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Words of Appreciation

Prof. Vrinda Khadilkar

Heartly Congratulations VESIT CONNECT!!!!!!

I am happy to say that all staff and students of VESIT look forward to your every issue as your newsletter keeps all updated with the happenings in the departments as well as about various activities that are conducted where students display their talent in various non academic fields.

I appreciate the efforts of VESIT CONNECT TEAM led by Prof. Geeta Ajit for starting this endeavour and bringing out interesting issues every month.

Regards,
Prof. Vrinda Khadilkar

Head of department, Humanities and Applied Sciences

e-Yantra Ideas Competition

-by Padmaja Kollé

In the month of April, students and staff of VESIT participated in a highly recognized inter-college event called 'e-yantra Ideas Competition'. Before dwelling into their achievements, let us get to know more about e-yantra. e-Yantra Ideas Competition provides a platform for eLSI (e-Yantra Lab Setup Initiative) college students to implement and showcase their innovative ideas. It is a project sponsored by MHRD through the National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT). So basically, the e-Yantra Ideas Competition solicits innovative projects from teams of e-LSI colleges. But excelling at this is not as easy as it may seem! Following is the process that had to be undertaken for it:

Stage 1: On selection, the project had to be submitted according to the "IDEA PROPOSAL FORMAT" given by eYIC team.

Stage 2: Once selected, the idea has to be made into a video taking example from a actual environment.

Stage 3: Final selection is done at the venue by the jury members, visitors etc.

The VESIT Team: Our college team comprised of Ms. Manisha Mandal (D17C), Ms. Madhura Katageri (D17C), Ms. Mansi Gandhi (D17C), Mr. Navin Koregaonkar (D17C) and Prof. (Mrs.) Sharmila Sengupta. The idea portrayed by them was Pothole Management System using Image Processing



The e-Yantra Team collecting their Prize

and Geotagging.

The final event was held on the 11th and 12th of April, 2016 at VMCC, IIT Bombay.

Potholes, which seem so inconsequential, can cause grave accidents, at times, even resulting in loss of life. Keeping this in mind, the team presented an automated system to manage potholes in a region by deploying geotagging and image processing techniques. A metric to prioritize the potholes was established, incorporating the probability of various categories of potholes, categorized on the basis of their area and depth. Image processing was used for identification of target pothole regions in 2D images. The dimensions of potholes from their images could be estimated, enabling pothole attendance on priority basis. The aim was to provide complete automation through a website incorporating an



The e-Yantra Team - Manisha, Madhura, Mansi, Navin and Prof. Sharmila Sengupta

embedded system software.

The objective was to introduce a system that uses image processing techniques on pothole images to identify and determine the area of potholes and provides statistical information as well as a final geotagged image of an area with pothole location and information. The automated system would also aid in priority based complaint attendance, having the added benefit of efficient utilization of materials in an extremely economical way.

The team also had to make a video describing the use of Pothole management in real environment. The link for the video is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mB6i53lxWHA>

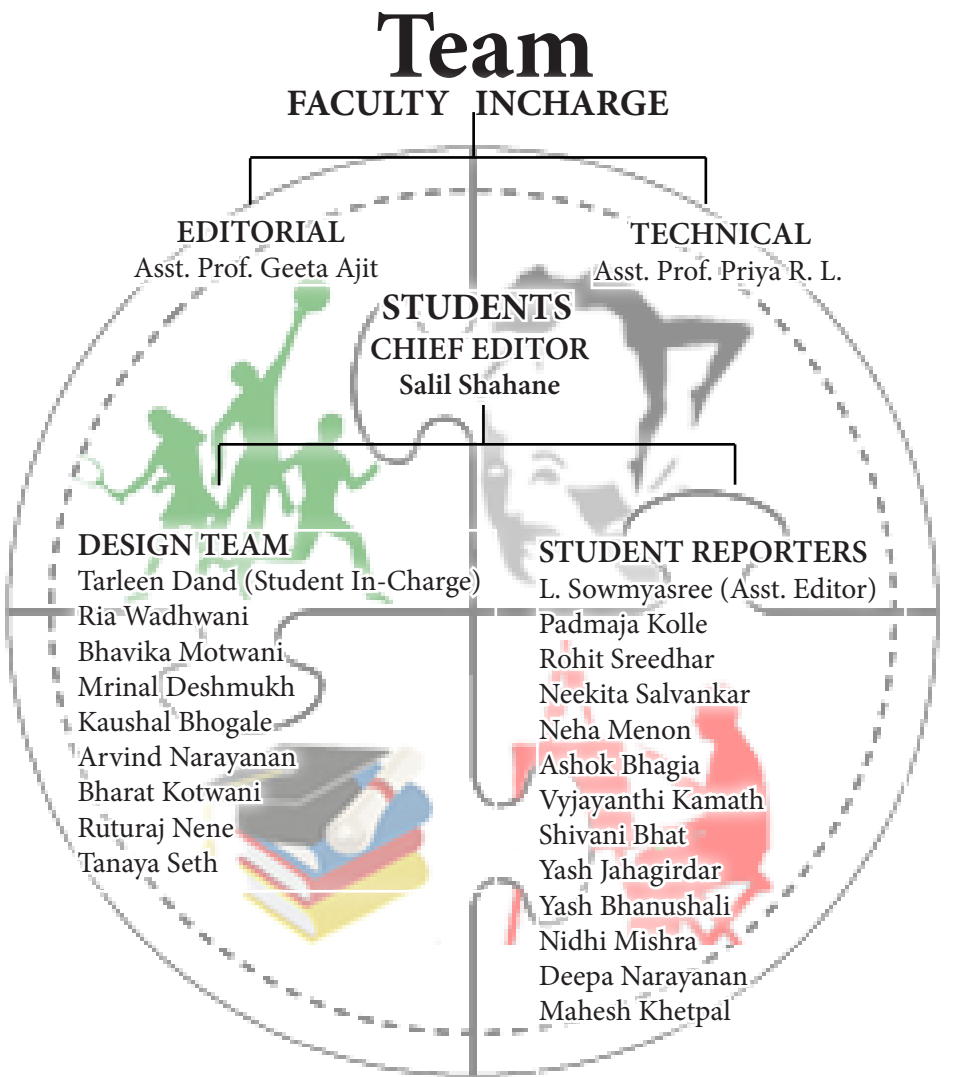
Out of a total of 181 proposed ideas, the VESIT team was shortlisted in the 44 teams which were selected for implementation. It also went on to win a prize, in the category of ‘Most Realistic Project’ along with 10 other teams, in the projects which were exhibited in the e- yantra Symposium (eYS). The students were given certificates, cash prize and a raspberry pi.

VESIT Voice

As the vacation approaches to its closure, there is a tad sadness of parting with the holidays and a little excitement about the commencement of another new academic year. Albeit you all have been away for a while from the college and are desperate to once again enjoy and participate in the frenzies and excitement happening in and around the campus. We at VESIT Connect are all set to bring you the entire coverage of the events in this bygone month so that you don’t miss out on any action in the college. Once again we are delighted to present the June issue of the newsletter. This issue features the regulars: Golden Service in which we venerate the service of Mr. Sharad Dhaneshwar and VESIT diaries where we bring to you an interview with one of the earliest alumnus of VESIT, Mr. Mandar Gupte from the batch of 1988, the very first batch of VESIT along with the students section of Musings and Expressions. In the month of June, we also celebrated the Environment day consciously making a promise to save our mother Earth from the evils of pollution and other hazards. This issue also features an article about the World No Tobacco Day in order to spread awareness about the maladies caused by this evil called tobacco. Also, we celebrated the international yoga day in this month highlighting the benefits of yoga and exercise in our daily lives. This month also saw the final year MCA students bidding adieu to the college. Once again VESIT produced a brilliant batch of young and dynamic graduates and promising citizens of tomorrow. This issue also features coverage on E-Summit’s Story Makers event. Also featuring is the article regarding the very coveted e-yantra inter-college competition where the final year B.E. students of VESIT brought laurels by winning the prize for the most realistic project and exhibiting it in the e-yantra symposium. Prof. Sharmila Sengupta mentored the students and helped them achieve this success. All in all this issue of the newsletter once again delivers on our promise of assiduous reporting and making reading pleasurable, enjoyable and edifying.

Happy Reading!

The ‘VESIT CONNECT’



The Final Adieu

-by Neha Menon

To part is the lot of all mankind. The world is a scene of constant leave-taking, and the hands that grasp in cordial greeting today, are doomed ere long to unite for the the last time, when the quivering lips pronounce the word - Farewell

- R.M. Ballantyne

April 16, 2016 was a big day for the MCA department as they bid farewell to the batch of 2013-2016 MCA with great gusto. The final year students had not been attending college for the past six months as they were interning at various reputed organizations but they still were very much connected to the college even during this period.

The event kick started with the interns entering, wearing their Sunday bests and a smile enveloping their features, eager to catch up with friends they had missed during the period of their internship. They had spent three years of their lives together and now it was time to bid adieu! After the initial greeting, it was all fun and games. The second year MCA Student Council members had thought this event through and through nothing could come in between them and the perfect farewell party they had planned. The games livened up the environment with everyone trying to one up their counterparts. It was quite exerting and being human, not run on Duracell batteries, the soon to be ex-students found themselves running low on energy. But they needn’t have worried because the organizers had laid out for them a huge spread of delicacies. This was followed by a speech by Prateek Bisht, the cultural Depu-

ty. The event was attended by Mrs. Nishi Tiku, Head of the MCA Department, Mr. Sunny Nahar and Mrs. Vaishali Gatty. It was a poignant moment watching friends bid farewell to each other, with promises to stay in contact and to meet up whenever possible.

For these post-graduation students, it was yet another good-bye. When they came into the institute, they were wide- eyed young graduates, still a lot to be refined, young but not yet a complete adult ... but as they leave, they have matured out into responsible and sensible batch of adults who aim for new heights and raise the name of their alma mater even higher.



MCA Farewell

International Yoga Day

-by Utsav Das

Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a call for the adoption of June 21 as the International Yoga Day during his address to the UN General Assembly (UNGA) on September 27, 2014. Following broad support and co-sponsorship by over 175 member states of the UNGA, June 21 was internationally declared as Yoga Day on December 11,2014 . June 21 was

suggested as it marks the summer solstice in the northern hemisphere and is of special religious and cultural importance in many parts of the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi cited yoga as “...an invaluable gift of India’s ancient tradition...5000 years old...embodies unity of mind and body...discover a sense of oneness with yourself, the world and nature...”

The first International Yoga Day was observed on June 21, 2015. About 35985 people, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and a large number of dignitaries from 84 nations performed 21 yoga asanas for 35 minutes at Rajpath in New Delhi. The event set two Guinness Book world records of the Largest Yoga Class (35985 people) and nationalities participating (84 nations). Yoga

has an estimated 250 million practitioners worldwide with about 30 million practitioners in the US alone.

The second International Yoga Day will be held on June 21, 2016 and this year too, VESIT will be a part of the fervorous celebration. Stay tuned to our next issue for more details!

The Story Makers

-by Yash Jahagirdar

The Story Makers was an event organized by tVec as part of E-Summit on 15 March 2016.

Two proud VESIT alumni Mr. Kuntal Joisher and Mrs. Siddhi Shah were invited to present their experiences and impart priceless advice to students as part of the talk show.

Mr. Kuntal Joisher is an accomplished mountaineer having climbed several mountain ranges across the world, including the Nepal and Indian Himalayas, the Patagonia, the Western Ghats and more and is also a software engineer at CallFire, a Los Angeles based startup. He is a graduate from B.E. Computer Science batch of 2001. He has also done his masters from University of Southern California.

Mrs. Siddhi Shah is the perfect entrepreneur having an excellent education record. She has co-founded Printstop – an online printing solution provider to leading firms and also to small scale businesses. She has also started the ice-cream parlor brand named Hokey Pokey which have retail centers across Mumbai. On education side, she is equally strong having topped the University in Computer Engineering branch in 2002.

Excerpts of the panel discussion:

Q1) What inspired you to follow your passions?

Mr. Kuntal: The inspiration came to me when I went to Shimla on a trip with my wife in 2009. I had gone to Shimla to witness snow but because I couldn't see the snow we drove to a particular point and climbed further till we saw a huge pile of snow and reached the top of the place. It was a dramatic experience for me and I realized at that time that mountaineering was my true calling. Also, in late 2010 I signed up for a tour to the base camp of Mt. Everest. To achieve my dream of becoming a mountaineer, I scaled down my work to become a programmer. I was also inspired to climb Mt. Everest when I saw the last rays of the sunlight following over Mt. Everest when I was at the base camp.

Mrs. Siddhi: My education contributed a huge way in my inspiration. I was one of the youngest people to pass the CISA exam and thus joined a small auditing firm. This opportunity gave me a clear and panoramic view about various aspects in a company.

Q2) How did you manage to break the various barriers of Indian society?

Mrs. Siddhi: It was only due to my parents, my mother-in-law and my family that I could manage these amount of pressures and break the barriers. I also think that having a supportive husband and family helped me in my achievements.

How did you fail and yet overcome them?

Mr. Kuntal: When u start anything new, people tell you that you are going to fail but if your dream is worth pursuing then you should pursue it. I had signed up for the toughest course in mountaineering which was held in Antarctica. When I was in Antarctica, we were 6 students and 2 instructors at a remote glacier and it was a student driven course. So, I could actually count the number of times I was

going to fail and at the end of it, I realized that I had overestimated my abilities and I told my instructor about wanting to go home. When I went home and pondered about the trip, I realized that this trip was the turning point of my life. Failure is completely okay. Failure is not actually failure and should be viewed as a stepping stone to success. I always ponder over my failures and I do a post-mortem of them. You fail, you learn again. Don't be afraid of failing.

Mrs. Siddhi: When I had kids, I had taken a break and during my break from work many things had happened at work. Many people that we had recruited were not fit enough to be in our organization. So when I returned, I had to fire people who were not performing. There are always decisions which have to be taken and you have to always have the gut while taking them. Whenever you fail, go to the drawing board and correct them and go on.

Q3) Any message to students?

Mr. Kuntal: Take the assignments and your coursework very seriously. Don't mugup. Understand and mugup. The assignments give you a good chance of solving problems.



Mr. Kuntal Joisher and Mrs. Siddhi Shah

Mrs. Siddhi: Follow your passions. The responsibilities will just increase day after day.

Q4) How did you compromise on your US lifestyle when you came to India?

Mr. Kuntal: There is no significant difference between Mumbai and California. I don't think I am missing out on so much because I have returned to India.

Q5) Any other message?

Mr. Kuntal: This is my story of Everest. On April 25th the ground started shaking and the tent started shaking and all teams had come out.

The earthquake was severe and loud boom was coming from Everest side. We thought that avalanche was coming from Everest side. Suddenly we saw 4-5 people were running towards Everest. We thought that why these people are running toward the danger side but then we realized that avalanche was coming towards us from the other side and not from the Everest side. The cloud responsible for the avalanche was coming toward us. And I was certain I am going to die. 3 of us including me were covered in 2-3 inches of snow. The shockwave which hit us was equal to 2.2 kilo ton of blast and I was hit us by a shockwave. Due to the shockwave that we were in for 2-3 minutes I couldn't breathe. My fellow German friend gave me oxygen for 2-3 mins till shockwave passed. When we were out of danger we looked everywhere. We saw that the base camp was destroyed and everything too

At night none of us wanted to die so we stayed awake in batches. When I was awake, my entire life played in front of me and I realized that life is short and fragile and I wanted to spend life pursuing my passions and doing it now and not tomorrow. My advice is don't live someone else's dream. And please find your passion and invest time on it.

Students also asked questions. Question from a student:

Q6) Did you climb Mt. Everest?

Mr. Kuntal: No still I haven't reached the top of Mt. Everest. But I am going on April 4th 2017 for my last attempt for Mt. Everest.

Q7) How do you find your passion?

Mr. Kuntal: You have to look at all the small events in your life and see whether what problem drives me

to find solution. You have to try stuff and take risks. Like my boss said "Go on a **TRIP**" which means:

Trust yourself and

Take Risk

Innovate

Progress follows

And no shortcuts to top.

At the end of the talk, students were very inspired by the inspiring words of

both the speakers.

A student, Vaibhav Jain said “It was a delightful experience to know that

people just like us graduated from the same college like we will be, have followed their passions and tasted success. It was a very good experience. ”

Environment Day

World Environment day is celebrated on 5th of June every year. The motive behind celebrating this day is to nurture and protect the nature.

This day has been celebrated since 1973 in order to raise global awareness about the importance of the healthy and green environment, to solve the environmental issues as well as to make the common people aware of their duties and responsibilities towards the environment. Here is a sneak peek into the day’s history.

On 5 June 1972, leaders of 113 countries met in the Stockholm Conference to discuss various environmental issues and agreed upon a plan to reverse some of the damages. It was the first time that issues like CFCs and global warming were discussed.

After the Conference, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was set up. It coordinates activities of all UN member states on issues. One of its best achievements was the Montreal Protocol, which banned CFCs and help stop ozone depletion. The UNEP today funds environmental protection activities in many countries, and is helping countries draw up a treaty to stop global warming.

The anniversary of the Stockholm Conference is celebrated as World Environment Day every year. Each year, there is a special theme. The day was celebrated for the first time in 1973 with the theme “Only One Earth”.

-by Shivani Bhat

World environment day annual celebration campaign was started to address the huge environmental issues like wastage and losses of food, deforestation, increasing global warming and so many. Since 1974, the celebration campaign of the world environment day is hosted in different cities of the world. This is a big annual celebration started by the United Nations General Assembly to engage millions of people from different countries across the globe as well as draw attention of political and health organizations to implement some effective actions. It is celebrated to successfully achieve carbon neutrality, focusing on the forest management, reducing greenhouse effects, promoting bio-fuels production by planting on degraded lands, use of hydro-power to enhance electricity production, encourage common public to use solar water heaters, energy production through solar sources, developing new drainage systems, promoting coral reefs and mangroves restoration in order to get prevented from flooding and erosion including other ways of environmental preservation.

Variety of activities are planned to celebrate this great event in different countries to encourage more people towards the celebration. Some of the national and international level activities include street rallies, tree plantation, garbage recycling, surrounding areas clean-up, parades and so many activities in order to draw people attention towards wide range of environmental issues as well as bring difference. The theme for the year 2016 was “Zero Tolerance for Illegal Trade in Wildlife”.

Anadi to Digital Converter

-by Shantanu Wagh

According to Wikipedia, everybody’s favourite place for untrustable information, “Digital India is an initiative by the Government of India to ensure that Government services are made available to citizens electronically by improving online infrastructure and by increasing Internet connectivity.” To translate it into English, read Government services as “Abhi lunch time hai, baad mein aao”, online infrastructure as IRCTC and Internet connectivity as a new 3G scam that is about to happen. Before you start accusing me of being a Modi hater, please note that I have stopped spitting on the “DO NOT SPIT HERE” signs in support of the Swachh Bharat campaign. I now spit 3 steps ahead of that.

Our Prime Minister initiated this on July 1, 2015 planning to connect rural areas with high-speed internet networks. Which means that you will now be able to access internet at blazing fast speeds of upto 2Kbps. And these are the same people from rural areas that still have daily wages of less than \$1. Which means they will have to choose between having food for a week or buying a phone. This sounds as pointless as arranging a parent-teacher meeting at an orphanage. I feel that this should have been named as “Pradhan Mantri I don’t have a Net Pack Yojana.” The initiative has 3 aspects, namely:

1. The creation of digital infrastructure – setting up towers for internet where people need bore-wells and electricity the most.
2. Delivering services digitally – Now pay bribe directly by Net banking!!* (*12.5% VAT extra)
3. Digital literacy – teaching Naga sadhus of Varanasi how to buy clothes from Jabong. (The answer is, don’t buy.)

This scheme includes 2 lakh villages under its domain. Which means there will be a lot of posts on Facebook like – “Lallan Singh got married with 267 others at Farukhabad - feeling excited.” With over 4 lakh public wifi hotspots, people will now download openly what ministers download at the parliament wifi. On 28 December 2015, the Panchkula district of Haryana was awarded for being the top performing district in the state under the Digital India campaign. I was expecting my favourite state of India to do something big on this occasion. “Baby Gender Determination” was the most popular app on play store those days. Even FB’s status update box changed to “Ke soch riya hai tau?”

Digital India has also launched MyGov.in which is a platform to share inputs and ideas on matters of policy and governance. So, now you can tell every jobless uncle saying “Modi ne bullet train lana chahiye same bhaade pe” on a passesnger train, to put his ideas on MyGov.in. It is planned to connect 550 farmer markets in the country through the use of technology, Modi said while formally launching the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana at a farmers’ rally in Sherpur in Sihore district of Madhya Pradesh. But my mother was especially sad about this because if farmers also start selling online, then who will give her free kadipatta with aadha kilo tamatar?

Some big investors of the initiative are -

1. **Google committed to provide broadband connectivity on 500 railway stations in India.** Which means now we can actually have a race between the trains and IRCTC itself.
2. **Microsoft agreed to provide broadband connectivity to five hundred thousand villages in India and make India its cloud hub through Indian data centres.** I believe that clouds with water will make villagers happier. I can never imagine a villager standing in front of a cloud server full of data and dancing “ghanan ghanan ghir ghir aye badra.”
3. **Qualcomm announced an investment of US\$150 million in Indian startups.** I don’t see how this is relevant at all. Unless something like a rural Faasos is going to come up delivering “Tindey ki sabzi” 30 mins late everytime.

While the movement is started in good faith, I believe it comes at the wrong time. We have water shortage, farmer suicide and pollution as major problems that remain unchanged by this policy. While only targeting the educated class, it will miss out on the grass root level where most of our problems currently lie. Villagers using “Wots up” to “sand” funny cat videos is not going to solve anything. In my opinion, the movement although big is going to be largely inefficient and its effects dilute and unnoticed.

However, I am glad the nation is moving forward at such a good pace. All my relatives from villages are now going to be able to send me Farmville requests. But there are more important things to do first. I need to rush outside and stand under the nearest wifi hotspot. I need to update my Baby Gender Determination app.

Save Our Sinking titanic

-by Sameer Amber

There is a huge difference between growing and developing. Growing is only growing through the years but developing is growing along with positive improvements and development.

According to the government of India and in general as such, we are developing nation. But are we really developing? Are we really living a democratic life? Are the girls of this so called progressing nation really safe? What have we achieved after 68 years of independence? All of us know the answers to these questions. But we still pretend to live a normal and satisfied life. If the government is made by the people, of the people and for the people in this democracy, then why do we face all these problems? It is clear that we have to honestly show due respect, consideration and thought to our duties while making our decisions to choose correctly and wisely to ensure that appropriate leaders are selected.

The problems such as gang rapes, murders, robbery, price-inflation are a common occurrence today and the mother of all this is “corruption”. Corruption is not a problem caused by one person or a group of politicians, but it has become a dangerous entity and a monster that is rearing its head today due to the nurturing by the masses of this country, which also includes common peoples like you and me too. It has become almost an incurable disease. The only solution to chop off the heads of this monster(corruption) and to make up our minds to follow an honest path.

It is very obvious that these coal allocation scam, the 2G spectrum scan and the all other latest scams are a result of this devil known as “corruption”. Every new day comes with a new scam. Over a week there is debate on one

topic, people listen, turn astonished and forget about it as a bad incidence. Nobody tries to find a solution for the problem and of course everybody has a common excuse. “NO TIME!” - And then week after week, new scams and the cycle repeats.

Today the nation, which has a richer heritage and values than most countries in the world, is looked down on upon by the foreigners. The NRIs out there have to bow down their heads with shame when there isn’t anything to retaliate or correct those who pin-point at the sorry state of our mother India. The country in which girls are given the names of Goddess Laxmi. Durga, Parvati, and Saraswati are molested, raped and tortured in the World’s Largest Democracy. Today girls are unsafe wherever they go, as no one knows when and where they might get attacked by those wild, heartless wolves, who do so without any fear, for they know that in this corrupt country, one can get away with anything.

I come back to my question: Are we really developing?

May be as an individual, we cannot stop these scams and rapes; but as a responsible and as an educated human being, we can give our best contribution to the society by serving honestly and focusing on the welfare and development of our nation. If the entire younger generation says an emphatic no to corruption, and starts following a philosophy of “no giving and no taking”, then there is a chance to rise and destroy the monster of corruption for good.

It is time to make up our minds to save our sinking motherland..... from this ocean of corruption , bring her back to the shore safely. Are you ready?

Evils of Tobacco

-by Souvik Saha

Every year, around the world, May 31 is observed as **World No Tobacco Day (WNTD)**. It is intended to encourage a 24-hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco consumption from all individuals, around the globe. The day is further intended to draw attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and to negative health effects, which currently lead to nearly 6 million deaths each year worldwide, including 600,000 of which are the result of non-smokers being exposed to second-hand smoke.

Tobacco products are products made entirely or partly of tobacco leaf as raw material, which are intended to be smoked, sucked, chewed or snuffed. All contain the highly addictive psychoactive ingredient, nicotine.

Tobacco use is one of the main risk factors for a number of chronic diseases, including cancer, lung diseases, and cardiovascular diseases. Tobacco use most commonly leads to diseases affecting the heart and lungs and will most commonly affect areas such as hands or feet with first signs of smoking related

health issues showing up as numbness, with smoking being a major risk factor for heart attacks, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema, and cancer, particularly lung cancer, cancers of the larynx and mouth, and pancreatic cancer. Overall life expectancy is also reduced in long term smokers, with estimates ranging from 10 to 17.9 years fewer than non-smokers. A person’s increased risk of contracting disease is directly proportional to the length of time that a person continues to smoke as well as the amount smoked.

However, if someone stops use of Tobacco, then these chances gradually decrease as the damage to their body is repaired. A year after quitting, the risk of contracting heart disease is half that of a continuing smoker.

It is important that we realize the ill effects of tobacco and its derivatives and stay away from them. We should also encourage the people we know to quit tobacco related habits and help them ‘**kick the butt**’.

Musings and expressions

Paranormal

Heavy rains pour down,
From the sky high,
Heavier is the tear that trickles down,
From the corner of the eye,
Lonesome on a path,
That isn't supposed to be walked alone,
Waiting for a light,
In a place where the sun never shone,
Every ounce of strength is gone,
As you try your best to survive,
While your back gets clothed,
By the marks of knives,
Like stones words get pelted,
Straight at the heart,
When they can't use you,
They tear you apart,
Broken pieces shattered all over,
Smiling even once a day is phenomenal,
Sometimes you are hurt for so long,
Being happy seems paranormal...

-by Shivam Upadhyay (D15)

My Mind

Thought bubbles all over my mind,
Still it is unclear, what I have to find,
Looking calm in front but all confused behind,
All here is messed up, now I need to rewind,
Can't lookup there, I turn out to be blind,
It's due to my sins, that I have been fined,
Whatever up there looks complex and undefined,
Hangover it may be I need myself to remind,
What is this? For the sake of mankind,
See I got all these lines rhymed,
Some of these lines need to be reassigned,
But some turn up to be well defined,,
Scatter all over my brain, I need them to be aligned,
Bring them together, so they can be combined,
From these lines some poem can be designed,
More beautiful it will be as it turn out to be refined,
See this is all in my mind that I just defined,
This is my mind only one of it's own kind.

-by Ravi Prabhu (MCA 1A)

कल और आज का भारत

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जब मर्दों सी लड़ी झांसी की रानी
जुल्मी हार गए जी
जब सामने आए शिवाजी
महात्मा गाँधी ने जब उठाई आवाज
तो हलि गया अंग्रेजों का राज
देखकर भारतवासियों का जोश
उड़ गए अंग्रेजों के होश
आजाद कर गए वे वीर देश को
सौंप गए वे ये देश हमको
कुछ सालों तक हमने इसे संभाला
पर कुछ लोगों ने इसे खोखला कर डाला
बड़े-बड़े नेता बैठकर कुर्सी पर
चाट रहे हैं देश को दीमक बनकर
देश हो गया है भ्रष्ट
अब जीना भी हो गया है कष्ट
अब आ गई देश पर बड़ी दुवधि जी

इसलिए आगे आए अन्ना जी
जरूरत है देश को ऐसे एक समाज सुधारक की
जसिके सामने हार जाए चालें भ्रष्ट सरकार की
नहीं जरूरत है हमें ऐसे किसी नेता की
जो उपदेश देता और करता अपने मन की
भरते रहते अपनी जेबों में नोटे हैं
इसलिए सब के सब दलि दमिग से मोटे हैं
संसद में रोज करते झगड़े
कभी टेबल तो कभी कुर्सी तोड़े
कुछ नेता तो चुनाव के पहले वोटों की भीख मांगते
फरि जतिने के बाद अपने लए महल बनवाते
देश में हैं सरिफ कुछ भ्रष्ट नेता
पर नाम पूरी सरकार पर आता
कभी नहीं करते अपना फर्ज अदा
हर छोटी बात को बनाते राजनीतिक मुद्दा
न जाने कौन करेगा देश का भला
और काटेगा राजनेताओं का गला
लड़ने के लए मसीहा आएगा जब
आम आदमी की जदिगी जीने का संघर्ष खत्म होगा तब...

-by Sanjay Udasi(CR - FE4)

New Life Everyday

*Look at the chapters of your life
Spend time to note it down daily
You will feel depressed, the chapters were boring
You haven't lived your life fully
To live a life every second of joy
Live your life day by day
Worrying about the past
In the world of depression you stay
Start your day well
It's your own lift by life, A DAY
Feel the caresses of morning oxygen
Be grateful, you don't have to pay
The morning air gives a great life
Makes you feel blissful from January to December
Makes your day a blessing
And a "THANK YOU" with every breathe, you remember
When you wake up a THANK YOU, you should say
Be grateful you got one more day
Whole day will be great, magic will begin to play
It kicks off all your stress away
A nature's walk could be a great healing
To boost your worthy feelings, your responsibility
Uplift it every second you walk with nature
It makes your morning stress free*

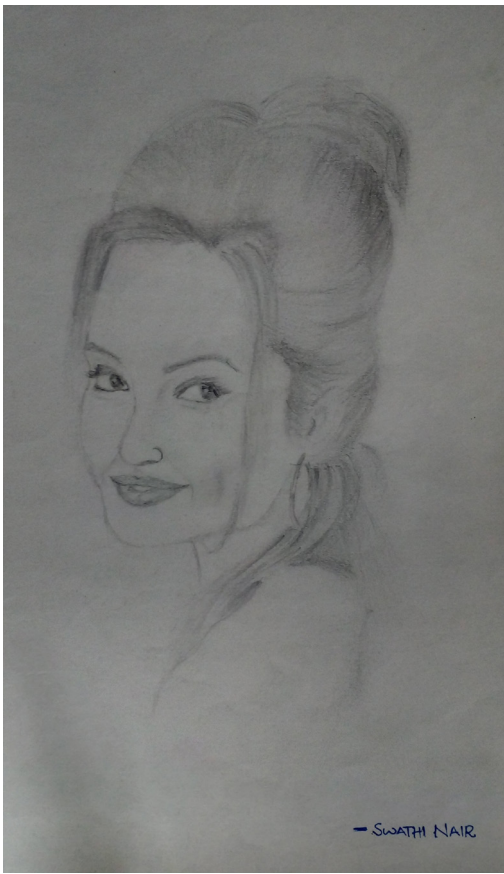
*The days are meant to be different
You should act differently
Stay awake and hunt the positives of life
Commit yourself to "NO NEGATIVITY"
You are the masters of your own thoughts
Generate your own positivity everyday
Every day challenge yourself to be positive
"I'm rich of positivity" just say
Do the work left for today
For losers there are tomorrow
You delay, you miss the opportunity
You accumulate for yourself only sorrow
Do the work today itself
Tomorrow you may die, wake up you lazy
Don't delay you may lose
With every procrastination you die daily
Dying daily is all that fools do
Masters live their day as their last
And when you think of dying
All that was your need, you achieve so fast
Plan a day of abundant happiness
Be grateful the luckiest day today
Remember the magic words "THANK YOU" you should say*

-by Miten Solanki (D10)

Superwoman

*Let me find some spcl words
To describe my spcl world
Lemme try from different angles
Lemme try from diff ink
Cz shes an angel
She aint a common thing
She's rsn im standing
She's forgiver, if im misunderstanding
She's umbrella, if im rain
She's painkillers, if they call me pain
She's moonlight, if im dark
She's burn herself, if i needed a spark
She's hope, if im lost
She's soft sand, if m rock
She's swt part, if im bitter life
She's part to get cut, if im knife
She's small smile, if m mourn
She's cries, if m gone
It's a blessing tht i got her.:
Cz she's my mom, if m daughter...!*

-by Shradul Malvankar



-Sketch by Swati Nair



-Artwork by Sonia Daryani



Innocence at its best



Nature's Silhouette



Tender Spiral of life

Photographs by Mahesh Warang

Golden Service

-by Neha Menon

Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.

-Vince Lombardi

To be around students who are barely young adults and cocky to some extent is a daunting task. Mr. Sharad Dhaneshwar has been doing this for 32 long years and still has the zest to keep going. Life has not been a bed of roses him, but here is a prime example of 'taking what come and running with it'. He is the epitome of what one expects from a senior. Says Datta Mayakar, his colleague, quite enthusiastically I might add, "Whatever we have learnt over the years is all because of Sir. He has always supported and guided us." He joined VESIT back in 1984 and used to work as an electrician in the old building. Now as a lab-assistant, he changes equipment and does practical adjustments. Here are few facts about Mr. Sharad Dhaneshwar as he gets candid with us.....



Mr. Sharad Dhaneshwar

1. Tell us something about yourself...

I am from Sakarwadi. I did my 10th standard and followed it up with a motor rewinding and electric wiring course from VESIT technical. I worked at So-maiya Chemical factory for two years before coming to Mumbai and joining VESIT. I have three daughters and a son who is a motor mechanic.

2. For how long have you been working here?

Well I remember the exact date I joined VESIT along with the day...I started working here from the 4th of August 1984 which was a Saturday. So, yes it has been 32 years to my service here.....

3. Tell us something about your initial days at VESIT

When I first joined VESIT, it was on a meager salary of Rs. 400. I was really depressed and used to think that I should have stayed back at my village. But gradually I started learning a lot over here and things started looking up. Finally I felt good. I used to do motor works back home too but the actual hard-core things I learned here. Now I don't spend more than a day at my village. Mumbai has become my home....

4. How has the college supported you throughout the years?

The college has been really helpful to me. When I came to Mumbai, I did not have a place to stay. The college gave me Rs 3000 and I bought a room at Rs 4500, where I still reside. Mrs. Saxena, who has since retired, was also a great help. She still visits sometimes and makes it a point to meet us. All in all, the college has supported me a lot for which I will be forever grateful.

5. What are your thoughts about VESIT?

The unique feature about VESIT is that it has always been good towards its staff. It always pays the salary on time. There is no need to ask for it, which is not a small fact. Also all staff members have a really helpful nature which makes the working environment that much better.

6. How is your equation with your colleagues?

I have a really great rapport with the other staff members. They are like family members, after all VESIT is one big family itself. I try my best to help out all the new staff; to try and show them the ropes. Earlier, when we were still part of the diploma college, I used to work as an electrician. Now I work in the lab and try to do all I can for the people around.

7. What is your opinion about the students at VESIT?

I have worked here for more than three decades and have seen scores of students passing out through these gates. Yes, there are changes in the attitude of students but the quality of the students has not decreased. The students during the beginning were more serious and focused, whereas now-a-days students tend to take things less seriously.

8. What are your future plans?

If health permits, I do want to continue here after my retirement. But it is not on me. The management takes the decision.

VESIT Diaries

-by Padmaja Kollé

Mr. Mandar Gupte was a student in the First batch (1984) of VESIT. He has now started his own consulting business for advising on raising finance for businesses and other business consulting services. Lets have a look at his journey and his thoughts about recent times in technology.

1. Tell us something about your college life

College life in VESIT was more fun than studies. We must be a unique batch which probably enjoyed our days in VESIT more than any other engineering students. We were first batch of BE in VESIT (1984-88) and second batch of Computer Engg in Bombay University. We had a challenge of getting any past university papers for references. At times we had to copy down the syllabus from the University and bring it to show to our professors so that they could prepare themselves and then teach us.

We studied through all the difficulties, but enjoyed our 4 years there.

We actually saw the institute being built in front our eyes over those 4 years in the old premises in Sindhi society. The labs, workshop, classrooms etc. we saw them all taking shape in front of us as we progressed from first year to the final year.

The sheer discipline that our Director had brought about in the institute and her personal hard work under those circumstances earned a good name for the institute.

Subsequently the 2 years of MMS course were relatively easier and more of self learning through projects and assignments. But during those days, the assignments and projects were done by personally visiting various companies, research libraries of ICICI, IMC, CMIE etc. Internet was not there at that time.

2. How important, according to you, are interpersonal skills at professional level? Do academics and interpersonal skills go hand in hand?

Interpersonal skills are very important at professional level. Your basic attitude and personality development over the years goes a long way in deciding your success in your career. You should be able to work in a team, at times lead a team. Each person's style of leadership may differ but the success or failure has a great contribution of your interpersonal skills. According to me while handling interpersonal relationship is important, it is equally important to be assertive on certain issues.

Academics and interpersonal skills go hand in hand. You can develop your interpersonal skills while you are pursuing your academics. To understand others' views and handling the conflicts in an organization or a group should be part and parcel of your curriculum.

3. Is it necessary to have a full proof plan for your career from the beginning itself?

You can never have foolproof plan for your career. You need to understand that the situations and circumstances change over the years and course correction is always necessary.

You should plan for 3 years at a time but should have your personal career goals always in your mind. It is always better to choose a job or profession which you would enjoy working for everyday. The success will automatically come to you.

The personal goals also keep changing and you will notice that you yourself will keep shifting your goalpost as you keep achieving your short term goals.

4. Let's talk about your professional life.

After completion of my MBA course (M.M.S. - Finance from Bombay University), my first job was with Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd. This job and my subsequent stint with Times of India Publication Group were primarily providing IT support to Finance and Commercial functions.

I was however clear in my mind that I wanted to get into a core Financial management job and was looking for such opportunity. I got that when I moved to BMG Music India Ltd. which was a joint venture of German media giant Bertelsmann AG with Indian partner. It was a big responsibility of heading Finance function of a growing company with limited experience behind me. However, I was one of the fast tracker executive in Asia Pacific region and I was elevated to the Board of Directors of the company in a short time at an age of 32 years.

Subsequently I moved to Walchand Capital Group as Group Vice President of Finance. The group had diversified into internet portals business and I was

involved in setting up the businesses, working on back end for e commerce on one of the portals and vendor tie ups for these businesses. Technology background helped here.

The internet business bust in 2001 gave a major setback to the business and to a certain extent to my career. However, the experience in dealing with difficult situation in those years helped me in the long run.



Mr. Mandar Gupte

I later worked for a year with Percept Group overseeing the performance of 22 operating companies of the Group and advising the Board on various issues related to these businesses. Subsequent stint with Universal Music India as CFO for India operations was one of the longest stints of my career.

Now I have started my own consulting business for advising on raising finance for businesses and other business consulting services.

5. Tell us how important is it for an engineer /engineering student to have a life beyond technology? (Importance of hobbies in one's life)

Life beyond technology is important for an engineer even if he/she continues to work in a technology oriented job. I think the awareness on basics of marketing, Finance, Human Resource management has to be there to work successfully either as an employee or an entrepreneur. You should also be able to manage and plan your own personal finance.

Hobbies are good for all individuals. In today's hectic life, though it is difficult to pursue hobbies, one must have some hobby like reading books, traveling, playing some game etc. It works wonders in reducing your stress and rejuvenating mind to work more efficiently.

6. Can you throw some light upon the activities students can do from the beginning which will help them mould their career?

Students must have a habit of reading. You should be hungry to gain information. A student should identify some area of interest in which he/she should try and maximize his/her own knowledge by accessing whatever information is available in public domain. Try and find out which companies or institutes are doing work or have their products/services in that domain. Try to meet engineers/ executives in those companies and request for internship / project work.

Try to find a good mentor apart from your regular teachers. A good mentor will not only give correct direction to your career but will also mould your thought process.

7. Any message for the new generation at VESIT!?

My simple message to the students is don't limit your knowledge to your curriculum. If you want to be ready to face the real world outside the college at the end of 4th year, start preparing yourself from 2nd year itself. Interact with various people among your relatives, your parents' friends / colleagues, attend seminars and interact with experts to increase your awareness about what is going on in your field. Understand the gap between what you are learning and what more needs to be learnt to be prepared for either your working career or for higher education.