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The VESIT Drama Club on Independence Day.



Neeraj Patil and Sanika Indulkar from D6 performing at the event

  
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Independence Day celebration 2019



Independence Day celebration 2018



  
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## □ Republic Day

Republic day celebration is a huge national event in India especially for students in the schools, colleges and other educational institutions. Students and staff of VESIT on the campus assemble every year on 26 January on the occasion of Republic Day and attend flag hoisting followed by a systematic parade by students. Special talks are arranged on various topics of national interest and on Fundamental Duties and Rights. Skits on the sacrifices made by freedom fighters are performed and patriotic songs are sung.



  
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Republic Day Celebration 2020



Students' March Past



The Band



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## ➤ **Sadbhavana Diwas :**

It is observed on 20th August to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. VESIT observes this day as 'Sadbhavana Diwas' or 'Harmony Day' with an objective to encourage national integration, peace, affection, and communal harmony among the Indian people of all religions. 'Sadbhavana' in the English language means goodwill and bonafide. The main theme of Sadbhavana Diwas is to promote national integration and communal harmony among people of all religions and languages.

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## Rashtriya Sadbhavana Diwas

*(Sanskrit Shloka)*

**T**he Sadbhavana (meaning - goodwill and bonafide) Diwas or Harmony Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the youngest and the most dynamic Prime Minister of India, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi. The birth anniversary of the late Prime Minister, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi on 20th August is observed as 'Sadbhavana Diwas' nation-wide every year. The main theme of Sadbhavana Diwas is to promote national integration and communal harmony among people of all religions, languages and regions, benevolence towards everyone and eschewing violence are the motto of the Sadbhavana Diwas.

This year faculties and students of Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology, Chembur, celebrated the 76th Birth Anniversary by taking a pledge to work for integrity, prosperity and unity of our country. All the students and faculties enthusiastically participated and took an oath to work for the goodwill and harmony of our country by following secularism and respect for all religions, caste, cultures and creed. It definitely promoted the feeling of patriotism among all and to act as responsible citizens of the country.

Sadbhavana Day Pledge, that was taken goes as follows "I take this solemn pledge that I will work for the emotional oneness and harmony of all the people of India regardless of caste, region, religion or language. I further pledge that I shall resolve all differences among us through dialogue and constitutional means without resorting to violence."

Rohit Khandani (D15) said, "The session was very fascinating and inspiring. We learned a lot more about our former prime minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, about the efforts he has taken towards communal harmony. We, the students, also took the solemn pledge to follow his example and bring a positive change in the society."

Students taking pledge along with Dr. Sushil Dhulkhar (Assistant Professor, Department of IIRIS)

Rashtriya Sadbhavna Diwas celebration 2020

  
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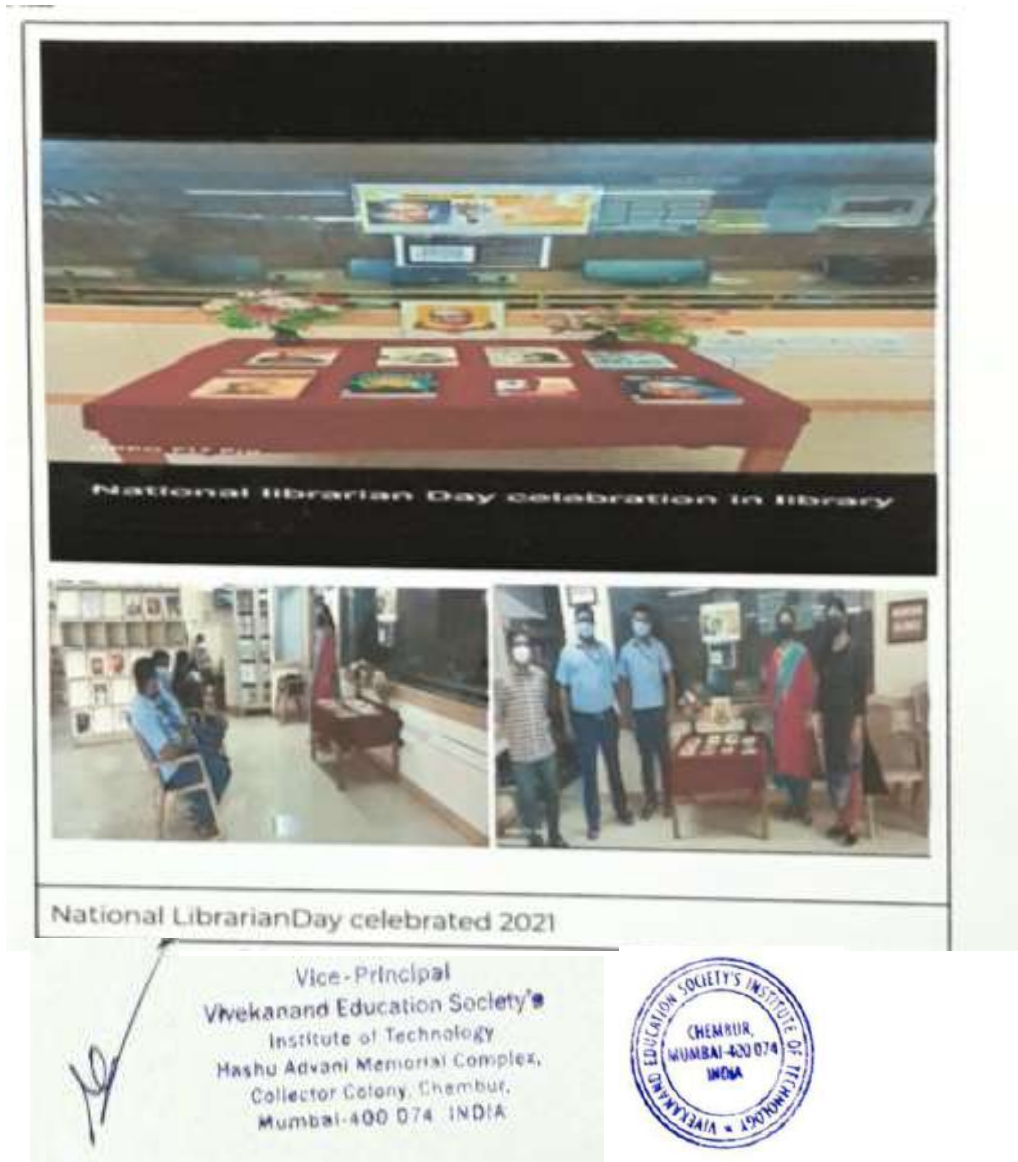


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## ➤ National Librarian's Day:

It is observed on 12th August to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Padmashri Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, who is also known as the 'Father of Library Science' in India.





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## □ Vaachan Prerna Diwas Celebration (14th October)

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of our former president Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam which was on October 15, VESIT celebrates “Vaachan Prerna Diwas” on 14th October every year. Claiming that technology and gadgets have almost taken over the habit of reading, the government urges educational institutions to develop ideas and programmes to, once again, cultivate the habit of reading among youngsters.

VESIT library has come up with the idea of giving a set of awards to few of the best users of the library. The software that the library uses, tracks the number and type of transactions issued by each and every student of the college. Based on this data, the library staff announces the names of three of the best users after every three months.



Vaachan Prerna Diwas celebration 2017

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On October 15, 2018, the occasion of birth anniversary of former president Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Vivekanand Education Society's Institute Of Technology celebrated 'Vaachan Prerna Diwas' in association with The Free Press Journal. Three students were awarded 'Best User Award' and certificates were handed over to them by Amur



Vaachan Prerna Diwas celebration 2019



  
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## □ Marathi Bhasha Diwas

Marathi Bhasha Diwas is celebrated by the VESIT on every 27th February to commemorate the birth anniversary of the eminent Marathi poet, playwright, novelist 'Kusumagraj', V.V. Shirwadkar. Various facets of Marathi language are showcased in the form of essay, debate, drama, singing events etc. Selected motivational speeches are also displayed.



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Marathi Bhasha Diwas 2018







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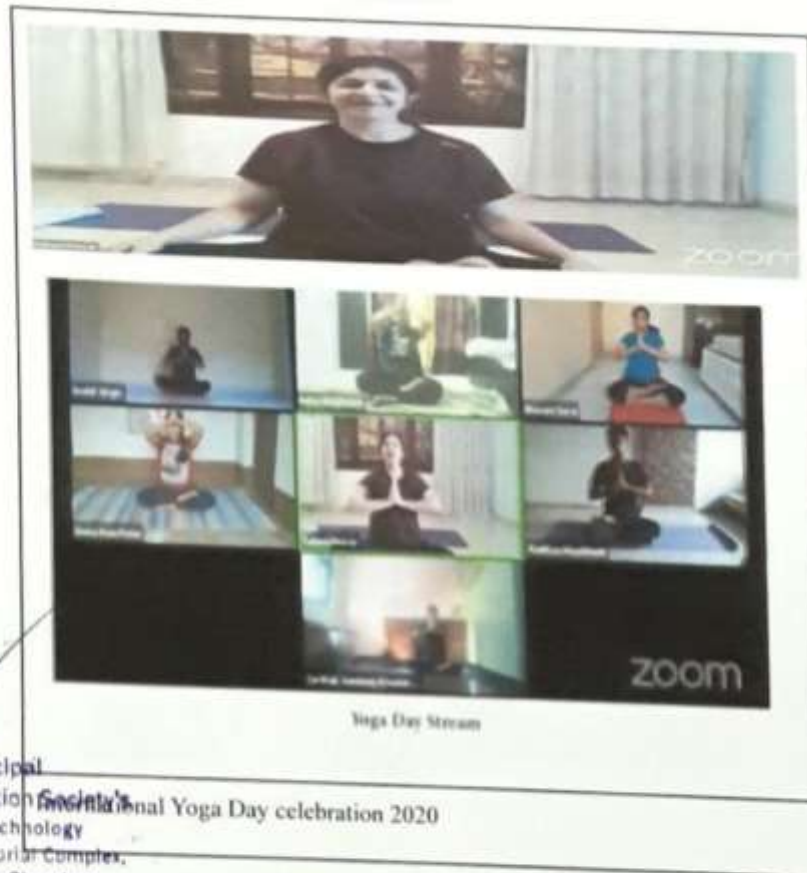


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## □ International Day of Yoga

On 21st June, International Day of Yoga is celebrated in VESIT. An invaluable gift of ancient India, yoga has helped enhance the spirit of thousands of people all over the world. It embodies the unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment; harmony between man and nature; a holistic approach to health and well-being. It is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and nature.



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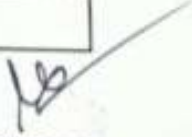


VESIT Staff marking their presence on the International Yoga Day



International Yoga Day celebration 2019

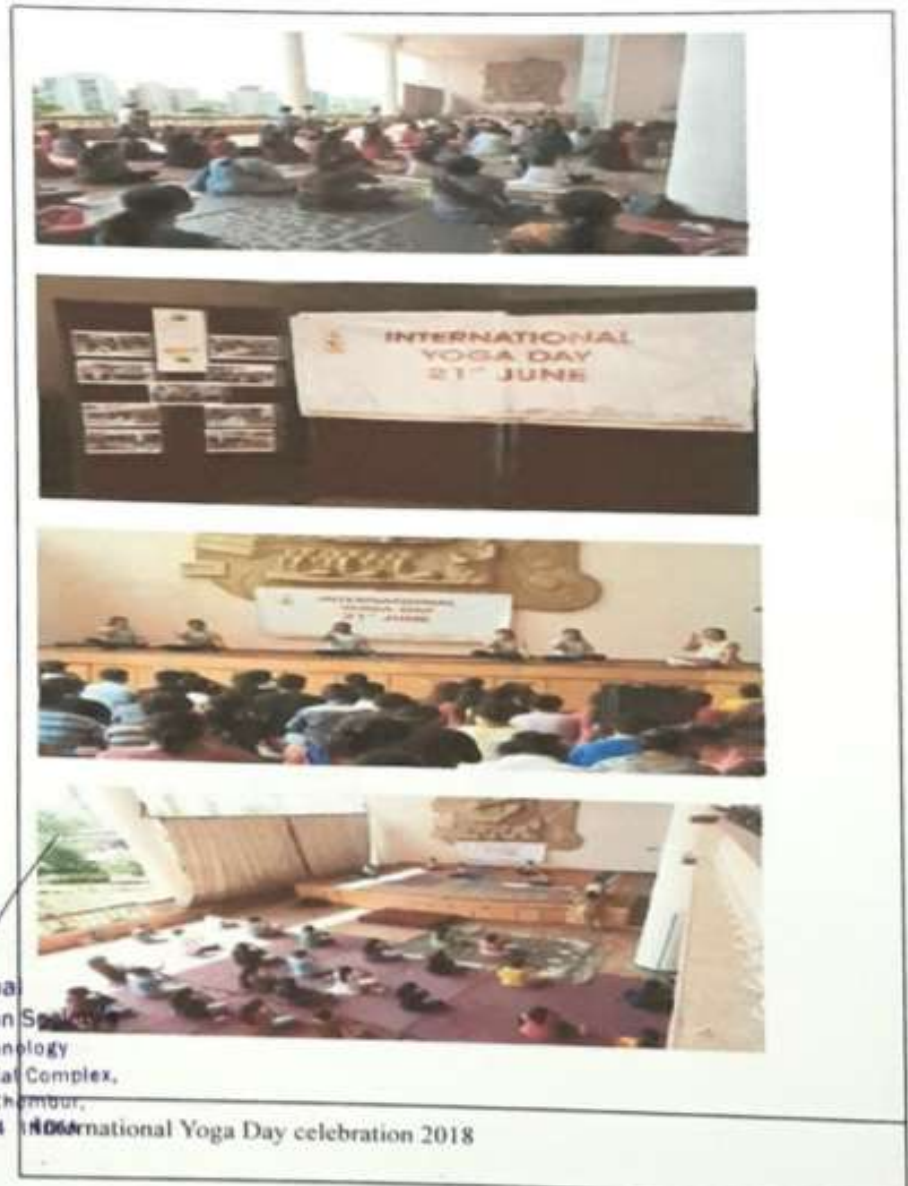


  
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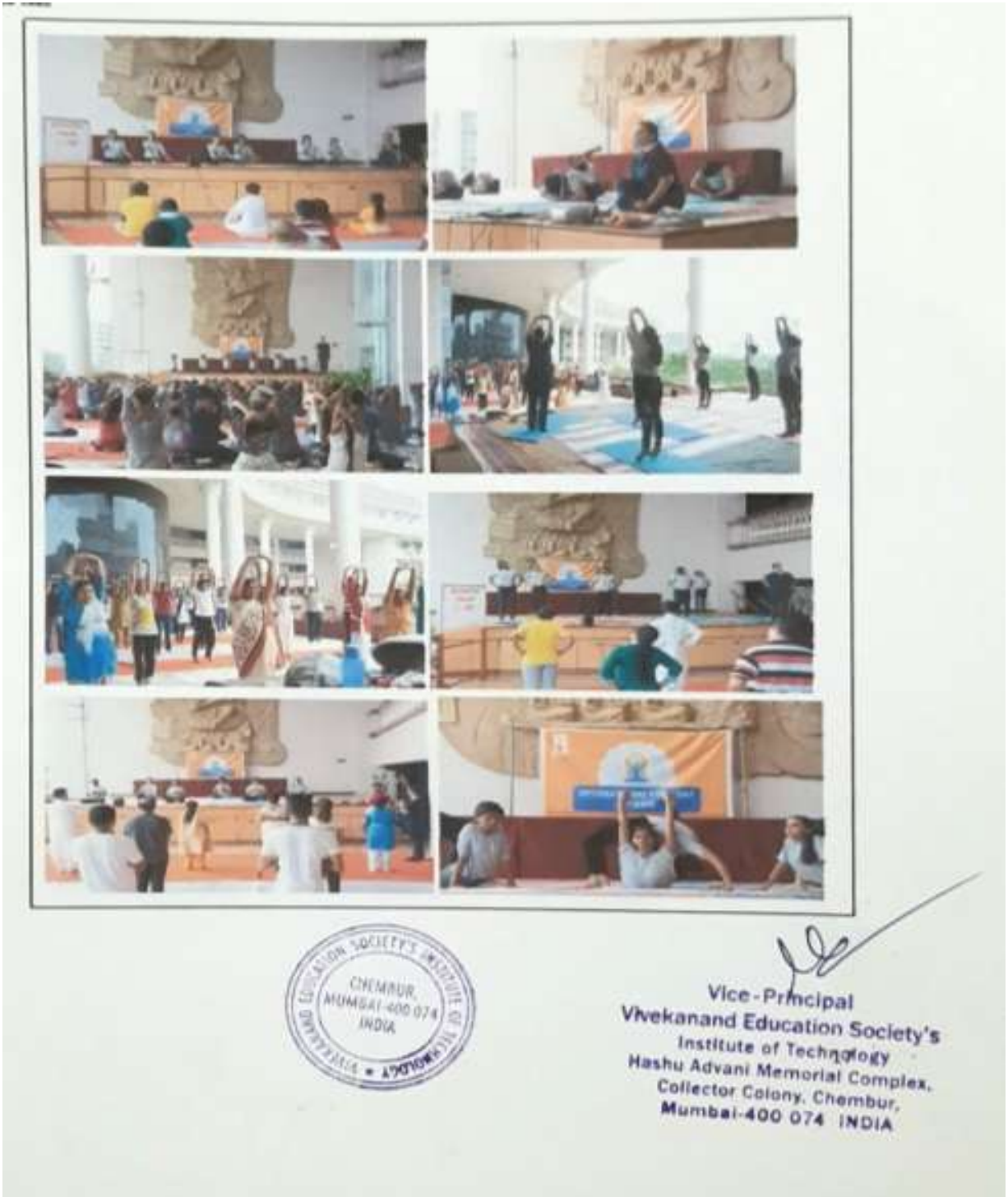







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International Yoga Day Celebration 2017



  
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## □ Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan

Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated in a unique manner at VESIT in remembrance of Mahatma Gandhi. Remembering his principles and acting on it, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is the movement launched by our respected Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the 2nd of October in the year 2014 on the historic 145th birth anniversary of our very own Mahatma Gandhi. The campaign is aimed towards the clean up of streets and infrastructure of not only the urban but also the rural areas of India. It also largely focuses on preventing open defecation especially in the rural areas, by building toilets.

The Motto of the campaign is “One step towards cleanliness”. This movement has seen active participation since its inception in 2014 and has made a huge contribution towards sanitation in India. Volunteers are always required for any campaign to be successful. We got the golden opportunity to be a part of it. The biggest internship this summer was not a desk job, but it was a job which required utmost dedication on the field and gave an internal sense of satisfaction to the people who were part of it. The Swachh Bharat Summer Internship programme was launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development along-side the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. The message was circulated to all Universities and Higher Education Institutions. It involved doing 100 hours of social work by contributing towards village sanitation. This campaign not only gave people certificates, curriculum credits and awards, but it also gave them a sneak peak into the lives of other people who were not as fortunate as they were. They lead a rough life without basic amenities like toilets.







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## □ Teachers' Day Celebration-5th September

On 5th September, Teachers' Day is celebrated to mark the honour of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was born on September 5, 1888. Dr Radhakrishnan was India's first vice president and second president. He was a great scholar, philosopher and Bharat Ratna recipient. Since 1962 - the year he became president - India has commemorated Dr Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary by paying tribute to its teachers and gurus on this day. Various activities are arranged which involve participation of teachers enthusiastically.



Teachers Day celebration 2018



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Teachers Day celebration 2017





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## ➤ National Science Day:

It is celebrated in India on 28 February each year to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman on 28 February 1928. For his discovery, Sir C.V. Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.

**National Science Day celebrated at VESIT**

*Kaushal Agave*

National Science Day is celebrated in India on 28 February each year to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman on 28 February 1928. For his discovery, Sir C.V. Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. This also placed India tenth in the list of scientifically progressing countries. In commemoration this day, VESIT conducts activities like debates, quiz competitions, exhibitions and lectures that involve both students and teachers. All programs and activities revolve around a theme selected and this year the theme was "Women in Science".

The teachers, along with the VESIT Circle came up with the idea of a Debate Competition. This is an academic activity that gives students a chance to express what they feel. The length and breadth of knowledge that they gain through this is simply unparalleled. This competition was held exclusively for first-year students and each class had to send a team of two students. VESIT conducted the elimination round with Rahul Marwani (DCE), Debanu Hood being the judge. The following four teams qualified for the final event which was held on 28th February in the fourth-floor smart classroom.

- Kaushal Agave and Mihir Patil (DCE)
- Anushka Kulkarni and Rahul Kulkarni (DAX)
- Chirag Jain and Nikhil Jain (DAB)

These topics were related to these teams a day prior to the final debate. They had to prepare for both sides, proposition, and opposition, as that was to be decided by vote on the spot. VESIT members contributed to finding the topics and the topics were:

- 1) Iron causes more harm than good
- 2) Boiled water causes more harm than good
- 3) Generically Modified Food are beneficial for mankind

An enthusiastic crowd including First Year students engaged in an ongoing debate

• Kaushal Agave and Vibash Mittal (DCE)

National Science Day celebration 2020



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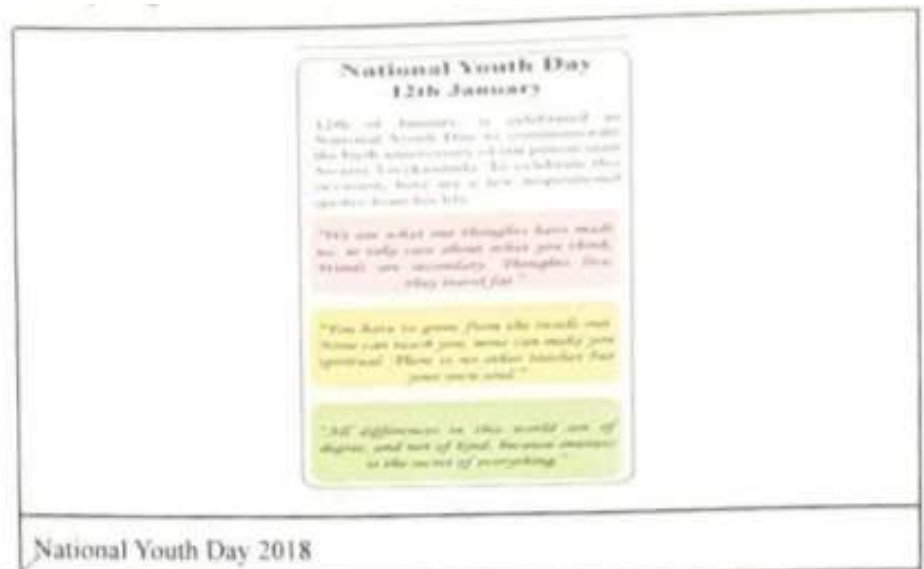


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## □ National Youth Day

12th of January, is celebrated as National Youth Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of our patron saint Swami Vivekananda. National Youth Day, or Yuva Diwas, is celebrated to bolster spirit, determination, and perseverance in the young cadre of today.



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## ➤ CONSTITUTION DAY - 26<sup>th</sup> November

Constitution Day was celebrated on 26th November. The programme initiates with Preamble reading of the constitution followed by lectures on the sensitization of students on responsibility towards the constitutional values, rights, duties and responsibilities of citizens. Students are encouraged to participate in activities like poster competitions on the related themes.



Poster presentation on Constitution Day at VESIT



  
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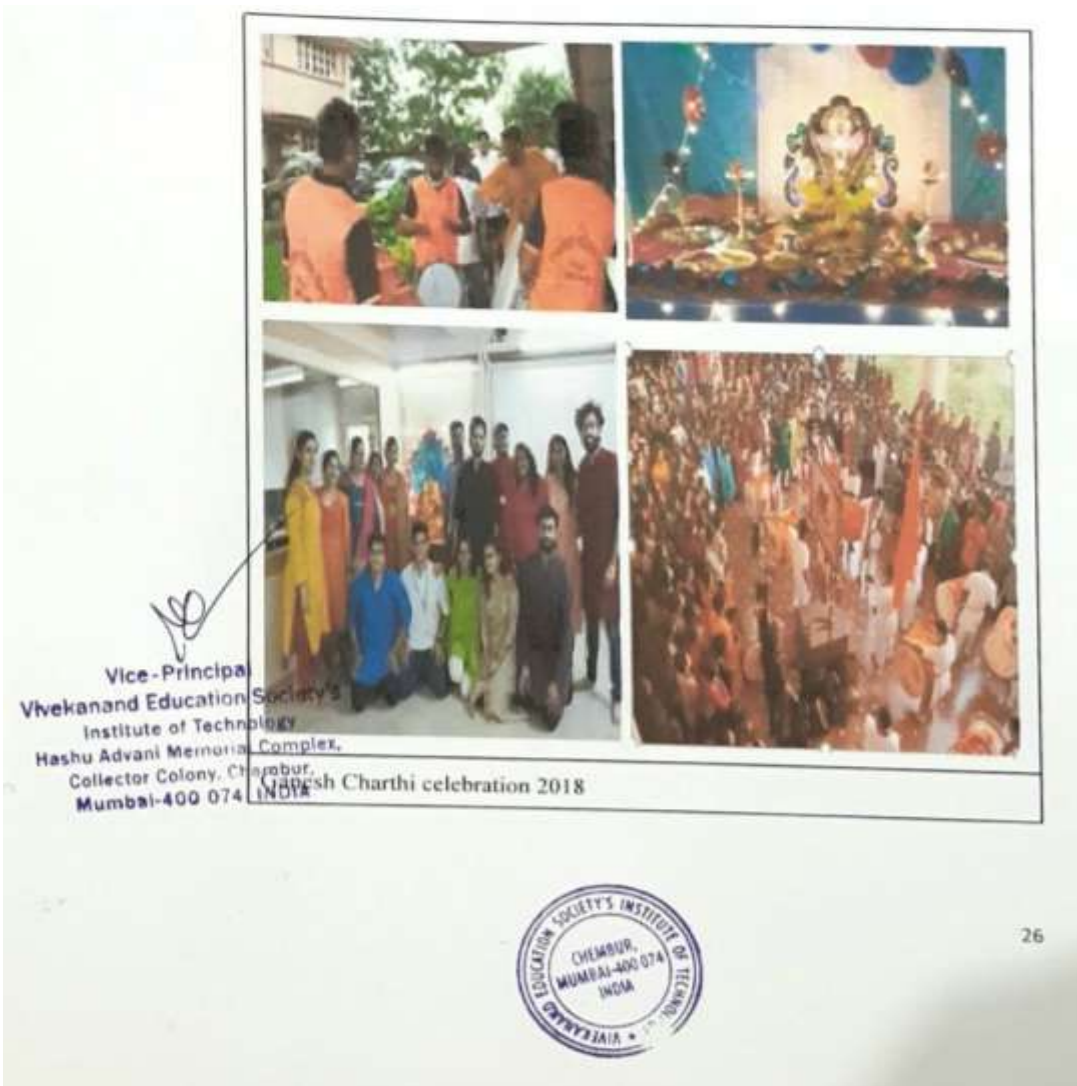


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## □ Ganesh Chaturthi and Satyanaran Pooja

VESIT does organise **Satyanarayan Pooja** in which all faculty members, administrative staff and students are invited. We also have a tradition of **Ganpati Pooja** every year and mahaprasad.





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Ganesh Chaturthi celebration 2017

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Mrs. Neeta Chavan and her husband performing the sacred rituals



A delightful and heavenly atmosphere took over the entire college

## Satyanarayan Pooja 2020

### Satyanarayan Puja at VESIT

*Tarun Shinde*



**S**hri Satyanarayan Puja is performed to seek blessings from Lord Vishnu. This year, on 24 February 2019, teachers, staff members, trustees and students gathered in the well-decorated BCR to witness the sacred 'havan'. It was performed by Mrs. Swati Tarkar and Mr. Kamlesh Tarkar. The Reception area was decorated with a beautiful rangoli and the guests were served with prasad after Darshan. Raj Joshi from D7C states that "VESIT looked very beautiful and the atmosphere was joyous."

## Satyanarayan Pooja 2019

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VES – SIP report 2019-20



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Message of Shri Baldev Boolani, Respected President of Vivekanand Education Society (VES)  
For The Sharing Information on Progress (SIP) report of VES

28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

As the world navigates its way through the present global pandemic, the need for sustainability-embedded thinking has become even more compelling than ever before. Our planet is witnessing how various unsustainable ways of living, such as income inequalities, gender inequalities, and lack of all-round development, is widening the gap between the rich and the poor, the have's and the have-not's. Now, more than ever, it is incumbent upon each one of us, who has enjoyed the privilege of education, to work for and create a more sustainable world.

We, at Vivekanand Education Society (VES), stand more committed than before, for integrating sustainability-linked thinking into our curriculum for school and college students, polytechnic and vocational training institute. We have been privileged and happy to discover and utilize several opportunities for activities that are centered around this theme, in the past one year.

The SIP report of VES therefore spans a diverse range of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Our various institutes have chosen to align their respective activities of this domain in alignment with their core competence. Thus, for example, while the VES College of Arts Science Commerce has helped students imbibe learnings for a cleaner and greener planet, VES College of Law has helped sensitize students about various relevant domains including gender justice, and VES College of Architecture has integrated sustainability into the syllabi of its various subjects, to ensure such thinking finds natural expression in the workshops planned for students, and so on.

As a group of over 24 institutes, with over 22,000 students, VES is keenly aware of the potential for impact that our students have, on society and on this planet. Hence, we once again re-affirm our commitment to this cause. Let us join hands to learn from each other, to be inspired and inspiring, so that we can create a worthwhile legacy for our future generations.

Sincerely,

  
(Shri Baldev Boolani, President, VES)



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Books exhibition	<p>Date: 15.10.2019            Event Organized by: Library Department, VESIT            Nos. of participants: 2000 Students            On 15th October 2019, the birth anniversary of the former President and The Missile Man of India, Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam, VESIT celebrated the "Vachan Prerna Diwas" in association with the Free Press Journal. Various books authored by Dr. Kalam and other legendary authors were displayed in the library</p>	SDG 4: Quality Education
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Best user award	<p>Date: 15.10.2019            Event Organized: Library Department, VESIT            Nos. of participants: 2500 students            Three VESITians were awarded the "Best User Award". They were selected based on their interest in studying beyond the curriculum, as reflected in the usage pattern of the books of the institute library. Certificates were handed over to the awardees by the principal of the Institute.</p>	SDG 4: Quality Education
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SIP - PRME – Vivekanand Education Society, Mumbai, 2018



## Vivekanand Education Society

(Reg.No. F-1028 BOM.)

Message of Shri Mahesh Tejwani, President of Vivekanand Education Society (VES), Mumbai, India.

As Vivekananda Education Society (VES) completes two years as PRME signatory, it is a matter of privilege and joy for me to share that our commitment towards sustainability has grown in myriad ways, to encompass wider initiatives aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As a values-driven family of 25 educational institutes, with over 22,000 students, we are deeply committed towards integrating planet-friendly and socially harmonious practices, into the lives, hearts and minds of our students and staff members.

The vision of our founding father, the revered Late Shri Hashu Advani-ji, is an eternal source of inspiration and pride to us, ensuring that all our activities in the field of education are ethical and geared towards building a society, a nation and a world with productive, happy and responsible citizens.

As we grow along with the PRME journey, we take special pride in linking the ancient wisdom of our nation, with the 17 SDGs of the twenty-first century, to offer to our students the best of both worlds. We are confident that our initiatives and endeavours will have a "positive ripple effect", impacting society through our students. Through this Sharing Information of Progress Report, we offer our humble contribution to this august global platform of institutions committed towards sustainability.

We reiterate our commitment towards learning and disseminating the much-needed inputs for a cleaner, healthier, more equitable and better planet!

(Mahesh Tejwani)

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2	Traffic Monitoring – Ganpati Visarjan under SoRT	SDG-11 Sustainable cities and communities
3	UMEED Under SoRT	SDG-1 No Poverty
4	Bone Marrow Donation under SoRT	SDG-3 Good Health and well-being

S. No.	Topic	SDG linkage
1	WHIPLASH: The VESIT Intra-Collegiate Debate Competition	SDG—3 Good Health and well-being,11
2	Short Film Making Competition to fight against corruption	SDG—3 Good Health and well-being,11

## Yoga Day:

The staff and students of Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology along with VES College of Arts, Science and Commerce celebrated International Yoga Day under the guidance of Ms. Rita C Vazirani & Mr. Prasad Godse.

S. No.	Topic	SDG linkage
1	Yoga Day	SDG—3 Good Health and well-being





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## Vaachan Prerna Diwas Celebration:

On the occasion of birth anniversary of our former president Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam which was on October 15, VESIT had celebrated "Vaachan Prerna Diwas" on 14th October 2017. This session was arranged for all the teaching and non-teaching staff.

S. No.	Topic	SDG linkage
1	Vaachan Prerna Diwas Celebration	SDG—4 Quality Education,9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure





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**PRME**

Principles for Responsible  
Management Education

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## Vivekanand Education Society

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Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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.

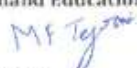
The 27 institutions of VES, spanning pre-nursery to Doctorate level education, includes a family of over 20,000 students and around 1150 staff members, thriving strong in the Chembur and Kurla suburbs of Mumbai, India, since 1962.

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





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

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## "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.



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SORT helping citizens at bank queues during  
Demonetisation





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## Annual report of the celebrations and commemorative events

# VES celebrates Independence Day

*-Vanshika Dangi and Shruti Bondre*



The VESIT Drama Club on Independence Day.

*Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. -Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, First Prime Minister of India, 15th August 1947.*

15th August, 1947 is a date that marks the independence of India from the clutches of the British rule. This day holds a very special place in every Indian's heart. This was the day which marked the birth of a new and young country with a history of more than a thousand years.

To commemorate India's 73rd Independence Day, the VES family came together to celebrate this occasion on August 15th, 2019. The ceremony started off with the hoisting of our national flag, which was followed by a blissful celebration in the auditorium at VES Polytechnic college.

VESIT was also a part of this engaging event with a number of students showcasing their talent during their performance at this event. **Neeraj Patil** (D6B) and **Sanika Indulkar** (D6A) gave a beautiful rendition of the song "Ae Watan", from the movie Raazi, which won over the hearts of all the people present.

The VESIT Drama Club also delivered a soul-stirring performance as they enacted the four lions from the National Emblem of India, each representing, power, courage, confidence and pride. Through their act they brought out how the rampant corruption and the "chalta hai" attitude of the people have forced two of the four symbols to literally come alive and advise the people that, what they're doing is wrong, and if we wish to retain the other two, we need to act patriotic towards our country.

**Rahul Ghorpade** (D18), **Saurav Jeswani** (D15), **Avikshit Dabholkar** (D14B), **Rahul Mordia** (D14A), **Raj Talda** (D17C), **Parikshit Chopra** (D19A), **Siddhant Pai** (D11B) and **Kapil Kriplani** (D20) were the members for the VESIT Drama Club who put in profound hard work to deliver this heart-rending performance.



Neeraj Patil and Sanika Indulkar from D6 performing at the event





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## 72nd Independence Day - Stop complaining and start changing

-Aadi Fernandes

Millions of brave souls from diverse religions, caste, creed and race participated actively in a struggle and gave up their lives for us, which eventually led to our freedom. This very day, 72 years ago, Bharat was reborn. We celebrate this day to commemorate the bravery of those individuals because of whom we are standing here today and calling India "our" nation.

Our Independence day celebrations started off with the Flag Hoisting at 9:30 am in the ground of VES Arts, Science and Commerce College. Following this, we all made our way to the auditorium for further celebrations. The introductory speech was given by the respected Principal of Arts, Commerce and Science college, Dr. (Mrs.) J.K. Phadnis who set off the session on a very positive note with a patriotic speech about our beautiful Bharat and how we need to pledge to make it the India of our dreams. She appreciated the presence of so many students, who did not sit at home thinking that it's a holiday, but joined us in celebrating our 72nd Independence Day. She also warmly welcomed the Principal of VES College of Pharmacy: Dr. (Mrs.) Supriya S. Shidhaye, Vice principal of VES Institute of Technology: Mrs. Vijaylakshmi M, Principal of VES Polytechnic: Shri. Vikrant Joshi, Principal of VES College of Law: Dr. (Mrs.) Jyoti Deshmukh, Director of VESLARC: Mrs. Piya Mukherjee and our esteemed Chief guest and VES Trustee, Advocate Shri Laxman Kanai Ji.



Hoisting the tricolor

The first performance of the day was by VES Arts, Science and Commerce students who sang a very melodious "Aye Vatan Mere Vatan." After this, Pooja from VES Polytechnic then recited a poetry about Bharat Aaj Kal aur Kal (India Today, Yesterday and Tomorrow). It explained how we have forgotten our values and culture. All malpractices like corruption are taking over, and yet, we still have a strong belief and still have hopes that we will awaken and lead to a better and brighter India.

A student from VESASC, Nasameena spoke about our long historic journey. That Bharat is just a journey of 72 years post colonial rule, but we have a culture rooted deep in the past, a history of many centuries. She blatantly stated a really valid point, that most of us don't do anything except for blaming the government for the mishaps that take place. As a citizen our duty is to obey laws, perform our civic and social duties, to maintain cleanliness and take care of the public property. The policies like Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan are useless unless WE do something. Say no to corruption. Everything begins with you.

VES college students sang "Saare Jahan Se Accha Hindustan Hamara" and "Hai preet Jahan ki reet sada." Following this, VESIT students Rahul Ghorpade(D13), Kapil Kriplani(D15), Jatin Manglani(D18) and Chaitanya Kulkarni(D18) executed a wonderful drama, the script for which was written by Chaitanya Kulkarni.



Singing Patriotic Tunes on Independence Day

It basically revolved around how our freedom fighters gave up their life for our nation and what would they think if they were here today. There was an argument about whose statue should be erected during Independence day, Gandhiji's or Sawarkarji's. The argument took place with both individuals giving their own reasons. This was cut off by their statues coming to life and reminding that how we are still arguing about who is better rather than working towards making our country a better place. How we are capable of making lakhs of Gandhiji's and Sawarkarji's. That we need to understand the need of the hour. The most striking statement was that we should stop keeping their idols, we should follow their ideologies and work towards the India of our dreams.

Up next, a few students from VES Polytechnic performed "Ae Vatan Mere Vatan." All the raags were right on point and their synchrony was a marvel worth listen to.

VESasc's Rohit Thakur gave a speech which also incorporated poetry in it. It was about our brave freedom fighters and their sacrifices. About the struggle for power, and how it is impossible for us to understand it, unless we live it. He also stated a very beautiful stanza spoken by Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji.

"Jeeyenge to issi rashtriya ke liye, marnege to isi rashtriya ke liye, (We will either live for OUR country or die for OUR country).







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The speech was then continued by Ravi, who spoke about how we, the youth are responsible for our own future. That we are wearing our tricolour today, but the next day, it will be lying somewhere on the roads. He stated that we live in such a time, where we have still not got rid of the concept of castes, and we are talking about big things like Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan. But the harsh reality that struck our minds like a bomb was when he said:

But the harsh reality that struck our minds like a bomb was when he said: "Agar Gandhiji aaj Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan ka chashmah pehnenge, toh ek aankh Mai Bharat dikhega aur swacchta nahi, aur dusri aankh mai swacchta dikhegi, lekin Bharat nahi." Not only was this literal, but also metaphorically correct. It's absolutely true we still need to get rid of a lot of dirt from our minds. With these very influential speeches still fresh in our minds, they signed off

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Gaurang Wadhwa(D7C) from VESIT, then performed an act, which brought tears down people's eyes. About a soldier who protected his motherland with all his life and soul. About how social media posts, likes, comments and shares does not bring about any kind of difference. He told us his story, about how nobody remembers him, we all remember how much dhoom 3 made, but but do we even give a thought about how many brave men laid down their lives for us? His motherland was under attack, and the moment he heard that on the radio, he knew that the condition outside was terrible, about how he could have been shot, but he never thought about it and moved out of his home to go and protect his people. There was blood all around, and there were gunshots all around. Those terrorists cornered him and he was shot on his leg in the crossfire, but he still did not give up. They caught him and in front of him, his wife was brutally murdered while they restrained him and then left them there to die. This was his story.



Gaurang Wadhwa (D7C) giving a dramatic performance

He then just told us one thing, about how we should honour our country and soldiers on Independence and Republic Day and respect the fact that they live and die for us. The least we could do is to honour and nation and indirectly honour those who protect our borders without thinking about their lives.

Chaitanya Kulkarni(D18) from VESIT then sang the beautiful song "Ne Majasi Ne Parat Matrubhumila" written by Swatantryaveer Savarkar when he was in prison. This wonderful performance was followed by the VESIT music council singing Maa Tujhe Salam. The melody of that song was something that I cannot express in words. It was literally Bliss.

The very touching song was then followed by a speech by our Chief guest. Respected Trustee, advocate Laxman Kanai Ji loved the performances by the students and warmly appreciated their efforts. He explained how the younger generation should be more confident, bold and do something for the nation. Also that the views they put forward today should be brought into action by each individual. He said that we can live for the country though we do not have the for dying for it. We can give tribute to our nation and the society by performing for our country. He very truly stated that we never thought the session was too long, in fact, we thought it was too short. All the staff members and students were thanked for their presence and efforts in organizing this event.

We all then rose for our National song, the Vande Mataram, with the spirit of nationality radiating from within us. Light refreshments were served post the session in the auditorium. This was personally the best Independence Day celebration I have ever attended. It was truly inspiring and thought provoking. All the performances portrayed the results of their excellent preparation. We did not only get to hear the views, we could actually feel it. We were inspired to be the change, instead of waiting for it.

Fig no 2: VESIT Connect August 2018 Page no:1and 2 Independence Day Celebration







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## Independence Day Message from the Principal

Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently highlighted the resolve of 125 crore Indian as "Team India" to root out the termite of corruption and to make India a developed nation by 2022- 75th anniversary of Independence. As "Team VESIT" - "Management staff and students" also should resolve to root out corruption at our level. Dear students, all of you are really lucky to study in an institute which has surrendered management quota to government thereby rooting out corruption which can happen in this regard. Kudos to our top layer of "Team VESIT" - "Management". We staff and students can try to contribute to this cause by deciding simply to follow rules and regulations and accepting our rank in the merit list let it be admission or placement. At student level, many times we aspire to achieve something which we may think is correct because of peer pressure for example every student aspire to get admission in computer engineering now a days thinking that this is the only branch that can fetch a job, which is not actually true. The advice of senior industry experts, placement incharges, academicians fall into deaf ears, many a times. As you all know our admission process is a transparent process. So as students by simply accepting your rank in the merit list, accepting the branch you get as per your merit number and not trying to use all possible external influences such as parental contacts, to jump the queue, you have already contributed your bit in rooting out corruption in this front as "Team VESIT". We congratulate all of you for this and are proud of you. After one joins the institute also, there may be many tempting instances to use unfair means, we are sure all VESITIANS will overcome such temptations.



Dr. J. M. Nair  
Principal

My dear students let us resolve together to work together to eradicate the termite of corruption at our end. Please remember all that is achieved without merit is not going to serve you in future

Fig no 3: VESIT Connect August 2016 Page no:1 Independence Day Celebration





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## Celebrating Republic Day at V. E. S.

*-Aadi Fernandes and Mansi Kasar*

The Republic Day honours the day the Constitution of India came into effect as the governing document of India. V. E. S celebrated the 71st Republic Day at its Degree College ground. The Chief guest on this propitious occasion was V. E. S. Executive Secretary, Smt Padma Uttam Vaswanithe, and Dr Lobo was the special guest. When the esteemed guests arrived, they were greeted by two students wearing Maula's dress, mounted on horsebacks, following which the Guard of honour was given by Mr. Narendra Shinde (RSP Incharge of VES High School).

Twenty seven march past groups participated in this parade, each representing the different institutions under the VES Trust. The audience standing at attention, enveloping the entirety of the ground, leading to a scene absolutely worth watching. These disciplined parade groups were then inspected by Smt P. U. Vaswani who was accompanied by the Honorable Secretary of VES Shri Amar T. Asrani on the jeep, led by the magnificent horses. Followed by this, our National Flag was hoisted by respected Chief Guest and the National Anthem, led by Mr. Santosh More (Music Teacher - Degree college) which resonated beautifully with over 1500 students, teachers and parents singing it in unison. This melodious anthem of unity, pride and respect for our beautiful nation could be perceived around the VES campus and in each and every heart.

The ceremony began with Mrs. Cynthia Dawson, the Principal of VES High School and Junior College, welcoming the Guest of Honour. She introduced the Chief Guest to the audience after which she also welcomed our special guest. Dr.(Shri) Prakash Lulla (Member Trustee) and Adv. Shri. Laxman Kanal (Member Trustee) along with the Heads and Principals of different branches of Vivekananda Education Society. Mrs. Dawson was also the overall



Flag Hoisted by the respected Chief Guest  
Smt Padma Uttam Vaswani

in-charge of this meticulously planned event.

The welcoming speech was followed by the release of white pigeons as a symbol of peace by the members of the Managing Committee and Chief Guest, along with our Special Guest. This marked the commencement of the March Past parade. The parade was a marvel to witness and the zeal around the ground was remarkable. Our Sports Secretary, Tanmay Kothale (D11A) was responsible for training the VESIT contingent. He said, "It was a monumental honour to be leading the team who would be representing our college in front of such a massive audience and in the presence of dignitaries of the highest stature. Each and every one of them portrayed resilience, confidence and energy throughout the parade which was wonderful to witness."



VESIT Students at Republic Day Parade



Fig no 4: VESIT Connect January 2020 Page no:1 Republic Day Celebration



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## Republic Day (26<sup>th</sup> January)

### VES unites for R-Day celebration

-Arnav Saha

Every Indian celebrates two days in a year with a remembrance and salutation keeping aside their differences of caste religion and language: the Republic Day on the 26th of January and Independence Day on the 15th of August. The Republic Day marks the introduction of the Constitution of

India which was signed in 1950. This year embraces the 69th year anniversary and to commemorate this the whole of VES family came together to celebrate it as is the tradition

The ceremony began with the hoisting of our nation-

al flag by our honorary Chief Guest Dr. Rai followed by singing the National Anthem. After this came the March Past and it was charming to see students as young as pre-primary were participating in it. The contingent of VESIT consisted of 15 students with Atharva Godse of D1A being the placard holder and

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Aditya Kadam of D19C being the Commander of this contingent. Despite having paucity of time to train for this event, it was wonderful to see the synchrony their march. This year also marked the first year of 2 bands being present. One each for the Hindi Medium School and English Medium School.

The March Past was followed by a beautiful display of band procession by the English Medium School. One could understand how great the performance was by seeing the smile on the teachers who had been training them since the start of the month. The cheering of the crowd increased each time they did a differ-



Students' March Past

ent routine. This was followed by a Patriotic Dance performance by the students of pre-primary. A few students dressed up as freedom fighters and spoke a few lines about them and their freedom chant. It was very inspiring to see these young children put up such an effortless performance. And the fact that not a single student stuttered while speaking, which showed their confidence and also the hard work of the teachers. The next performance was the Lezim dance. If someone had to describe the performance in just one word, it would be MESMERIZING. The performance wasn't a traditional Lezim performance but was rather mixed with a bit of Hindu mythology. This was followed by a performance of the VES Sports Academy who did Surya Namaskar and also other PT exercises which highlighted the importance of fitness in one's life. The final dance performance was by the students of Architecture, a branch that had been added in VES this year. Last year, a NGO had cycled all the way to Nepal to highlight a social cause. This NGO took a round of the ground and the entire cycling group were greatly applauded by the audience for their efforts to gather attention for a good cause. The final performance was by a gymnast of VES Sports Academy who mesmerized the crowd

by his performance of rope Mallakhamba. Each routine made the audience gasp with excitement as he displayed excellent skill and body strength. Overall, the diverse elements in the ceremony did justice to the national feeling of pride on the auspicious day. The 'Josh' was pretty high throughout and was a wholesome and successful event. Here goes to many more years of the growth of our nation.



The VESIT Banner



The Band

Fig no 5: VESIT Connect January 2019 Page no:9 and 10 Republic Day Celebration







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## Constituting Patriotism

-by Rohit Sreedhar

15<sup>th</sup> August and 26<sup>th</sup> December are not just holidays. They are the points on the line of time where we have a legacy to look behind and a promise to fulfill. Sujalam, Sufalam these words truly represent the manner in which our constitution is written as every page bears the words that will take our nation to the greatest height.

Brought into action right from 26<sup>th</sup> January 1950, our constitution talks of the strength and ability of the constitution committee headed by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Fondly remembering him, we salute not just his status of being the architect of the Indian constitution but also his rich ideas. His rich ideas that said that every Indian is at par as his or her fellow beings and is entitled to every right. As we celebrate the republican status of our country today and not our independence, we also need to remember that we need to be more aware and righteous citizens.

Keeping this very spirit alive in their minds, the entire VES family gets together on the republic day to pay their respects to the motherland. This year as well the students of VES's school to degree colleges assembled the grounds to parade in the honour of patriotism.

The event began with the warm welcome of the chief guest and guests of honour. The principal and vice principal of VESIT as well graced the panel of dignitaries. The guest hoisted the flag which was then followed by the March past. There is nothing as pure as being associated with activities that are close to the soil of the nation. The students of VES demonstrated their brave spirit by performing gymnastics in the form of human pyramids. This was synced perfectly with the beats of the students who feistily performed the Lezim.

The talented troupes from the Swami Vivekanand high school expressed the essence of the day with their effortless dance, drama and music. Enlightening the audience about the significance of the day was the powerful oration of a VESIM student.

All in all the day was studded with performance that glimpsed the heritage of the nation and as well was a gentle reminder to each one of us to give



VES students forming a tricolor pyramid



The ambience was filled with colours of patriotism



Amazing efforts taken by little ones

Fig no 6: VESIT Connect January 2018 Page no:4 Republic Day Celebration







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## Rashtriya Sadbhavana Diwas

-Shivani Shenai

The Sadbhavana (meaning - 'goodwill and bonafide') Diwas or Harmony Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the youngest and the most dynamic Prime Minister of India, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi. The birth anniversary of the late Prime Minister, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi on 20th August is observed as 'Sadbhavana Diwas' nation-wide every year. The main theme of Sadbhavana Diwas is to promote national integration and communal harmony among people of all religions, languages and regions, benevolence towards everyone and eschewing violence are the motto of the Sadbhavana Diwas.

This year faculties and students of Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology, Chembur, celebrated the 76th Birth Anniversary by taking a pledge to work for integrity, prosperity and unity of our country. All the students and faculties

enthusiastically participated and took an oath to work for the goodwill and harmony of our country by following secularism and respect for all religions, caste, cultures and creed. It definitely promoted the feeling of patriotism among all and to act as responsible citizens of the country.

Sadbhavana Day Pledge, that was taken goes as follows "I take this solemn pledge that I will work for the emotional oneness and harmony of all the people of India regardless of caste, region, religion or language. I further pledge that I shall resolve all differences among us through dialogue and constitutional means without resorting to violence."

Rohit Kundnani(D15) said, "The session was very fascinating and inspiring. We learned a lot more about our former prime minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, about the efforts he has taken towards communal

harmony. We, the students, also took the solemn pledge to follow his example and bring a positive change in the society."



Students taking pledge along with Dr. Sushil Dhuldar (Assistant Professor, Department of H&S)

Fig no 7: VESIT Connect August 2020 Page no:15 Rashtriya Sadbhavana Diwas

## Satyanarayan Pooja: A Blessing of The Divine

-Gaurav Govilkar

Piousness and reverence filled the atmosphere as Shri Satyanarayan Pooja was performed for the worship of Lord Vishnu, the highest being who is an embodiment of Truth. The pooja began at 9.30 am in our college on the 24 February 2020, with the room festooned with garlands and flowers which beautified the surroundings and raised the spirits of the devotees. The rituals were performed by Mrs. Neeta Chavan and her husband.

Honourable VES Trustee, Shri B.L. Boolani, our Principal, Dr. J.M. Nair and other teaching and non-teaching staff were present for the pooja. The chanting of the holy Vishnu Sahasranamam was done by faculty members Mr. Vivek Umrikar (HOD, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences), Mr. A. Nagananda (Training and Placement Officer), Mr. Abhay Kahirsagar (Associate Professor, Department of Electronics) and Mrs. Shobha Krishnan (HOD, Department of Electronics and Telecommunication). The pooja was followed by partaking in the Mahaprasad that was offered and blessed by



Mrs. Neeta Chavan and her husband performing the sacred rituals



A delightful and heavenly atmosphere took over the entire college

Lord Vishnu. Mr. Vivek Umrikar said, "Every year we perform this pooja to fill our lives with positivity and to seek the blessings of the Almighty for the well-being of students and faculty and the enhancement of our institution."

Fig no 8: VESIT Connect February 2020 Page no:6 Satyanarayana Pooja at VESIT





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## Satyanarayan Puja at VESIT

*-Tanvi Shinde*



**S**hri Satyanarayan Puja is performed to seek blessings from Lord Vishnu. This year, on 24 February 2019, teachers, staff members, trustees and students gathered in the well-decorated BCR to witness the sacred 'havan'. It was performed by Mrs. Swati Tarkar and Mr. Kamlesh Tarkar. The Reception area was decorated with a beautiful rangoli and the guests were served with prasada after Darshan. Raj Joshi from D7C states that "VESIT looked very beautiful and the atmosphere was joyous."

Fig no 9: VESIT Connect February 2019 Page no:1 Satyanarayan Pooja at VESIT





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## Welcoming the Elephant God: Ganesh Chaturthi

*-Tanvi Shinde and Anish Chhabria*

**G**anesh Chaturthi is celebrated with great devotion and ardor throughout the continent. It brings people together in joy and spirituality.

VESIT too joined the celebrations by worshipping lord Ganesha in the hostel premises. The cultural committee of the hostel including a few second year and MBA students organised the festivities that lasted a day and a half, on September 13 and 14. Many guests graced the occasion, the trustees of our college, teachers from staff quarters and management college and our principal Dr. J.M.Nair.

The first night was DJ Night, where students danced to the latest tunes. The next day, everyone gathered in traditional attire to witness the aarti, which was performed by a Pandit ji, accompanied by the hostel warden Mr. Sunil Madnani and his wife Mrs. Kajal Madnani.



Dhols during the visarjan

At the time of visarjan procession "dhol pathak" or traditional drums were organised and everyone swayed to its tunes as the procession made its way to "Teen Talav" near Vivekanand Chowk, chanting "Ganpati Bappa Morya!". Bappa was bid a soulful adieu as the idol was immersed in the pond.

The cultural council too joined hands in making this Ganesh Chaturthi special, by worshipping the Ganesha idol in the library on September 22. An arti was religiously performed by the council and some of the staff members. Then the beaming council members, clad in traditional clothes distributed prasad to all the visitors.

Nilesh Talreja from D7A, who was a part of the organizing committee exclaims, "I enjoyed working with team members and organizing this festival. Also the DJ night was great fun. I would like to say thank you to all the committee members for making this event a grand success."

It goes without saying that at the end of the festival, on Anant Chaturdashi, one always wishes 'Ganpati bappa, pudhchya varshi lavkar ya' or 'Come back soon, next year, Oh Lord Ganesha'.

VESIT Connect prays that the arrival of Lord Ganesha sweeps away all our sorrows and brings in new joy and hope!



Ganpati at VESIT hostel



Cultural council during the aarti in the library

Fig no 10: VESIT Connect September 2018 Page no:6 Ganesh Chaturthi festival celebration at VESIT







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## Ganpati Celebrations

- by Padmaja Borwankar

Lord Ganpati's festival- Ganesh Chaturthi, is the most cherished festival in the cosmopolitan city of Mumbai. The kind of zeal it gets is really incredible. Our college, VESIT, too never turns a blind eye when it comes to such joyous occasions.

This year, our cultural council went a step ahead and organized a Ganesh aarti in the college library on the 4th of September, 2017. The cultural council took a lot of efforts to make this occasion possible. They made handwritten invitations which were given personally to the Principal, the department HOD's, as well as the other student council. Each student in the college received an invitation via email. The cultural council decorated the background for the Ganpati idol with colorful festoons. An artistic rangoli was made near the entrance of the library. On the auspicious day, at 11 a.m., our Principal along with few teachers, and the student council president, the general secretary, and the cultural council members performed the aarti. After the aarti, a prasad of sev boondi was distributed to everyone present. The librarians played a significant role in arranging the prasad and making sure everything functioned smoothly. After the aarti, students came as and when they could to seek blessings from Lord Ganesh. A tika was applied on every visiting student's forehead and prasad was given after seeking blessings. The teachers too, came in large numbers to visit the library. Due to cooperation and help from the teaching and service staff, this event became a huge success!



Ganpati Idol at the Library

Our college has a huge hostel for out of station students. These students usually get homesick during the festivals. Hence, each year, the hostel organizes ganpati celebrations especially for the hostelites for one and half days. This year was quite special because the hostel was celebrating its 10 years of grand success. The hostelites themselves took the responsibility of decorating the boy's common room, where the ganpati idol was to be seated. The enthusiasm with which they worked together in teams depicted how staying away from home really improves one's personality and overall development. They worked till 1 a.m. on the previous day and created a beautiful ambience for Lord Ganesh to be in.

The next day, everyone freshened up, slipped into traditional attire and welcomed Lord Ganesh with open hands. The aarti was performed by a priest, and delicious prasad was distributed. That night, there was a grand celebration and various dance performances were witnessed. A DJ was organized too. The next day, after the aarti, drums were played and everyone danced with full energy before the idol was immersed into water. Although time just flew past, the hostelites enjoyed the festival thoroughly. In fact, one of the students exclaimed "Ganpati celebrations is one of the reasons I feel I should never leave the hostel".

Be it our college or hostel, the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi always gets an overwhelming response. Students cannot wait for another year for Lord Ganesh to arrive. Hence on behalf of all, I would like to say 'Ganpati bappa morya! Pudhchya varshi lavkar ya!' (Long live Lord Ganesh! Please come sooner next year!)



Ganpati Aarti at the library



Vice Principal worshipping the idol



10th Ganpati Celebrations at hostel



Ganpati Idol at the hostel







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**National Librarian Day** (August 12th is being celebrated as National Librarian's Day in India, in remembrance of national professor of library science, Dr S R Ranganathan, who had spearheaded library development in India.)





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Fig no 12: National Librarian Day Celebration at VESIT

## Vachan Prerna Divas

*"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one." -George R.R. Martin*

On the occasion of former president Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's birth anniversary, October 15, the state government urges all the schools, colleges and offices to observe 'Vachan Prerna Divas' (Inspire to Read Day). Claiming that technology and gadgets have almost taken over the habit of reading, the government urges educational institutions to develop ideas and programmes to, once again, cultivate the habit of reading among youngsters.

Our college, VESIT, has been celebrating Vachan Prerna Divas since 2013. The government leaves it upto the institute to organize different events



On October 15, 2018, the occasion of birth anniversary of former president Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Vivekanand Education Society's Institute Of Technology celebrated 'Vachan Prerna Divas' in association with The Free Press Journal. Three students were awarded 'Best User Award' and certificates were handed over to them by Amar

Vachan Prerna Divas article published in The Free Press, October 17, 2018

to promote reading. Hence the VESIT library has come up with the idea of giving a set of awards to few of the best users of the library. The software that the library uses, tracks the number and type of transactions issued by each and every student of the college. Based on this data, the library staff announces the names of three of the best users after every three months.



Students browsing through the books

The college has a Library Committee which consists of the principal Dr. (Mrs.) J.M.Nair, trustees of the college, and one faculty member from each department.

**President:** Vice-principal, Dr. Vijayalakshmi  
**Librarian:** Ms. Meenakshi Tyagi  
**Electronics Department:** Dr. Parmeshwar Birajdar  
**Computer Department:** Mrs. Pooja Nagdev  
**Instrumentation Department:** Mrs. Kadambari

—Padmaja Borwankar

**Sharma**  
**Electronics and Telecommunication Department:** Dr. Ranjan Balajain  
**Information Technology Department:** Mr. Sandeep Utala  
**Masters in Computer Applications Department:** Mrs. Geoccy Shejy

This year, the best library users were awarded certificates by Mr. Aman Asrani, Secretary of Vivekanand Education Society and Mr. Suresh Malkani, Treasurer of Vivekanand Education Society. The details of the winners are:

**Ms. Saylee Saindane- Best User (Jan-March, 2018)**  
**Ms. Aruna Shaju- Best User (Jan-March, 2018)**  
**Ms. Manisha Valecha- Best User (July-Sept, 2018)**

Moreover, this year, for the first time the library staff kept more than 47000 books on display which included the books from the restricted access section as well. The restricted access section consists of books on famous personalities like Obama, Einstein etc. The students were thrilled to know that the library had so many informative books.

Vachan Prerna Divas was a huge success in VESIT as it inspired a lot of young minds to take up reading not only for their academics but also to expand their knowledge in all spheres of life.

Fig no 13: VESIT Connect February 2019 Page no:3 Vachan Prerna Divas Celebration at VESIT





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## Vachan Prerna Diwas

-by Souvik Saha

The 25th of October, 2016 was celebrated in VESIT as 'Vachan Prerna Diwas', to commemorate the birth anniversary of our beloved former President, Late Dr A.P.J Abdul Kalam. The State Education Minister, Shri Vinod Tawde, established this day last year to promote the good habit of reading. The main aim would be to inspire students to follow Dr. Kalam's dream of youth empowerment.

On this day, there were stalls on the ground floor of the college, having a display of various inspirational books, religious books, biographies as well as works of literature. Some of the books were "Wings of Fire" by Dr. Kalam, "Gita" by C. Rajagopalachari, the Quoran, "Gitanjali" by Rabindranath Tagore and "Playing It My Way", Sachin Tendulkar's autobiography.

These stalls were well received by the students and teaching staff, who were seen browsing through all the literary masterpieces. This exhibition has surely inspired a few VESITians to go and open a good book to read back home.



Poster for Vachan Prerna Diwas

Fig no 14: VESIT Connect October 2016 Page no:3 Vachan Prerna Divas Celebration at VESIT







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## Celebrating the Spirit of Marathi

Marathi Bhasha Diwas or "The Marathi Language Day" is celebrated by the Marathi-speaking people in the state to honour the rich history and literature associated with it. It is celebrated in Maharashtra and Goa as well as in some regions of Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh. Marathi Language Day is celebrated on 27th of February every year which is the birthday of the eminent Marathi Poet Shri. Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar. Marathi Bhasha Diwas holds a lot of significance for Marathi speaking people.

Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar, alias Kusumagraj, was a noted Marathi poet and was born on February 27, 1912, at Pune in Maharashtra. He died at age of 87. Kusumagraj was not just a poet, but also a renowned poet, play-writer, novelist, and a story-writer. After his demise in 1999, the Maharashtra government started celebrating V.V. Shirwadkar's birth anniversary as 'Marathi Rajbhasha Gaurav Din'. He was honoured with the Sahitya Akademi Award in Marathi in the year 1974. He was also awarded the Dyan-peeth Award in the year 1987. Vishakha (poem) and Natsamrat (play) are among his most notable works.

Keeping up with the spirit of honouring and celebrating the Marathi Language, VESIT organized a program for the teachers as well as students to celebrate this golden language and its rich literature. The program was held in the auditorium on 27th February, 2019. An exhibition of various Marathi books by well-known authors was arranged for everyone in the library as a part of the celebration.



Exhibition of Marathi Books in the Library

The year 2019 marked the Birth Centenary of the three well-known Marathi Literatis who worked and promoted Marathi Literature- Shri. G.D. Madgulkar, Shri. Sudhir Phadke and Shri. P.L. Deshpande. The

complete program was designed as a tribute to these three leading personalities for their exceptional work in the field of Marathi Literature. Portraits of these three leading figures along with Shri. V.V. Shirwadkar were put up in the auditorium. These portraits were sketched by Tanmay Shah(D13) and Riya Agarwal.



The Portraits of Marathi Literatis made by the students

The program was hosted by the Cultural Secretary, Mr. Rahul Ghorpade. The program began with our Principal Ma'am, Dr. J.M. Nair, lighting the lamp following which Sagar Patil, student of MCA-2B, explained the rich history of Marathi and the significance of the Marathi Bhasha Diwas.



Principal Ma'am lighting the Diya

Pushkar Dharmadhikari(D14) continued his streak of exceptional performances with yet another soulful piece, "Sur Niragas Ho", a devotional song dedicated to Lord Ganesha from the acclaimed Marathi movie Katyar Kaljat Ghushi, originally sung by Shankar Mahadevan. Chaitanya Kulkarni(D18) performed on stage a few scenes from the famous drama "Batatyachi Chal" by Purushottam Laxman Deshpande, one of the most famous Marathi Literatis.

The program was further filled with life when Aswari Tayde(D9B), mesmerized the audience with

two melodies- "Jivlaga", sung by the Queen of Indian pop, Asha Bhosale and the "Jeev Rangala", a beautiful song from the movie "Jogwa", originally sung by Hariharan and Shreya Ghoshal.



Chaitanya Kulkarni performing "Batatyachi Chaal"

The program was further enlightened by the beautiful presentation of "Geet Ramayan"- "The Ramayan in songs".



Neeraj Patil performing the "Geet Ramayan"

It is a collection of 56 Marathi language songs chronologically describing events from the Indian Hindu epic, the Ramayana. It was broadcast by All India Radio, Pune in 1955-1956, four years before television was introduced in India.

Written by G. D. Madgulkar and the songs being composed by Sudhir Phadke, Geet Ramayan was acclaimed for its lyrics, music and singing. It is considered a "milestone of Marathi light music" and the "most popular" Marathi version of Ramayana. It was presented by Neeraj Patil(D1) and Parth Bhavthankar(D14).

The VESIT Drama Club also performed in the amphitheatre as a part of the street play.

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Various performances, elocutions and events like these are essential for the survival of languages.

As English becomes the major language for communications, regional languages start losing out their essence and slowly their literary values. Such events and recognition is very essential for the further developments and progress of these languages.



Street Play by VESIT Drama Club

The youth of the society must be aware of the literary value and rich history of the languages and should try to preserve this wealth as this richness in literature created by these acclaimed authors and artists cannot be recreated.

Fig no 15: VESIT Connect February 2019 Page no:2 and 3 Marathi Rajya Bhasha Celebration at VESIT







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## Marathi Rajya Bhasha Celebrated at VESIT

-by Yash Bhamushali & Nidhi Mishra

*"The limits of my language mean the limits of my mind."-Ludwig Wittgenstein*

On 27th February 2018, VESIT witnessed marvelous celebration of as Marathi Rajya Bhasha Divas. Exhibition of various books in Marathi was arranged in college library for display. Many students and faculty members visited the exhibition thus displaying their interest in Marathi books. Various Marathi cultural programs were arranged which included the Teaching faculty members as well. The program began with the auspicious invocation of Ganesha Vandana and Saraswati puja. Students presented the "Marathi song" "Labhale Amhas and Mogra Phulala". Welcome speech was given by Prof Mrugendra Vasmatkar. The program had Mrs Vrinda Khadilkar as the special guest. A beautiful poem was recited by Mr. Mrugendra Sir, followed by a Marathi song by Prof. Anjali Yeole and Prof. Prasad Godse. Prof Rohini Temkar, faculty of MCA Department presented "Nat Samarat" - Marathi Natya Pravesh, which was appreciated by everyone. The organizing committee included, Associate Professor Mr. Abhay Shirsagar, Prashant Kanade Sir, Prasad Godse, Mr Vivek Umrikar Sir as well. Other staff members who had taken part in the program were Mrs Mugdha Jondhikar (Instrumentation Department), Manish Gahirwal (Computer Department), Mrs Asha Barhambe (IT Department), Mrs Meenakshi Tyagi (Library Department). Other non-teaching member who helped in the program were Mr Shashi From Workshop and Mr Raj from ExTc Department. Prof. Vaidya delivered the very interesting and important speech on "Gyaneshwari". Vote of thanks given by Mr Vivek Umrikar. Program was end with "Pasayadaan"



Decorations made at the entrance of college.



Book Exhibition at college library.

Fig no 16: VESIT Connect February 2018 Page no:3 Marathi Rajya Bhasha Celebrated at VESIT

## Prerna Vachak Diwas

-by Anisha Kaul

VESIT celebrated Prerna Vachak Diwas, a day celebrating the spirit of learning and research, on the 13th of October, 2017 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the college auditorium. The day is celebrated in honor of our late President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. It is also meant to instill the love of reading and thus increasing their knowledge. The best way to instill a love for knowledge and inspire students to pursue new ideas is through a thorough research project which ends in a presentation. At VESIT, this day was celebrated with the third year students giving presentations on topics related to various Military and Defense theme commemorating Dr. Kalam's years at DRDO. The panelists for the day included Dr. P.P. Vaidya, Prof. Parmeshwar Birajadar, Prof. Lina, Prof. Arthi, Prof. Sayli Bakshi, Prof. Abishek Chaudhari, and Prof. Rakhi Jadhav. Each presentation was followed by a question-answer session with the panelists where students were examined on the depth of their knowledge on their chosen topic. A total of 12 teams participated in the event. A multitude of interesting topics were brought up, which included, Navy modernizations, Defense ministry, Advancements in the Defense industries, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Virtual Reality, and much more. Tanmayee Bangera, Chandan Basrani, Gouri Cheke, Kipakshi Lalwani, Mayuri Moorthy, Sakshi Potdar and Kajal Shamdasani, students of D14A, EXTC, who gave their presentation on the topic: Rafale Aircraft: A boon to Indian Airforce, scored the highest points in this competition. Students of D12A, Sunmay Agharkar, Mukta Chandani, Murlidhar Gangwani, Bhavik Jain, Kaushik Vishwanath, Vedant Mistry, Binoy Saha, Rushabh Singh, Vishal Wadhvani came a close second with their topic; 30 years -game changing innovations. The event was conducted on a smooth note, thanks to Deepa Chanchlani and her team: Nisha kataria, Disha Mohani, Shradha Agrawal, Nitya Shetty, Kasturi Ghadge, Nitin Aswal, Shubham Gaikwad and Sakshi Subedi. "It was indeed a good event. I too got a lot of information while judging this event," said Prof. Birajadar. "We should have many more such events. This will help the students to read more and also research deeply in their topics," commented Prof. Vaidya. The event ended with both, the students and the audience learning a lot about a plethora of topics. All in all, the day was a huge success, rejuvenating the spirit of reading and research.

Fig no 17: VESIT Connect October 2017 Page no:2 Marathi Rajya Bhasha Celebrated at VESIT





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## International Yoga Day Celebrated by VESIT EBSB

*-Hradesh Kamal*

VESIT EBSB went live with the second event '*Ananyam Dhanampala*' under the EBSB programme on 21st June at 8 a.m. VESIT, in collaboration with International Management Institute, Bhuvaneshwar and Dr. D.Y. Patil Institute of Technology, Pimpri, Pune, celebrated 'International Day of Yoga' by hosting a live yoga session with Yoga Guru Mrs. Pallavi Pawar.

Yoga Guru, Mrs. Pallavi Pawar, is an alumna from the Batch of 1990, Department of Instrumentation. She worked for 22 years in Engineering Consultancies and carried out many projects in the chemical and petrochemical industry. She had completed her diploma in Yoga, a three-year BA degree and is currently pursuing her MA in Yoga. She enjoys teaching and learning yoga. Apart from that she also teaches German and English to learners from all age groups.

A Morning of Serene Meditation



Yoga Day Stream





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did a commendable job with the poster.

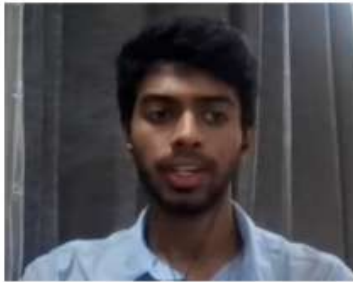
Other members of the organising team included: **Dr. Parmeshwar Birajdar** (Electronics Engineering), **Mrs. Priya R.L.** (Computer Engineering), **Mr. Ajinkya Valanjo** (Electronics and Telecomm. Engg.), **Mr. Vikas Pange** (Administrative Support) and **Mr. Pravin Shivsharan** (Technical support). There were two participants from each institute. Dhvani Serai (D7B) and Aditya Moikhede (D5A) from VESIT. Sloka Patel and Snehil Singh from IMI Bhubaneswar. Sarthak Khedkat & Neha Kishor from D.Y. Patil College of Engineering, Pimpri, Pune.

Special thanks to Atique Kudchi (D11A), who despite not being a part of the EBSB Student Team played a crucial role in the smooth flow of the events, especially in the live streaming of the event on YouTube. Hemkesh Raina (D10) was appointed as the chat moderator for the YouTube live stream.

The event was successful, having a great number of viewers who set aside their morning chores to join VESIT live do perform the yoga asanas.



Session begins with Yoga Guru Mrs. Pallavi Pawar



Prithvi Shetty (D13) giving the opening introductions



Address by Prof. Ramesh Bhel, Director, IMI



Address by Dr. Kishor Dhande, Head of Department of Mechanical Department, D. Y. Patil



Vote of thanks by Dr. (Mrs.) J. M. Nair, Principal



Address by Shri. B. L. Boolani, President

Fig no 18: VESIT Connect June 2020 Page no:2 and 3 International Yoga Day at VESIT







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## World Yoga Day celebrated at VESIT

*Arya Kasulla*

On 21st June 2019, 5th International Day of Yoga is celebrated all over the world. An invaluable gift of ancient India, yoga has helped enhance the spirit of thousands of people all over the world. Our Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, suggested the idea of yoga day during his speech at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), on 27 September 2014. He told, "Yoga is an invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition. It embodies the unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment; harmony between man and nature; a holistic approach to health and well-being. It is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and nature. By changing our lifestyle and creating consciousness, it can help in well being. Let us work towards adopting an International Yoga Day." The United Nations took this as an opportunity to promote Global Health, Peace and Harmony.

Following this thought, the 21st of June was declared as International Day of Yoga by the United Nations. This was welcomed with extreme zeal and enthusiasm by our fellow countrymen. Mr. Naren-

dra Modi himself along with other participants performed yoga during a mass yoga event at Prabhat Tara Ground in Ranchi.

In Mumbai, Yoga day saw its way along the coast of Marine drives. Students, teachers, as well as the general public joined this session. A large section of Indians ranging from the soldiers in the icy ranges of Himalayas to the President in the ceremonial Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan, to the schools in Chennai participated in taking this age old Indian exercise ahead and aspire to show the same dedication and effort throughout the year for yoga as well as celebrate this day and its importance.

VES celebrated Yoga Day by having a practical session for an hour at VES college of Arts, Science and Commerce. Many asanas that could easily be performed on a daily basis were demonstrated. The session was held by the staff of VES College of Arts, Science and Commerce. Usually they invite a person who comes along with his/her team to conduct this session. A major concern amongst women was

Thyroid and Asanas that could bring relief to this



VESIT Staff marking their presence on the International Yoga Day

problem were demonstrated. Apart from this, the exercises predominantly focused on improving breathing and flexibility of the participants. A group of 30 participants consisting of the teaching as well as the non teaching staff attended the session.

Fig no 19: VESIT Connect June 2019 Page no: 3 International Yoga Day at VESIT







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## Celebrating The Spirit Of Spirituality

*Atique Kuchhi*

It was a Saturday, the 27th of September 2014, and the United Nations General Assembly's 69th meeting was underway at the New York City headquarters. It was at this meeting, that our Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi proposed the idea of an International Yoga Day. Below is the extract from his speech where he proposed the idea:

"Yoga is an invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition. It embodies unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment; harmony between man and nature; a holistic approach to health and well-being. It is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and the nature. By changing our lifestyle and creating consciousness, it can help in well being. Let us work towards adopting an International Yoga Day."

The word "Yoga" is derived from the Sanskrit term, "Yuj", which means to attach, to yoke, to align, to join, etc. It signifies the fusion of the soul with the Divine Creator. Yoga is basically a lifestyle which promotes good mental, physical and spiritual health. Following the disciplines of Yoga promotes vitality and immunity.

The origins of Yoga date back to Pre-Vedic India, although the proper development, implementation and propagation began in the 5th Century BC. According to ancient texts like the Upanishads, Gita, Patanjali Yoga Sutras, etc. Yoga is a spiritual state of mind where the senses are all muted and the body and mind experiences nothing whatsoever. This state is also called "Nirvana". The physical aspects of Yoga involve various exercises which each simulate a certain part of the body and the mind, including breathing exercises for the lung and stomach. Yoga even indicates the type of diet, medicines, etc that a follower of Yoga should follow to achieve healthy living. The ultimate goal of the Yoga lifestyle is to achieve Moksha, i.e Salvation.

Yoga has been scientifically proven to improve mental and physical fitness, stamina, flexibility and a stress-free psyche. Due to this, Westernisation of Yoga has taken place, with more and more people signing up for it, and impromptu events being held with considerable turnout. It has gained more of a physical context than spiritual in most of the world. People are practicing Yoga as an alternative to the gym and thus making it a part of their lives.. It even helps cope with premenstrual syndrome. Children and teens are recommended Yoga alike adults to cope with increasing stress levels and emotional imbalances. Infact, a school district in California even obtained legal permission to introduce Yoga into their PE curriculum, going against certain parents who claimed that it was a religious practice. It is for all these reasons that the proposal for an International Yoga Day was received with much acclaim when introduced. On 11th December 2014, India's permanent representative Asoke Mukherji introduced the draft resolution in UNGA. It received support from 177 member states who co-sponsored it, making it the UNGA resolution of that nature with the highest ever sponsors. 21 June was also chosen because it was the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere. Every year, massive celebrations take place in India and abroad, with more awareness being spread about it and making it a reason to talk about mental and physical health and their importance. Many of our leaders, spiritual gurus and celebrities recognize and celebrate this day as a mark of the impact of rich Indian culture onto the rest of the world.

On 21st June, Ms Piya Mukherjee, the Director of VESLARC (Vivekanand Education Society's Leadership Academy and Research Centre) which is a forum of around 20 teachers of VES institutes headed the yoga session for VES Institutes. The students and staff of Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology celebrated International Yoga Day under the guidance of Dr. P. P. Vaidya, HOD, R&D Cell, VESIT. Mrs. Janhavi Padiyar initiated the introductory session by welcoming all as per the protocol established by the government. She initiated the event with a powerful prayer filling the minds of all with gratitude. It was in this receptive state that the participants made a Sankalp :

"I commit, to make myself into a healthy, peaceful, joyful and loving human being. Through every action of mine, I will strive to create a peaceful and loving atmosphere around me. I strive to break the limitations of who I am right now and include the entire world as my own. I recognize the kinship of my own life with every other life. I recognize the unity of all there is."

Around 110 students from all the streams of V.E.S. Institute of Technology were part of this event. The event was then concluded with Shanti path, followed by smiling and peaceful faces, thus making the event a huge success.



Dr. P.P Vaidya describing the asanas

Fig no 20: VESIT Connect June 2018 Page no:3 International Yoga Day at VESIT





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## International Yoga Day

- by Milan Hazra

**I**NTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY is celebrated on 21st June every year. Just to brush up your memory- the word "yoga" comes from the Sanskrit root 'yuj', which means "to join" or "to yoke". Yoga is a practical aid, not a religion. It is an ancient art based on a harmonizing system of development for the body, mind, and spirit. The continued practice of yoga will lead you to a sense of peace and well-being, and also a feeling of being at one with their environment. This is a simple definition. The practice of yoga makes the body strong and flexible, it also improves the functioning of the respiratory, circulatory, digestive, and hormonal systems. Yoga brings about emotional stability and clarity of mind.

Our institution, VESIT, as every year, organized YOGA DAY on June 21, 2017 and conducted a marvellous YOGA session at the Amphi Theatre. It was a bright sunny day for this beautiful session which began at 9.00 am. The session commenced with the chanting of Ganesha Mantra. The Principal, Dr. J. M. Nair, staff members, both teaching and non-teaching, and a large number of students participated actively in this session. The Yoga session was guided by Mrs. Rita Vajzrani from the Administration Office Department. The session was also attended by Dr. Jayshree Phidnis, Principal, VES College of Arts Science and Commerce and the Vice-Principal Mrs. Anita Kanwar. The students of Arts and Science college so guided the audience.

Mrs. Rita Vajzrani enlightened the audience about the various asanas and described the good effects of every move in the asana. Several asanas were practised such as Ardhaachakrasan, Trikonasan, Shavasana, Makarasana, Shashankasan etc. The students of VESASC demonstrated the asanas and various postures. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the activity. The session ended at 11.00am.

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*"In the practice of Yoga the ultimate aim is one of  
self-development and self-realization"*



Principal, along with teaching faculty at the session



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Students instructing the attendees



Mrs. Rita Vajzrani and her team, with the principal





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Fig no 21: VESIT Connect June 2017 Page no:2 and 3 International Yoga Day at VESIT

## Yoga- A path towards enrichment

-by Deepa Narayanan

June 21, 2016 was observed as the 2nd international Yoga Day at Vivekananda Education society following the protocol stated by the Central Government. Riot of colours of yoga mats flashed the grounds of the amphitheatre. The trainer for the day was a faculty from VES, Mrs. Rita Vazirani, a yoga professional. Mr. Prasad Godse, Assistant Professor Instrumentation, (VESIT) accorded a warm welcome to participants and gave a precise introduction of the trainer. The audience, comprising of students and staff from BMS, BMM, BSc, Arts and Science streams were mesmerised by the melodious song in the background. A group of 5 yoga professional students, having expertise of almost 7 to 8 years, trained from Jawahar Vidyabhvan Chembur performed on the stage, demonstrating all the asanas (yogic postures) in an appropriate

way. When asked to throw light on the importance of Yoga, Rita Vazirani stated, "Each individual has a youth within him and it is necessary to bring it to life. Yoga is the path of life and it improves an individual's concentration skills." As a source of encouragement, the principal of VESIT, Dr.(Mrs) J.M. Nair and the vice-principal of VES Arts and Science college, Dr. Mrs. Anita Kanvar also participated in the event. The whole event was a rejuvenating one and had a perfectly planned transition from warm-ups to asanas. Surely, the amount of participation for Yoga event will increase in the years to come as more and more people are on the lookout for peace and an exit from their humdrum lifestyle.

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Yoga day celebration at VESIT



Yoga professionals demonstrating asanas

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## Swachh Bharat Summer Internship

-Aadi Fernandes

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is the movement launched by our respected Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the 2nd of October in the year 2014 on the historic 145th birth anniversary of our very own Mahatma Gandhi.

The campaign is aimed towards the clean up of streets and infrastructure of not only the urban but also the rural areas of India. It also largely focuses on preventing open defecation especially in the rural areas, by building toilets.

The Moto of the campaign is "One step towards cleanliness". This movement has seen active participation since its inception in 2014 and has made a huge contribution towards sanitation in India. Volunteers are always required for any campaign to be successful. We got the golden opportunity to be a part of it. The biggest internship this summer was not a desk job, but it was a job which required utmost dedication on the field and gave an internal sense of satisfaction to the people who were part of it.

The Swachh Bharat Summer Internship programme was launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development alongside the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. The message was circulated to all Universities and Higher Education Institutions. It involved doing 100 hours of social work by contributing towards village sanitation. This campaign not only gave people certificates, curriculum credits and awards, but it also gave them a sneak peak into the lives of other people who were not as fortunate as they were. They lead a rough life without basic amenities like toilets. It made us realize how we take everything for granted and have things available at the snap of our fingers.

We all keep complaining about India being so dirty and people defecating openly. Here is your chance to go and fix this. If you cannot change things then you have to be the change. Moreover, this campaign gave people a sense of satisfaction beyond anything else, the satisfaction of making a difference.



Poster of Swachh Bharat Internship

Fig no 23: VESIT Connect June 2018 Page no:4

## Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan

-by Rohit Sreedhar

Back into the era when Mahatma Gandhi could see his strive for independence meet the light of dawn he also visualized yet another dream. The dream was to see India flourish with Cleanliness. A firm believer of tidiness, he did his bit to instil hygienic conditions.

We have come a long way since then. Humongous progress achieved right from mainstream to reaching Mars. Yet today we are downtrodden with poverty, poor sanitation and an unhygienic environment. A lot has been spoken, indefinite comparisons have been made with the west and the European nations with respect to the benchmarks of cleanliness. But words fail to lift up the broom and clean up the nation and the minds of the people alike. Two years ago, someone had finally taken up the initiative to move beyond words and set the ball rolling. On 2nd October, 2014 our honourable prime minister Shri Narendra Modi announced the commencement of one of the major moves of his tenure, 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan'. With an aim to realize Gandhiji's vision by his 150th birth anniversary in 2019, this mission encompasses all the factors that would help us reach to the status of a cleaner nation. With the whole nation forming a battalion, the motive has its objectives on point. Cleanliness, waste management and sanitation are its main drives. Sanitation is one of the primary concerns of our country today. We have been learning right from our initial school grades that defecating and excreting in the open is an open invitation to a swarm of diseases. But yet this problem

prevails today. And one of the reasons for it is the poor sanitation facilities in the rural and interior areas. Swachhta Abhiyan includes the installation of hygienic sanitation facilities at required locations and efforts are being made for it. This would have large scale effects right from prevention of diseases to more girls going to schools in the rural areas, who have kept themselves away from institutions due to lack of appropriate sanitation.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan promotes cleanliness in an innovative and competitive manner. Social media has served as a conducive platform for the up scaling of this mission. Rewards and recognition have been provided to those who produce video graphic evidence of their efforts. In the form of activities and challenges this mission has brought in the enthusiasm of the entire nation. Vivid efforts have been made right from the cleaning up of railway stations to clean up drives in schools and colleges. Sachin Tendulkar, Amitabh Bachchan, Priyanka Chopra and many such known faces have pledged in for the initiative which would eventually reach its zenith. Well, no plans for the nation can ever be successful without the support of its people. A clean environment and nation is an asset for us itself and we must give in every bit we can to realize this dream.

Jai hind!

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## Teachers' Day Celebrated at VESIT

- Padmaja Borwankar

It is said that a mediocre teacher tells, a good teacher explains, a superior teacher demonstrates but a great teacher inspires. Our college has many great teachers and they were honored on Teachers' Day by the Staff Welfare Committee, VESIT.

The program was held at 11:30 a.m. on 5th September, 2018 in the college auditorium. All teachers were welcomed by the host, Mr. Prashant Kanade on behalf of the Staff Welfare Committee. The program commenced with the recital of the Saraswati Vandana followed by a brief introduction of the



Faculty members on Teachers' Day

newly joined faculty members from all Departments.

After the introduction, small clips of the movies 'Satyamev Jayate' and 'Fanneey Khan' were shown to the audience. These two movies will always be cherished by VESITians as few of the scenes in these movies were shot in the VESIT campus and VES institute of pharmacy campus.

Since the day was dedicated to all the teachers, it made sense for them to have a hearty laugh. Hence, a small funny clip about a fiction "If salary is your boyfriend" was shown which was thoroughly enjoyed by the teachers. It was followed by reading of a witty letter in Hindi by Mr. Prashant Kanade called "Meri Pyaari Vetan" which was a love letter to salary.

The next part of the program was felicitation of Dr. Nupur Giri, the Head of Computer Engineering Department, who completed 20 years of service at VESIT. Mrs. Sharmila Sengupta spoke about how Dr. Nupur fulfills her responsibilities with grace as a person, as an H.O.D., as a mother and as a teacher as well. After the speech, Dr. Nupur Giri was felicitated by our respected Principal and members of



Dr. Nupur Giri being felicitated by our principal, Dr. J.M. Nair

the Staff Welfare Committee. Dr. Nupur Giri then shared her experience of 20 years with the gathered staff.

The program concluded with the vote of thanks by Prof. Vivek Umrikar, followed by a lunch organized by the Staff Welfare Committee, VESIT.

VESIT Connect wishes all the teachers a Happy Teachers' Day once again!

Fig no 25: VESIT Connect September 2018 Page no:2 Teachers Day Celebration





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## Teacher's Day celebrated at VESIT

*-by Ujala Jha*

Teachers are individuals who shape the lives of students and influence them. Lessons learned from teachers remain with students throughout life as they imbibe into them the best of qualities. They are the cornerstone of our future. In India, 5th September is celebrated as Teacher's Day as a mark of tribute to the contribution made by teachers to the society. 5th September is the birthday of a great teacher Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, who was a staunch believer in education and was a well-known diplomat, scholar, President of India and above all a Teacher.

VESIT celebrated Teacher's Day on 4th September 2017, where a program organized with great fervor for all the staff members, by the Student Council members of VESIT. The highlight of the event was appreciating and honoring those teachers who had completed more than 20 years of service in this institute. This year, four professors: Dr. Rajani Mangala from ETRX, Dr. Shalu Chopra from INFT, Prof. Kavita Tewari from ETRX and Prof. Sharmila Sengupta from CMPN were honored for completing their 20 years of teaching at VESIT. They were presented with Lifetime Achievement Awards by our Principal, Dr. J.M Nair, followed by a small presentation with slide-show of each teacher, focusing on their careers and their sincere contributions to the college.

The event was also followed by lunch for teachers. They had a gala time. Teachers are an integral part of our lives and whatever we are today is all because of them. Their staunch efforts in growing individuals to legends are indeed cause of the presence of numerous great individuals all around us. VESITConnect pays tribute to such relentless effort and dedication of all the teachers of VESIT.



Principal felicitating Dr. Rajani Mangala



Vice Principal felicitating Prof. Sharmila Sengupta



Principal and Vice Principal along with teachers



Vice Principal felicitating Prof. Kavita Tewari



Dr. Shalu Chopra and Prof. Kavita Tewari at the event



Dr. Shalu Chopra addressing the audience







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## Prof. Sharmila Sengupta

It has been quoted that, "One good teacher in a lifetime may sometimes change a delinquent into a solid citizen". This year marks yet another milestone for VESIT as Prof. Sharmila Sengupta from the department of Computer Engineering completes twenty years of service here.

Prof. Sharmila obtained her BE (EXTC) in 1994 from Shivaji University in Kolhapur, ME (EXTC) from the University of Mumbai (VESIT) in Electronics and Telecommunication. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. from University of Mumbai.

Prof. Sharmila Sengupta has been one of the binding pillars of VESIT who has helped it to grow as one of the top ranking colleges in India. On Teacher's Day, she was felicitated for her devoted efforts through all these years towards building the college to a position it stands today. Walking down the memory lane at VESIT, Prof. Sharmila Sengupta states:

"It is a journey full of learning, unlearning; growing with students; academically improving with assistance of seniors; making new friends; creating new endeavors for myself; encouraging the students and get motivated in the process. The journey from old venue to new premises was an overhaul of structuring myself and accommodate in everything that was new- a fresh beginning. It doesn't seem like twenty years because in spite of several changes, the love and respect of students and their constant quests for something different had kept me moving. I wish all VESITians good health, success and happiness."



## Dr. (Mrs) Rajani Mangala

Einstein once said, "It is a supreme art of teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge". This year marks yet another milestone for VESIT as Dr. Mrs. Rajani Mangala from Department of Electronics Engineering, who had completed twenty years of

service in this institution.

Dr. Rajani Mangala obtained her BE in 1994 from the University of Mumbai (MGM College of Engineering and Technology), ME from (VESIT) University of Mumbai and her Ph.D. from NMIMS University. When asked about the journey at VESIT, Dr. Rajani Mangala shared:

"When I joined VESIT, I was given the responsibility of teaching BEE to the four first-year batches - ETRX, EXTC, INST and CMPN (IT branch started later). I remember spending most of my time in the library preparing for my lectures, solving problems, practicing and improving on my lecture delivery methods, trying to improve my connection with the students.

VESIT has grown manifold in the last 20 years. "The only thing constant is change, so you have to learn to embrace it" - be it shifting to the new campus, adapting to the changing technology, having the post-graduation courses and PhD center, accommodating the increasing number of students, improving the staff strength, excellent facilities (including the latest BEST bus service), ensuring the quality of teaching standards (accreditation) and VESIT has done it with great élan.

The staff of VESIT are professional, warm and friendly. Even though we are all in different departments, we have a great sense of camaraderie whenever we meet. I would just want to convey that "Do what you love and love what you do" - it is applicable to me as well. I love to teach and I feel proud and happy to belong to the family of VESIT. I cherish every moment I have spent here. Learning is a continuous process and is never over"



## Dr. (Mrs.) Shalu Chopra

VESIT has come a long way since its establishment in 1984. This year marks special to us as Dr. Mrs. Shalu Chopra (HOD-Information Technology) achieved her milestone of completing 20 years at VESIT.

Dr. Shalu Chopra obtained her BTech in 1995 from the Harcourt Butler Technical University (HBTU), ME from the University of Mumbai and her Ph.D. from IMT Ghaziniabad.

When asked about the journey at VESIT, Dr. Shalu Chopra narrates: "I feel proud and blessed in completing 20 years of an important part of my life. I joined here as B Tech student and went on to complete my post-graduation and Ph.D. all the while as a teacher here. It's been quiet learning and enriching experience, in the beginning, playing the role of a student and later as a teacher.

VESIT has changed a lot over the past 20 years from a small institute having four branches of engineering to multiple divisions and shifts to postgraduate and Ph.D. center, moving from small old building to the new state of art lab setups to the big classrooms and a sprawling campus. With time, students have also changed a lot, with the invention of modern technologies and teaching methods using ICTs, I feel their attention span has reduced and sometimes we need to play the role of a guide or mentor rather than being a lecturer.

I greatly admire and enjoy the company of my senior staff members and colleagues. I want to take this opportunity to thank my senior staff members, department people, colleagues and VES Management and our Principal."



## Prof. Kavita Tewari

This year marks a special testament to it, as Prof. Kavita Tewari from department of Electronics Engineering completed her 20 years at VESIT. She obtained her BTech in 1987 and MTech in 1992 from HBTL, Kanpur. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. from The University of Mumbai.

When asked about the journey at VESIT, while walking down her memory lane, Prof. Kavita Tewari relates -

"It is my privilege to share my experience of last 20 years with all. I vividly remember the day when I walked into the campus for the first time as if it happened yesterday. After giving demo lecture followed by a formal interview conducted by Late Principal Shri Bhagatani sir, I got my first assignment to teach Final Year B.E Computer Engineering in the year 1997.

During my teaching span of 20 years, I have taught subjects from various widespread fields. But, besides teaching, I also got an opportunity to learn. Saxena madam taught me to be punctual and Haridasan sir encouraged me continuously, to evolve as faculty and analyze the situation from student perspective also. In the journey of last 20 years, I have seen many ups and downs: I met with an accident during the floods of July 26, 2005. I got all support from our Principal, Nair madam and my friends. I would like to express my gratitude to all of them. I am grateful to Naveeta Kant madam, Rajani Mangala madam, Abhay Khirsagar sir, and other faculty members of the department for their full support and cooperation to improve the academic performances of students and help them become all-rounders.

I am very thankful to Principal Madam, vice-principal madam and Shobha Krishnan madam for giving their valuable inputs during the accreditation process. I am also indebted to my teachers Nair madam, Vaidya sir and Kulkarni sir for successful completion of my Ph.D. coursework. In these last 20 years, I have got the opportunity not only to teach but also to learn and grow as a person. Thank you"





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Fig no 26: VESIT Connect September 2017 Page no:7 Teachers Day Celebration

## Teacher's Day Celebrated at VESIT

-by Vyjayantfi Kamathi

Teacher's Day is celebrated all around the world to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work of teachers, and in India, this day is observed on September 5 every year. At VESIT, the Teacher's Day function was held in the auditorium and was celebrated on 2 September as 5 September fell in between the mid-term break. On that day, the teachers were first treated to a sumptuous lunch followed by a program arranged by the Student's Council. It was also the time to honor the teachers' who had completed more than 20 years of service in this institute. This year, two professors from the Department of Humanities & Applied Sciences, Prof. TPP Nair and Prof. Subhash Singh were honored for completing 20 years of teaching at VESIT. They were presented with Lifetime Achievement Awards, following a small presentation on each of them, focusing on their careers and their esteemed educational contributions to our college.

Teachers from all departments attended the function and enjoyed the spontaneous show put up by the students from the college council. We thank all the teachers of VESIT, past and present, for their commitment and dedication to educating the country's future minds. Also, it's befitting to say, if you can read this article, thank a teacher!



Principal Dr. J. M. Nair Presents a token of appreciation to Prof S.B. Singh fo completing 20 years at VESIT



Slide with the photo of Prof. T.P.P.Nair shown at the venue of Teacher's Day celebration.

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## 20 Years at VESIT

- by Vyjayantfi Kamathi  
Rohit Sreedhar



Prof. S.B. Singh

A very famous phrase one must have heard; "There is no substitute for hard work". This year marks a special testament to it, as **Prof. Subhash Singh**, from the Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences, completes twenty years of teaching. As a student, he was always in the merit list and as a teacher, he has been described as a loyal, honest and disciplined teacher by his colleagues. Apart from teaching, he is also associated with Blood Donation Camp since 1997.

Prof Subhash Singh obtained his mechanical engineering degree from K.B.P. College

of Engineering, Satara with Distinction in 1992 and M.E from Lokmanya Tilak College of Engineering, MU in 2011. He joined VESIT in 1996, when it was situated in the old campus with only four branches and four FE divisions! He even now reminisces about his first lecture in an EXTC class.

For Prof. S.B. Singh, the college has been a wonderful place and he remains ever so grateful for finding his family here, at VESIT. He has worked under eminent senior faculty; Prof. Rama Prakash, Prof. Karnik, Prof. Shobha krishnan, Prof. T.P.P.Nair, Prof. Khadilkar, Prof. Vijayalakshmi, Prof. Sinha and Prof. Vijaykumar, to name a few.

When asked about his opinion on VESIT students he states, "I have worked here for more than two decades and have seen students passing out through these years. I must say that we are getting best students. They have been proving their capabilities over the time."

Prof. Ravi Shankar, a colleague from the same department, describes him as a person of probity. "I was impressed with the way he used to conduct his lectures in the old building. There is always a pin drop silence in his lecture even during the Engineering Drawing practicals where students generally tend to get into chatting with each other." remarks Prof. Ravi Shankar.

Here's congratulating Prof. S. B. Singh on never giving up and working harder every year to educate and inspire young minds every day.



Prof. T.P.P. Nair

VESIT has come a long way in its due course of existence and is backed by its firm pillars. These firm pillars are our faculty and staff members who have fortified the institution with their experience and expertise. Among many such contributions, here is one journey that has been seasoned with the experience of two decades. **Prof. T.P.P. Nair** counts of his 20 year long career in the Humanities and Applied Sciences department while walking down the memory lane.

An alumni of NIT, Calicut he completed his BE in Mechanical Engineering in the year 1980. In the year 1992 he joined VESIT as a lecturer in Humanities and Applied Sciences department and since then he has grown with the institution. His association with the institute was right from its initial days where the college had only three branches back then and there

used to be just three divisions in the FE. He still remembers his first lecture in VESIT very vividly which was delivered to Computer Engineering branch in the old building. Since then, many batches of students have passed their FE under him, as VESIT metamorphosed into its present sprawling campus. As time flew by, VESIT became his second home. Nair Sir is all in praise for his colleagues and seniors and is grateful to them for their support and guidance. He mentions learning a lot from Rama Prakash Madam, Kamik Madam, Shobu Madam, Nair Madam, Khadilkar Madam, Vijaylakshmi Madam and Shreedharan sir to name a few. He has cordial relations with all the staff members and is always there to encourage and extend every help to all the new recruits.

Prof. Vijay Shelwalkar, Nair sir's colleague says "Nair sir is a very polite and a sincere man. In spite of being the senior professor he has no ego and respects all the fellow faculties. It has been a pleasure working with him."

Coming to the students, Nair sir holds them in good regards and says that they have been proving the potentials by exploring their caliber in all directions.

We congratulate Nair sir on reaching this landmark achievement. Here's wishing him many more years of goodness in the institute and the strength to empower and ignite many more young minds.

Fig no 27: VESIT Connect September 2016 Page no:1 and 2 Teachers Day Celebration







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## VESIT Celebrates World Environment Week with IMI Bhubaneswar

- Tanya Dubey

The idea of a sustained and structured cultural connect between denizens of different regions was mooted by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the Rashtriya Ekta Divas held on 31st October 2015, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The honourable Prime Minister propounded that cultural diversity is a joy that ought to be celebrated through mutual interaction & reciprocity between people of different States and Union Territories so that a common spirit of understanding resonates throughout the country. Every State and Union Territory in the country would be paired with another State or Union Territory for a year, during which they would carry out a structured engagement with one another in the spheres of language, literature, cuisine, festivals, cultural events, tourism etc.

In line with this vision of our Prime Minister, an EBSB Cell has been formed, under which the Department of Higher Education, MHRD and the AICTE have partnered institutes from two different states to work in unison towards this vision country. Gladly, our institute has been partnered with International Management Institute, Bhubaneswar under the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' programme.

There are a number of activities planned to be conducted under the EBSB programme. Students from both the institutes will indulge in numerous activities that will help them to learn a lot about the two states of the country. This programme is intended to bring students closer to a united country. It aims at the formation of 'Ek Bharat'. The first event in the list of events under the EBSB programme was the Maharashtra Odisha Paryavaran Jaagrukta Quiz Competition. The Quiz was held on Sunday, the 7th of June at 5 pm.

The quiz was conducted between two teams, one from each institute and each side having three members. As the quiz was conducted to commemorate the World Environment Week, the two institutes exchanged information on flora and fauna of the two states, Maharashtra and Odisha, and were questioned on the same.

The event was organized and managed by VESIT with active participation from both the institutes. **Dr. Geeta Ajit** was the coordinator from VESIT for the EBSB program. **Mrs. Pooja Shetty**, Assistant Professor in IT Department, was in charge for this event. **Mrs. Priya R. L.**, Assistant Professor in the Computer Engineering department, was in charge of technical support. Sivanta Beera (D12A) was the student coordinator with Pronoy Mandal (D16B) as the deputy head. The Junior Executive Committee included Tanya Dubey (D4B) and Yash Bhise (D4B).

The collection and exchange of data for the quiz was managed by a team of six students under the guidance of Mrs. Pooja Shetty. The team included Saurav Jeswani (D15), Tanya Dubey (D4B), Vighnesh Joshi (D16A), Sejal Attarde (D8), Sartha Tambe (D12A) and Krunal Rane (MCA 1B). The event was hosted on the Zoom app and was being streamed live on YouTube. Yash Bhise(D4B) was the host for the event.

**Mrs. Priya R.L.**, Assistant Professor in the Computer Engineering department, was incharge of the technical support team which included Pronoy Mandal (D16B), Amit Chhabria(D7C), Naren Khatwani(D12B) and Yash Bhise(D4B). Special thanks to Atique Kudchi(D11A), who despite not being a part of the EBSB Student Team played a crucial role in the smooth flow of the events, especially in the



L-R: Top - Avinash Tripathi(D9B), Bhuvana Raisinghani(D9A), Arnav Bagchi(D7C) Middle - C.V Ananya(D14A), Shubham Singhal(IMI), Rohan Ghosalkar(D7C) Bottom - Satyajit Mohanty(IMI)





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live streaming of the event on YouTube. Anuraj Bho-sale(D12A) was appointed as the chat moderator for the YouTube live stream.

**Dr. Sushil Dhuldhhar**, Assistant Professor in Humanities and Science Department, was in-charge of publicity. **Amit Chhabria (D7C)** and **Mansi Kasar (D9B)** did a commendable job with the posters. The other members of the organising team include **Dr. Parmeshwar Birajdar** (Electronics Engineering), **Mrs. Nilima Warke** (Instrumentation Engineering), **Mr. Ajinkya Valanjoo** (Electronics and Telecom. Engg.), **Mr. Vikas Pange** (Administrative Support) and **Mr. Pravin Shivsharan** (Technical support).

**C.V. Ananya (D14A)** and **Rohan Ghosalkar(D7C)** were the quiz masters with **Ameya Chugh (D12A)** as the scorekeeper and the timekeeper. The three participants from VESIT were **Avinash Tripathi (D9B)**, **Bhuvana Raisinghani (D9A)** and **Arnav Bagchi (D7C)**, while the three participants from IMI were **Shubham Singhal**, **Jayprakash Singh** and **Satyajit Mohanty**. The event began with a short video

of our institute followed by an address by our Principal **Dr J.M. Nair** and then by **Mr. Ranjit Ghatak**, the coordinator from IMI, **Bhuvaneshwar**. The quiz was divided into three rounds. **Ananya** conducted the first round which involved multiple-choice questions. Each team was asked 7 questions and awarded 10 points for each correct answer. There was no negative marking for this round. Both the teams answered 5 questions correctly and were at par with each other with a score of 50 points. There was no passing of questions in any of the three rounds. In this round, each team was given 15 seconds to answer every question.

The second round was a picture round conducted by **Rohan**. Each team had to guess the species shown in the picture. The picture was accompanied by four clues, with each clue revealed after 20 seconds. The team would be awarded 10 points for answering correctly in one go. However, the points would keep reducing with each advancing clue. There was no negative marking in this round as

well. The IMI team took a lead in this round as they scored 40 points in this round, while team VESIT scored 25 points. The third round was the rapid-fire round. Each team had to answer questions in a time frame of 2 minutes. They could answer a maximum of 10 questions. There was negative marking in this round. The marking scheme was +10 for each correct answer and -5 for each incorrect response. In this round, **Ananya** asked questions to team IMI while **Rohan** questioned team VESIT. Team IMI answered 6 questions and scored 15 points while team VESIT answered all 10 questions and scored 55 points.

The final round was quite a game-changer. Team VESIT emerged victorious in the quiz with a total of 130 points. The total score of team IMI was 105 points. It was an interesting competition with each team giving an exceptional performance.

The event ended with a Vote of Thanks by **Dr. Geeta Ajit**, where she extended her heartfelt thanks to all the Principal, teachers, students and the partner institute, **IMI Bhuvaneshwar**, who contributed to make this event a successful one.



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**Yash Bhise (D4B)**, **Mrs. Pooja Shetty**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Information Technology, R2 - **Mrs. Priya R. L.**, Assistant Professor in Department of Computer Engineering



**C.V. Ananya (D14A)** explaining the 3rd round of the quiz with the ppt displayed on the screen

Fig no 28: VESIT Connect June 2020 Page no:1 Rashtriya Ekta Diwas







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## National Science Day celebrated at VESIT

-Kaushal Jagasia

National Science Day is celebrated in India on 28 February each year to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman on 28 February 1928. For his discovery, Sir C.V. Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. This also placed India firmly in the list of scientifically progressing countries. To commemorate this day, VESIT conducts activities like debates, quiz competitions, exhibitions and lectures that involve both students and teachers. All programs and activities revolve around a theme selected, and this year the theme was 'Women in Science'.

The teachers, along with the VESLit Circle came up with the idea of a Debate Competition. Debates is an academic activity that give students a creative room to express what they feel. The length and breadth of knowledge that they gain through this is simply unparalleled. This competition was held exclusively for first-year students and each class had to send a team of two students. VESLit conducted the elimination round with Rahul Motwani (D12B), Debate Head being the judge. The following four teams qualified for the final event which was held on 28th February in the fourth floor smart classrooms:-

- Kaushal Jagasia and Mihir Pamnani (D2C)
- Anushka Kulkarni and Rahul Kulkarni (D4A)
- Chirag Jain and Nikhil Jain (D4B)

Three topics were mailed to these teams a day prior to the final debate. They had to prepare for both sides, proposition, and opposition, as that was to be

decided by toss on the spot. VESLit members contributed to finalizing the topics and the topics were :

- 1) Zoos cause more harm than good
- 2) Bottled water causes more harm than good
- 3) Genetically Modified Food are beneficial for mankind



An enthusiastic crowd including First Year students engrossed in an ongoing debate

- Kaustubh Kenny and Vishesh Mittal (D2B)

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An enthusiastic crowd of first-year students had gathered in the smart classroom to witness their fellow classmates take part in a spirited and intellectual debate. The prominent judges for the debate were Dr. Rajani Mangala, Department of Electronics and Dr. Ranjan Balajain, Department of Electronics and Telecommunications. In the first debate Kaustubh and Vishesh from D2B were up against Chirag and Nikhil from D4B. The motion was 'Zoos cause more harm than good' and Team D2B defended the motion while Team D4A were against it. The second debate was on the topic 'Genetically Modified Food are beneficial for mankind'. Kaushal and Mihir from

D2C formed the proposition while Anushka and Rahul from D4A formed the opposition. Both these debates had one minute of introduction time for each team followed by three to four minutes of rebuttal and lastly a concluding statement for which the time limit was again one minute.

Both the debates were closely fought with students coming up with facts and scientific theories as they put forward their claims in all gusto. Team D2B and Team D2C made it for the grand finale. The topic for this final debate was 'Bottled Water causes more harm than good'. The proposition and opposition were to be decided by the toss of a coin.

Team D2C won the toss and decided to defend the motion. The finale lived up to its expectations as the two teams contested in a fierce and heated debate. Kaushal Jagasia and Mihir Pamnani from D2C were adjudged the winners in what was a closely fought debate. Mihir Pamnani won the 'Best Speaker' award as well. " Winning the toss was crucial for us. We had to prepare both sides of the three given topics in one night, it was tough. Our research was lopsided but winning the toss put us in command.", said Mihir Pamnani (D2C).

Fig no 29: VESIT Connect March 2020 Page no:2 and 3 National Science Day





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**National Youth Day  
12th January**

12th of January, is celebrated as National Youth Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of our patron saint Swami Vivekananda. To celebrate this occasion, here are a few inspirational quotes from his life.

*"We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary. Thoughts live; they travel far."*

*"You have to grow from the inside out. None can teach you, none can make you spiritual. There is no other teacher but your own soul."*

*"All differences in this world are of degree, and not of kind, because oneness is the secret of everything."*

Fig no 30: VESIT Connect January 2018 Page no:1

