



Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology

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3.4 Extension Activities

3.4.1 Extension activities conducted in neighbourhood community to impact and sensitize students towards social issues and holistic development during the last five years.

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Vivekanand Education Society's Institute Technology organizes and participates in various extension activities with a dual objective of not only sensitizing students about various social issues but also contributing to community and strengthening community participation, for such initiatives VESIT has set up a society called as SORT (*Social Responsibility Team*).

VESIT's SoRT: SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TEAM

At VESIT, the task of spreading the cause of Social Responsibility amongst students is spearheaded by a group of socially enthusiastic students, called the Social Responsibility Team (SoRT). Since its inception in 2008 by a group of enthusiastic students, SoRT has never looked back, being recently named as one of the most active groups (at institutional level) at social work and community services all over India.

Mainly focused at reaching out to the needy NGOs in and around Mumbai, SoRT has so far volunteered for more than 40 social work activities at VESIT and helped more than 10 NGOs through donations in kind and supplies. Every year, the team brings the students together to encourage them to participate in community services. Janani Shreedharan, who is presently a social work activist working for Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) and a VESIT alumnus, was the founder of this team.

In its first year as a council, SoRT won the hearts of many. The major highlight of that year was the adoption of the village 'Chinchpada' near Atgaon station in Thane district. Vaccination drives were held for the kids in the village and also two computers were donated for the school situated there. Apart from this major event, there a plethora of other events like a 'Go Green Campaign', Blood donation camps, SoRT Week, visit to ADAPT school, SoRT Premier Leagueduring the sports festival of the college. Sort aims to reach out to needy NGOs and individuals and inculcate the spirit of social work among the students of VESIT. *"Be the Wings the World Needs!"*

Swachha Bharat Abhyan at VESIT

As a part of the national cleanliness drive launched by Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyaan', students of Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology organized a one day campus clean-up initiative on October 1st, that marked the beginning of series of various other activities to be carried out round the year as a support to this noble national movement.

International Women's Day Celebration

To pay tribute to the indomitable spirit of women, International Women's day was celebrated in VESIT on March 08, 2016 from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm in the Auditorium under the leadership of Women's Development Cell. On the eve of International Women's Day a Special session was organized in the College. The invited guest speakers for the session were Mrs. Neelam Bhardwaj-Certified Resource Person of SEBI and Mr. Bhavadasan – Retired Chief Engineer from Johnson & Johnson Pharma Division.

In the Presentation, Mrs. Neelam Bhardwaj provided an insightful address on the topic "Financial Awareness" for Women. In this, she covered Financial Freedom and Financial Sustainability and managing various events in life such as Routine, Predictable and Unpredictable events using SII (Saving Investment and Insurance). She also focused on principles to follow for assurance of availability of financial funds at various stages of life, and given financial tips for Single Women with respect to Pension Plans and Health Insurance. Moreover, she highlighted Do's and Don'ts when buying Financial SII Products. After the Presentation, Mrs. Neelam Bhardwaj and Mr. Bhavadasan jointly conducted an interactive session and addressed queries related to National Pension Plans, PF and PPF with respect to Tax Exemption.



Sanitary Napkin Vending machine inaugurated by Mrs. Neelam Bhardwaj on the occasion of International Women's Day.

Celebration of 67th Republic Day

India celebrated its 67th republic day with pride on 26th January 2016. VES also organized a ceremony at the VES Polytechnic ground. The members of various VES institutions assembled to celebrate the Republic Day. The Chief Guest for the occasion, **Mr. Sangramsinh Pratapsinh Nishandar** (Deputy Commissioner of Police, Zone-VI) hoisted the Indian Flag. Following the flag hoisting, there was a parade of the student scouts followed by the cultural programme presented by the different institutes. The ceremony concluded with the national anthem and a grand salute to the national flag.

Martyr's Day

Every year, 30th January is mourned as Martyr's Day (Hutatma Din). On this day we pay our respects to the brave freedom fighters and all those valiant soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the sake of the nation. This year as well the Government of India had issued a circular to all the institutions in the country to maintain two minutes of silence to pay homage to the martyrs. All the institutes including VESIT as instructed maintained the two minute silence at 11.00 a.m. and paid a heartfelt tribute to all the departed brave souls.

Disaster Management / Mock Evacuation Drill

MOCK EVACUATION DRILL was successfully conducted at VESIT on 27.02.2016 by Freedom for You Foundation, NGO for Empowerment of Citizens).The drill was followed by a hands-on workshop for students and staff on the demonstration of Fire Safety Equipments.



MOCK Evacuation Drill for firefighting & demonstration of Fire Safety Equipment's.

VESLit Circle

VESLit Circle, an extension of the language lab, started out 4 years back with the intention of enhancing literary creativity and to foster a love for language. Under the guidance of their staff

incharges, the newly constituted council of 2018-19, with a lot of enthusiasm and energy, marched on with these agendas in mind. The even semester kicked off with, The Annual Literature Fest of VESIT, The VESLit Week which marks a full week of online and offline events that range from story writing to skits to micro fiction.

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 certain scams given to them, along with details, causes and ways in which they could be prevented. The themes for Short Film were “Swatchh Bharat Abhiyaan” and “Corruption”. The 8 participating teams came up with innovative ideas with the best of the lot being – Viraj Sapte and Team, Karan Chotlani and Team Students from Vivekanand Education Society’s Institute of Technology (VESIT) showcased a series of 7 short films as part of their commitment to spearhead an awareness drive against corruption. The students acted in, conceived the plots and directed the films which exhibited their visions of an ideal and corruption-free society. The films were part of a broader exercise to comply with the Central Vigilance Commission’s Vigilance Awareness Week, themed around 'My Vision’- Corruption Free India'. The Vigilance Awareness Week will be observed from October 30 to November 4.

Geeta Ajit, Assistant Professor, Business Communication of VESIT said, “Corruption is a social evil that impacts all strata of society. A sustainable awareness campaign against corruption should be encouraged across all educational campuses in the country. Students of the institute, too, had bullish opinions about the array of talent on display. “The visual medium makes a lasting impression on the human mind. Through these films, we have reiterated the commitment of a generation towards spreading corruption awareness and promoting the values of honesty and transparency,” said Harsh Bhatia, a student. 12 teams of 4 students each participated in the event which provided them a platform to display their film-making skills and talent. Three teams were declared as winners and consolation prizes were awarded to all participants.

SoRT Activities 2016-17



UMEED'17 – the SoRT Week from 11 – 18 September 2017.

Blood Donation Camp with Thalassemia test & eye check-up

SoRT also organized a Blood Donation Camp along with Thalassemia test and eye check-up in our college on 22 July 2017, where the Council collaborated with a dedicated team of doctors and nurses from J.J. Hospital, Mumbai.



Bone Marrow Registration Camp - Desk

Bone Marrow Registration Camp - In association with Marrow Donor Registry (India), SoRT also held a Bone Marrow registration camp where 120 registrations were made by students and staff, who actively donated samples of cheek epithelial cells.

Traffic Monitoring & control

During the festival of Ganeshotsav and Dahi Handi the SoRT team assisted Chembur Welfare Brigade and Mumbai Police for Traffic Monitoring.



Traffic Monitoring- in Ganesh utsav & Dahi Handi

Zero Tolerance against sexual Harassment

To reinforce the principle of students Zero Tolerance for sexual Harassment and Women in colleges and Universities, VESIT conducted a session on 27 February 2017 to sensitize students about the topic of Sexual Harassment in universities and colleges. VESIT has also constituted an Internal Complaint Committee for Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal on the same issue.

Screening of “*Young India, New India – A Resurgent Nation: from Sankalp to Siddhi*”

On the occasion of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Century Celebration and 125 year of Swami Vivekanand’s Chicago Address, the live telecast of “*Young India, New India – A Resurgent Nation: from Sankalp to Siddhi*” speech by our Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was screened to our First Year students V.E.S. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY on 11 September 2017.

Drive for registration of eligible electors

“*No voters to be left behind*” a special drive for registration of eligible electors by the Election Commission of India was launched, where newly eligible voters are encouraged to fill Form 6 (new voter registration form). VESIT contributed to this campaign by arranging a desk at the VESIT Main Entrance during 13th to 31st July 2017 for VESIT Students and Staff.

The VESLit Circle of VESIT in association with *The Times of India* conducted an *Intra-Collegiate Debate Competition* on 12th September 2017. The judges for the competition were; Mr. Manoj Dwivedi, Associate General Manager and Mr. Rakesh Pandey, Senior Manager from The Times of India.

Vigilance Awareness Week to raise awareness about the problem and evils of corruption in our country

On 13th October 2017, to commemorate the birth anniversary of our former president Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, VESIT celebrated “*Vaachan Prerna Diwas*”, where a session was arranged for all the teaching and “My Vision – Corruption Free India” a Short Film Making Competition was conducted by Union Bank of India during The *Vigilance Awareness Week* to raise awareness about the problem and evils of corruption in our country. On 14 October 2017, VESIT students showcased a series of seven films which exhibited their visions of an ideal and corruption free society which was *covered by press news*.

SORT Activities 17-18

As every year, this year also SoRT VESIT came up with the blood donation camp on 22nd February. It was a really satisfying event with more than 200 registrations for blood donation out of which 167 could donate. The body check-up count crossed the 200 bar. We hope to receive the same support in the upcoming events. The team would like to thank each and every person who came up for this social cause.

On this special day, let's promise our motherland that we will do everything to enrich and preserve our heritage, our ethos and our treasure. SoRT VESIT wishes you a very Happy 69th Republic Day. In honour of those who give their today for a better tomorrow of our country, we at SoRT VESIT will be conducting an interactive session in collaboration with Lakshya Foundation on 7th February 2018.



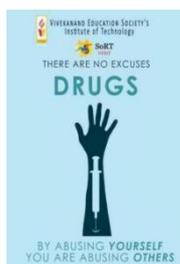
LAKSHA Foundation Event - Banner photo

Lakshya Foundation: A Tribute to Our Soldiers: organized by VESIT SORT, Date – 7th Feb 2018

It is he who lives miles away from his family .While defending his country he goes into the jaws of death, his life is not a bed of roses , it is a bed of thorns .For him , defence of country is most important in his duties and responsibilities.

It is these conscious searching thoughts that prompted the evolution of Lakshya Foundation. It is said that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Lakshya Foundation have taken this small yet determined step to bridge the gap between civilians and the armed forces by fostering an emotional connect. An event, Valentine My Soldier was held by Lakshya Foundation in the college auditorium on February 7, 2018, wherein they invited Major Mitheel Jaikar, who shared his experience of life in the Indian Army.

This inspired the students to create awareness at a much deeper level. After the session, he personally guided all students who evinced interest to be a part of the Indian army. It must be proudly noted that the students have already started working towards it. Namrata ma'am, a member of Lakshya Foundation, also narrated the story of Kargil War. The event made everyone realise the sacrifices and the hardships our soldiers undertake in order to keep us safe within our country.



Drug Awareness Drive - Banner

When it comes to drug abuse, spreading awareness about its ill effects amongst youth, is one of the most crucial and effective ways for its eradication!



Blood Donation Drive

Organ Donation Drive - Becoming an organ donor can give someone a second chance at life! Join us on the clean-up drive on 3rd, where we'll be campaigning for causes like organ donation, amongst others.

Ever wondered how you could contribute to a cleaner Mumbai? Here is how you can! SoRT brings to you our final event for this academic year, a Clean Up Drive, on the 3rd of March! This year, along with cleaning up Chembur station, we are also going to be campaigning to create awareness on Road Safety, Drug Abuse, Tree Plantation and Organ Donation!

SORT Activities 18-19

The greatest good you can do for another is not just share your riches, but reveal to them their own. – Benjamin Disraeli. Sort-VESIT, since its inception, has endeavoured to stay true to this very idea with its one of a kind unity, inspiration, dedication and perseverance. With plenty of activities and events that bear testimony to this, here are the highlights of year 2018-2019.

Kerala Donation Drive: 21st August, 2018

Rise for Kerala, Stand for Kerala!

SoRT VESIT in collaboration with VF foundation, Wadala, contributed to the movement 'Rise for Kerala, Stand for Kerala. It was a three day donation drive to lend a helping hand, to thousands of people who lost their beautiful paradise in a blink of an eye.



Kerla Donation Drive with truck ready for dispatch.

Basic necessities like food, clothes and medicines were donated in enormous quantities. Some individuals also contributed money, SoRT used it for buying more medicines, since we were told that it was the most sought-after donation. A whopping 101 students donated goods, several staff members donated items as well.

The goods were organized according to their food, clothing or medical category. The donations were then sent to Kerala through VF foundation. The drive was completed successfully with

great enthusiasm and overwhelming participation and support from the students as well as the college staff.

Traffic Monitoring For Janmashtami: 3rd September 2018

SoRT VESIT in collaboration with Chembur Traffic police and Chembur Welfare Brigade conducted traffic monitoring at Chembur Naka on the occasion of Dahi Handi. More than 50 students from VESIT registered and were present to monitor traffic as well as the crowd at the busy junction. More than 50 students from VESIT registered and were present to monitor traffic as well as the crowd at the busy junction. Water bottles were arranged to keep us hydrated and active all along.



SORT team ready for Traffic control.

SoRT VESIT along with other volunteers from our college were glad to get this opportunity to help them on such an auspicious occasion like Janmashtami!

UMEED 18: 5th September to 11th September 2018

UMEED 18 SoRT VESIT collaborated with various NGOs and sold their products on desks across the college. This year we collaborated with: NASEOH, Chembur; Self Esteem, Airoli ; We Change, Thane; Aseema, Bandra; Balanand, Chembur; Kshamata, Thane; RUR, Mahim; Snehalaya, Thane.



DESK set up on 2nd floor to sell NGO products.

The desks were set up on the ground, second and fifth floors from 9:30am to 5pm. We are delighted to bring it to your notice that the event was a grand success and many of their products were sold. There was overwhelming response from the students and staff alike. A lot of clothes and books were also donated to the NGOs through the council.

Traffic Monitoring at R.K Studio for Anant Chaturdasi: 20th September 2018

SoRT VISIT in collaboration with Chembur Welfare Brigade conducted traffic monitoring at R.K Studio on the occasion of Anant Chaturdashi, the last day of Ganesh Chaturthi. More than 30 students from VESIT participated in this. The teamwork and efforts the volunteers put in, the enthusiasm and energy around is what made this event a huge success.

Dustbin Awareness Drive: 3rd October, 2018



Dustbin awareness Drive

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi and the Swachh Bharat Mission Day, the SoRT council organized a dustbin awareness drive in our college. To supplement the green movement, another criteria was that the dustbins were to be made out of waste materials. Several teams participated, each consisting of four members made some innovative and sustainable dustbins. Considering the short notice, we were overwhelmed by the efforts and response of students. SoRT VESIT was glad that people came forward to take steps towards a cleaner and greener India!



Mock Fire Drill: 16th October 2018

Mock Fire Drill

SoRT VESIT collaborated with Freedom4u foundation and organized a safety drill in the college. Before the drill, the class representatives and the SoRT and Sports council members were called to the auditorium and given instructions. They were divided into teams which were responsible for their particular tasks, such as search and rescue team, transportation team, fire extinguisher team, first aid team, etc. After the session was dismissed, the instructors raised a mock alarm, minutes after which the entire college was evacuated in an organized manner.

Stem cell donor registration drive in VESIT on 19th March 2019

The SoRT council in collaboration with Marrow Donor Registry India (MDRI) an NGO under the Tata Trusts had organised a stem cell donor registration drive in VESIT

It's time to play a life saver for the many cancer patients around us. Blood related disorders like blood cancer, thalassemia, aplastic anemia and other genetic blood disorders are on the rise which cannot be completely cured by medication. The only possible permanent cure is through a stem cell donation from a donor like you. You can cure some serious blood disorder in a patient just by donating your stem cells if you are a perfect match by DNA.

The donation process is very much similar to blood donation with a needle in the arm.

All you need to do is fill up a form and give a small blood sample (4ml). You will be called to donate when you are found as a perfect match in the future.

SORT Activities 19-20

Kolhapur & Sangli Floods donation Drive 19th and 20th August 2019

“Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day”

SoRT VESIT in collaboration with VES Trust organized a donation drive to contribute to all those who are stranded and affected by the floods in Kolhapur and Sangli districts of western Maharashtra.



Kolhapur - Sangli Floods Donation drive

It was a two-day drive with the primary objective of extending support to lakhs of people in the midst of a tremendous halt for weeks. Students, teachers and parents donated food grains like dal, rice and wheat along with other edibles like packed biscuits. The drive was initiated immediately and the food grains collected were stored in the college. VES Trust office coordinated with the Office of District Collector to transport the grains for further process. The total donations collected at the end of the drive were 201 kg of rice, 100 kg of wheat and 58kg of dal besides multiple boxes of biscuits which were contributed voluntarily by the students and faculty members. Everyone came together during the need of the hour as a community and the drive concluded on an extremely positive note. SoRT council beside the food grains collected for the flood affected areas

UMEED 19: 13th September to 19th September 2019

SoRT VESIT collaborated with various NGOs to sell their products at our college, thereby, raising funds for them. This year we collaborated with: NASEOH, Chembur, Self Esteem, Airoli, Balanand, Chembur, Khula Aasman, Chembur, RUR, Mahim, Aseema, Bandra Snehalaya, Thane, Kshamata, Thane

It was a mega event which was conducted over a period of one week. The desks were set up on the ground, second and fifth floor from 10.30 am to 5 pm over the duration of UMEED 19. We are gratified to bring it to everyone's notice that the week was unlike any other, with a lot of smiles and happiness all around. We are also ecstatic to mention that almost all the products were sold, especially the delectable chocolates and brownies. A wall of happiness was also set up in the amphitheatre where the students and staff could convey their messages to the NGOs and thank them for the beautiful array of products which they crafted with such effort and love.



SoRT Council displaying the varied array of products for sale

We are grateful to all the volunteers who helped the council with the tedious task of managing the desks. We are proud to say that UMEED 19 was immensely successful. We appreciate each and every person who made an effort to make a difference in the lives of the people at

these NGOs and making their admirable contribution towards the society. Sort Council displaying the varied array of products for sale

Plastic Waste Elimination Drive: 30th September 2019 & 3rd February 2020

SoRT VESIT under the admirable guidance of Dr.(Mrs) Pooja Kundu and Dr. Sushil Duldhar conducted a plastic waste elimination drive in our college.

The prime objective of this campaign was for the students to grasp the impact an individual can create on our planet earth. The humongous amount of plastic waste collected from households was a mere fraction of the plastic generated every minute. Keeping this in mind, the least we could do is to make sure we recycle the used plastic and save ourselves from the detrimental effects of plastic pollution.

We managed to collect a whopping 70 kg of plastic on 30th September and 30kg of plastic on 3rd February, both of which was sent for recycling. This milestone was achieved owing to the undying efforts of the students, faculty, administrative and cleaning staff. A step towards a better, greener and plastic-free future!



Dr.(Mrs) Pooja Kundu and Dr. Sushil Duldhar and SoRT council with the plastic collection.

E-waste Collection Drive: 7th February and 8th February 2020

E-waste has been a major threat to the environment with very little knowledge of how to manage it. Most people have no idea of how to dispose of their e-waste in an eco-friendly manner and end up selling it to scrap dealers or worse, dumping it in garbage bins from where it most likely ends up in landfills. The improper disposal of electronic scrap, which contains toxic metals, leads to air and water pollution, exposure to which can cause severe health problems.



E-waste Collection Drive

SoRT VESIT organized an E-waste collection drive with an aim to spread major awareness about the lesser-known hazards of electronic waste generated in our country. As a part of this initiative, we collected old, non-repairable and non-functional electronic waste material such as batteries, earphones, computer accessories, cables, stereos, television remotes, calculators, etc during these 2 days and ensured that the material is handed-over to authorized agencies in their mission to recycle and refurbish the electronic waste products.

The Social Responsibility Team successfully carried out this drive and managed to collect a whopping amount of 35 kgs of electronic waste which was sent for recycling. E-waste was

brought in by the students as well as the staff members as a contribution to solving this growing ecological problem. Sort Council alongside the electronic waste being sent for recycling.

Eye Screening Camp: 11th February 2020

SoRT VESIT in collaboration with Aditya Jyot Foundation for Twinkling Little Eyes (AJFTLE), established in 2005 organized a free eye screening with a mission to provide quality eye care for the underprivileged. Survey being conducted by Volunteers from VESIT to get the approximate footfall for the camp. The doctors and volunteers from Aditya Jyot foundation arrived at 9:30am, and within a few minutes, they set up their stations and were ready for the eye check-up.



SoRT Council alongside the doctors and volunteers from Aditya Jyot Foundation for Twinkling Little Eyes (AJFTLE)

The objective of this event was to raising awareness regarding eye disorders, their early detection and detect refractive errors and eye ailments among the underprivileged who do not have access to expensive procedures and medicines. It was a major success as 130 locals availed the benefits of the eye check-up camp Sort Council alongside the doctors and volunteers from Aditya Jyot Foundation for Twinkling Little Eyes (AJFTLE)

Blood Donation Camp - 24th February 2020

“Blood donation does not cost us much, but it can save lives. Today, it is someone whom you don’t know, tomorrow it may be a friend, family or even you”

Every drop of blood counts and can be a matter of life and death for someone. SoRT VESIT in association with Hashu Advani Memorial Trust collaborated with JJ Mahanagar Raktapedhi to organize a blood donation camp in VESIT. Additionally, a health checkup camp was also organized for the faculty and staff members which included BMI, diabetes, blood pressure including other check-ups. The camp was held from 10 am to 5 pm on 24th February 2020 witnessed 210 registrations out of which 140 were eligible for donation after the preliminary hemoglobin and blood pressure tests conducted. While the camp held Light refreshments were also provided to the donors. Each and every donor was felicitated with a certificate and a token of appreciation for their invaluable contribution towards society! Sort Council members and volunteers with doctors of JJ Mahanagar Raktapedhi

SORT Activities 20-21

“HAPPY EQUILIBRIUM”: 10th, October 2020.

“What mental health needs is more sunlight, more candor and more unashamed conversations.”

Nearly 30% of students are affected by chronic stress that negatively impacts their academic performance and overall quality of life. To combat this issue and bring about some stability in these uncertain times, SoRT VESIT in collaboration with VESLARC held a webinar session “Happy Equilibrium” on the occasion of World Mental Health day.

The speaker was Ms. Piya Mukherjee, the lead-trainer at VESLARC with 18 years of experience in the areas of ethics and values in business, intercultural competence and life skills. She has conducted many such healing workshops for the students of VESIT and in the “Happy equilibrium” webinar delivered a beautiful hour-long session which focused on coping methods when stressed and how one can go from coping to thriving. This workshop was to help solve questions and problems that a lot of people have been experiencing in their life pertaining to their mental health especially given the isolation and stress of online education in the lockdown.

We received over 250 registrations, out of which 100 attended the session on google meet and the rest could experience it via a livestream. The session was one of the most collaborative online events as it was followed by a highly interactive

PLATELET DONATION AWARENESS WEBINAR: 17th, October 2020.

SoRT VESIT in collaboration with TATA Memorial Hospital and Gunvati J Kapoor Foundation presented “Save a Life” a platelet donation awareness webinar.

With 100 students in attendance, Doctors from TATA Memorial Hospital spread awareness about platelets and the need for platelet transfusion. Dr. Sunil Rajyadhyesha and his team spoke in depth about the need for platelet donors and many students, moved by the presentation, pledged to become donors. The session was also later followed by an intriguing Question and answer round.

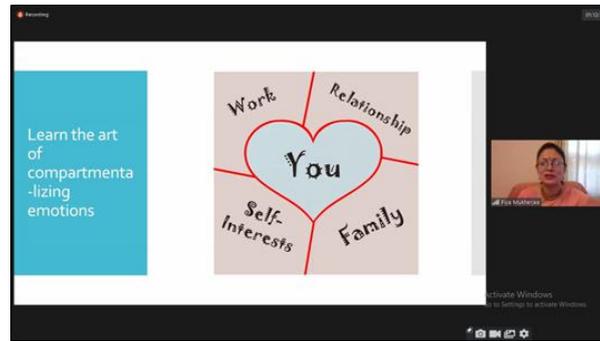
The doctors cleared the misconceptions related to transfusion, explaining everything from how they find “the good vein” to how platelets are separated from the blood collected and given to patients that need them. Attendees realized that they too could be heroes as they learned that one donation can save up to three lives!

CODE FOR CHANGE: 17th-19th, November 2020.

SoRT with the VESIT STUDENT COUNCIL in collaboration with CODECELL under Invincia organized a unique hackathon. The objective of the 48 hour competition that took place from 17th to 19th November, was to make students aware of the ongoing social and environmental problems in the country and aid the various organizations which are trying to tackle them by creating digital solutions and platforms for these Non - Governmental Organizations. The problem statements were provided by the NGOs-Freedom for You, Human Team Foundation, HOPE everywhere and Global Parli Foundation which dealt with the cause the specific NGO was working towards. The entire competition took place on Google Classrooms and Google Meets.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEBINAR: 18 th, November 2020.

SoRT with the VESIT STUDENT COUNCIL under Invincia organized a “Create your identity- Freedom from limiting labels” webinar in collaboration with VESLARC. The session was conducted by Ms. Piya Mukherjee, Founder-Director of VESLARC and detailed how our negative thoughts truly affect us and how we can learn to create our identity and grow together. Piya ma’am helped understand everyone’s nightmare thoughts and encouraged students to look beneath the surface of issues.



Session was conducted by Ms. Piya Mukherjee, Founder-Director of VESLARC

NIRVANA: 20th, November 2020.

“No matter what people tell you, words and ideas CAN change the world” - Robin Williams participants giving a presentation on reforestation SoRT VESIT with the VESIT STUDENT COUNCIL under Invincia held a unique competition where groups of contestants could select a social issue from climate change, veganism, population control, deforestation, adoption of strays, child abuse, abortion rights, primary education and clean water provision and deliver presentation with a proposed solution to the major problems seen in that domain. Out of the 10 participant teams, the victor presentation was given by team D10 who effectively spoke about climate change.

REGARD BEFORE YOU DISCARD: 20th, November 2020.

Approximately 100 million pieces of plastic waste is becoming non-biodegradable litter every day! And hence to promote the habit of repurposing waste SoRT VESIT with the VESIT STUDENT COUNCIL under Invincia held a submission event “Regard before you discard” where around 10 participants submitted 30 sec time lapse videos of their creative creation made by reusing or recycling plastic. The green rangers submitted a lot of innovative designs like lamps made from plastic pens, old cups made into candles and many more things. One of the submissions for REGARD before you DISCARD.

TALENT-AID AN OPEN MIC FUNDRAISER: 20th, November 2020

SoRT VESIT with the VESIT STUDENT COUNCIL under Invincia conducted VESIT’s first online Open Mic where the talent from our college came to perform and the audience donated to the NGO Kshamata via a ketto website made by SoRT.

The open mic was live streamed on Youtube for over 4 hours and in total funds of over INR 27,000 were raised by the audience! With around 45 students performing everything from stand up, poetry, storytelling to even a few women from Kshamata performing the event was the refreshing break that everyone needed in the lockdown. The stream was watched by over a thousand people. The genius of having all the talent of VESIT come together gave us a spectacular evening, filled with tons of laughter, entertainment, the spirit of giving back and an overall virtual but real positive ambience.

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE AWARENESS WEBINAR: 21 th, November 2020.

Dr. Shraddha Kale Kapile giving the presentation SoRT VESIT with the VESIT STUDENT COUNCIL under Invincia collaborated with The Myna Mahila foundation to conduct a webinar on menstrual hygiene. Dr. Shraddha Kale Kapile discussed the myths surrounding menstruation and even discussed personal stories from her childhood. Everything from first period stories weird myths in households were touched and joked upon, which made everyone comfortable with sharing their stories. The complexities of menstruation and the importance of taking care of your hygiene was discussed at length. The session was attended by both female and male students thus signifying that the stigma around menstruation is not a gender specific

issue and we must all learn to be compassionate towards the strong menstruators. With 90 people in attendance the session was followed by a very open Question and Answer round. The session definitely helped break the stigma and change the prejudiced knowledge circulated.

U&I Transforming Lives: 2nd April, 2021.

“Real change in the society must start from an individual initiative.”

The U&I volunteers explaining the condition of schools SoRT-VESIT had the opportunity to introduce the students of VESIT with a chance to make a difference in this world with U&I. U&I is a volunteer-driven organization that believes in building communities of change and impact the lives of underprivileged children across India, to positively transform their future through high-quality education. The event took place on the 2nd of April with around 100 people in attendance.

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan: 26th September to 1st October 2019

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is a flagship program of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. It is inspired by the vision of transformational change in the rural areas of India through the means of development by the influence of the premier institutions in order to formulate and architect an Inclusive India.

The foremost mission of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is to enable and equip the higher educational institutions to work alongside people of rural India in order to bridge the major developmental disconnections between rural and urban sectors. This program would aid the institutes in identifying development challenges and conceiving innovative solutions in order to accelerate growth. This would in turn improve living standards and provide them with essential tools to sustain growth and development in sectors such as health, education, technology. This will give them key employment opportunities which in essence would also prevent large scale migration of villagers to urban areas.

Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology was delighted to know that they adopted five villages under this constructive and wonderful initiative. These five villages are situated in the Wada Taluka of Thane district:

1. Ambisthe (26th September)
2. Asnas (30th September)
3. Gargaon (1st October)
4. Apti (1st October)
5. Aamgaon (1st October)



Team Apti -Prof.Abhay & Prof. Gopal Team Asnas with Dr. C.D Rawat &Dr. Manoj Sabnis

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Swachh project with MCGM

Swachh project, looking at the acute need of development of the ‘**ITeS based Operation and Maintenance Monitoring System**’ for the Community Toilet (CT) and Public Toilet (PT) blocks in Mumbai, The Department of Information Technology of VES Institute of Technology propose to work with MCGM as a **Knowledge Partner** and contribute to the **Swachh Bharat Mission** of the Government of India (GOI). The objective of the project is to bring in accountability and transparency as a component of good governance in sanitation.

Participating Organizations -SUD LIFE FOUNDATION, a trust incorporated under the Bombay Trust Act, 1950, SUD Life Foundation is a Public Trust sponsored by Star Union Dai-Chi Life Insurance Company Ltd. The Foundation shall in pursuance of its Corporate Social Responsibility and objectives intend to provide financial assistance for the Project for initial two (2) years. The amount granted is Rs.24,00,000/-. The Foundation and VESIT shall individually be referred as ‘Party’ and collectively as ‘Parties’.



Faculty Involved: Dr. M. Vijayalakshmi, Dr. Shanta Sondur, Mr. Amit Singh, Mrs. Pooja Shetty and Mrs. Vinita Mishra