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QUOTE

"BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT
TO SEE IN THE WORLD"

- MAHATMA GANDHI



Words of appreciation from
Prof. KAVITA TIWARI

I would like to congratulate VESIT CONNECT on their third issue of this academic year. This newsletter is definitely helping our students to gain valuable information and is providing a basis for continual improvement. I am proud of the fact that we are responsive to the needs of our students' community.

I wish the team of VESIT CONNECT all the very best as they continue their wonderful work and I am sure that they will get an increasing reader base with every issue.

"Our duty is to encourage everyone in his struggle to live up to his own highest idea, and strive at the same time to make the ideal as near as possible to the Truth." - Swami Vivekananda

ANNUAL PTA MEETING

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The Annual Parent-Teacher Meeting was held on 17 October 2015 by all the five departments i.e. Instrumentation, Electronics, Computers, Electronics and Telecommunications and Information Technology, to acquaint the parents of third and fourth year students about the various facilities and activities held in the college.

The Heads of the Department spoke to the parents on various plans and programs of the college, focusing mainly on the lab facilities of the departments, Training and Placement activities in college, Industrial visits organized by the management and preparation for higher education. A presentation was given regarding the department hierarchy and functioning, followed by a tour of the laboratory. The upcoming industrial visit to Ahmedabad was also discussed. Parents were also asked to be wary of misleading advertisements about industrial visits propagated by private bodies insinuating to be officially organized by college. Parents were also briefed about the current year's placements. The meeting concluded with requests to parents for suggestions and feedback to improve the facilities and placements of institute.

THE FINAL CALL

SAHIL MEHTA
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The date, 26/11, is etched in the minds of every Indian forever. On that day, the terrorists attacked our city of Mumbai so brutally that the whole country was left reeling in shock for days in the aftermath. But along the clutter and chaos that ruled the roost at that time, there emerged stories of incredible courage and valour, of gallantry and nobility, of indomitable spirit and heroic efforts that preponderated and overshadowed the attempts of those who sought to destroy the spirit of humanity that has been the invincible glue that holds this country together at all times – past and present...

Here's a small tribute in the form of a poem to those many brave hearts who sacrificed their lives on that dreadful period of 3 days.

*That night when he received his final call,
Informed he was that someone has invaded to make his nation fall.
He stood up high with a sense of pride,
It was now his turn to return the motherland the deeds he took from her all his life.
He buckled up in that uniform, trying to show his wife that he's perfectly fine,
Who did not know this uniform would be the only thing to return in a few hours of time.
With that patriotic feeling up his sleeve,
He bid his daughter goodbye, who was certainly unaware that this would be his last leave.
He arrived there with the target in sight,
His colleagues didn't know that this would be his last fight.
He took many of the fired bullets up on his chest,
Tears in their eyes, the same colleagues put his body to rest.
Many brave hearts like him martyred themselves on that fateful night,
Fought bravely against the hatred that those invaders ignite,
Just to make sure we all wake up with this beautiful world in sight.*



VESIT VOICE

As we all bid adieu to this semester as well as the year 2015 in this coming month, VESIT Connect presents to you a fresh issue of its newsletter with all the current news and the recent happenings in VESIT that will elate you with happiness, give you the sense of satisfaction for the bygone year and increase your excitement for a great year ahead! This penultimate month saw lot of action in the realm of academics and also outside the academic ambit. The students had braced up for the grueling series of practical examinations and viva but at the same time some nail-biting football matches were played in the VPL (VESIT PREMIER LEAGUE) and also the auctioning of players for the VESIT CRICKET LEAGUE aka VCL was carried out. ILLUSIONS'16, the most anticipated cultural event of the year and the most popular among the students, began with the team formation and the respective team leaders being elected.

Music was taken up to another level, beyond the eighth note, by the Music council who hosted the musical extravaganza – Octaves'15. The MCA department, continuing with the good work, once again introduced their SPICE council for the present year. The SPICE initiative started by Ms. Nishi Tikku (H.O.D., MCA department) aims at all round development of students and to make them industry-ready! VESIT has a rich repertoire of Alumni who are always willing to give some valuable insights to the student and share their experiences. In this issue we bring to you two such alumni, one of whom is a recent pass out, Mr. Rahul Shah and other is Mr. Manmeet Singh, founder of TRUGGO.com and EventChum.com who have certainly managed to give some prized advices to the students. No education system can successfully function without the non-teaching staff, the pillars of the organization. In this issue, we revere the golden service of Mr. Suresh Kamble, a peon by profession but an equally priced asset to the institution who has relentlessly worked for the past 30 years with same exuberance throughout his service and continues to do so. It is a moral duty of every institution to provide the best of facilities to its students and also remain accountable to the students and their parents. The Annual Parent-Teacher Meeting was held on 17th October where the parents were briefed about the new facilities introduced in the college, the future plan of induction of new programs was discussed and other placement training activities were deliberated. The Hon. Governor of RBI, Dr. Raghuram Rajan, recently delivered a speech on tolerance and economic progress at the IIT Delhi convocation ceremony and it became the most debated speeches of the time. So VESIT connect came up with this competition to write an open letter to the Governor showing either their consent to the arguments laid down by him or questioning them. Eventually a successful debate is all about mutual tolerance.

This has been the prime endeavor of VESIT Connect to bring to its reader a delectable piece of authentic reporting of the on-going events in the institute. We hope to serve you with same integrity in the future as well. We wish all the readers a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!!

SALIL SHAHANE PADMAKJA KOLLE



The students of VESIT sincerely did their part by participating in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan by taking the brooms in hand and cleaning the Chembur railway station. This feat of theirs certainly caught the press' attention and Mid-Day newspaper published an article on 27th November (Page 11) praising their noble work.

5 POINTS MAKEOVER

Prof. SHOBHA KRISHNAN
HOD, EXTC

Dear students,

Hi all! After a very long and tiring semester ending with the mandatory exams, now is your 'own' time. Many of you must have dreamt about the time when you would be free of time tables, classes, assignments, tests etc. Some of you must have planned a few activities and prepared your own 'to do' lists. Here are five suggestions as to how you can use the semester break productively:

1. Internship

They look and sound very good on your resume but this needs to be planned much ahead. Most reputed firms do take students for internships, some even with stipends. So if you have not planned for it this time, maybe you should for next semester break...

2. Learn something new

Technology is an ever evolving field so there is always something new ahead: a new technology, a new device, algorithm etc. So decide on what interests you and learn. There are plenty of free online courses available of variable duration and many 'Live' courses coincide with your break.

3. Catch up with your 'reading': Not necessarily technical..

Being in sync with the latest happenings all around the world will definitely will give you an edge over others. It will make you confident to face people and will also help you in talking knowledgeably in any gathering. If you are not the conventional book/magazine/ newspaper reader – no worries – read online – a familiar

environment for you all!

4. Do your little bit for society

Look around and be aware of people, of their problems. When you recognize others problems, you will realize how fortunate you are in life. Empathize with others and choose a domain close to your heart. Doing something for others is a great stress reliever. So it is a win-win situation for all. [You can start with helping your mom!]

5. Meet people physically and not virtually

Your school friends/ your uncle/cousins/grandparents/neighbors..... meet them and relive old days and make new memories. Instead of being always busy with social networking sites, chats, catching up with 'Game of Thrones' etc. try to do something different.

You may just like it.

Happy Vacations!

Make a new beginning...



Warm Regards
Prof. Shoba Krishnan

VESITian shows the way!

Prof. GEETA AJIT

It is said that adversity not only strengthens you but also makes you a better person. Manish Bharti, who recently won the Shreshthata Award by VES Leadership Academy and Research Centre went on to prove just this. When his dreams to become a doctor was thwarted by financial constraints, he joined VESIT to become an engineer. He is presently doing his final year B.E. in Information Technology. During the course of his studies, he decided to transform his disappointment of not achieving his medical dreams into a resolution to help others. He went on to set up an NGO, Kartavya Foundation, in 2013, which gives financial help and other assistance to under privileged students. His good work was applauded and covered by DNA on page 02, 19 November 2015

and the Marathi newspaper, Navakal on pg05, 30 November, 2015. VESIT is truly honored and proud to have a student like Manish Bharti in its midst!

FINANCIAL AID Through his NGO, 8Tech student Manish Bharti provides monetary assistance to underprivileged students

Helping others in realising their dreams

Kranthi Vibhute

After failing to become a doctor due to lack of funds, Manish Bharti's only option had been to arrange funds for underprivileged students who wish to pursue graduation or post graduation. Bharti was recently conferred with Shreevatsa Award by VNS Leadership Academy and Research Centre.



Manish Bharti

TWO YEARS OF GOOD WORK

Bharti — who is a last year 8Tech student from VESIT — founded Kartavya Foundation, an NGO, in 2013 that is active in arranging funds for underprivileged students who wish to pursue graduation or post graduation. Bharti was recently conferred with Shreevatsa Award by VNS Leadership Academy and Research Centre.

Our volunteers donate generously which helps us buy books and stationery for needy students. We also help students with writers and facilitate the writers to encourage them for their good work.

— Manish Bharti

Undeterred by obstacles, he graduated in science and is presently pursuing his degree in engineering. And now, he does not want deserving students to fail the same fate and could not fulfill his dream owing to lack of funds.

Recently Manish had set up a stall at the Metro station in Chhatrapati to sell rakhi made by a blind girl. The stall — registered for which was Rs4,000 — received tremendous response and he garnered sales worth Rs 21,000 that was

entirely given to the girl. He aims to open a school by 2020 which would provide free education to deserving and underprivileged students.

"We completed two years today (Wednesday). Students from different colleges work with my NGO. I passed my HSC in 2011 and wanted to become a doctor. My father is an LIC agent, while mother is a homemaker. Since I failed to become a doctor due to financial

obstacles, I decided to help other needy children. I formed my NGO and now we have around 100 volunteers working with us," said Bharti, while talking about his initiative.

He added, "Our volunteers donate generously which helps us buy books and stationery for needy students. We also help students with writers and facilitate the writers to encourage them for their good work. We also help students for taking admissions in colleges after their board results are declared. Our volunteers also help train the writers. They are trained to help blind students on how to write exams for them. Our volunteers also help blind and other students in understanding the basic concepts of any subject."

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देवदूत वंचित मुलांचा

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DNA on page no. 02, 19 November 2015

The Marathi newspaper, Navakal on page no. 5, 30 November, 2015.

ENHANCING PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Prof. GEETA AJIT



A seven day Communication Enhancement Course for VESIT Non-Teaching Staff was conducted by the college from 26 November to 7 December 2015, to enhance their communication skills in English. Twenty participants were selected for the course. The aim of the course was to enable the participants to speak fluently in English in both formal and non-formal occasions, wherein they are able to speak out their thoughts, ideas and feelings in fluent English thus sharpening their conversational skills with proper grammatical structure and increasing vocabulary. Activities included daily conversation on given topics designed to increase participants' confidence in speaking English in a fun and comfortable atmosphere.

The participants were given ample opportunities to communicate creatively during the class either individually or in pairs and were peer reviewed at all times. The course was designed and conducted by Mrs. Geeta Ajit from the Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences in coordination with Mr. Vikas Pange, who handled the logistics. The moment of exultation was, on the last day, when each participant gave a speech in fluent English, smoothly and confidently, in front of the crowd. The last session was judged by Prof. P. P. Vaidya and Prof. Nagananda. The Principal applauded the participants for their milestone improvement and encouraged them to continue using English at all times. The course ended on a buoyant note where all participants felt jubilant at achieving so much in so little time and promising to do better in future!



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IDEAS AND STAGNATION

KARTHIK CHAGANTY

IIT Delhi welcomed one of its alumni, Raghuram Rajan to address the students graduating this year, 2015. Raghuram Rajan is the present governor of the Reserve bank of India. He is the 23rd Governor of RBI who succeeded Duvvuri Subbarao on 5th September 2013.

The convocation ceremony was held on October 31st 2015 at IIT New Delhi. In his speech, Mr. Rajan eloquently broached a handful of topics that would peak the interest of aspiring entrepreneurs and the innovative youths of our country. And it would be only fair if his words and thoughts were acknowledged by everyone and not just the attendees of the convocation ceremony.

His speech fundamentally comprised of three points that he elaborated on, with various examples and quotations from different philosophers. The points that he stressed on were namely- new ideas, alternative view points and mutual tolerance. The basic message behind the address was: First, To make India an economic Goliath, educational and research institutions across India must encourage younger minds to bring in new ideas to the table. These ideas must not be rejected just because it sounds ridiculous or implausible, but must be experimented upon, and only then an opinion should be formed with the obtained results.



Mr. Raghuram Rajan

Many great inventions and technologies came into fruition because of a few wacky ideas. Fostering new ideas would give India the boost that it requires to catch up to the other great economies that are dominating the global markets. However as every argument is debatable and every statement cannot be held as an axiom, every idea must have another view to it. Every logic, every philosophy must be open to a discussion and only then can it be declared unquestionable when all the questions have been answered and all the facts been deemed true. This was the second topic that was addressed. People innovating and experimenting with new methods should be encouraged to do so and people questioning and disagreeing with them must feel safe while doing so; this is how a healthy ecosystem of thinkers and practitioners will arise, which is crucial for any form of progress, be it social or economic. A society that encourages thinkers is a society that progresses, otherwise will remain stagnant.

What further develops this ecosystem of questioning and cross questioning new ideas or existing ones, is mutual toleration. Agreeing to disagree, this was the final key point for the convocation address by Mr. Rajan. Mutual toleration maintains a sense of security amongst the people. It encourages them to be innovative and inquisitive at the same time. One might not agree to what the other believes in, however that shouldn't give him/her the right to vilify them. Similarly a person shouldn't be in too deep with his/her beliefs that he/she should take offence to criticism or a difference in opinion regarding them.

In conclusion, the environment of debate is something that one must strive to create, by doing so would reap great results. Mr. Rajan in his speech did not just inspire the students and bid them goodbye with all the luck they need, but rather left them with an ideology that one must carry with them and pass it on to the people next in line.

Full text of Raghuram Rajan's address at IIT Delhi -

<http://scroll.in/article/766158/why-indias-tradition-of-debate-and-an-open-spirit-of-enquiry-is-critical-for-its-economic-progress>

MUSINGS AND EXPRESSIONS

A light in the dark

In the prickly, bristly, spiny mind,
That hurts the beasts both kind, unkind,
In each bleeding breathe of the tired lung,
Are a million melancholic melodies sung,
And the hunted heart that hears the knell,
Still remembers the warmth and love that dwell,
For deep inside the twisted soul,
Deep in the dusty oak's rounded bole,
There lies something of a different form,
To take all unwell hearts by a storm,
A light to light the aphotic abyss,
To kill all curious curses with a kiss,
Such is the love that delves in my heart,
That no foe, fear, attercop may start!

Ashok Bhagia

Harmony and Emotions

Contemplating the situations around is harder than ever
Blood and gore has smeared the land all over
Feelings are hurt and sentiments are crushed
Bigotry at its best and peace is all hampered

These vandals care for no-one
They are blinded by false pride
Innocents fall prey to their actions
Bruised, mutilated then left to die on roadside

Violence begets more violence
Harmony then goes for a toss
Skirmishes are fuelled everywhere
Humanity suffers an unwanted loss

Love fails and hopes shatter
Poignant diatribes, though, more than matter
God is blemished in the name of religion
Intolerance surges blurring the vision

All we need is some detachment
From the debates that stir resentment,
Respecting the individuality of the fellow citizens
By not letting emotions overrun the reasons!

Salil Shahane

WEDDING BELLS

The VESIT Connect team would like to congratulate the VESITian members who tied the knot this month. Ms Janvi Vishaye, who works in the Administration office in our college married Mr. Girish Padiyar on December 6, 2015. Mr. Chintan Jhetva and Ms. Darshana Suryawanshi, both of whom are from EXTC Department, got married on 8 December 2015.

We wish them the very best as they embark on their journey of life together



Mr.Chintan Jhetva(EXTC Dept.)& Ms. Darshana Suryawanshi(EXTC Dept.)



Ms.Janvi Vishaye(Admin office) & Mr.Girish Padiyar

GAIJIN

**Prasanna Kulkarni
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Gaijin, is the Japanese word for "outside person". The opinions vary on whether this word carries a negative tone or not, but for me, it always carries an air of exclusiveness. I can almost hear the searing negative connotations associated, no matter what some scholar says about it, Gaijin is, and always will be a derogatory word to me. And as my fate would have it, I'm always a Gaijin.

My father, you see, has one of those jobs. One where he has to travel all around, with almost no fixed duration of work at a single spot. As a direct result, I am always pushed into a situation where I have to stand in front of a room full of strangers and introduce myself anew. But they don't really care about my name or my hobbies, for them I'm just a minor distraction in the middle of the semester. I never bother making friends, as I'm just waiting to be an outsider in some far off place again. Despite making my father run all around, his boss doesn't pay my father as handsomely as one, working as hard, would normally be paid. What that means for me, is that we cannot always afford the best of schools; I've been sent to pretty rough places. At first I used to get kicked around, a lot. All I remember from that time is how hard it hurt. They tore my books, ransacked my bags, ridiculed my every behaviour. Eventually I learnt affecting a extremely repulsive persona. No one wants to mess with the foul-mouthed, perpetually enraged, loner. It keeps the bullies off my back, and it turns making friends into a near impossibility. I have grown accustomed to the trade off.

The teachers are another story, they all are extremely kind to me. As if they know my pain and are privy to some secret unlike me. On account of all this I've learnt to study on the go, and if I do say it myself I'm quite good at it. I usually ace the tests and then we celebrate, father cooks pasta for us. But all the celebration doesn't change a simple fact, it's just a matter of time before I am no more than a Gaijin again. As a result of my stressful life I am prone to scary dreams. It's just the one really, a car crash, sounds like my subconscious knows something I don't. Sometimes I end up too sick to attend school, at that time I am reminded of a simple fact. That my father is the greatest person I know, hats off to him. He takes every effort to ease my suffering. He takes painstaking efforts to ensure that all our lodgings look virtually the same. He also figures talking to a psychiatrist once in a while will help, I never understood why he thought this necessary, not until today. I eavesdropped my father, talking to one of the psychiatrists today. What is wrong with my son he asked her. The reply is something I could never fathom.

"Your son has suffered massive psychological trauma. As a result he has constructed an elaborate fantasy where you are changing cities for your job so he doesn't have to fit in with anyone. His mind conveniently forgets the appearance of his classmates as a part of the same. He calls himself a Gaijin, and every three to four months starts feeling like one anew. I'm afraid that the bullying that he was subjected to was too much after suffering the loss of a parent. He may fully recover soon, with the right attention, but only time will tell."

CREATIVE BENDS



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**TAMANNA RUPANI ▶
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GOLDEN SERVICE

MRINAL DESHMUKH

Suresh Kamble has been working with VESIT for over three decades. He is a pillar of strength to every department he works, with his integrity, loyalty and a sense of commitment with which he carries on his work. Today, even after his retirement, Kamble continues to serve this college with the same energy and enthusiasm with which he began decades ago. He was posted in the library in 2010 and continued working there till his retirement in August 2015. Says his former colleague, Mr. Dhobi from the library section, "Kamble was very systematic in his work. He did not like things lying around at random. He would keep everything in its proper place." "Kamble is a very disciplined person and also very meticulous about neatness and cleanliness of the place. He is very punctual and extremely particular about time. Kamble also has an almost photographic memory. He would see a student once and would remember his or her face. If any outsider came into the premises, he would immediately identify. He would also keep a strict watch on the students inside the premises." says Mr P. Kashinath, the Data Entry Operator in the library.



Here are some excerpts from an interview with Mr. Suresh Kamble :

Q. Tell us something about yourself and your family.

Though I originally hail from Konkan, I was brought up in Mumbai as my parents had settled here. In the beginning we were staying at Dadar, but soon moved to Chembur, where I did my schooling and later married and settled down. I am blessed with two daughters, who have completed their graduation and are now employed. One of my daughters completed her course in Microbiology and the other completed her course in DMLT after doing MLT from Vivekananda institution.

Q. Tell us about our education.

I studied till standard tenth. During my time the matriculation exams were held in standard XI. But due to certain constraints I could not complete my matriculation.

Q. How long have you been working with VESIT?

Before I joined VESIT I did a lot of odd jobs. Then, in 1986, I joined VESIT. It's been nearly 30 years since I have been working here. I retired in August, but I like this place so much that I requested our Trustees to allow me to continue working. They were very happy to oblige.

Q. What is your domain of work in our college and what would you say about its working atmosphere?

I work as a peon in this college. My job brings me in contact with the principal, vice-principal and the members of the management trust. They are all very cooperative and understanding. When I joined this college, there were not many courses available. The courses gradually increased with time. My colleagues and I work very hard to keep up the standard of this college. We never think of our salary or how much we are paid. We are always ready to work for the college at any hour. We have even come at 8 am and left the college at around 9pm. We are ready to give our services as required by this institute.

Q. What are the changes you have seen in this college?

Our college today, is known for its discipline. The college was much more disciplined during my initial years of working here. If any student bunked three or four lectures, letters were sent to

their parents to inform about them missing their lectures. The main aim of the staff was that no student should feel the necessity of classes outside our college. It was the time when the lecturers and the student would sit together to know what the lecturer is teaching and what exactly the student is understanding.

Q. What changes do you perceive in the students from then and now?

The students that I have seen in the early days of this college were very different from the students I see today. The students back then, were very determined and focused in their studies. Their mind set about education was very different. Since admissions in our college takes place on merit, we used to get students with 96% to 98% in our college. They were all hardworking and determined to achieve their goals in life. So our results used to be very high. And that really use to make us feel satisfied and proud that our students are excelling in their departments. The educational environment in our college at that time was very different than what it is today. Apart from the academics, the events that were organised had a different fun level. The students then, didn't treat us any different from the faculty. We were treated like friends. Today, the students have lots of technical gadgets with them. They are very distracted. They have a lot of technology to help them with their studies. I often advise students on the value of education and having a degree whenever I see any student wanting to opt out of studies. I tell them on how important education is to be successful in life.

Q. You continue to work even after your retirement. What would you say about that?

Yes. I retired in August. By now I have worked for so long in this college that just staying at home is not acceptable for me. I did not like sitting at home idle. So I continue to work here. It is the place I am most comfortable. Until I have the strength to work, I will continue to serve this college. I am thankful to principal and the management trustees for allowing me to work even after my retirement.

VESIT DIARIES

In this issue of the newsletter, we bring to you two alumni, Mr. Manmeet Singh and Mr. Rahul Shah, who have recently passed out from VESIT and are doing great in their respective fields.

Manmeet Singh completed his EXTC Engineering from VESIT in 2011. He worked as a Technology strategy Consultant in Deloitte Consulting India Pvt Ltd for 4 years. He is now the founder of TRUG-GO.com and EventChum.com. He is an avid blogger and likes to read tech- startups journals/magazines.

Here are the excerpts :

Q 1. How would you describe your days at VESIT? / What were your two most memorable moments at VESIT?

The best adjectives to describe those days would be "enriching" and "edifying". My inclination towards the activities outside the ambit of a classroom; helped me in self-actualization and to build a repertoire of skill-sets that made me who I am

right now.

It will be really hard to pick just two memorable moments out of so many but let me list down the ones that are on top of my mind right now:

- The day when we finally moved to our brand new VESIT campus 2. We were lucky to have spent our last semester in the

VAISHNAVI SAMBREKHAR
NEEKITA SALVANKAR



magnificent building and avail the infrastructure and services just before we graduated.

• The day when I was selected in the campus placement for Deloitte Consulting. It felt really great when all the hard work I did finally paid and I got a great company to start my professional career with.

Q 2. How did the time spent at VESIT help you in the initial years of your career?

VESIT inculcated a sense of seeking ownership of tasks – not necessarily in your area of expertise – and delivering it in the finest possible manner amongst students. These two qualities helped me shape my professional career and carve out a niche in my initial days in Deloitte.

Q 3. 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 will suggest two measures:

• The internship duration should be much more than mere 3-4 weeks that students get right now. A short duration doesn't act favourably as an interface to bridge the gap or understand-learn-develop on the current industry trends. On similar lines as how we celebrate Sphurti, I would recommend "hackathons week" every semester to give interested candidates a chance to think, code, and build a mini-project in a said time-frame. I would also seek help from alums in the designated industry to come over and be kind of mentors to the student groups.

Q 4. How much importance should a student give to co-curricular activities?

It's quite subjective. There are students who see themselves in

a domain that is outside the scope of what they have been learning in classroom or shall learn in co-curricular projects. To those who have a passion to remain in the field of their study, it's a MUST HAVE for them. It should not be considered merely as an activity to talk about in the resume but instead as a tool to learn something that is outside the scope of your curriculum.

Q 6. Tell us more about your startup Truggo.

Our startup is India's only "happy-hours" prices discovery-comparison-booking platform for hyperlocal salons/spas. We have tied up with around 140+ salons/spas brands in Mumbai and are in talks with big, marquee brands like Kapils Salons, Envi Salons and Spas.

Q 7. What do you enjoy the most about your work?

I enjoy being at the forefront in decision making and charting out the growth and expansion plans of my venture. To own something and grow it in the current market conditions gives me ample load of adrenalin to enjoy and learn while I work.

Q 8. If you had a chance to go back to your days at VESIT, what would you do differently?

I would definitely seek more leadership position in the clubs and activities that aligned with my core interests. I would also like to organize hackathons to boost entrepreneurial activities and bring industry-level experts to become mentors and share the existing trends seen in the market.

Q 9. One advice you would like to give the students of VESIT.

Identify your core interests and pursue in the activities that helps you fulfil your innate desire. Always strive to be known for the core interests that you identified and make it a habit of promoting on digital platform, thereby spreading the knowledge to your friends and other like-minded individuals.

Rahul Shah (in pic), passed out from VESIT, very recently, in the year 2015, from the Department of Computer Science. Amicable, sincere, soft-spoken and hardworking individual, his personality very well vouches for these traits. Associated with CSI-VESIT for three long years, he played a major role in helping the council gain the popularity among the students. He was also a part of the Praxis Publicity Team (The inter-college Tech-Fest) and the Vishwakarma editorial team (The college magazine). He is currently working as an analyst with Cartesian Consulting. He is driven by passion and loves his job. But, he always talks about how much he cherishes his four years at VESIT and treasures those prized memories even today. So we bring to you a candid interview with this bright, young and exuberant VESIT alumnus.



1. How would you describe your days at VESIT?

VESIT for me has been an amazing journey. I was very sceptical in the beginning, but looking back I realise that VESIT has played an integral part in shaping me as a person I am today. The individuals I met at VESIT made the journey a memorable one. I have had the privilege of working with some of the finest people. Organizing the society events and college festivals with them will always be something I cherish. They have instilled in me a sense of direction and have inspired me to never settle or compromise for anything less, be it personally or professionally.

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

I'm still in the initial phase of my career, so I might not be able to justify this question entirely. But even at an initial phase, I know I feel at ease because of my days at VESIT. I had a very difficult time trying to keep up with the discipline at VESIT. But already having done that, work life doesn't seem too big a deal anymore.

3. 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?

From what I have observed, I feel the industry needs specialists in every field. By specialists I mean people who know the nuances pertaining to that field. I feel the curriculum gives us an idea about a lot of things that can come under a particular field. But after that it is up to the student to realise what he loves and then put in some efforts to master that. I feel a master in one field is always higher in the pecking order. I can say that the teachers at VESIT have always backed students when they have wanted to do something different and have never confined them within the four walls of the classroom.

4. How much importance should a student give to co-curricular and extra-curricular activities?

Co-curricular activities help a student build his/her resume and also provide a platform for inquisitive students to broaden their horizons and extra-curricular activities train you to tackle ad hoc situations and instil a sense of confidence in you. This is always a huge plus.

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

To be entirely honest, the biggest challenge has been the pressure that has come with the work. The other challenges have been the massive amount of responsibility. Being an analyst, a wrong decision on my part can be pretty detrimental to my client. For the nerves to settle, it will definitely take some time and loads of self belief.

6. What do you enjoy the most about your work?

I have always loved challenges. The best part about my work is that my mind is always occupied. It makes me think constantly, and there is always a room for improvement. The other thing I absolutely love is the client interaction at a very early age in my professional life. It is nerve-wrecking and engaging at the same time.

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

I don't think I will do anything differently. I relied on my gut sense for everything. I know I have made a lot of mistakes but I think they are one of the biggest reasons why I feel I am a better person than I was before. I would like to believe that, for me, engineering was a mistake, but I have also ensured that

VESIT wasn't one. And that gives me a lot of satisfaction.

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

I always tell people to find what they love and to stick to it, no matter what the world has to say. The reason being that it is pretty brutal when you have to compromise and lead a life filled with regrets. When something is close to your heart, you give everything you have to it. And when you know you have given everything, there are no regrets. Also, you can be harsh on yourself, but once in a while understand that you are human and it's okay to make rash decisions or even big mistakes till the time you learn from them.

9. The current job that you are pursuing, is it anything related to what you studied? How difficult or easy is it to shift to a completely new field?

My job doesn't involve heavy coding. So in a way, it is not entirely related to what I have studied. But since an analyst relies heavily on data, I feel having a knowledge of databases has definitely helped me. There are a lot of different modelling tools that I need to be familiar with. To be honest it has been challenging to familiarize myself with these tools and the statistical terms that come along, but its been very interesting. It is a steep learning process which en-

sures there is never a dull day.

10. Any advice for the final year students who haven't been placed till now?

I keep thinking about my days five years before. And the only thought that rings a bell is that I want to be doing something I love. So having a job is not as important as having a job you love. So for the ones who haven't been placed yet, its a great opportunity for them to understand themselves better. Try finding out what you love and what profile you would want to be associated with in the future. The reason being, once you know what you want, it doesn't become a mundane process anymore and you strive harder to achieve it. Work towards it and take huge risks. It's not a sure shot solution or a quick fix, but I can assure you it someday you will tell yourself it was worth the hardships.

11. Are there any avenues for freshmen off campus?

There are opportunities, but they are elusive. As an alumni of VESIT, I would want to strengthen the bond between VESIT and Cartesian. I am hoping this bond gets stronger every passing year.

SPORTS

VCL- Under the Hammer

Vesit Cricket League, the premier college cricket league is in its third season now. The league promises to be a captivating event, with eight new captains vying to create their teams and battle it out to attain the Holy Grail. The teams were named after iconic players in the world of cricket. The VCL auction took place on October 5 2015.

The Auction:

The auction was conducted by third year Electronics Branch student Palash Pandey. It took place in five pools in the following format:

Pool 1- BEs and MCA 3

Pool 2- TEs and MCA 2

Pool 3- Unregistered Players(Spot Entries)

Pool 4- Marquee Players

Pool 5- Fes and MCA 1

The marquee players' pool comprised of seven prominent players of the college cricketing faction. Since the pool contained **only seven** players, one of the teams was going to be left without a marquee.

The marquee player distribution :

Sahil Jethwani to Team Brendan McCullum

Shubham Chauhan to Team Ganguly

Rahul Prajapati to Team Tendulkar

Maaz Sirkhot to Team Devilliers

Aishwarya Kale to Team Bradman

Sumeet Menon to Team Steyn

Prathamesh Bhosle to Team David

Sahil Jethwani from third year Electronics and Telecommunications Branch was the costliest player, bought at an astonishing price of Rs 45L. The next most expensive player, and surprisingly not a marquee player, was Sahil Koul, who came under the hammer at an astounding price of Rs 42L.

With **Team Gilchrist** left with no marquee players, third year Deputy Sports Secretary Palash Pandey expressed the importance of team balance. "Agreed that we haven't been able to buy a marquee player, but what is important, is team balance. Moreover, having two captains from last year's VCL (Yatish Hande and Abhishek Rane) will surely be a lot of help. I do not deny the fact that we will be starting as underdogs, but just don't count us out yet!" said Palash Pandey.

While it is still too early to start picking out favorites, Team Tendulkar captain, Anant Gupta said, "Surely, Team McCullum. They are like last year's Clockwork Orange!" Clockwork Orange were the champions of VPL 2014-15.

The eight teams and their captains are:

Team Ganguly : Gaurav Duseja

Team Steyn: Neeraj Keswani

Team Tendulkar: Sumati Jain

Team De Villiers: Anant Gupta

Team McCullum: Avishkar Chawla

Team Gilchrist: Lakhan Modani

Team Bradman: Onkar Ghadi

Team David: Abhishek Vamsi

Devils and Blitzkrieg lead the way

VPL Match day 2

Group A leaders Red Devils faced Dark Knights on Match Day 2. The Devils soared into the fixture after a convincing 4-0 win over Oracles, while the Knights were looking forward to the fixture following their 1-1 draw on match day 1. The game started as a lively affair but soon fizzled down to a mere end to end shooting contest by the strikers as the score line, with not many great chances created, remained 0-0.

Following the 4-0 thrashing on match day 1, the Orange Oracles were on the path to redemption against the resilient Blue Titans. This encounter turned out to be another goalless draw as neither side could find the back of the net.

Group B leaders Yellow Blitzkrieg looked to cash in on their brilliant form after their surprising victory over title favorites Purple Poseidons took everyone by surprise. In their way stood Green Vipers, who had fought out and earned their draw the last time round. The match turned out to be an exciting contest, however goals from Yash Patil(Blitzkrieg) and Sagar Bhorkatariya(Vipers) cancelled each other out, the game ending 1-1.

Purple Poseidons, still reeling from the shock defeat at the hands of underdogs Blitzkrieg, faced a White Walkers side which had lost a one goal lead in their match day 1 encounter. Poseidons weren't messing around this time as they made sure that the game was theirs with goals from Poseidons striker Saurav Advani and Marquee signing Sooraj Holla enough to overwhelm Walkers' frontman Bhavesh Singh's strike, with the match ending in a convincing 2-1 win for the Poseidons.

Match Results:

Red Devils 0-0 Dark Knights

Orange Oracles 0-0 Blue Titans

Yellow Blitzkrieg (Yash Patil) 1-1 (Sagar Bhorkatariya) Green Vipers

Purple Poseidons (Saurav Advani, Sooraj Holla) 2-1 (Bhavesh Singh) White Walkers

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