

Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed.
Mahatma Gandhi

Vivekanand Education Society (VES), with its 27 institutes, is committed towards working for the cause of the 17 Sustainability Development Goals

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Sustainability is no longer about doing less harm. It's about doing more good.

Jochen Zeitz



Since 1962

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As a new signatory to Principles of Responsible Management Education (PRME), it gives me great pleasure to write on behalf of Vivekananda Education Society's (VES) commitment to sustainability.

The 27 institutions of VES, spanning pre-nursery to Doctorate level education, includes a family of over 20,000 students and around 1150 staff members, thriving strong in the Chembur and Kurla suburbs of Mumbai, India, since 1962.

Values are the raison d'être for the VES group of institutions, given the strong ethical legacy of our founding father, Karma Yogi, the late Shri Hashu Advaniji. Hence, working towards greater equitability in society and a cleaner planet, have been an integral aspect of the institutions of VES. Since our inception over 5 decades ago, our students and staff of VES institutions, have actively conducted and participated in various events aimed towards a better and healthier society. Good citizenship has been embedded in our policies and decisions.

Now, as a PRME signatory, we take the next significant step in our journey, by consciously linking and aligning our activities to the 6 Principles as well as the 17 Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) of the PRME. We are confident that by doing so, we will enhance the impact of such activities and help spread awareness among our various stakeholders about the compelling need for sustainability-linked thinking. We also look forward to learning about myriad sustainability-linked approaches from the members of this august forum and in turn, sharing some of our approaches and activities via this Sharing Information of Progress Report.

As we continue to strive towards excellence in all-round education, we commit ourselves towards shaping the hearts and minds of the next generation of citizens of this world, so that working together, we can create a just, equitable, healthy and inclusive society!

For Vivekanand Education Society

Mahesh Tejwani
President

The Six Principles

As institutions of higher education involved in the development of current and future managers we declare our willingness to progress in the implementation, within our institution, of the following Principles, starting with those that are more relevant to our capacities and mission. We will report on progress to all our stakeholders and exchange effective practices related to these principles with other academic institutions:

Principle 1 | Purpose: We will develop the capabilities of students to be future generators of sustainable value for business and society at large and to work for an inclusive and sustainable global economy.

Principle 2 | Values: We will incorporate into our academic activities and curricula the values of global social responsibility as portrayed in international initiatives such as the United Nations Global Compact.

Principle 3 | Method: We will create educational frameworks, materials, processes and environments that enable effective learning experiences for responsible leadership.

Principle 4 | Research: We will engage in conceptual and empirical research that advances our understanding about the role, dynamics, and impact of corporations in the creation of sustainable social, environmental and economic value.

Principle 5 | Partnership: We will interact with managers of business corporations to extend our knowledge of their challenges in meeting social and environmental responsibilities and to explore jointly effective approaches to meeting these challenges.

Principle 6 | Dialogue: We will facilitate and support dialog and debate among educators, students, business, government, consumers, media, civil society organisations and other interested groups and stakeholders on critical issues related to global social responsibility and sustainability.

Sustainability is the key to our survival on this planet and will also determine success on all levels.

Shari Arison

Linking the learning activities of students of VES to the SDGs

While VES is committed towards all the above Principles, there has been a special emphasis on linking our activities to some of the 17 SDGs, based on the perceived needs of local stakeholders, the contemporary context of education in India, and the unique challenges seen in the socio-cultural milieu of Mumbai. The aim is to sensitize our students, the future citizens of the world, so that they may adopt sustainable practices as the bedrock of all activities.

Some of the SDGs which have had a special focus for us, are:

1. SDG 1 – No Poverty
2. SDG 2 – No Hunger
3. SDG 3 – Good Health
4. SDG 4- Quality Education
5. SDG 5 – Gender Equality
6. SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption
7. SDG 13 – Climate Action
8. SDG 16 – Peace and Justice

Some of the activities and approaches adopted by VES, towards the fulfilling the above goals are listed here. Since VES has 27 institutes, the following is only an indicative list. Some of the unique activities appear in bold font. The detailed description of our activities, appear in the pages that follow.

1. SDG 1 – No Poverty

Raising of financial resources for the economically challenged, collection of pre-used clothes and other items for distribution to the needy. Yuva for Seva is another such initiative, aimed towards bridging the needs-resources gap, via student intervention, through Non Government Organisations (NGOs) and similar bodies.

2. SDG 2 – No Hunger

Distribution of food-grains to the underprivileged, food collection and distribution at orphanages and similar shelters for the economically or socially challenged. Older

students are encouraged to use the “Profits with Principles” thinking for creating economically viable solutions to challenges faced in the local contexts.

3. SDG 3 – Good Health

Various awareness camps, plays, workshops and sessions to minimize if not eradicate use of tobacco. Awareness about tuberculosis, HIV / AIDS, **sharing of inputs on everyday health through yogasana and simple yet holistic health practices**. Blood donation camps, cornea donation camps, creation of blood donors’ registry and screening for various diseases and health disorders, for students, staff and local citizens around the VES campuses, form part of this endeavour. Cleanliness endeavours, such as the **“Swacch Bharat Abhiyaan” (Clean India Project)** are adopted by the various VES institutes. Examples of actions include cleaning of the local areas, cleaning of the local railway stations and cleaning of the VES campuses.

4. SDG 4- Quality Education

Values-linked and skill-focused education imparted to students from the ages of 3 till their mid-twenties, with the aim of empowering productive and responsible, job-ready global citizens. Every year, scholarships and grants are awarded to meritorious students who are financially challenged. **Workshops are conducted to sensitize parents of students who belong to economically challenged strata of society, emphasizing the need for education, and the importance of familial values for social progress and harmony.**

Indian-values based learnings, via regular as well as periodic lectures, events and workshops, including Vedantic learning, also forms part of this goal. The objective is to create mental-emotional resilience along with technical skills.

5. SDG 5 – Gender Equality

Students are encouraged to integrate gender equal approaches via short talks and sensitization workshops. Women’s Development Cells of the various Institutes help to disseminate **special inputs for women, such as self-defence and assertive communication and behavior**. Street plays, and poster competitions to save the girl child, also form part of such initiatives.

6. SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption

The 3 Rs mantra is embedded into the thinking and activities of students and staff of VES in various ways. Reduction of use of electricity, reduction of wastage of water caused by avoidable drips and reduction of usage of paper, to avoid the felling of trees, are some of the commonly adopted approaches.

7. SDG 13 – Climate Action

Converting one of the VES campuses into a **Zero-Waste campus**, segregating of wet and dry waste, using organic waste to prepare natural manure and fertilizers, planting of trees in the central courtyard of another campus – these are some of the myriad ways in which sustainability in terms of climate action, is incorporated into our activities.

8. SDG 16 – Peace and Justice

Conducting workshops on gerontology and care of senior citizens, and conducting **free legal-aid camps for the benefit of local citizens** who may not have access to quality legal care or may not be able to afford the same, are some of the activities that are aimed towards this goal.

Detailed Description of Sustainability-linked activities of Institutes of VES:

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VIVEKANAND EDUCATION SOCIETY'S INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (VESIT) has been imparting quality Education in field of technology for last 33 years, offering Bachelor Degrees in various streams of Engineering.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The innovative teaching methods of Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning, Peer learning and Flipped Class room are also being tried this year by many staff members. Google class room concept implemented this year in some classes improved teacher student communication and rapport. The regular Faculty Development Programs, the Induction programme for new teachers and Adharsila , collaborative teamwork of VES teachers mentored by VES Leadership and Re-Search Academy motivate the teachers to experiment with the new methodologies.

Skill Enhancement Lectures (SEL) are being arranged in all subjects to weave supportive knowledge as needed throughout the curriculum. The valuable guidance from Department Advisory Boards (DAB) consisting of industry Experts, Parents, Alumni and students is also taken into account in the formulation of new schemes and in the modification of existing schemes. The Centre of Excellence labs created in the institute such as Labview Academy of National Instruments, Big data Analytics lab with Cloudera, VLSI lab with Cadence, Wireless lab with D Link provides opportunity to our students to learn the upcoming technologies

“SORT” – SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TEAM VESIT

The inception of “SoRT – Social Responsibility Team”, was to channelize students’ energies towards the wider cause of social responsibility.

EVENTS CONDUCTED BY SORT FROM OCTOBER 2016 TO JUNE 2017

Helping Banks with the process of Demonitisation, November 14th, 2016

Due to demonetization, long queues outside banks and ATMs was a common sight those days. SoRT recognized the need to help people through that process and decided to go out to the banks and help everyone out. The team went to the branches of SBI, Jankalyan Bank and HDFC on the 14th of November 2017 and helped the people standing in scorch sunlight by providing everyone with water and helping people fill out the forms.



**SoRT helping citizens at bank queues during
Demonetisation**

Lakshya Foundation on Knowing your Army, January 27th, 2017

Lakshya Foundation, with their main objective as to bridge the gap between civilians and the armed forces, came to VESIT on the 27th January 2017 with two Majors from the armed forces to have an interactive session with our students and to let us know more about our brothers and sisters at the border.



Tree Plantation by Lakshya Foundation

SoRT-Cleanup Drive - Cleanup drive which was held on 3rd of March 2017 at Chembur Station. Around 200 VESIT students along with Staff members participated in the event. The cleanup mission was held in collaboration with Municipal corporation and Maharashtra Nashabandi Mandal also aimed to create awareness about **sexual harassment, road safety, child labor and drug abuse awareness**.

VES COLLEGE OF PHARMACY (VESCOP)

Vivekanand Education Society's was founded in 2007. The vision of VESCOP is to create competent pharmacy professionals to positively impact healthcare of the society. The institution has completed 10 years of existence and six batches of B.Pharm and 4 batches of M. Pharm have successfully graduated in these years. VESCOP also offers PhD programme in Pharmaceutics and PhD in Pharmaceutical Chemistry will be started soon.

B. Pharm programme in VESCOP has been accredited by National Board of Accreditation (NBA). As a result of active industrial interaction and research, in 2016, VESCOP joined the elite club of platinum ranking, the highest ranking conferred to technical institutes for industry linkage by AICTE – CII. VESCOP has been placed in the top 75 pharmacy colleges in India in the NIRF ranking given by the Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Government of India. Backed with well-equipped laboratories and updated technological expertise of the faculty, VESCOP has gained prominence as an upcoming centre of excellence in providing consultancy services, collaborative research projects, conducting pre-clinical studies and as a centre for grooming upcoming pharmacy professionals. The faculty members and students have published research and review papers in over 128 international and national journals in the last few years. They have also filed three patent applications. The institution has collaborated with various companies for research activities, some of which include Evonik, Merck, Seppic and Emami. VESCOP students have received scholarships worth around Rs. 76 lakhs from various organizations including AICTE, Sir Ratan Tata Trust, Nihchal Israni Trust, Suman Tulsiani Trust and VES trust.

The SDGs:

VESCOP has worked towards sustainability carrying out Health campaigns, Blood donation drives and other social activities for the community as part of its Academic Social Responsibility initiatives.

The **Public Health Office (PHO)** of VES College of Pharmacy is a student cell that is actively involved in various health campaigns and blood donation drives. PHO of VES COP believes in conducting awareness and promotional camping on important and high impact issues that affect large population, Through PHO of VES COP, students of the college have been volunteers in **11 different blood donation** drives since August, 2016 in various parts of Mumbai and its suburbs. Through these drives, more than **1900 units** of blood were collected. Some of the hospitals for whom our students have volunteered for blood donation drives include public hospitals such as **Rajawadi hospital, Nair hospital and Shatabdi hospital.**

Apart from blood donation drives, PHO of VES COP has organized five different health campaigns which include campaigns on some Health Days of the year.

1. 6th October 2016, World Oral Hygiene day: PHO organized an Oral Hygiene and Check-up camp in collaboration with a team of 10 dentists from the Indian Dental Association in a BMC school. The campaign started off with a demonstration of correct brushing techniques by the volunteers of VES COP. About

2. 7th October 2016, Global Hand-washing Day: A campaign on the Correct Method of Handwashing was conducted. This campaign was held in General Education Academy, Chembur, for the children of primary school. Volunteers individually interacted with each class, explaining to them the importance of cleanliness and washing hands. Posters depicting the eight simple steps of washing hands were shown to the children and explained.

3. 10th October, 2016 - World Mental Health awareness day: The PHO of VES College of Pharmacy organized a seminar on “Mental Health: Not all wounds are visible”, on the World Mental Health Day, to play our part in ameliorating mental disorders. The seminar was conducted in Tulsi Technical Institute, by Mrs. Salma Prabhu, a psychologist. She introduced the audience to various mental disorders that plague the population today. She explained the methods to prevent stress and depression by maintaining a positive attitude towards life. She also demonstrated various meditation techniques by involving the audience in an interactive session.

4. 14th November, 2016 Lung Cancer Awareness Month: An awareness camp on Dangers of Smoking and Lung Cancer was conducted in VES Institute of Management included Role-Play, Interaction and Presentations by PHO volunteers along with survey about smoking and its ill effects which was filled by over 300 people.

5. 7th January 2017- First Aid Training Session: The PHO of VES College of Pharmacy arranged a First-aid Training session for the students and staff of the college. The session focussed on the appropriate response while dealing with situations such as injuries, accidents and fires. The session was conducted by the experts from Kolhatkar Social and Educational Organization. The audience was introduced to the Golden Rule to be followed by any person administering first aid. Techniques of handling fractures, arresting bleeding, shifting of victims and administration of CPR were demonstrated.

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6. 23rd December-29th December 2016, Tuberculosis Awareness: The PHO of VES College of Pharmacy collaborated with Lok Seva Sangam (LSS) as a part of the Tuberculosis Awareness campaign. The first activity of this campaign was to spread awareness about the need for a balanced, nutritious diet to aid in the recovery process in people receiving DOTS. Our volunteers visited two DOTS centers where they had an interactive session with the patients and explained to them, the need for adequate nutrition and a balanced diet. Our volunteers, along with the DOTS providers from LSS, had a healthy discussion with them about the Do's and Don'ts in their diet plan.

7. 23rd December, 2016 HIV-AIDS awareness camp: According to MDACS, truck drivers are a high-risk group for HIV infection. Hence, to educate this less-informed section of the society about the causes, treatment and prevention of AIDS, the PHO of VES College of Pharmacy through MDACS conducted an awareness campaign for the Truck Drivers at a BPCL petrol pump in Navi Mumbai on NH 348 on 23rd December, 2016. Dr. Rajesh Rathod, a Master Trainer on HIV/AIDS, conducted a short seminar in which he delved into topics like the major causes of AIDS, its prevention and effective control of its spread. The "Do's" and "Don'ts" were explained very perspicuously, He cleared numerous misconceptions about the spread of HIV from person to person and provided better clarity regarding the actual causes of spread. Free condoms were distributed among the members of the audience.

8. 5th February, 2017 Awareness about Epilepsy Camp: There are lots of myths and misconception about epilepsy in large sections of the society. To address this and to make people more aware about epilepsy as a disorder, PHO in collaboration with Samman, an NGO that works in the field of epilepsy conducted a street play in Adarsh Nagar, Chembur. The members of audience were educated about myths surrounding the disease. They were also given to understand any person afflicted with this disorder can lead a normal life with proper medication and medical advice.

The college won the Best College Trophy for the year at Rx festival, which is an inter-college festival of all pharmacy colleges in Mumbai.

VES Arts Science Commerce College (VESASC)

V.E.S. College of Arts, Science and Commerce was established in June 1979 with First Year Course in all three faculties. It is permanently affiliated to the University of Mumbai. It is also recognized by U.G.C. under 2(f) and 12B. The College has minority status (Sindhi linguistic minority). The college has been Re-accredited by NAAC with A grade (CGPA 3.12) in February 2012. The college has been bestowed with 'Best College Award' by University of Mumbai in the year 2012-2013 (Urban Area). It has also received grant from DST under the FIST scheme and the Star College Grant from DBT in the year 2015-2016.

Mission, Vision & Objectives

MISSION: "PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION"

VISION: ENLIGHTENED SOCIETY THROUGH HOLISTIC EDUCATION

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide conducive academic atmosphere to students.
- To improve overall academic performance of students.
- To inculcate discipline as a value among students.
- To develop employable skills among students.
- To render service to society

Thus, the college tries hard to channelize all efforts to inculcate all the values mentioned above in the hearts and minds of the students, not only to become a better person in life but also to be a better citizen.

AWARDS

The college received several awards and accolades in the last few years. With the belief of "We the Change, Be the change", V.E.S. College of Arts, Science and Commerce was awarded the RCF Youth Council for Road Safety Program (2015-16). Maharashtra Times honored the college by the reputable 'Samajik Janeev Puraskar'.

Recognition and Awards Photographs



V.E.S. College received The "SAMAJIK JANEEV PURASKAR" presented by Maharashtra Times



V.E.S. College Received Various Awards for Excellence in Social Extension Activities



The Departments appreciated by the Management of the college for their contribution towards Social Extension Activities.

Social Activities - BMM Department

Social Awareness Week (SAW):

One day events:-

26th January 2017- A visit to 6 NGO's at three different locations around Mumbai.

27th January 2017- Rally to spread awareness about social issues and Drop a Coin.

28th January 2017- Wet Waste Management and Decomposing at Tata Institute of Social Science.

31st January 2017- De-addiction Adventure Sports activity in association with Abhiyaan Foundation.

1st February 2017- Fundraising activity at Mini Seashore, Vashi.

2nd February 2017- A visit to two leprosy villages in Trombay. Niramay Leprosy Center & Abhinav Gyan Mandir.

4th February 2017- Organised blood donation and health checkup camp at VES College Campus.

5th February 2017- Organized a cleanliness drive at Versova beach in association with Adv. Afroz Shah.

5th February 2017- Visited Access Life NGO located at Ghatla Road, Chembur.

5th February 2017- 20 students visited Bal Anand NGO in Chembur.

8th February 2017- On International Women's Day Team SAW distributed foodgrains, clothes and toys to the non-teaching staff of VES College of Arts, Science and Commerce.

14th February 2017– The students distributed thandai to underprivileged children on the occasion of Holi at Mulund in association with OM Foundation.

1st March 2017 - CSR Seminar (Connect'17) in association with VESIM. This seminar connected the campus with NGO and CSR Professionals.

5th March 2017– Donated Rs. 9000 for the cataract operation.

Department of Commerce

Three students of T.Y.B.com conducted a workshop on “Basic of Accounts” and “Business Attributes” for Third Year Polytechnic Students on 3rd March 2017 for 12 Hours.

Department of Computer Science

- 14 students of SYBSc Computer Science did social work in NASEOH during 2nd November to 13th November 2016 for about 50 hours.
- 4 students of SYBSc Computer Science went to St. Jude’s Child Care Center during 27th October to 18th November 2016 and worked there for about 29 hours.

Department of Information Technology

- On 26th February, 2017 wherein students along with SRI SAI SEVA ORGANISATION visited a children's home near Mankhurd. It was fun and frolic time, as the students accompanied there as volunteers and helped the organization committee to carry sports activity for those young children.
- On 8th June 2017, the Faculty members and Students of the department visited "Sneha Sadan, Chembur East", which is a shelter home for divorced women and the needy women those who are a victims of domestic violence. They donated Rs. 6000/- (Sale-proceedings of that’s IT -10th Edition) to them.

NSS

Save A Girl Child:

- Poster Competition cum exhibition on ‘SAVE A GIRL CHILD’was organized on 6th December, 2016 in college campus. Prizes were given to 3 best posters.
- Students also performed a 10 minute skit on ‘Save a Girl Child’ theme in college quadrangle on 6th December, 2016

AIDS awareness program:

- Poster Competition cum exhibition on ‘HIV AIDS AWARENESS’ was organized on 6th December, 2016 in college campus. Prizes were given to 3 best posters.

Celebration of Constitution Day:

- Unit organized the celebration of the Constitution Day on 29th November, 2016 where in Mr. Arun Singh gave a lecture on 'Preamble and Fundamental Rights'.

NSS Residential Camp:

- NSS Residential Camp was conducted from 20th October, 2016 to 26th October, 2016 which was attended by Two NSS POs and 65 NSS Volunteers.
- It is a regular feature of our college NSS Unit. Seven Days Residential Camp was conducted in Thakurpada village, Ambernath (E).
- The Theme of Camp was "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan".
- Various activities were conducted on different projects such as Rally on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Save Girl Child, Skit on Aids awareness, Cleanliness and Save a girl child in adopted village Thakurpada. Different Talks were organised on the topic History of NSS, Consumer Awareness, Personality Development, Andh Sharaddha and Environment Protection.

VES Institute of Management (VESIM)

CSR CELL-2016-17: CSR cell has been established with the objective of making our students socially responsible as well as sensitize them towards different social issues.

Activities for Year 2016-17

1. Box of Happiness – A Donation Drive on September-2016. Collected Material Donated to an NGO named Vatsalya.



2. Flag Selling Activity for Indian Association for Blind. Collected money donated to Indian Association for Blind.



3. Blood Donation and Eye Checkup Camp on 20th September 2016 has been organized in association with Hashu Adavani Memorial Trust.



4. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on 13th October 2016. One day cleaning drive for Chembur and near by Area.



5. Bone Marrow Registry Camp on 20/10/2016 has been organized in association with MDRI and total 67 registrations done.

6. Health Awareness Lecture on 16/11/2016 by VES Pharma students on Lung Cancer Awareness.

7. International day of person with disability has been celebrated on 7/12/2016.

8. Yuva for Seva on field Project for MMS Students from 8/12/2016-30/12/2016. Students were places more than 20 NGOs across India.



10. Connect-17- A CSR Seminar for NGO, Corporate and Students has been organized successfully on 1st March 2017.

11. Poster Competition (Based on Yuva for Seva Project) has been organized on 1st of March 2017 and 3 best posters have been awarded cash prize.

VES College of Law (VESCOL)

VES College of Law, which was established in the year 2009, aims at imparting value based legal education. The College has structured its learning programme so as to give an opportunity for every student to develop his/her own personality by learning multidisciplinary tasks. The College provides the students various platforms to develop their skills by way of debates, seminars, Advocacy skills competition, Legal Counseling Camp and a State Level Moot Court competition. These events and programs not only help in the intellectual growth of the students but also add finesse to their personality.

The Mission of our Institution is:

To ensure excellence in law students through continuous Professional Development Programmes

To serve the society by developing, promoting and providing effective Legal Aid Services

The Vision of our Institution is:

To cultivate an expertise in alternative approaches to dispute and conflict resolution through professional studies and programs.

SOCIAL RELEVANT AND USEFUL ACTIVITIES**Free LEGAL COUNSELLING CAMP:**

This Legal Counseling Camp is one such attempt to give back to the society of what the society has contributed in making the college, what it is today. Lawyers from different fields are invited to the college to offer legal advice to needy for free. In the year 2016-17, the camp received tremendous response. Lawyers with their expertise in various fields like Criminal, Property, Taxation etc and counseled around 200 needy litigants in and around Chembur area.

Highlighting the need for such initiatives, Justice Patel appreciated the efforts of the Institute.

This social enterprise, where we continue fulfill the social obligation, was lauded by litigants and lawyers, both.

VES Polytechnic (VESP)

Vivekanand Education Society's Polytechnic, Mumbai is one of the highly reputed Polytechnic in Maharashtra, India. Established in year 1983, the institute offers quality technical education. All the seven programs have been accredited by NBA ,Delhi for academic year 2017-18 and 2018-19 (provisional). The institute is received 'Excellent remark in academic monitoring. V.E.S. Polytechnic is affiliated to Maharashtra Board of Technical Education (MSBTE) and has been approved by AICTE. The institute offers following seven diploma programs in Engineering each having intake of 60.

VESPIRIT is a team of staff members and student volunteers of VES Polytechnic which has been working with a motto to serve society selflessly creating awareness among students about social responsibility.

SWACHHA BHARAT ABHIYAN:

The activity started with a formal inauguration and "Swacchata Pledge" by all the attendees. The week ended with Cleanliness drive in college campus and adjacent garden by **VESPIRIT** volunteers.

SAP (SCHOLARSHIP AWARENESS PROGRAM) and CAP (CENTRALISED ADMISION PROCESS).

This program has been conducted Free of cost at various B.M.C. schools of Mumbai region to create awareness about-

1. Government and non-government scholarship schemes available for Engineering Diploma Programs.
2. Documents required for admission and scholarships.
3. Detailed information about centralized admission process .

Totally 35 schools have been visited by the team of VESP employees under the title – Prabodhan.

SUMMER WORKSHOP- SUMMER WORKSHOPS were conducted free of cost as a social cause for the 10th appeared students to exposure them with the Emerging trends in engineering and technology on 11th& 12th April 2017 and 18th & 19th April 2017

Other SDG-linked activities:

- Expert talk on "Scholarship Schemes" by Mr. Mangesh Patil
- Expert talk on "Transition from school to college" by Mrs. Piya Mukherjee.

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- Robot Assembly.
- Engineering Lab Visit.
- Robo Race competition.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP- On 12th January ,VESP conducts Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with J.J. Blood bank, Mumbai .

Computer Awareness Program – VESP conducts computer awareness program for parents, free of cost, on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda’s Birth anniversary to develop the basics of computing.

VES TULSI TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (VES TTI)

SDG-linked activities conducted:

Awareness Programmes and Camps

1. An “Awareness Camp on Mental Health” was conducted by Mrs. Salma Prabhu (Executive Director of Ace & Clinical Psychologist) on 10th Oct. 2016 at VES Tulsi Technical Institute.
2. An Eye camp for students and teachers was conducted to commemorate the Birth anniversary of late Shri J.T Wadhawaniji. Spectacles were supplied at a concessional rate to students.
3. Seminars on Narcotics and Breast and Cervical cancer for girls were conducted by Lioness club. The resource personnel for narcotics awareness and awareness on cancer was Dr Navin Bhombbani, Practicing Onco Surgeon at Hinduja and Jupiter Hospitals.
4. Blood grouping & Complete Blood Count camp - Shri.Hashu Advani Memorial Foundation had conducted a Blood Testing Camp(Blood grouping & CBC). Approximately 300 students were benefited.
5. Self Defense classes for 70 girls from the morning shift were conducted by the Inner Wheel Club.

Vivekanand English High School (VEHS), Kurla

Vivekanand English High School was established in the year 2011 with around 120 students. Now in year 2017 the number has increased up to 725 students

Activity conducted:-Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan - Date:- 2nd Oct,2016.

On the account of birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and La IBahadur Shastri , more than 700 students and teachers from Vivekanand English High School, Kurla participated in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan by organizing a cleanliness drive. The school took the initiative of spreading awareness about the importance of cleanliness especially in public place.

- Students were shown the life journey of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri through an audio visual aid.
- PowerPoint presentation was represented by the student of class 10th on cleanliness drive in India.
- Students were divided into 3 groups.
- First group of 9th standard were supposed to clean the school along with the ground, library, canteen area and the class rooms.
- Second group of 10th standard went to Nehru Nagar S.T bus depot to clean and spread an awareness for the same.
- They not cleaned the bus stop and the nearby area but also made the people realise their duties towards their surroundings.
- The last group from 5th to 8th standard took out a rally in the nearby area surrounding the school.
- There were poster, placards with them. Students were making the residents aware about their duties towards a clean surrounding through slogans.
- At the forefront of the rally there were students dressed as national leaders, as well as as trees, dustbins, sweepers and civic workers and so on

Swami Vivekanand English Primary School Sindhi Society, Sindhi Society (SVPS)

With its inception in 1965, this school, with over 1440 students, has won awards at several interschool and Ward level competitions for its students' talents in elocution, drawing, chess and so on. Students, whose ages range from 4 years to 10 years, are sensitized towards sustainability, essentially through awareness of the Reduce-Reuse-Recycle concept.

A) They are taught about:

- REDUCE - Emphasis on economical use of natural resources such as water, petrol (car pooling, using school buses)
- RE USE - Old notebooks, donate books to the library (good condition), clothes to a charity.
- RE CYCLE - Water (rain water harvesting), garbage (into manure through composting)
- Minimize - The use of plastic – use cloth carry bags. Avoid using plastic bags, crockery, cutlery, straws.

B) HEALTH

- Only healthy home cooked food is permitted in tiffin boxes.
- Aerated drink are discouraged, healthier option [lassi, buttermilk, sherbet] are suggested.
- Personal cleanliness is insisted upon [washing hands before and after eating, visiting the washroom etc.]
- The Prime Minister's Swachata Abhiyan is explained so as to inculcate the idea of clean surroundings.

C) General

- Gender equality is maintained. Girls and boys are given equal rights and duties.
- Leadership skills are developed. The Head Girl and Head Boy are elected democratically.
- Critical thinking and analysis are tested by presenting a hypothetical situation and asking for solutions.
- Life skills are taught – It is perfectly alright to stumble/ fall/ fail/ go wrong. What is more important is that the child learns from it and picks him/ herself up and moves ahead.
- Joy of giving – Children are encouraged to share their belongings, donate to the needy without any expectations in return. The feeling of oneness with mankind is encouraged.

Swami Vivekanand High School & Junior College (SVHSJR)

STUDENTS OF SVHS ON “A GREEN DRIVE” for a more sustainable planet

- For the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, students of SVHS have ‘ **Handmade Ganapati Idols**’ made of mud and clay so that there is no pollution. It has replaced Plaster of Paris and is being popularised by the youth of today for its eco- friendly aspect. Also pupils have had craft articles made out of mud as a practice for the same.
- As part of the “**TREE PLANTATION DRIVE**”, 25 Saplings of a variety of species were planted by students of the secondary section. “**SAVE TREES WEEK**” instilled in the students an awareness to encourage having the “**GREEN COVER**” to protect us from global warming. Students made use of placards and spread the message , “**GO GREEN**”
- As part of **SWACH BHARAT ABHIYAAN**, the students of Secondary section took personal interest in keeping the surroundings of the school clean specially the classrooms, AV room, Library, Computer Lab among others. The cleanliness drive only made the kids focus on the Prime minister Mr. Narendra Modi’s message “**EK KADAM SWACHTA KI AUR**”

Swami Vivekanand Kanishtha Vidyalaya Kurla (Hindi Medium)

- 1. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan:** The school and Collage organized cleanness drive under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan program on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. The main purpose of this program was to create awareness among the student's regarding cleanness and its benefit. As the part at this cleanness drive student had clean the whole school and also participate in drawing competition.



- 2. International Yoga Day:** Our students participated in International yoga day 21st June 2017 and were enlightened to the health benefit by Yoga. Student's practiced yoga



Mudras and Asanas.

- 3. Environment day :** The students participated in the Environment day celebration by going eco-friendly. They planted seeds and sapling on the school ground.



VES Leadership Academy and Re-search Centre (VESLARC)

VESLARC is a VES institute created to empower and train students, teachers, professors, support staff of schools and colleges, and parents of students to help build a society whose members are healthy, productive, creative, emotionally strong, and have high integrity, orientation towards excellence, and patriotism.

A: Primary Activities – linked to the SDGs of Quality Education, Good Health, and Peace and Justice

- Train and empower students (18-26 years of age) with inputs in two kinds of domains
 - **World-management skills**
 - **Values-based learning**
- Offer psychological counselling to students, staff and parents
 - Proactive counselling – in the form of short talks in classrooms
 - One-to-one and group counselling, based on identified need
- Conduct practical and application-oriented short workshops for teachers, professors, parents and support staff members of Vivekanand Education Society
- Disseminate the practical application of spiritual learnings through a once-in-two-months e-zine

B: Supportive Activities

- Encourage teachers and professors of the 25 institutes of VES to work towards excellence and innovation in teaching, and also to collaborate between institutes, for overall knowledge sharing, via:
 - Aadharshila group of teachers of VES
 - Gyaan Vistaar – annual book of innovative teaching ideas of VES
- Encourage students to work towards all-round excellence, by working on values, leadership and integrity, along with academic and extra-curricular development, via the VES Shreshthta Awards
- Instill a wider, social perspective in students and staff of VES, via:
 - Periodic exhibitions of products made by underprivileged children and women, along with sensitization of students towards this cause
 - Enrolling VES as a signatory to the United Nations – Principles of Responsible Management Education (PRME), to help students and staff work towards the global goals of sustainable development.
- Dissemination of Indian values and Vedantic learning, through:

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- Weekly classes of the Bhagvad Gita and the Upanishads
- Periodic celebrations of commemorative milestones such as Guru Purnima, the birth anniversary of Adi Shankaracharya-ji, the Bhagvad Gita day, and so on.
- Encouraging students and staff to work towards a genuine, year-long focus on overall well-being, by organizing meaningful activities, workshops and demonstrations on commemorative days such as: International Yoga Day, International Day for Women, International Day of Happiness, International Youth Day and so on

In last year VESLARC reached out to 4131 students, teaching staff, support staff, grade IV staff and, parents of students.

Some of the SDG linked activities undertaken were:

Workshop for Students

1. Goal Planning
2. Campus to Corporate – making the transition
3. Jigyasa on Handling Relationships
4. Jigyasa on Role of a Responsible Student
5. Atmavikas -7 sessions on Communication & Presentation Skills
6. Winning Attitudes of Life –
7. Jigyasa on Self Esteem
8. Motivational Talk for students
9. Talk for Hostelites
10. Antarmukhita talk on - Cherished Values from Elders
11. Group/Case Discussion & Personal Interview for MBA Aspirants

Workshops for Teaching Staff

1. Terrific Teaching - Some Secrets
2. Antarmukhita on Health
3. Anger, Forgiveness & Acceptance
4. How teachers can be a Counsellor
5. A talk on Teacher – Gardener of young
6. Joyful Professionalism

Workshops for Support Staff

1. Motivational Talk – "Nar seva" is "Narayan seva" -

2. Sugar – The Sweet Poison - In the rush of daily living, we sometimes ignore

Talks for parents

- a. Motivational Talk on acceptance of children, dangers of consumerism and role modeling
- b. Talk for parents of 10th Standard students
- c. Magic of Parenting - Invited to speak at: Chembur Mommies group (a local group of mothers).



Antarmukhita Outreach - How Teachers can be a good Counsellor for Vivekanand English High School. Kurla



Jigyasa session – Role of a responsible student for VESASC students



Workshop – Joyful Professionalism for VESCOP Teaching & Support



International Womens Day celebration – financial portfolio for Women



International Womens Day celebration – Yogasana for women



Special Case Discussion/Personal Interview workshop for MBA Aspirants

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Workshop on Joyful Professionalism for Patkar college staff members - Goregaon



Antarmukhita Outreach- How a Teacher can be a good Counsellor for the staff of Tulsi Technical Institute.



Ms Piya Mukherjee anchoring for VES event – Connect 17 under UN PRME



Workshop – Magic of Parenting for a social media group – Chembur Mommies



Motivational talk at Tulsi Technical Institute by Ms Piya Mukherjee



Talk on Health and Fitness under health Antarmukhita for VESASC by Ms Meeta Brahmhatt

Conclusion:

VES commits itself towards nurturing and enhancing all its activities and approaches that are designed towards sustainability of the planet. Through our actions, we promise to create and spread awareness of the critical need of such thinking.

Humankind has not woven the web of life.

We are but one thread within it.

Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

All things are bound together.

All things connect.

- Chief Seattle, 1854
