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Satyanarayan Puja at VESIT

-Tanvi Shinde



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

Degree Distribution Ceremony

-Rashmi Singh

The Degree Distribution Ceremony for the graduating students of VESIT was held in two batches: on 16 February 2019 and on 31 February 2019. While each ceremony began with the customary fanfare, this year, we observed a one minute silence in condolence and to pay our respect to the late Shri R.G. Keewaniji.

Department of Electronics:

The Electronics Department Convocation took place on 16th February 2019. The Chief Guest for the ceremony was Mr. Bipin Kumar Shah, General Manager (Liaison & Coordination) and CPIO. Mr. Bipin Kumar Shah has an MBA from Prince of Wales, UK (specialized in International Business), and is an employee of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd for 40+ years, for which he has been recognized by the Indian Book of Records in 2015, and was conferred the Honoris Causa for the same by the World Records University, UK in 2016.



The faculty, dignitaries and students walking towards the Auditorium

Department of Computer Science:

The convocation ceremony for the Department of Computer Science was held on 31st February 2019. The ceremony began by felicitating the Chief Guest, Mr. Vishal Prabhukhanolkar, VESIT alumnus, with a Tulsi sapling. Mr. Vishal Prabhukhanolkar is an Entrepreneur, Technology and Engineering expert, Machine Learning expert and Cloud expert.



CMPN faculty during the Convocation

He graduated in Computer Engineering from VESIT in 2003 and then did his post-graduation from IIM Ahmedabad. He has worked as a Project Manager and later as a Director at MAQ Software, Hyderabad. He was also the co-founder and director of Quetzal Verify Private Limited and is currently working at Amazon as Principal Technical Project Manager. He has a total of 16 certifications in Deep Learning, Neural networks and Data Warehousing.

In his address to the students, Mr. Vishal Prabhukhanolkar spoke of innovative solutions and smart educations for students.

Department of Instrumentation:

The Degree Distribution Ceremony of Instrumentation Department was held on 16th February 2019. The Chief Guest for the day was Mr. M.B. Joshi, Vice President and Head of Group (Electrical and Instrumentation). He has a wide experience in the field of Instrumentation and is widely acknowledged in the industry for his knowledge in the field of Automation.



Deputy HOD of Instrumentation with the guests of Honour

Mr. Joshi is an Instrumentation Engineering graduate from College of Engineering, Pune. He has worked for 29 years with ThyssenKrupp Industrial Solutions (India) and was previously working with Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd, Rasayani for 9 years.

Mr. Joshi has worked as Engineering Manager, Head of Department (Instrumentation) and presently working as Head of Group for the Electrical and Instrumentation Departments located in Mumbai and Pune. He has keen interest in training and development and has sponsored initiatives like development of training manual and software development.

Department of Electronics and Telecommunication:

The Degree Distribution Ceremony for the Department of Electronics and Telecommunication was conducted on 16th February 2019. The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the lamp and 'The University Song', followed by the students pledging for the oath. Prof. Shobhit Khandare welcomed the dignities and students and introduced the chief guest for the ceremony, Ms. Anita Karnik, Assistant Vice President, SBI CAPITAL MARKET LIMITED, and also an alumnus of VESIT. Shri Boolanji, V.E.S Trustee member, imparted his words of wisdom to the students.

The ceremony was also attended by Prof. Shoba Krishnan, Head, Department of EXTC, Dr. Ramesh Kulkarni, Deputy Head of EXTC Department, Dr. C.D. Rawat, Dr. Mrs. Saylee Gharge, Controller of



Rank holders of Electronics and Telecommunication department

Examination and Exam Controller of EXTC Dept.

The degree certificates were conferred to the students by the dignities and the convocation ceremony was concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. C.D. Rawat.

Department of Information Technology:

The convocation ceremony of Information Technology Department was held on 31st February 2019 where the students were ceremoniously conferred their hard earned degree.



Students proceeding towards the Auditorium

The ceremony was graced by Devesh Rajadhyax FOUNDER and CEO, CERE LABS. Mr. Rajadhyax is an innovator, communicator, leader and has 20+ years veteran in technology products. He has been researching in the field of artificial intelligence since past four years. He has created a small interest group of people interested in AI in Mumbai, India.

He was the founding director of the 21st century Health Management, a software product company where he developed his own software engineering techniques to deliver quality products. Currently he is the CEO of a startup- CERE LABS. Mr. Rajadhyax holds Masters in Engineering from VJTI, University of Mumbai and has been creating awareness on AI for the past 4 years.

Celebrating the Spirit of Marathi

-Shruti Bondre

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

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

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



Exhibition of Marathi Books in the Library

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



The Portraits of Marathi Literatis made by the students

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



Principal Ma’am lighting the Diya

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

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

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



Chaitanya Kulkarni performing “Batatyachi Chaal”

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



Neeraj Patil performing the “Geet Ramayan”

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

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

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

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

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

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



Street Play by VESIT Drama Club

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

VESIT gears up for Placements

-Aditya Srivastav

The recruitment and placement domain has seen a movement from Knowledge based recruitment to Skill based recruitment. The placement for the year 2018-2019 batch has been excellent so far. Forty nine companies have visited VESIT and made a total 618 offers to 721 interested students. To date, 18 Dream companies gave 110 offers and 11 core companies gave 27 offers and we are still counting.

Nomura selected a total seven students of which one student was through a coding contest called Kakushi. TCS selected two students through Codevita Contest and 66 from Ninja contest. Accenture continued as our top recruiter, selecting 294 students from the 2018-19 batch, followed by Capgemini selecting 34 students. This year has also witnessed a paradigm shift in salaries. TCS, NSEIT, Quantiphi, Tata communications, KPMG are the companies which have given differential salary package based on the performance of students ranging from 3.4 to 7.5 Lakhs/Annum. JPMorgan selected 23 student this time with an offer of 11 Lakhs /annum through Code For Good.

We also had companies like Carwale.com, justdial, Network marvels, BNP Paribas (Engg+MCA), Reli-

ance(IT), Dark horse, Aversolution, Citiustech, GEP visiting for the first time on campus for recruitment, most of them in dream/Core category. We are optimistic that the interaction with these firms will continue to have a mutually benefitting lasting relationship in future.

Instrumentation based companies have just started with campus placements. Companies like Jacobs,, Burns & McDonnell, Emerson, Siemens ltd, Aker solutions, Toyo Engineering, NFIL, Techint have already visited the campus. Each company has a criteria and students satisfying that criteria are allowed to appear for the process. Based on that we have 721 students out of 872 students in final year.

VESIT Placement Cell has initiated a Special Recruitment Cell to cater to those students who don't get opportunities on campus. The objective is to cater to their special needs of training in both technical and soft skills domain. Then these students explore the job opportunities available to them. Efforts through this cell helped place 12 students from 2018-19 batch.

Devendra Chaudhary (D17B) shared his experience and journey of being placed in Nomura. "Initially

the company visits our college and the details of the process are shared with the students. The students need to submit an Abstract to the problem statement given by the company. Then top 10 teams from our college were selected this year based on PPT presentation of their submitted ideas. Judges from both the field of Technology and Human Resources are present to judge the candidates from their tech skills to their body language, speaking and even how they dress.

Qualified teams then code in Hackathon where one cannot use his/her own system, no cloud, no Gmail, very slow internet. The CTO and other officials of the company review the code at regular intervals. Then finally, the three winning teams are declared and all six (two in each team) get placement offer. Just for motivation, First prize is a Macbook and second is an iPad."

We at VESITConnect on behalf of all students thanks the Placement Cell and all associated authorities for such efforts for us, the students at VESIT also congratulate all the students who got placed and wish them luck for their journeys ahead.

From Classrooms to Industries: Instrumentation Department

-Yash Keskar

With an aim of bridging the gap between classroom knowledge and real-world process instrumentation expertise, the Department of Instrumentation arranged for an Industrial visit to Reliance Industries Limited Manufacturing Division, Nagothane for its final year students. The visit to the petrochemical complex on the 5th of February was one of the many such industrial visits conducted by the department in this academic year.

Fifty-four students led by Associate Professor, Mr. Prasad Krishna Godse, were given an extensive tour of process instrumentation by the engineers at the Petrochemical Complex. In the morning, the students were given an overview of captive power plant, gas cracker unit, LDPE (low-density polyethylene) and bagging plant. In the afternoon, the tour focused

on enlightening the students about calibration and maintenance of various Instruments like control cabinets, limit switches, control valve, and actuators.



Students of Instrumentation Department during the Industrial Visit to Reliance Industries Limited, Nagothane

The visit concluded with an explanation about safe-

ty actions and the role of different departments and engineer of different disciplines.

"It has always been a shared vision of the entire Instrumentation Department to provide such golden opportunities to our students. Such experiences are very important for the to-be instrument engineers who would take a leap of faith in the field of process automation." said Prof. Prasad Krishna Godse.

Said Hari Shah, "The visit indeed was very beneficial to us as we were able to connect the dots between the classroom knowledge and real-world process instrumentation systems."

"Your Education is the Dress Rehearsal of Life that is yours to lead."

-Nora Ephron

VESIT Voice

-Gayatri Belapurkar

February has cracked open the cocoon and spread its wings for VESITians, growing into a beautiful and colorful butterfly. The month of February kicked off and ended on a high note. Right from events to bridge the gap between college education and the industry, like the Industrial Visit for the students of Instrumentation, the Technical Talk held by ISA VESIT, to placements of B E students, to victories on various fronts; February had a myriad of events. The smiling faces of students, recently passed out, were back in the college as they were conferred with their Graduation Degrees during the Degree Distribution Ceremony, which also marked an official end to their four-year journey in VESIT. We also had the Marathi Bhasha Divas celebrated in the college with great enthusiasm.

Two teams from VESIT qualified into the Regional Finals of eYantra Ideas Competition 2019. Teams from the college also made it to semifinals and finals of Project Deep Blue Season-4, where VESIT bagged the 'Best College' Award. VESITians shone brightly at the MUN held in VIT. That shine extended to VDC's performance at Pillai's Alegria and further ahead, as students stood fourth in the competition at the International Management Institute, New Delhi's Annual Management, Cultural and Sports fest, Kritva 2019.

It was active days for Societies and Councils too. The Blood Donation Initiative by SoRT VESIT was a tremendous success. Utsav 2019 is just around the corner and preparations for it are on in full swing. ISTE organized an S.E.Coord Event. ISA further boosted the technological skills with their event, Technovation. IEEE VESIT held an Online Treasure Hunt, Comflict, a MUN, an Android Workshop, and a Technical Paper Presentation. CSI had conducted Placement Talks, Cricomania and Lan Gaming. This year, Outdoor Spurthi has received a massive response and is on with 'high Josh'.

eYantra

eYantra Ideas Competition is a national level competition, initiated by IIT Bombay. The Regionals finals for this competition was conducted at six different centers in India. In Mumbai, the eYantra regional finals was held on 21 February 2019 at KJSCE Vidya Vihar.

This year they had more than 400 entries from all over India. Groups for regional finals were selected after a two-stage scrutiny. Two teams from VESIT were placed in the top 36 groups: "Drishti : The eyes

for blind" from the Department of Computer Engineering. The group members were: Deepa Narayanan, Akash Birari, Yogita Balani, Shashank Parandhe. They were mentored by Prof. Anjali Yeole. This team was selected in top six projects for regional center KJSCE. They received a cash prize of Rs 5000, a Drone kit and certificate of appreciation.

The second project was "Street Quality Identification Device (SQUID)" from the Department of Information Technology. The Students in the group

were Gaurav Sahu, Chirag Ballara, Sahil Sahu and Gayatri Belapurkar. They were mentored by Prof. Charusheela Nehete. The Team was selected in top six projects for regional center KJSCE. They received a cash prize of Rs 5000, Drone kit and certificate of appreciation.

This Project has been selected for National Finals.

-Arya Kasulla

VESITians shine at IMI, Delhi

Adith Nair and Aishwarya Patange secured the fourth position at Kritva 2019, an event in International Management Institute, New Delhi's Annual Management, Cultural and Sports fest. Kritva aims at promoting a spirit of competition providing real-time experience to hone their skills.



The IMI Campus, Delhi decorated for Expressions'19

Press Conference. Each team was divided into two: where one would be a famous personality and the other a reporter. The teammate who was enacting the famous personality had to answer the questions asked by the opponent reporters related to the current happenings in his life. The other teammate had to ask questions to players from other teams with respect to the famous personalities they were enacting. They ended up securing fourth place in the competition.

"The event was a two-stage impersonation story completion where you put on some masks and wear few others off. It helped in developing the skills of being a person beyond the person that you are by testing your presence of mind in the most bizarre situations possible. It was a very rich and learning experience for me", says Aishwarya Patange.

His partner Adith Nair added, "Every turn on the

road of life is a new lesson and we are glad that college is supporting us throughout our ventures and encouraging our constant endeavors"

We, at VESIT Connect, wish both of them best of luck and success for their future endeavors.



The participants, Aishwarya Patange and Adith Nair

The theme of Kritva'19 was 'An Escapade through Time' showcasing the various transformations the man has gone through in decades. The event Expressions included two rounds. The first one was a preliminary online quiz, conducted at all-India level, in which the duo qualified. The second round was

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all."

-Oscar Wilde

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This month in the Diaries section, we have Mr. Ritesh Chandnani, an alumnus from the Department of Computer Engineering. We hope you enjoy reading this issue and that the spirits of VESITians stay as high for long.

VESIT awarded the Best College at Deep Blue Season 4 Finale

-Shruti Bondre

Project Deep Blue is an opportunity for enthusiasts to dedicate themselves to the idea of providing solutions to the plastic, waste and sanitation woes of the city by participating in this intercollegiate competition introduced in 2015. It provides opportunity for engineering college students to find solutions to solve real-life social problems using their technological skills. Project Deep Blue signifies the willingness to dive into the problem, the determination to get to the bottom of the issue and the drive to find a solution. It alludes to deep, intense, profound, intellectual thoughts.

Out of the 65-odd teams selected from various engineering colleges from all over Mumbai and Pune, 17 teams belonged to VESIT. There were two "Milestone" dates and the teams are expected to complete the specified part of their projects till that date. This year 30th December 2018 was the 1st Milestone date where 10-15% of the project completion was expected. 2nd Milestone was due 20th January 2019 and 75-80% project completion was expected. The students were to show a demo of their 'hacks' to the mentors which were to authorize them.

These two "Milestone" dates included a rigorous set of demonstrations and presentations by the selected teams who were then analyzed by the mentors and the industry specialists. Nine Teams made it to the finals with two of the nine Qualifies teams being from VESIT. The members of the qualifying teams mostly belonged to Computer Science and IT branch. One of the teams was led by Ujala Jha(D15) and the team had three other members- Abhishek Kaudare(D15), Gaurav Sahu(D15) and Mitesh Goplani(D12).



The qualifying team from VESIT- Ujala Jha, Abhishek Kaudare, Gaurav Sahu and Mitesh Goplani

The other team that qualified from VESIT was led by Mehak Katra(D12C). The other members of the team were Karan Bulani(D12C), Somesh Sidhwani(D12C) and Bhavesh Khubnani(D12C). Their Project was Utilization of Public Toilets. The students worked hard, day and night, to come up with amazing solutions for the sanitation woes faced by the city.

The "Project Deep Blue" Season 4 Finale was held on 17th February, 2019 at K.J.Somaiya Institute of Technology, Sion. It began with the inauguration followed by the Presentations by the Nine Finalists and PR Activities. After the final Presentations, the results were announced followed by Dinner.

VESIT was awarded the Best College Award in The Deep Blue Season 4 Finale. It was indeed a moment of pride and joy for VESIT when it was given such a prestigious position. Mr. Amit Singh, The SPOC for Deep Blue, received the award from the organizers on Behalf of VESIT.

VESIT makes its mark at VITMUN

-Avinash Tripathy

The idea of a Mock Parliament is familiar to all of us as it is based on the principles of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha and the way Indian Parliament functions. A Model United Nations or popularly abbreviated as MUNs works on frameworks similar to that wherein an international committee which may or may not be a part of United Nations is simulated and the delegates of the committee are college students!

A contingent of five First Year students participated in a MUN organized by VIT, Wadala on 14th and 15th of February. The committee imitated was the United Nations Human Rights Council and the agenda for discussion was, 'The Violation of Human Rights in The Syrian Crisis'. A MUN gives a participant not only a chance to refine their oratory skills but also their knowledge regarding how an international committee works, what framework is followed and how paperwork is created and passed. The most unique thing about a MUN is that students get to represent a country and thus speak on behalf of that country as long as the committee is in order.

Sparsh Khosla(D5), having earlier experience of MUN was allotted the Russian Federation while Arnab Saha(D4B) and Shlok Jagushte(D1B) being first-timers, were allotted UAE and the Bolivarian Republic Of Venezuela. The other two participants, Avinash Tripathy (D4B) and Neeraj Patil (D1B) were allotted Mexico and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan respectively.

Even before the committee was in motion, the participants started discussion amongst themselves on what shall be the general topic for discussion in the first session and what topics shall be focused upon. Sparsh Khosla used his experience to lobby the delegates of other nations to form a bloc which meant that when the delegate of Russian Federation wanted to pass a motion, the bloc would vote in his favor.

Every participant made his presence felt in the committee, if not directly, at least indirectly. Avinash Tripathy being the Mexico delegate opposed the solutions proposed by the delegates of Russia with emphatic articulation and also derided the solutions by comparing them to scenes from a Michael Bay movie. Shlok Jagushte on the other hand engaged in a chit war with the delegate of USA. This chit war was highly encouraged by the Executive Board and Shlok was appreciated for his questioning skills when the committee was adjourned for Day 1.

Even though the committee was held on a serious note, the Executive Board gave space for some humour. A good example was given when the delegate of USA was giving his speech, the delegates of China and Syria were laughing amongst themselves. The delegate of USA raised concerns regarding their behavior in Committee and the Executive Board seeing this as an opportunity to show the rookie MUNer about how a complaint is raised in a committee, allowed for the complaint to be accepted and even allowed the delegate of USA to choose the punishment for each delegate. The delegate of USA asked the delegate of China to apologize to him by writing a poetry in the rhyme scheme of (abab). This ingenious punishment generated quite a few laughs.

The second day started with the introduction of informal documents for discussion in the committee. The committee was so competitive that no informal documents were being allowed to be introduced for discussion. Six informal documents were declared failed before, finally, an informal document authored by Russia, India, and Venezuela was introduced. The Executive Board had granted the delegates permission to give unique names for their Informal Documents. This awakened the creativity inside of each delegate present in the committee. Every delegate presented a unique name to the Informal Document they were presenting. A few to be mentioned are "All

They Want Is Oil" presented by Russia which was a sarcastic reply to USA. Another good title was "Oil ChahiyeKuchBhiKarkeLenge" also presented by Russia which was a reply to USA's working paper.

After all the paper discussion was done, finally at the end of the committee, the paper was passed to make it a resolution. The Executive Board then gave its closing speech where two Members highly appreciated the committee for its competitiveness and the data which was quoted. They also encouraged the delegates to participate in future MUNs to improve their MUNing skills and invited them for GLC-MUN. After this the announced the results wherein Sparsh Khosla and Shlok Jagushte won Verbal Mentions from the Executive Board.

Even though all delegates did not win something, it turned out to be a great learning experience for all the participants. The participants have decided to keep participating in future MUNs and keeping making VESIT proud.



Avinash Tripathy (D4B) posing as a delegate of Mexico

VDC continues its Winning Streak at Pillai's Alegria 2k19

-Avinash Tripathy

VDC carries on their impeccable series of performances by securing the second place at Pillai Institute of Technology's Alegria 2k18. They secured the second position in the Freestyle Group category.

VDC was selected as one of the 7 finalists in the category of Group Freestyle. The PR team of Alegria 2k19 did a great job by getting the Feel Crew of the Dance+ Season 4 TV Show. Also the unique thing about Alegria 2k18 was the fact that VDC was about to face its toughest competition compared to the previous two competitions as one of the crews 'The Panvelkars' were a crew that had got international recognition.

Even though majority of the teams chose their dancing style as Freestyle, not all crews could get the audience to cheer for them in a way VDC did it. VDC

enthralled the crowd which couldn't stop itself from applauding them from the moment they began their show.

The perfect synchronized coordination throughout the whole performance and the occasional acrobatics had the crowd filled with wonder and admiration. It felt as if the crowd was watching such a splendid performance for the first time. Even though the performance had come to an end, the crowd continued to cheer the performers. Such was the astounding performance given by VDC.

Before the results were announced, the Feel Crew gave a special performance on the request of the crowd. The unique thing about Feel Crew is that it dances not on songs but on movie dialogues and the Crew did just that in the performance.

VDC won the second prize in the Group Freestyle Category ultimately losing out the first prize to The Panvelkars. This did not dampen their spirits as they were confident of doing better in the upcoming competition they were going to participate in.



VDC team celebrating their incredible success

Every Drop Counts- SoRT Blood Donation Camp

-Aadi Fernandes

A small quantity of blood could be vital in saving countless number of lives. For a healthy person it does not cause any kind of inconvenience but could be the matter of life or death for someone who is desperately in need of a transfusion. Blood Donation is an opportunity for people who wish to make a positive change in someone's life.



Blood Pressure and Haemoglobin tests were conducted as Preliminary Tests

SoRT VESIT in association with Hashu Advani Memorial Trust collaborated with the doctors of JJ Hospital and Raktapedhi to organize a blood donation

camp at VESIT. The camp was held on 22nd February from 10 am to 5pm in the Boys Common Room.



The SoRT Family felicitating the Doctors from JJ Hospital and Raktapedhi

In addition, eye checkup and BMI checkup were also conducted exclusively for teachers. The event was a huge success with an overwhelming 210 students and staff registering for blood donation out of which 162 were eligible after the preliminary hemoglobin and blood pressure tests that were conducted. Each

and every donor was felicitated with a certificate and were served light refreshments. A token of appreciation was given to every donor for their invaluable contribution towards the society. Each left with a smile on their faces, knowing they have made a difference.



Each and Every Drop Counts

SEAL-6

-Sreevidya Iyer

Technical societies conduct a co-ord event towards the end of the academic year, so that the newest council members can learn about management and organization through experience. This event is conducted by the SE and MCA FY members exclusively for the SE's and MCA FY's.

Indian Society for Technical education (ISTE) conducted their co-ord event on 25th and 26th of February, 2019. The theme of this event was SEAL 6. This was a military theme based event which tested the participants' psychological, physical and technical skills. The aim of this event was to take a leaf out of a soldier's handbook and provide an opportunity for participants to test their limits.

SEAL 6 had various games such as Escape the Loop,

where the participants have to solve hardware and software loops to find the answer, Rubik's Ladder which tested the participants' ability to concentrate under pressure and their stamina.



Contestants cracking the Code in Escape the Loop

Blind Rush tested the teamwork and agility while the Barbarians was not a game for the weak-willed.



Participants in a game of Blind Rush

Rapid Fire proved to be target practice which forced the contestants to think quickly on their feet and aim smartly.



Hitting the Targets in a game of Rapid fire



Participants piecing together a Hardware Circuit

After intense battles and close finishes, 3 teams emerged victorious. The winners of SEAL 6 are:

1st Position:

1. Priya Karsi D7A
2. Anshul Bahrani D7A
3. Ekta Kithani D7A

2nd Position:

1. Jatin Acharya D10
2. Anshul Chaudhary D10
3. Nihar Abyankar D10

3rd Position:

1. Saurav Jeswani D10
2. Avinash Bhawnani D7A
3. Devansh Ahuja D7A

Congratulations to all the winners!

Technical Talks by Dr. Zafar Taqvi

-Yash Keskar

There is always an enthusiasm in the minds of students to find out what the industry is all about. To bridge the gap and to provide the students with a glimpse of the real-world, ISA VESIT hosted a three-day event with an eminent personality, Dr. Zafar Taqvi, who shared his exhilarating experience with the students of VESIT. He conducted an interactive session from 7th to 9th February 2019 in the college auditorium. Dr. Zafar Taqvi has more than 41 years of experience in the field of Aerospace and domain expertise in the areas of Process Instruments and Control, Project Engineering, Simulation, and Testing. While he began his career as an Instrument Engineer with BARC, he later went on to be a Manager, Technical Lead, Senior Principal Engineer at NASA and Boeing International Space Station (ISS).

On the first day, the most emerging topics of the decade: Big Data and Forthcoming Analytics were explained. The session started with a brief introduction on how the Big Data and its analysis can have a tremendous impact on our day to day technology. He also guided the students by giving practical

examples of how Big Data is utilized in different fields of Engineering. Along with Dr. Taqvi, the Vice President of district 14 - Gujarat section Mr. Jagdish Shukla was also present to address the student council and Faculty in charge of ISA-VESIT, which took place in Instrumentation Process Lab. Scholarship programs offered by ISA and how the students can make optimal use of the services provided by ISA was discussed. He was keen on taking suggestions for further developments and convey it at the international level.

On the second day, Dr. Taqvi had an interactive session with the students wherein he gave them an insight on how to expand their knowledge of networking. He gave a basic idea of how networking plays an important role in the industry. This was followed by a small workshop to test the networking skills of the participants and encourage them to interact with each other as well.

On the third day, Dr. Taqvi gave valuable comprehension on Measurements for immediate future and its practical application. He also gave a detailed

explanation of how measurements are used in different aspects of Technology and further discussed the scope for improvements in different fields. Mr. N. Gopalakrishnan concluded the session by giving a vote of thanks to Dr. Zafar Taqvi.

Each day was concluded with a Q&A session. The event indeed proved to be an enriching one for the students of VESIT.



Dr. Taqvi had an interactive session with the students

ISA Technovation'19

-Pranav Phale

"It is said that the key to expertise is consistency and hard work."

Keeping this in mind, ISA-VESIT had announced a Mega Project Competition namely, Technovation'19, for the SEs and TEs at the beginning of the year to encourage the students to bring into reality, the knowledge that they have gained through their years in this college and push themselves a little more to get that cutting edge over the competition by having a reliable and a working project!



Participants presenting their projects to the Judges

Over 35 enthusiastic teams from SEs and TEs participated in this competition which was judged by three extremely experienced judges on March 20, 2019:

1. Mrs. Asma Parveen (IT Dept. Faculty)
2. Mrs. Laxmi (INST ME Dept)
3. Mr. Navin Shreedhar (INST Alumni)

The judges questioned the participants over their project choices and the methods implemented so as to test their knowledge about the projects.



Participants presenting their projects to the Judges

They also gave useful suggestions to the participants to make their projects more user-friendly and reliable. The project competition was a great learning

experience for the participants.

The winners declared on the day of Symposium :

Juniors (SEs):

Winners:

Raghav Potdar & Team

1st Runner-up:

Aishwarya Chaurasia & Team

2nd Runner-up:

Sameer Ansari & Team

Consolation Prize:

Paarth Arkadi & Team

Sayli Sawant & Team

Seniors (TEs):

Winners:

Yash Patil & Team

1st Runner-up:

Sonali Gaitonde & Team

2nd Runner-up:

Prajwal More & Team

Consolation Prize:

Sanket Jadhav & Team

Yash Aher & Team

IEEE- Online Treasure Hunt

-Atique Kudchi

IEEE-VESIT conducted its open-for-all 24 hour online mega-event called “Online Treasure Hunt” on the 26th and 27th of January 2019. Every year, a large number of people log on to the themed website where the Web Developers of IEEE-VESIT weave together a storyline, to advance in which the player needs to solve puzzles using hints provided by the society regularly.

This year, the storyline revolved around a fictional world wherein a Nuclear World War had begun at

a future time. The Player belonged to a secret team of scientists who had been assigned to create a time machine in order to go back into the past and prevent the World War. The game was divided into 3 parts for the 3 streams: Electronics, Electronics & Telecommunication and Computer Science. The Players were asked to select any one stream, and they were given questions relevant to that stream. This event is probably one of the most hectic and collaborative ones for the Society, with the Editorial Team writing the storyline, the Web Editors making

the website from the scratch, the Publicity Team and everyone else making sure that the clues are given on time and also that they reach everyone, essentially taking up almost all the manpower that IEEE-VESIT has to offer.

Despite all the hurdles, OTH 2019 turned out to be the biggest one yet, with a record breaking 350+ unique users logging on in a matter of 24 hours.

The winners for the event were:

STREAM	ETRX	EXTC	CMPN
FIRST	Smruti Kshirsagar (D12A)	Prithvi Halder (D14B)	Raj Anchan (D13)
SECOND	Saswati Pradhan (D17C)	Adith Nair (D9B)	Aditya Kale (D13)
THIRD	Monil Shiv (D17C)	Rishav Roy (D13)	Siddhant Nashte (D11A)

IEEE-VESIT managed to surpass themselves again and also set a high benchmark for online events to be held in the college with the success of OTH.

The Universes Clash.....

- Saummya Kulkarni

With the Superhero fever encompassing the entire world, the superhero universe is getting multiple additions this year. IEEE-VESIT presented one of its grandest events of this year, Comflict on the 28th of January, 2019. The game consisted of two of the most popular superhero universes, Marvel and DC.



Contestants playing Jenga

Heated debates are common amongst the supporters of these two universes, and IEEE-VESIT organized

this event to give the fans a chance to battle it out.

The first day consisted of a series of mini games like Dog and the Bone, picture memory game and a ping pong ball game. The teams won points based on their performance in the respective games. The mini games were based on various abilities of the superheroes like strength, agility, speed and intelligence quotient. Each Marvel superhero had its DC counterpart. With the points that the teams won through the mini games, each team could buy a superhero from the two universes.

The second day consisted of a life sized version of a popular board game, Monopoly. Two hexagonal grids were created by the council. Popular places from superhero movies were marked on the grid. There were 6 teams in total in each grid, three from each universe. One team member had to go around the grid similar to a pawn in Monopoly.

The teams could buy the places that they landed on. They could either build a Bat-Cave or a Watch Tower on the places that they bought.



The Monopoly Board

Eventually, Marvel prevailed in this exhilarating game and the conflict between the two universes was settled once, and for all.

When the Earth cries for help.....

-Saummya Kulkarni

Model United Nations has always been one of the most coveted youth activities. It is a chance for the students to showcase their civic sense, general knowledge, and oratory skills. IEEE-VESIT is known for conducting MUNs for all its members every year, and this year was no different.

This is one of the most awaited events of the society. This year the countries’ delegates had to present their views on the significant amount of disasters due to climate change. They were given a scenario in which the earth’s resources could get depleted in a matter of ten years due to significant climate change if the

world did not take any serious preventive measures. An elimination round was conducted via Google Forms and the delegates were selected. Keeping in mind the respective countries, they had to present a solution on how they would tackle climate change for the next ten years. There were ten countries and either one or two delegates from each country. In the first round, the delegates introduced themselves and talked about solutions with respect to their own countries. The second round was opened for discussion. Each delegate had to either oppose or agree with the views of the other delegates. The order was determined by the system of raising placards. Then the delegates were given some time for

lobbying and to form alliances.

Two alliances were formed and after a voting round, one alliance’s bill was passed. Finally, three of the best delegates were selected on the basis of their content and presentation:

- 1st Place: Aishwarya Patange (D9B)
Adith Nair (D9B)
- 2nd Place: Shruti Bondre (D9B)
Anusha Krishnan(D9B)

Android Workshop 2.0

-Saummya Kulkarni

With the IT industry is becoming more versatile day by day with new upcoming innovations, it is extremely important for engineers to learn about various softwares and programming languages. IEEE-VESIT conducted a workshop on Android Studio with Firebase exclusively for its members. This was the second version of the first workshop which happened in the previ-

ous semester. Sarthak Dadhekar from D17B conducted this workshop. He started by introducing the basics of Android Studio to the participants. He then started the Firebase part, wherein he showed a couple of running projects on Android Studio and explained its working in detail. "Many were keen on learning about the syntax of a basic Android application. It

was an amazing experience to teach them." said SarthakDadhekar. Said Yajnesh Shetty from D9B."This workshop sparked an interest in me to learn more about Firebase and Android Studio." Later, the participants were emailed the source codes of the projects by the council.

Technical Paper Presentation Seminar

-Saummya Kulkarni

A technical paper presentation seminar was conducted by IEEE-VESIT on 8th February, 2019. Asst. Prof. Mrs. Priya R L from Computer Department, who conducted this seminar, has an immense amount of technical and analytical knowledge.

Mrs. Priya R L started the seminar by emphasizing on the importance of learning how to write a technical paper, through a PowerPoint presentation. She further informed the attendees that if their papers had relevant information, they could be published in international journals and magazines.

She described in brief about the various sub topics in a technical paper and why it was equally important to have a clear and concise idea about the content of the paper. Mrs. Priya R L stressed on the importance

of getting the correct facts and data in your paper. She guided the students on how to include the references of various other sources related to the same

topic. She concluded the presentation by showing a video that summarized the seminar.



Mrs. Priya with IEEE Chairperson Pooja Vazirani



Priya Ma'am addressing the Audience

A gaming experience like no other: LAN Gaming

- Atharva Gupte

The technical societies in VESIT offer a plethora of events fun and technical alike, as it helps a student to blow off some steam and concentrate better on academics. One such exciting is Lan-Gaming,presented by CSI-VESIT - one of the most awaited events in the even semester. It is a gaming journey with old classics like Need For Speed to all-time favorites like Counter-Strike: Global Offensive to the latest gaming sensations PUBG and Mini-Militia.

Militia, CS:GO and NFS in the same rooms and labs where they used to study and perform practicals. On the second day of Lan Gaming, there was another addition to the gaming experience.

2nd place: Tushar and team(D11A)
NFS
1st place:KaustubhThanekar(D20)
2nd place:Monil Shiv(D17C)

CSI-VESIT had organized a FIFA'19 tournament on the latest gaming console sensation PS4.



Players in their Gaming Avatars

It was held on the 12th and 13th of February on the 5th floor at 2.45 pm. It attracted all the gaming enthusiasts in the college under one roof. Counter-Strike is an all-time favorite among all the students received an overwhelming response, followed by PUBG which has taken the world by storm. It was a new experience for students to play PUBG,Mini



Players enjoying a game of NFS

The classroom turned into Camp Nou as everyone cheered, clapped and cursed at every pass, shoot, dribble and goal during the course of the match. As the second day drew to a close, the event ended on a note of satisfaction of giving a chance for every gamer to display his skills in front of the entire college.

The victors of this spectacular gaming journey are

PUBG:
1st place: Rohit and team(D7C)

CS GO:
1st place: Reuben and team(D7)
2nd place Atharva and team (D14B)

FIFA:
1st place: MohitTembe(D14B)
2nd place: RishilKirtikar(D12B)

MINI MILITIA:
1st place: Vinit and team
2nd place:Kunal and team



Council Members look on as players enjoy their games

“Education is the key to unlock your world, a passport to Freedom.”

-Oprah Winfrey

The Cricomania Craze!

-Aishwarya Sahoo

CSI conducted its mega-event of the year, the 'Cricomania' on 25th, 26th and 27th February for students to experience the various colors of the game of cricket. The event had three rounds which was conducted for SEs, TEs, BEs and MCA.



Auction Panel Explaining the Rules

The first round consisted of paper elimination round where the questions comprised of general questions related to cricket. After the paper eliminations, the selected students were made to play a number of mini-games based on cricket that provided the perfect blend of fun and brainstorming experience for all the participants. The next round called the 'Sponsorship Round', which was also the final round of the event, helped the teams get their budget for the auction.

At the auction, students experienced what happened off the field as they got a chance to build their dream team, by bidding on their favorite players and bowling out their opponents with calculative strategies.



Participants excited to bid in the Auctions

The 'Auction' consisted of different pools of different categories like batsmen, bowlers, wicketkeeper, all-rounders and legends.



Auction Panel with the Hosts

The teams had to fulfill the given criteria in order to make it to the subsequent pool rounds. Eliminations happened at regular intervals, and in the end, the winners were decided on the credit points of the players of their 'Dream 11'.



Participants Battling it out in the Auctions

In the round for MCA and SEs, the winners were Anam Arfi, Manasi Patil, Siddhesh Tambe and Rishabh Kankani from MCA-1B, whereas in the TEs and BEs round, the winning team was the team of Saurabh Khatri, Vishal Yadav, Sunmay Agarkar and Kshitik Sutar from D17A.

Congratulations to all the winners!

The Placements Talk!

-Aishwarya Sahoo

CSI-VESIT conducted its 'Placement Talks' seminar in the wake of the placement procedure which would commence on the February 22nd, 2019. It comprised of BEs from across all the departments who were placed in dream companies like JPMC, IVP, MAQ, Quantiphi and many more.



BEs placed in JPMC

This session was organized for the members as well as non-members of the society, and the juniors had a chance to interact with the exemplary seniors who readily shared their experiences, including the hur-

dles they faced while appearing for the interview. The interactive session gave the students an understanding of the rigorous placement procedure.

The students were guided on the aptitude test, and a few handy tricks to excel the interviews. The audience mainly consisted of TEs and SEs. They put forth their queries to the BEs who cleared their doubts about the entire procedure. The students were guided about the entire approach towards the aptitude test conducted by the different companies, the study material to refer to for the questions often asked, and how to clear them by emphasizing on the topics which were considered important from the tests' point of view.

After that, the students were given a preview of the interviews conducted by the industry experts. The first interview is usually the technical interview wherein the students' technical knowledge is put to test. After the technical interview comes the HR interview where the potential candidates are asked very direct and pointed questions so as to weed out

the unsafe hires. The interview tested the candidate's personality, strengths, weaknesses, capability to handle the role, to check their background, and to understand if they are the right fit for this job.



BEs placed in Quantiphi

A lot of anecdotes were shared in between the talks to make the students understand how the entire process functions.

Overall, the entire experience was very enriching for all those who would be going through the process of getting hired in the near future.

Musings and Expressions



World through bird's eyes

Abhishek Kamble



Calm before the Storm

Jai Mulani



Captain Jack Sparrow

Pradeep Thorat

VESIT Diaries

-Padmaja Borwankar

Mr. Ritesh Chandnani is a VESIT Alumni (Batch 2015, Computer Engineering). He wrote his first line of code at age 10 and hacked India's largest telecom portal at age 12. With over 3 years of experience in front-end, android application, and product development combined, he builds products from scratch with particular emphasis on product design, user experience, architecture and extensibility. He is currently working as an Android Team Leader & Product Developer at InterviewAir. He is experienced in end-to-end product development - taking ideas, creating wireframes, coding and deploying. On his recent visit to VESIT, we got a chance to interact with him as he taught students about Product Design & Development.

Q. Tell us something about your college life at VESIT

My college life was very different from what people usually experience. On fresher's day, I was solving a C++ pattern problem. VESIT provided me a platform to learn, test and improve myself in every aspect. I built android apps, iOS apps, iOS games, web applications, and backend, all in my college life. VESIT helped me do that as people here are very open. I even won a national level competition for my BE project. I won Rs. 20000 as a cash reward. SO my college life was full of learning and experimenting.

Q. Share a glimpse of your personal life

I spend a lot of time into coding. Even on weekends, I don't like to go out or watch movies. I prefer to solve problems. There are babies dying in Africa due to malaria. We can save people's lives through technology. I spent most of my time trying to build something. Hence I joined a start-up InterviewAir.

Q. Let's talk about your professional life

I started writing code when I was 10. At age 12, I had India's largest telecom portal website. After college, I joined this company InterviewAir. We started writing code for our frontend architecture. It is still being used even after 3 years. I built a lot of libraries and reusable components to reduce re-

dundancy. I knew I was working in a start-up and I alone could not do all the things. Hence I started training interns personally. I got an opportunity to build android app. I jumped from front end world to android world. I started working on android for 6 months and my contributions were really good. Seeing this, my company directly promoted me to team leader. After that, I have been a team leader for the past 2.5 years. The people who succeed are the ones who think from the user's perspective. I always had that perspective in mind and tried to build products from that angle and not just an engineer's angle. I made some computations which increased the revenue of our company significantly which again caught attention of the management and so they promoted me again, this time to product developer.

Q. Today the world is advancing at a rapid pace, can you throw some light upon activities that students can do from the beginning which will help them get an edge?

Students can get an experience about many things. Try to be a generalist. Create front and backend applications, create games. Even if you don't succeed, you at least know the mechanics, what goes into the making of it. Once you know that, you can go to stuff like AI. But initially, concentrate on the core concepts as everything boils down to it. You need to get the basics clear. Once you are thorough with them, you can do whatever you want to. What I can suggest is recommender systems which are very popular, and has many resources available online. Students have a lot of time. They can contribute to a lot of open source projects in their college life.

Q. What do you think is the importance of extra-curricular activities in a student's life and how to manage them?

I messed that up. But it is very important. In sports, you learn how to be a team player. People won't employ you if you are rude or don't get along with other people. You get a lot of understanding about the world. People who build products are different. They don't spend their time scrolling through Instagram



Mr. Ritesh Chandnani

or Facebook. Technology is numbing people's lives and creating these addictive products that people keep on scrolling. I'm not saying technology is good or bad, but you should try to find a balance. Don't be like me. Try to be better than what I am.

Q. Failure since ages has been a reluctance causing factor in life. What do you recommend for dealing with failure?

Many people don't do things due to fear of failure. That is okay in the four years of college as you need good grades. But once you step out into the real world, you have to embrace failure. When you fail, it means that you have at least tried something. Failure is like a badge. I failed in my first programming exercise at VESIT. So I went back and read the entire 'Complete reference' book twice. Once I read it, I learnt so many things that I did not plan on finding. So failure is a part of life. Just try to accept it. It does not define you.

Q. Can you tell us something about interpersonal skills that we should have outside academics?

If all you do is code, you will end up becoming a code monkey in front of a screen and type code. But in the tech industry, those are not the people who are in charge of big decisions, who move the company forward. Anyone can write code. People with big ideas, who know how to communicate and manage people are the ones who become leaders. How to manage people is one of the most important skills.

The way to acquiring this skill is to take up the right projects with the right people. You should be able to allocate responsibility and know how to define a problem.

Q. Any message for the new generation at VESIT?
We are going through this period of disruptive change where technology is getting embedded in

our lives, but technology is just a tool to solve problems. We should learn how to identify the problems and come up with the possible solutions. Do not worry about being fancy or fashionable. You have to concentrate on the basics and know how the world works. Eventually you will get out of college. Have big goals. Most of the people fail in life not because they dream something big and don't achieve it, but

because they dream something small and hit the target too soon. Shoot for the moon. Try to do things that you think are impossible. Only then you will learn what is possible. Most people give up too soon. So don't give up and be a hero. The world needs more heroes.

Sports

EXTC Conquers Sphurti 2019

-Arnob Saha

By February, the New Year sensations start to run out and along with it the excitement and anticipation. But to curb the melancholy and gush in the adrenaline, 'outdoor Sphurti' sets in. Competitiveness runs high with historic inter-branch rivalries re-sparking, carrying the legacies of the prior years of spurthi. Sphurti is an annual interbranch sports event, where the most diverse and consistent branch takes home the prize and a full year of bragging rights. This was the first time FEs got a chance to show their potential in the field

of sports in the college and simultaneously, enhancing the bonding between fellow classmates. Sphurti (outdoor) had a plethora of sports divided between girls and boys. The events were carried out in the form of pre-formulated brackets which enabled the best two teams to emerge, and compete for the first place. The events in outdoor sphurti were:
FOR BOYS: -
• Football

- Cricket
 - Kabaddi
 - Volleyball
- FOR GIRLS: -
- Cricket
 - Throwball
 - Dodgeball

JUNIORS		SENIORS	
1. Football	D2	1. Football	D11
2. Cricket(boys)	D1	2. Cricket(boys)	D19C
3. Volleyball	D3	3. Volleyball	D19
4. Kabaddi	D2	4. Kabaddi	D19C
5. Throwball	D4	5. Throwball	D9
6. Dodgeball	D4	6. Dodgeball	D19
7. Cricket(girls)	D2	7. Cricket(girls)	D19

The event of sweats and adrenaline with a mighty touch a team spirit was a sheer success with D4 from the juniors and D19 taking the mantle as the winners of Sphurti 2019.

Innovation comes out of great human Ingenuity and very personal Passions
-Megan Smith