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PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I am extremely delighted to know that the concerted efforts of our staff and students have resulted in this beautiful e-magazine. I congratulate and deeply appreciate Mrs. Geeta Ajit and her team for the hard work they have put in to make their idea a reality.

In this manner, when we think and focus our attention on what we truly want and work towards it sincerely, positive aspects such as love, bliss, peace, security, health, contentment, success, prosperity, confidence and self reliance begins to flow in our lives.

"Let all be happy, let all be healthy
Let all be good, let none get misery"

Best wishes for this new venture.



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ECSTATIC BEGINNING

Rohit Sreedhar Priyanka Wadhwa

VESIT welcomed on board yet another batch of budding engineers with its magnificent PRARAMBH '15. Prarambh is the fresher's Party organized by the cultural council. The event aims at synergizing the FE's, by bonding them together with teamwork and creativity. On the set date, 26th August '15 the amphitheater began to reverberate with vibes of enthusiasm.

The Freshers entered the Amphitheatre, dressed in apparels that bore the shades of the colour codes given to their respective divisions. Living up to theme **'Battle of empires'** the FEs crafted interesting and intricate posters and collages. Following the customary inauguration by our authorities, was the innovation round wherein they projected their creative skills in different forms of art. The event began with the music performances by the FEs, where one student from every division performed. It was indeed a tour de force of talent and creativity. **'Prarambh'**, being the very first event for the first year students, is a very important platform for their talent to get recognized. The innovative round wherein the students mixed songs and music was amazing said Prof. Vivek Umrikar.

PRARAMBH'15 was the outcome of the perfect coordination and efficient management by the Cultural Council. The concept of fillers and lunch ensured that there was no chaos. As one section of the FEs enjoyed their scrumptious meal, the rest were wholly entertained with intriguing games and quizzes. Post lunch saw scintillating dance performances by the FEs. The senior dance team also gave a glimpse of their incredible talent and all along our hosts managed to captivate the audience with their anchoring skills. "Overall, it was a well-organized event, showcasing new talent and the innovative minds of the FEs." Said Prof. Vrinda Khadilkar, the HOD of the Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences.



The Personality round saw some amazing display of talents with Mohit Bhatiya from FE4 and Garima from FE8 clinching the titles of Mr. and Miss. Fresher. Leaving all the divisions behind, to reign over the insignia of the Best Class of the year was FE2 while FE4 won the prize for the Best Poster. Chinmay Warang from FE7 was declared the winner of the Innovation Round. The DJ put an end to the wait in the Amphitheater, as everyone danced to their hearts' content while the scintillating music played on! PRARAMBH '15 ended on this very note, leaving the First Years with joyous experience, new friends and memories for a lifetime!

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Prof. Vrinda Khadilkar

Upcoming Events

- ▶ Octaves '15
- ▶ Illusions '16
- ▶ Utsav '16



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SHUBH ARAMBH: A NEW CHAPTER

Neha Menon

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Prarambh is the annual traditional festival held at VESIT to welcome the new entrants into the family. Like every year, the seniors of MCA went all out to welcome its newest members to the MCA family with open arms. Prarambh '15 commenced with the traditional lighting of a lamp by the HOD of MCA department Prof. Nishi Tiku. The students sang numerous melodies and played instrumental songs which enraptured the audience. The extremely talented singers and musicians of VESIT included Omkar, Ameya, Mithilesh, Bhaskar, Ritu, Snehal, Achilles, JD, Minaj, Amit, Jubin and Heena proved to be incredible hosts and managed to keep the spectators captivated throughout the event. 'Angels and Demons' was the theme of the event, with the freshers dressed in red, black or white to denote their portrayals of angels and demons. There were various dance performances by both the seniors as well the first years. The Mime act performed by the first year morning shift students was an instant favourite among the crowd. Various spot games were infused in between the performances which garnered an encore. DUBSMASH, Spy games and many more of the kind were included to keep the audience engaged. The members of the Student council who were responsible for the success of the evening were introduced to the audience by their President, Hitesh Patil. The attendees were all treated with a delicious meal. This was followed by the most awaited event of the day, the battle for Mr. and Ms. Fresher. In this segment, the participants were evaluated on the basis of a ramp walk and talent round, by the judges Khalid Shaikh, Hina Safi and Rajan Kasbe. Lokesh Parihar was declared as Mr. Fresher and Preeti Ramesh was crowned Miss Fresher. The event concluded with the VESIT chant. Chairs packed, bags stowed away and hearts raced in anticipation of the DJ.



Nonetheless, the highlight of the day was definitely the 'Baby Doll' performance, by the Achilles who was last year's Mr. Fresher. His performance left the audience screaming 'encore'. In conclusion, the event was fabulous, with the fresher's beginning their academic career with an evening to remember!



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THE PERFECT PLAYLIST

Rohit Sreedhar Neekita Salvankar

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VESIT's new music council has sprung into action and the slew of music events for the year kick started with 'Bliss-The Absolute Playlist'. The event marked the debut and introduction to the music council for the year 2015-16. Elected by the student council unanimously, Kinjal Chavda, presided over as the secretary, with Aishwarya, Apoorva, Aditya, Sanket, Ramnathan, Raghav, Manjiri, Viraj and Abhishek forming the talented troupe of senior and junior deputy secretaries. The council promised wholesome music from the finest talents of the college during its presiding year.

At the stroke of three, the auditorium began to reverberate with excitement and enthusiasm, as the students piled in with keen eagerness. Shivkumar Krishnamurthy and Vedant Choudhry played the perfect hosts. The event commenced with the divine Saraswati vandana by Vignesh Ramakrishnan and Aditya Mekha followed by Raghav Jhavar's heartfelt tribute to Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. It was followed by Ramnathan Iyer and Apoorva's beautiful performance on 'O Rangrez' as they matched up to Javed Bashir and Shreya Ghoshal's impeccable vocals. Nikita Poojari and Mohit Jabshetty then crooned the passionate 'Harjaiyaan'. Next in row, was Mann Mera by Viraj Bapat, Manjiri Bhat, Aishwarya Dhage, Mohit Jabshetty, Sanket Samant, Rohit Garg and Ritesh Malaney followed by My Heart is Broken by Manjiri Bhat, which only added to further delight! Krishna Munshi, Arundhati Chakraborty, Shivkumar Krishnamurthy and Ritesh Malaney filled the atmosphere with serenity as they hummed the subtle words of 'Mast Magan' followed by a melodic mashup by Viraj Bapat.

The audience entered into a state of euphoria as they tapped their foot to Sumeet Menon's electrifying performance on 'Teri Meri Kahaani' and 'Watch Over You', 'Epithet' by Ishaan Malhi, Ritesh Malaney, Aditya Wakade and Rajat Gupta's 'Hope Leaves'. Some of the other funky performances were 'Rain Dance Maggie', 'Zombie' with Kinjal Chavda and 'Hey Jude' by Shantanu Mulay.

"We tried to incorporate all genres of music. The crowd was really awesome. I have never seen such a huge participation from the Fes," said an ecstatic Kinjal Chavda as the crowd reverted with enthusiasm to the mélange of music. Said Prof. Vivek Umrikar, "The inclusion of Cultural music alongside western symphonies was exceptionally delightful."

The Music Council has definitely struck the right chord with this year's Bliss, leaving the VESITians guessing what further magic the council has in store for them. Their very next offering will be the magnum opus 'OCTAVES 15' in October, which would bring together the entire VESIT to create a Firework of sublime music. So stay tuned to catch all the exciting music, events, workshops and get set to hit the right notes !



EX Music Secretary Sumeet Menon Performing during Bliss'15.



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The month of August is usually marked in the calendars of all VESITians as the month of Praxis! Praxis is the annual inter-collegiate technical festival of VES Institute of Technology. Praxis 2015 was held on the 6th and 7th of August this year - two days of amazing fun and entertainment! This year saw the 13th edition of Praxis, and it went on to record the highest turnout of all time!

Praxis consists of various technically oriented competitions like Robotics, Gamers Arena (LAN Gaming), Dalal Street (Stock Market Simulation), Open Hardware and Open Software competitions and technical paper presentations. It also organizes fun events like the Treasure Hunt and Crystal Maze. Praxis-VESIT has also its own annual magazine called "Mind space".

The tagline for Praxis is "From Theory to Practice" and that is indeed, what we as engineers continually strive to achieve. The theme for this year's edition was "Entertainment Technology", and certainly techno-entertainment was catered for all.

Praxis'15 had a number of attractive events. Some of them were **Robotics** (It being one the chief attractions of Praxis, brought in a lot of excitement), **Age of Extinction: Warzone** (It saw the use of active weapons in robo wars), **Robo Soccer** (It had some interesting football streaks with the robots), **Pump it Up** (which set the pulse racing), **Autobot: Follow the Track** (the bots trace its way through the mazes), **Third Eye** and **The Poseidon**. Electronics Events: **Live wire** and **Circuit Work it** had participants brainstorming some basic circuit ideas. There were also some Computer and Web based Events where the participants of C link showed some awesome coding skills. **Cross Connect** and **Weave the web** gave us some promising web developers. In the Mechanical Event, **Bridge the Gap** was a game testing the bridge building concepts of participants, using just glue and Popsicle sticks. **Egg Drop**, the usual favorite had the people trying their best to save the eggs from wreckage. In LAN and Console Gaming, there were **FIFA11**, **FIFA15**, **NFS - Most Wanted** and **Roadrash**, which was exclusively for the girls! Not to leave out the romantics, the old-scholars and the loyalists, there was Counter Strike had the people get their skills on perfect shots with computers and consoles. **All Mumbai Treasure Hunt**: This was one of the most eagerly anticipated outdoor events with the winners taking away cash prizes of Rs.20,000! People in teams of five set out to tour Mumbai in the quest of clues.



In Technical and Logic Based Events: There were technical and logic quiz called **Techtrix** and **Brainwave** respectively, with gripping and exciting rules and rounds. There was also a Technical Paper Presentation competition. Photography based Events had **Snap That** and **Film It**. It gauged the picture taking and video recording skills respectively of all the buffs, wherein they have to cover Praxis in all of its grandeur and glory! Light Graffiti and Into The Dark involved playing with light and with shadows. **Crystal Maze** saw the initial rounds of mini games culminate into a huge final maze! **The Executive Suite**, a mock placement event where participants were required to compete across a series of debates, group discussions, meetings and interviews. **Dalal Street**: This event was based on the dynamics of the share market. Pre-decided amount of virtual money is given to each team. They had to invest and trade their shares wisely in a live emulation of the stock market. Sports lovers had **Rink Football**. This event received a very high amount of participation from all over Mumbai with the best footballing talent assembling to display their passion for 'the beautiful game'.



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The Pre-Praxis Events:

The fun-filled carnival event **Pre Praxis Mela** was a massive event among students. **Tell a tale** had the participants making a short still video with minimal props and accompanying soundtrack sans human actions, **Contraption**: displayed some awesome skills to create a Rube-Goldberg machine. **Case Closed**: the mind boggling new event was based on investigating a criminal case. Participants were given a background story by which they had to crack the case. **Spectrum**: This included many events like Table Tennis, Golf, and Football; in a dark room with just neon lights for an out of the world experience. **Online Treasure Hunt**: It was a virtual overnight hunt which would leave even Google pulling its hair!

Division of duties and responsibilities:

The Praxis Publicity team informs all colleges about every event and brings in loads of participation. The Sponsorship team brings great funding due to which enables Praxis to constantly get bigger and better. The Praxis website and mobile application which stands as the chief source of information about the fest is managed by the TAC (Technical Assistance Committee). They also cater to all technical needs of the fest. The Aesthetics team makes all the posters that decorate the VESIT to make it look grander. Praxis is famous for the LAN games which are conducted by the LAN Gaming Team. All the robotics events are planned, managed and executed entirely by the Robotics teams, right down building the tracks and arenas. They also hold workshops on different levels of Robotics. 'Resources', the most vital arm of Praxis team, cater to the resource requirements of all the events and ensure everything that may be needed is available on time. All the events are scheduled and managed by the Organization team; they collaborate with all other teams and ensure healthy cooperative working everywhere. They organize and oversee Praxis from the beginning to the end.

Thus Praxis remains the majestic fest of VESIT bringing in new excitement and surprises with each coming year!





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A PIONEER'S NOTE

Bhavika Motwani

The Council Members of Vesit Literature (VESLit) and Training and Placement Officer (TPO) recently joined forces to present a Lecture on Leadership by Mr. Antony Parokaran, on Saturday, 26th September, 2015, in the college auditorium at 2.00 pm. Prof. Nagananda and Prof. Pooja Kundu felicitated Mr. Antony Parokaran with a bouquet of flowers and a memento while Prof. Geeta Ajit introduced him to the audience.

The speaker, Mr. Antony Parokaran, is the CEO of Schindler India Private Limited. This company is widely known all over the world for its escalators and elevators. At the time when Mr. Parokaran took over as the CEO of Schindler, the company was placed fourth in the market position. In a span of just four years, he was able to steer his company from the fourth position to being the leading company in the market. Schindler India is now associated with many iconic projects like the T2 terminal at the Mumbai International Airport and also the Mumbai Metro. Under Mr. Parokaran's leadership the company has also begun its geographical expansion in our country.

Mr. Parokaran spoke to the TE students of all departments. The highlight of the seminar was the success mantra shared by Mr. Parokaran with the students, which was Teamwork + Leadership + Ethics = Success. He went on to explain each of these points by connecting them with anecdotes from his life.

According to him, the first step to success is 'Teamwork'. In his words "A team performer is better than an Individual performer". He also added that "It's smarter to work in groups". He explained it further with audio-visuals. He also recounted his personal life experience on how he managed his professional workload and management studies with the help of his two friends and his contribution towards the group and its success



"To be a future leader you need to SHINE" said Mr. Parokaran. Elaborating the word SHINE as S-"Strategy", H-"Ability to take Hard decisions", I-"Innovative", N-"Nurture core Companies", E-"Embrace Change", he went on to explain each one of them in great detail relating his principles on it. Stressing on the topic of "Ethics", he said that it is the most important guideline for any company. Presenting the statistics of 2014 worldwide corrupt countries, he remarked how shameful it is for us to be listed as 38 in line of the most corrupt countries. He entreated to the students to work towards correcting that image of our country. He also listed out a few simple rules for a company to get going. "In order to succeed, you don't wait for time you put the plan in action" said Mr. Parokaran. He also added that "Obstacles are those things you see when you take your eyes off" giving the example of the growth of Walt Disney. The seminar concluded with Mr. Parokaran patiently answering all the questions addressed to him by the students. Finally, Dr. Sushil Dhulhar gave the vote of thanks, which drew the program to a close. Indeed, the students left the auditorium much more enlightened than ever before!



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Vaishnavi Sambrekar

Manisha Bahrani

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Since its inception in 1967, The Indian Society for Technical Education strives to provide an all-round development in all the spheres of Engineering and its associated branches. ISTE was formed by the amalgamation of four different societies namely SFE, SFMC, ASSET and DEBSOC and has since earned a prodigious reputation in the field of Technical Education. The VESIT chapter of ISTE was instituted in the year 2008 and since then, it has been a pioneer in the task of introducing novel events which are a balanced blend of technical and non-technical concepts. It provides a fantastic opportunity to all its members to showcase their inherent talents and also serves as a training ground to cultivate overall personality development and professional skills. The initial round of selection for the SE council of ISTE 2015-16 is carried out by the TE council, wherein they conduct personal interview and group discussion. Later, the BE Council conducts the final interview of the shortlisted candidates. The overall process, which took a week, proved to be a stepping stone towards professionalism for the applying candidates. Accordingly, selection of the candidates for the TE council were conducted by the BE council. ISTE VESIT's very first event began with group discussion on 9th September exclusively for the third year members. Jay Anjankar from D11B bagged the first position after going through a gruelling three rounds. Now Let us all see what else hides in the ISTE's Pandora box!



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Top row

Ajit Krishnamoorthy, Punit Kulal, Gaurav Mahajan, Ganesh Godamgave, Akshay Mane, Himanshu Kumar, Riddhi Karkera, Dipika Jiandani, Anu Singhal, Swastika Thakur, Kiran Solapure, Anjali Jaisinghani, Sunny Gawas, Nikhil Vatwani, Danish Patel, Hashmeet Chaudhary, Harivenkatesh. M, Hitendra Mhatre

Middle Row

Vineet Karkhanis, Sandeep Yadav, Ankit Methwani, Sailesh Panjwani, Sunny Ramrakhiani, Benita Jeyakumar, Roshni Loya, Amala Deshpande, Snigdha Bhattacharjee, Jayesh Ahuja, Omkar Patil, Sanket Agarwal, Pawan Gehaney, Prathamesh Parab, Ashish Ailani, Yash Ahuja, Mervyn Fernandes.

Bottom Row

Meet Gidwani, Atishay Aggarwal, Arundhati Swami, Nikhil Jhurani, Kalindi Deshmukh, Anand Bhagwani, Praveen Subramanya.



Group Discussion Event for T.E. Students

Upcoming Events

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- ▶ Around the World
- ▶ Soft-o-pedia
- ▶ Eagle Workshop



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Padmaja Kalle

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Amidst the cluster of cultural activities like Prarambh, Bliss, Praxis and others, there is a great buzz among VESITians to enrol in various technical societies, which basically dominate the co-curricular aspect of the college. The Computer Society of India proves to be a leading association among the societies in VESIT.

The Computer Society of India was formed in 1965, by Mr. H.R. Mohan and handful of people, in Mumbai, to organize all the activities in the IT sector. It is now leading not only in the field of Computer Science but also in other fields like Robotics, Mobile Application development, etc. The VESIT CSI council is under the guidance of our staff members: Mrs. Charusheela Nehete, Mrs. Mona Deshmukh and Mr. Prashant Kanade. The VESIT CSI council is led by Ms. Sneha Binani (Chairperson) and Ms. Deepika Khatri (Co- Chairperson). The annual recruitment of the CSI council is done through group discussions and interviews which in turn, helps the students to face the professional aspect of the council.

This year, the CSI, kicked off their annual list of events with '*The Hidden Cipher*'. As the name suggests, the event was all about various intriguing exercises held for the participants to put their heads together in order to solve ciphers and enhance their cryptographic skills. It is always exciting to see bright minds at work! But what made the event stand out and a runaway success was the distinct codes. There were Pictograms, Ambigrams, Anagrams, ASCII Codes, Tap Codes, Pigpen Ciphers, Caesar Cipher, Morse Code and many more.

Out of the total 98 teams that participated, on 9th September, 2015, 20 teams were shortlisted for the second and the final round, along with a backup of 16 more teams. In the end, three teams emerged victorious to face the challenges which were held on 10th September. D6A led the winner's list bagging two of the three winning positions. Murtaza Baj, Nikhil Prabhu and Shruti Shetty of D6A won the first place. The second place was captured by Achyut Dave, Rohan Pawar and Rohit Garg, again of class D6A and the third position was claimed by Raj Ramchandani, Siddhesh Mirjankar and Sooraj Holla from D10.

The event proved to be a very successful one as the challengers got a chance to unleash their inner Robert Langdons' and the winners got to make their way to the annual symposium, '*Cynosure*'.

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Saurabh Jadhav, Pavan Sakhare, Sumeet Shahani, Ameya Parab, Narayan Mundhara, Laukik Gaikwad, Utkarsh Sood, Aditya Subramanian, Titeeksha Sathe, Simran Wig, Hanisha Jamtani, Prarthana Shah, Aditya Krishnan, Pranay Mahaldar, Shantanu Shende, Anirudh Madhavan, Yash Madhavani, Pavan Chhatpar, Yash Chetnani, Jayesh Saita.

Middle Row:

Arjun Bajpai, Kriti Anant, Shree Kulkarni, Ayushi Gaur, Dhara Doshi, Ishan Wagle, Prashant Brahme, Karan Patel, Vibha Bhagwat, Anurag Gangal, Paras Singh, Sindhuri Pallapothu, Meghna Mohan, Vicky Melwani, Piyush Mantri, Kevin Maru, Chirag Makhija.

Bottom Row:

Sai Ramireddy, Prathik Shetty, Kavin Desai, Rohit Mandrekar, Deepika Khatri, Sneha Binani, Mrs. Mona Deshmukh, Mrs. Charusheela Nehete, Krishna Munshi, Susmita Patarkar, Preksha Goyal, Kaustubh Deshpande, Richard Noronha.



Upcoming Events

- ▶ Virtual Stock Market
- ▶ Wordpress Workshop
- ▶ Article writing
- ▶ Ethical Hacking workshop



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SoRT VESIT

Nihal Nathani

SoRT- The Social Responsibility Team of VESIT, earlier functional only during PRAXIS, is now set up as an independent unit in the student council and has done a tremendous job during this festive season. This was the third year of SoRT and the work done was remarkable! The team of dedicated students worked diligently to enforce innovative ideas for this year's SoRT week. Held in the last week of August, the SoRT week held the **Golden Badge**, which includes a series of events which provide a productive usage of various items and handicrafts. The NGO's which played a major role for the contribution were Vivekanand Youth Foundation (VYF), National Society for Equal Opportunities for Handicapped (NASEOH), Balanand Foundation, RUR (Are you Reducing, Reusing, Recycling), Self Esteemed Foundation and Jagruti Foundation. Food being an attractive option to college students many NGOs sold their in-house chocolates which was consumed lusciously by all students. The week's aim was to spread awareness and sow the seed of social responsibility, among youth. What more can define the success of a noble cause than the huge count of donors who contributed to this year's blood donation camp! The awareness of donating a life with bone marrow to the needy was the cherry on the cake to SoRT week. The week ended up on the keynote of collections and donations such as newspapers, E-waste, used clothes, etc. which in turn achieved the motto: **"BE THE WINGS, THE WORLD NEEDS"**. Thus, with the Golden Badge, SoRT was able to efficaciously find a place for itself in the VESIT calendar!



ISA COUNCIL 2015-2016

Pankaja Pawar

The International Society of Automation, commonly known by its abbreviation ISA, is one of the foremost professional organizations in the world for setting standards and educating industry professionals in automation. Instrumentation and automation are some of the key technologies involved in nearly all industrialized manufacturing. ISA remains the oldest society as it was officially established as the Instrument Society of America on 28 April 1945, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. ISA publishes and distributes books which offer thorough coverage of the world of automation.

The ISA student chapter of VESIT is under the guidance of staff incharges Prof. Kadambari Gupta, Prof. Deepti Khimani. It is led by the council head, Ms. Tina Bagga. The candidates had to write their Statement of Purpose based on a given format, which was then, followed by interviews. The ISA council 2015-16 conducted their very first event **PCB Workshop** on 14th September '15. This workshop was held exclusively for the SE members and witnessed a participation of 48 students. The students learnt to use Eagle software and designed a PCB board under the guidance of Mr. N. Gopalkrishnan, of the Instrumentation Department. The workshop proved to be success as it enabled students to build circuits using Eagle software which is useful for mini-projects. The upcoming event of ISA includes Junkyard Wars, which tests the creative skills of the students as they have to make the best out of waste.



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The VESIT Entrepreneurship cell, tVEC, is a student body dedicated to promoting the spirit of entrepreneurship among VESITians. Since its inception last year, the e-cell has been host to a variety of entrepreneurial and educational events. This year, the e-cell is a part of the student council. The council, under the guidance of Prof. Asha Bharambe and Prof. Gopalkrishnan, is a nine member team headed by Chirag Dixit(D12B) as the Secretary.



Left to Right

Vaibhav Goyal, Niyati Shriyan, Shyam Nair, Asad Shaikh, Chirag Dixit, Mrs. Asha Bharambe(Faculty in-charge), Neha Mundra, Neha Sumaney, Shrutika Jambhale, Tejveer Goraya

Faculty in-charge: Mr. Gopalkrishnan (not in picture)

EVOLVE- the first event by tVEC: The inaugural event of newly elected Entrepreneurship Cell council was **EVOLVE**, a talk on entrepreneurship awareness. The event was held on 21 August, on the occasion of Global Entrepreneur's Day. In an auditorium packed with students and faculty, the guest speakers, founders of Fortune4 Technologies, gave us an insight into what it takes to transform an idea into an innovation. It was a proud moment for us VESITians to have our esteemed alumni- Mr. Ninad Thakre, Mr. Santosh Rathod and Mr. Sameer Mhatre, co-founders and managing partners at Fortune4, as the speakers. The 4th speaker, Mr. Krishna Murthy is the Director(Business Head) and Managing Partner at Inkswipe Consulting LLP. The hour long talk and open discussion threw light on the challenges faced in developing a business from ground up and how to overcome them. Shivam Upadhyay(D15) found the event quite enlightening: "The event was well managed and surely did encourage budding entrepreneurs by giving them the conviction needed to take risks, calculated or not", he said. **E-Jack- Jack of all trades:** The first mega event of the newly incubated VESIT Entrepreneurship cell, or the e-cell, kicked off on the 24th and 25th of August, 2015 with a whooping response of eighty-four participants, divided into teams of four each. Named E-Jack, the event serves as a platform for budding entrepreneurs to pitch their ideas to a jury to emerge as the winner. There was also a runner-up prize, for those who came in second. **Switch Case- Untangle the Tangled:** The first round of this event took place on the 15th of September. eighty-one eager participants filled the Amphitheatre and were given a problem statement to which they had to provide an optimum and efficient solution in just 20 minutes. Only twelve were shortlisted on the basis of content innovation and scope of their solution. In the second round, they were assessed by a befitting jury and were asked quite intimidating and challenging questions by their competitors. Ultimately after two debilitating rounds, Neha Bhagchandani (D12B), Yogesh Makhija (D12B) and Ajay Bhagchandani(D12A) were awarded with the first, second and third place respectively. Along with a certificate of merit, they have acquired a direct entry into the much-awaited Internship Mela to be held next month.



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"Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached!" – Swami Vivekananda Holding this vision, VESIT was founded in 1984 and has had a glorious journey ever since. It believes in educating the minds of its students by according them the power of knowledge and all round development of their personalities. With a vibrant ambience and students bestowed with appreciable talent, VESIT provides its pupils with numerous opportunities to showcase their endowment. All through the year, the college abounds in events and activities. It is truly very difficult for any one person to know about all the events happening in the college. It is with this vision in mind that 'VESIT Connect' was initiated, the very first newsletter of our college. It aims not only at connecting the dots and keeping everyone informed about the various activities and events at VESIT, but also to provide a platform for all the VESITians to be recognized in their field of personal talent and achievements. In other words, VESIT Connect intends to give a panoramic view of life at VESIT, to all VESITians, in each of its issues. From sports (indoor and outdoor Sphurti) to cultural events (Prarambh, Utsav, Illusion, etc.), music events, E-cell, society activities and our very own technical fest – Praxis; we cover it all. Furthermore, students' achievements (placement and personal), success stories of our alumni, inspirational quotes, academic tips and advice from seniors/faculty and interviews (teaching and non-teaching staff and alumni); in memorial and leave taking (retirement) will also be incorporated. VESIT Connect is also a platform for the VESITians to showcase their creative side – be it poems, short stories, travelogue, drawings or photographs – we shall publish it here!

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GOLDEN SERVICE

Nihal Nathani



Mr Dattatray B. Chorghu, fondly known as 'Baba' around the VESIT campus, is not merely a non-teaching staff but an integral part of VESIT and has been so, since its inception. He joined this institute in the year 1985, and over the years, he has seen VESIT's journey through different phases, right from initial years to the huge institute it has become today! He has seen more than 21000 students passing out from this college and given a choice, he would continue his services to see 21000 more pass out! He continues to prove his loyalty to this day, by working with the same zeal and enthusiasm with which he started off, 30 years ago. At the age of 67, he is one of the oldest and senior most member of the VESIT fraternity.

We also interacted with a few people who have known Baba for quite a long time and for whom, Baba is an indispensable part of VESIT. "I have known him (Baba) for the past five years. He is very hard-working, punctual and sincere", said Prof. Kavita Tiwari (Head of Electronics department). Says Ms. Asmita, the lab assistant, who works in the Electronics dept., "He is very friendly and works with complete dedication to his work. He is earnest, honest and very helpful."

To commemorate the services of this notable member of the VESIT family, and to uphold the immense veneration we have for the services provided by him, we sought to have an interview with him in our inaugural issue. At first he was reluctant to talk saying he was only doing his duty. In his humble opinion, he was not doing anything special! However, after a lot of cajoling and persuasion, he finally relented and agreed to give the interview. Here is the excerpt from a short and candid interview with Baba:

Q1) Baba tell us something about yourself and your family.

Baba: My full name is Dattatray B. Chorghu. I come from a small village called Nandgaon in Murud taluka. I'm primarily a farmer and before joining VESIT, I was into agricultural farming. I have two sons and a daughter and am also a proud grandfather to three grandsons.

Q2) Can tell us about your educational background?

Baba: I have passed SSC and studied till 11th Standard.

Q3) What is your domain of work here at VESIT?

Baba: My job deals with managing all the resources of the college, particularly of the Electronics department.

Q4) Any friends here at VESIT you want to tell us about?

Baba: Yes, I have many friends here whom I have befriended over the years but my special friends are Sharad, Dhaneshwar and B.M Wadkar.

Q5) So Baba, you are 67 years old, how come you are still working?

Baba: As a matter of fact I retired 9 years ago, back in 2006. But I wanted to continue working. So I applied to the trustees for an extension of term and they readily granted it to me. Every year, since then, I apply for the same and they grant me an extension. This is the reason why I continue to work at VESIT, be a part of VESIT, even 9 years after my retirement.

We wish Baba continue his journey with us for many more years to come...



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CELEBRATING TEACHER'S DAY AT VESIT

Geeta Ajit

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The 2015 Teacher's Day celebration for the VESIT teachers, was held in the auditorium on 5 September, to commemorate the birthday of our late President, Dr. Radhakrishnan. It was a day when the VESIT teachers' could relax and be entertained, while the final year students stepped into their shoes and conducted their lectures for all branches in the college. The program which began at 10:30 am went on to be celebrated with much verve for almost four hours! The celebration began with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the Vice-Principal, Dr. M. Vijaylakshmi, the guest-of-honour, Mr. R. Vanamali, Director in Strategic Business Development; and the guest speaker, Ms. Girija Deshpande, a trainer, facilitator, HR Consultant and the proprietor of DG Consulting. After the preliminary welcome accorded to the guests, Ms. Girija Deshpande took stage and addressed the audience. She began on a very humble note and went on to narrate her experiences with her school and college teachers and the lessons she had learnt, from each one of them. Her stories struck chord with all the teachers present as each one of them, went down memory lane, remembering their favourite teachers and reminiscing the memorable times spent with them. As she addressed the teachers, Ms. Girija went on to highlight the important points required to be remembered by each teacher, as they go about their lives imparting and facilitating knowledge to the students. Firstly, it is important that each teacher be able to prioritize the matters in their lives. This fact enables them to become less stressful and become more organized. The second point she stressed upon, was the need to present a pleasant frontier to the public. This, she said was required to keep the din and inner turmoil of the teacher's private life at bay, and ensure a peaceful presence around students. The third point she emphasized upon, was the need for all teachers to continue sharpening and honing their skills at all times. It is important that a teacher keeps abreast with the progress made in their respective field or they will soon find themselves outdate in their area of expertise. Every college pays tributes to the years of service put in by their teachers and here at VESIT, this tradition is followed very earnestly. This year, it was time to commemorate Dr. C.D. Rawat from the Department of Electronics and Telecommunication, who had completed twenty years of service in this institute. Prof. Abhay from ETRX Department, went on to introduce Dr. Rawat to the audience; especially the little known facts about him; like his great sense of humour, his in depth knowledge in financial investment and also on how deeply he cares for those around him. Dr. Rawat was given a token of appreciation by the Vice-Principal, on behalf of the management.



There were also a few surprises for the teachers in store. The VESIT teachers were introduced to the newly formed Renaissance Cell, which comprised of faculty from the middle management. The Vice-principal explained the need to reduce the work pressure on the senior management which resulted in the creation of this new cell. The new cell proposes to start off a number of new ventures like the Faculty Home Page, V. Guru Magazine, Query Hub, Alumni +, Brain Catchers and a few more, which are still in its nascent stage.

After that, came the games where the teachers let down their hair and joined in gleefully. The tasty box of snacks added to the appetite of indulgence and gratification, especially so, as they were away from the prying eyes of students! So they rejoiced and revelled to their heart's content! "We got a chance to communicate with each other. Though we all work in the same institution, we rarely get a chance to interact with the other members. With the senior B.E. students taking over our lectures for the day, we felt lightened and free to enjoy the occasion," said Anjali Yeole from CMPN Department. The 2015 Teacher's Day celebration was indeed a memorable day for the teachers!



Dr. C.D. Rawat



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Neekita Salvankar Vaishnavi Sambrekar

Dhairya Pujara (27) is the Founder CEO at Ycenter - a Higher Education Social Innovation enterprise based out of Philadelphia. Through Ycenter, Dhairya has created community centred projects in Mozambique, Africa and India. He received his bachelor's degree in Instrumentation Engineering from VESIT in 2010. He received his Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering from Drexel University in 2012. Dhairya is a "Global Shaper" chosen by World Economic Forum's Philadelphia Hub Community. He has been a global TEDx organizer and a public speaker on entrepreneurship and international development. He has given talks from Wharton Business School to TEDx to Indian B Schools to Conferences in South Korea and Switzerland, covering four continents. In 2015, the American Immigration granted him an approval for special category work visa reserved for "an individual of extraordinary abilities". Dhairya is penning down his journey so far in the form of an upcoming book - Dream or Job.

Below are the excerpts from an interview with him:

How would you describe your days at VESIT? / What were your two most memorable moments at VESIT?

I joined VESIT in 2006 Instrumentation. I was elected the CR of my class and I knew this was a perfect start with eventually getting inside college council in subsequent years. However, my unsatisfactory performance in first year of engineering made me rethink about how I should plan my college life. The first year was very difficult for me because I was exposed to a lot of new things and I wasn't necessarily prepared to handle them. And that's the case with many students who under perform in Year 1 and some of them do not come back strongly until 3rd year, when they finally realize its time to get serious about careers – placements or higher studies. My days were something like that. My first best memory was to launch my own start-up company in 3rd year with two of my best friends Aashish and Nitin. My second best moment was to find my life partner, ideally I should put this first but then my friends would certainly kill me.



How did the time spent at VESIT help you in the initial years of your career?

Like many other VESIT engineers, I learnt how to manage my time wisely and how to meet my deadlines, just before they were about to expire.

It is said that there still exists a huge gap between the curriculum and the industry requirements. In your opinion, what can be done to bridge the gap?

I couldn't agree more. One of the obvious and best solutions is to have a nationwide systemic change in our curriculum. Considering the fact that, India is producing more engineers than anyone else in the world, we need to radically shift from quantity to think about the quality of these engineers. The most immediate way to mitigate this is to have students do internships at the end of 2nd year and every semester break thereafter. I believe subjects like financial literacy are very important and an engineer should be exposed to them as well in college life. We need more diversity in our subjects and more elective options.

How much importance should a student give to co-curricular activities?

I am not trying to give a cliched boring answer but the answer is exactly what you think it should be – balanced attention to co-curricular and academics. The simple logic is that the value of being good at only either one of them is not helpful. One can argue that giving more importance to academics can be helpful for placement, my counter to that argument is that for succeeding in a professional workplace environment, your inter-personal and social skills are going to take you much further.

How did the idea Ycenter inception in your mind?

Ycenter is a higher education social innovation enterprise. It goes back to the question, you asked earlier about the gap between curriculum and real world being huge. And because of this we face so many challenges in our society today and our youth is not able to deal with them. A beautiful quote by a modern philosopher in the field of education – John Dewey said it most accurately – "If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday's, we rob them of tomorrow." And that's precisely why I founded Ycenter. I give college students a real world experience by making them work on real world projects that solve challenges in our communities and prepare them for the future.

Can you mention the quotes that inspire you?

Imagination is more important than knowledge - Einstein
Entrepreneurship is liking jumping off the cliff and assembling a plane on the way down - Reid Hoffman
Entrepreneurs do not have Dream Jobs. We have a Dream or a Job. I chose the Dream. - I came up with this quote few years ago. Now I am writing a book based on this, it's called - Dream or Job.



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**What were the two most difficult challenges you faced in your career?
How did you deal with it?**

The most difficult challenge for me was to cope with my internal fear of what others would think. Also since I was thousands of miles away from home, when I started my career as an entrepreneur building Ycenter, I had minimal emotional support and dealt with a lot of unknowns. The best way to deal with it was to talk about it to someone closer to you, to share your vulnerability and be very open about your weaknesses as opposed to hiding them. Also since a lot of my work is based out in Mozambique, Africa, where the national language is Portuguese, I faced challenge with my communication skills. Learning foreign language while in college should be a priority for anyone who wants to work globally.

Books every aspiring entrepreneur should read according to you.

Dr.Varghese Kurien's biography - I too had a dream

The Icarus Deception by Seth Godin

Dream or Job by Dhairya Pujara (coming soon)

If you had a chance to go back to your days at VESIT, what would you do differently?

would have focused more on practical aspects of learning. I would have tried to do more assignments myself (my friends reading this would laugh at me for this), so that I could have had a much clearer understanding of the fundamentals. One of the most important things I would have done, if I get to go back, is enjoyed a little more than I think I did. Even while in college, I was working on my start-up, worrying about GRE and many a times ditched my friends when they made plans. I think it's very important to enjoy those days, because eventually when you grow out of college system, things get too serious. I have to stop saying this now, because I am starting to feel old and I really am not.



One advice you would like to give the students of VESIT.

College days are the best days to create some amazing relationships that can stay for life. Focus on them. Academics matter to a certain point, but more focus has to be on learning outside the college and personal grooming. Do not be afraid of small failures like KT or do not get too excited about your high scores in exams either, the world outside is a different reality and have an open mind to deal with it. Do not complain about your college campus or compare it with others. The grass seems greener on the other side. And after all the value of any campus or place is what you make of it. So make the most of it. Learn a new language. Fail. Rise again. Share (not just on social media). Hike up. Try writing assignments yourself. Start a venture. Pick up an instrument to learn, it's never too late. Get involved in college politics and leave it if it gets too serious. Most importantly, ENJOY!



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REALISING DREAMS

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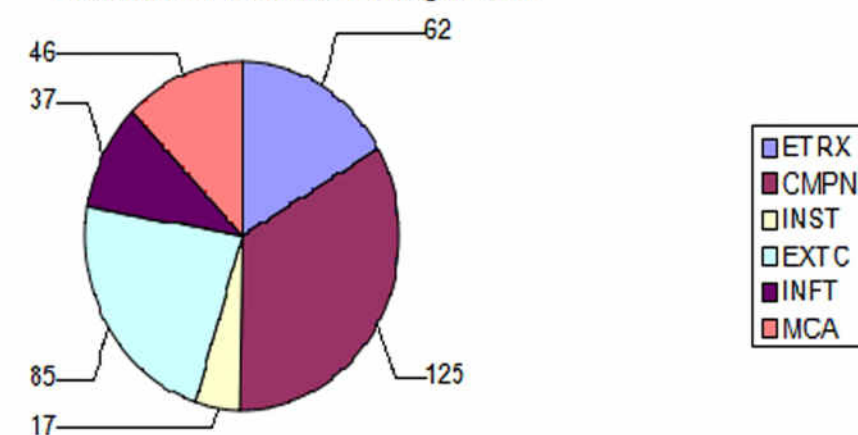
Indoor Sphurti

A great first job can lay the foundation for a rewarding career and we at VESIT, staunchly believe in it. The Training and Placement Cell of VESIT strives to enhance not only the employability skills but also the overall development of the student's personality. This year, the batch of 2015-16 found themselves preparing intensely, for the concourse of recruitment activities. Till date, 12 companies, comprising of core engineering, information technology, controls and finance domains have visited the college.

LIST OF RECRUITERS AS OF AUGUST 2015:

COMPANY	TOTAL SELECTED	Salary (Lac/Annum)
Nomura	9	8.4 / 25K(stipend)
General Mills	3	6.5/15K(stipend)
Diebold	5	7
JPMC	17	6.3
Petrofac	4	26.5K(stipend)
Aker Solutions	2	28K(stipend)
MAQ	6	5
ThyssenKrupp (UHDE)	2	4.1
Accenture	270	3.15
CapGemini	53	3.15
Black & Veatch	1	5.8
Morgan Stanley	NIL	13.5

Branchwise Placements for August 2015





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SPHURTI-THE VESIT KRIDA UTSAV

Salil Shahane

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VESIT has been organising the intra college sports event 'SPHURTI' for the past many years to give the young, budding sportsmen a platform to showcase their zeal in sports and to encourage and celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship. SPHURTI is broadly divided into two parts: Indoor SPHURTI, held in every odd semester and Outdoor SPHURTI, held in every even semester. For the Indoor SPHURTI students from different departments compete against each other through various different indoor games such as Table Tennis, Carrom, Chess, Darts and Box Cricket. The games are held in two disciplines: Team and Individual format. The winners are declared at the end of these gruelling and fierce knockout rounds. The winners' scores are added to their respective division scores which are cumulatively summed up at the end of the year to decide the triumphant division which is bestowed upon with the coveted college cup! The final scores include the total score of indoor SPHURTI, UTSAV (cultural fest) and the outdoor SPHURTI.

The indoor SPHURTI for this semester began in the month of August. All the vehement sports lovers registered with their respective class sports representatives to embark on this indefatigable journey. The event was inaugurated and the flag was waved off ! . Also, the prevalent 'JOKER' system was shrewdly used by the sports captains for each division. The Joker system is an added advantage to improve the total score. It allows every class to place a joker on a particular game at the start of the tournament. Once placed it cannot be changed to other game. If the team manages to achieve maximum number of points in the same game as on which the joker is placed, they get their points doubled else no bonus is given. So the team needs to place it wisely on their most valued asset.

After the month long battle and horn-lockings, the SPHURTI culminated on 21st of September and the winners were announced amidst lots of surprises and stunning results.

NAILING IT DOWN !

'Hitting the bull's eye' is the only mission that beckons the darters. The Arjuna legacy is sought after and the devout Eklavya is eventually crowned in this game. Darts is a game of concentration and steadiness. It is an immaculate example of a hand-eye-mind coordination. A firm hand holding the dart, solid and focussed eye contact with the target and a stable mind works wonders in this game.

The Game

The game of darts is played with meagre two equipments, a dartboard and darts. The dartboard is a circular plate divided into 20 radial sections. It also consists of three rings of different diameters. The dart hitting the outer ring fetches fewer points than the dart hitting the inner ring where the points get tripled in accordance with the radial strip score. The centre point is called the bull's eye and fetches maximum points of 50. The game is played in two disciplines, first in the form of a team and second in the form of individuals. Each team consists of 3 members and every member throws the dart in turns. The team that reaches the score of 301 points first, wins the game. Same follows for the individual event.

Darts in Sphurti

To encourage the budding darters of VESIT, Sphurti, organizes a darts competition in which 24 teams participate. Thus every year, VESIT through Sphurti endeavours to recognize the untapped, talented darters and provide them with a platform to showcase their flair and earn their respective divisions the much sought victory and the coveted trophy!

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