedant
6.	Stand up Comedy	2 Feb 2018	12 Students	
7.	The Playoff	3 Feb 2018	4 Teams	1A

Academic Year 2018-19

Language Lab

Sr. No.	Activities	Date	No. of Participants
1	Special Session (FE)	2018-19 Even Semester	45 Students



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We organized multiple sessions for Engineering and MCA students on topics like **speech, group discussions, debates, interview techniques, self-introduction** etc. Apart from this, students have also enhanced their verbal articulation and vocabulary building with the help of **iLotus** software. They have also learnt the importance of Kinesics while speaking in public. The shy students got a gigantic boost by practicing speaking using mirror technique. Several students benefited from these sessions and were placed in their dream companies. Overall, we have a humongous response and excellent feedback from students regarding all activities conducted under Language Lab. One of our students, Abhay Tiwari, who won the essay competition 'Democracy and Me', organised by MP, Rahul Shawale, was fortunate enough to attend The Republic Day Parade, and also a visit to the Rashtrapati Bhavan and the Parliament House.

VESLit

Sr. NO.	Activities	Date	No. of Participants	Winners
1	Elocution Competition	8 October 2018	16 Students	Poorvi Parmar Sahil Salian
2	Short Film Competition with Union Bank of India	9 October 2018	3 teams	Viraj Sapte and Team
3	Game of Shows	10 October 2018	19 Students	Nidhi Nayak, Akshara Sarfare, Vikrant Indi, Manasvini Karthikeyan (D11A)
4	The Play Off with The Times of India	13 October 2018	8 teams	D6A
5	Essay Writing Competition on Democracy and Me	10 January 2019	22 students	Abhay Tiwari (D7C)

Academic Year 2019-2020

Language Lab

Sr. No.	Activities	Date	No. of Participants
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1	Diagnostic Test for Third year students and MCA first year	Even Semester	649
2.	Special Session by Rakshit Ganvir on 'How to participate in a Group Discussion'	3 March 2020	20
3.	Special Session by Anisha Kaul on 'How to give a impromptu speech'	5 March 2020	23
4.	Special Session by Somesh Sidhwani ' How to crack an interview'	6 March 2020	25
5.	'Special session by Anahita Goswami on 'Elocution and Interactive Dialogue	11 March	14

VESLit 2019-2020

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:

VESLit

Student Head: Aditya Rao (D12B)

Deputy Student Head: C V Ananya (D14A)

Films

Head: Faaiz Dastaagir (D11B)

Deputy Head: Tanmai Govindan (D11B)

Debate

Head: Rahul Motwani (D12B)



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Deputy Head: Itisha Dalvi (D11A)

MUN and Mock Parliament

Head: Anusha Krishnan (D14B)

Deputy Head: Prasad Naik(D14B)

Quiz

Head: Adith Nair (D14B)

Deputy Head: Pranav Bindra (D14B)

The VESLit Week was held from 30 September to 5 October 2019. There were a few pre-fest activities too. The details are as follows:

Sr. NO.	Activities	Date	No. of Registrations	Winners
1.	Spell Bee	26 September 2019	63	1st Position: Athreya Vijayaraghavan (D9A) 2nd Position: Salonee Velonde (D7B) 3rd Position: Aditya Raute (D12C)



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2.	MUN	30 September 2019	42	<p>Committee 1</p> <p>Best Delegate: Sneha Kartik(D2C) and Sahana Shetty(D5A) (China)</p> <p>High Commendation: Gaurav Govilkar (D3) and Rahul Patil (D3) (Pakistan)</p> <p>Special Mention: Himesh Shadiza (D9A) and Neeraj Patil (D6B) (USA)</p> <p>Committee 2</p> <p>Best Delegate: Yash Bhise (D4B) and Tanya Dubey (D4B)(Iran)</p> <p>High Commendation: Kaushal Jagasia (D2C)and Mihir Pamnani (D2C) (DPRK)</p> <p>Special Mention: Atique Kudchi (D11A) and Atharva Gupte (D9B) (Russia)</p>
3.	Editor's Cut	30 September 2019	24	<p>1st Place: Anshul Chimnani(D11B)</p> <p>2nd Place: Sanika Sayane (D12C)</p> <p>3rd Place: Garv Jhangiani (D2A)</p>
4.	Fan Con	1 October 2019	58	<p>1st Place: Ankita Mandal and team (D14B)</p> <p>2nd Place : Shreyas Udupa and team (D7B)</p> <p>3rd Place : Shreeja Nanda and team(D7B)</p>



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5.	KBC	3 October 2019	68	Winner:- Anjali Patil (D14B)
6.	Game of Shows	4 October 2019	55	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)
7.	Short Film and Debate UBI	5 October 2019	12	Short Film 1st place: Gaurav Govailkar and team(D3) 2nd place: Aditya Bhoir and team (D11B) 3rs place: Chirag Rajput and team (D16B) Debate Winners: Third Year Adith Nair (D14B) Lewin Naronha (D14B) Runnerup: First Year Chelsi Prakash (D4B) , Manu Siddharth D4B)



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VESLit 2020-21

This year's VESLit Circle continued with four divisions, each tasked with a focused objective. The four divisions are: Debate, MUN & Mock Parliament, Quiz and Elocution, and Films.

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Quiz

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The VESLit Week was held from 30 March to 3 April 2021. There were a few pre-fest activities too. The details are as follows:

Sr. NO.	Activities	Date	No. of Registrations	Winners
1.	Kaun Banega Crorepati	30 March 2021	94	1st Position: Arnab Singhal (D1AD) 2nd Position: Ashutosh Mishra (D2C) 3rd Position: Tanmayee Bochara (D4B)
2.	Spell Bee	31 March 2021	52	1st Place: Dhaval Mistry (D13) 2nd Place: Athreya Vijayaraghavan (D14A) 3rd Place: Prerak Moolchandani (D7A)



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3.	The Mystery of Tracy Johnson	1 April 2021	25	<p>First Place: Anuj Bagad, Atharva Joshi (D2C)</p> <p>Second Place: Akshiti Kacchawa, Sarthak Bansod(D1AD)</p> <p>Third Place: Aditi Mishra, Shruti Devlekar(D1E)</p>
4.	Policy Pandemonium	2 April 2021	15	<p>Group A:</p> <p>Yashraj Mulwani</p> <p>Ananya Pandey (D2A)</p> <p>Group B:</p> <p>Karthik Avhad</p> <p>Sumit Jadhav (D9A)</p> <p>Group C:</p> <p>Pooja Gupta (D13)</p> <p>V. Anuparvathi (D9A)</p>
5.	Cut the Music	2 April 2021	3	Winner:- Mansi Shah (D2A)



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6.	Debate	3 April 2021	22	First place: Pooja Gupta D13 V.Anuparavati D9A Second place: Tanuja Upadhya and Kartik D13
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The role of English language in career advancement is undeniable in this era of globalization. Undeniably, the English language proficiency may not be the only criterion for career development, but its importance in the corporate world, certainly cannot be overlooked. In the corporate world, English is the most regularly used language and the knowledge of English has become one of the most important



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employability skills. Sadly, many engineering graduates are found to lack proficiency in English, which in turn affects their career prospects. Engineering graduates are expected by the organizations to possess an immediate level of proficiency to carry out their responsibilities. In this globalised business environment, employees need to communicate with officials from different parts of the world. Activities like business presentations, online chat, emails require above average language skills to have a clear transfer of information to all participants. Command of English language are also required to improve job performance and boost prospects of promotion.

Many students of VESIT have felt the need to improve their proficiency in English language as the time for placements draw near. Because of their inability to express their thoughts and views in English confidently, they fear that they would not be able to secure their dream job, despite having the requisite subject knowledge and exam score. They feared that they would be left behind in the race to find jobs in the dream companies that came to the institute to recruit fresh graduates. Thus there was a dire need for these students to find a source to build and work on this shortcoming.

The VESLang Circle was founded to address this void felt by students. A dedicated team of alumni with Dr Geeta Ajit came together in November 2020 and had many brain storming sessions to formulate a course which would correspond to the needs of the students. After days of discussion, a six-week training program was designed to meet the basic requirement to be selected by a company for employment. **Yash Keskar** (Instrumentation, 2020) and **Gayatri Belapurkar** (Information Technology, 2020), **Tarleen Dand** (EXTC, 2017) worked closely with Dr Geeta Ajit to structure the program named, '**Personal and Professional Achievement Program**'. To get the ball rolling, a team of seven committed and enthusiastic student volunteers was formed, with **Grusha Shetty** (ETRX) as the Student in-charge and coordinator, under the guidance of Dr. Geeta Ajit. It was decided to hold two sessions per week; Monday and Thursday; wherein the alumni would conduct the discussion on Monday and the students' volunteer team viz the VESLang team would reinforce the skills on Thursday. It was **Ishaan Sharma** who came up with the name 'VESLang', which matched the goals envisioned by the team. Specific activities and exercises were devised and implemented in every session that guided the attendees to enhance their skills. The P&PA program covered areas like public speaking, extempore, group discussions and personal interviews.

The VESLang logo, designed by **Abhiram Phadnis (D6)**, accurately depicts the essence of the objective of VESLang, which is, to assist the students of VESIT to improve their linguistic and soft skills.



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SESSIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

hesitating and thus boosted their confidence. The fourth session was arranged by the team and Geeta ma'am and the goal was to conduct some exercises that would assist them with their speaking skills. For the first activity, the students were given a set of fictional characters wherefrom they had to choose a pair and afterwards frame and narrate a story revolving around them. The second activity, 'danger word' was more of a fun activity. Apart from proving to be entertaining and engaging, this activity also required the students to think quickly and smartly. The fourth session was the last of the ice breakers and speaking exercises.

The fifth session was led by Anahita Goswami and Akshara Sarfare from 2020 Batch of EXTC Department. Their course of action was to acquaint the attendees to group discussions and its protocols. Subsequently, the attendees were divided into four groups for mock Group Discussions. Each group was assigned a topic and some time to reflect, after which they had to speak about it for 8 minutes. After each GD, Anahita, Akshara and Geeta ma'am gave them some feedback and tips on how they can improve themselves. The students were told to remember the points so that they can apply them in the future sessions. The sixth session was conducted by the team. The main aim of this session was to conduct mock Group Discussions with the attendees to provide them with some insight into how they are regulated. It was found that the participants had worked on the suggestions given in the previous session. The team also made sure that there were no pending doubts or queries about group discussions. Geeta ma'am also helped the participants and pointed out areas for improvement. The entire session was dedicated to ensuring that all the participants are confident enough to be a part of various kinds of Group Discussions.

The seventh session was likewise directed by the team and Geeta ma'am and the arrangement for the day was to lead an interactive activity and hence we decided to attempt debates, however with some changes. The activity was that the team would give the participants a few assertions. The participants were relied upon to disclose to us whether they agreed or disagreed with the assertion, after which one of them was chosen and was expected to elaborate on their point of view. All the attendees were able to present their perspectives without any reluctance, which showed genuine difference in their confidence in public speaking. The team and Geeta ma'am directed the eighth session and the plan for the day was to lead an intriguing activity wherein the participants could connect themselves to real-world problems. This was pointed towards guaranteeing that every one of the participants was ready to communicate as well as tackle genuine issues in a productive way. The team had come up with some real-world case studies that required some action. The participants were expected to put themselves in the character's position and to find a way out of the problem. The team and Geeta ma'am witnessed high spirited debates and conversations among the participants who were successful in thinking like their respective characters. This proved to be a very engaging and efficient way of forcing them to think hard and in a realistic way whilst putting their points in a persuading way.



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The ninth session was led by VESIT alumnus Yash Keskar, Batch of 2020, Dept of Instrumentation. The session aimed to acquaint the attendees with personal interviews and their format and methodology. Yash was the ideal individual to lead this session as he had scored a perfect 100 percent in his XLRI competitive exam. Having acquired experience in interviews, he was able to furnish the participants with tips and tricks on the most proficient method to face interviews. He started by briefing the participants on what sort of questions they can expect during an interview and then continued to talk about how they were required to answer the same. After ensuring that all the attendees had a clear idea of how to answer questions in an interview, he answered all the queries and doubts during the Q and A round. The session concluded with the attendees asked to prepare a 1 minute long introduction that would help them in their interviews. The tenth session was led by the team and Geeta ma'am. The goal of the session was to arrange mock interviews with the attendees with the aim that they could acquire some insight about personal interviews. The attendees were asked to introduce themselves after which one of the team members posed a pertinent question based on their respective introductions. The participants were then asked to tweak their introductions based on the feedback that they had received.

The eleventh session was led by two of the VESIT alumni Tarleen Dand from 2017 Batch of EXTC and L. Sowmyasree from 2017 Batch of Computer Science. Tarleen had joined the session from US, where he is currently studying for his MS. The alumni commenced the session by asking all the participants to introduce themselves after which Sowmyasree proceeded to ask them a follow-up question related to the same. The team saw immense progress and improvement in the members' abilities as the entirety of their answers were exact and viable. After the mock interviews the attendees were asked to present their queries about interviews that were then answered by Tarleen and Sowmyasree together. The last session was aimed at bringing together all the speaking skills that the attendees had acquired throughout the course of this program. The session was led by the team and Geeta Ajit ma'am and two activities were arranged for the same. The first one being a speech that each participant was given abundant time to prepare for. Once the participants began with their respective speeches, the team could notice that each one of them had improved and progressed in their



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way, for instance, some of them exhibited increased confidence while others had improved on their development of content. The second activity BOTS that was already conducted in the second session was to draw out a clear correlation in their talking abilities from the start to the furthest limit of the program.

The progress that every one of the participants had made since the start of the program was praiseworthy and it was evident that the entire program was productive and a very successful one.



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