



VESIT Connect

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VESIT Degree Distribution Ceremony

-by Vyjayanthi Kamath
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The Degree Distribution Ceremony for the 2015-2016 batch was held on February 18, 2017. The keynote speakers were Dr. B. K. Dutta (Dean HBN), Shri Britto (Technical Director, RCF) and Shri. Pankaj Doke (Senior Scientist, Tata Consultancy Services).

The ceremony was divided into two sections: The Degree Distribution ceremony for the departments of EXTC, ETRX and Instrumentation was held in the morning and for the Departments of Information Technology, Computers and MCA, it was in the afternoon.

The students receiving their degrees had to first, register themselves at the desks run by BE student volunteers and then, pick up their robes and later head towards their respective contingent as they moved in a procession from the second entrance of the building, around the Swami Vivekananda statue and into the auditorium.



Degree Distribution Ceremony 2017

After the students were seated in the auditorium, Mr. Britto delivered a rousing and inspiring speech, urging the students that now having successfully graduated, they should commence working on their dreams proactively and to take on the World and its obstacles with headstrong impulsiveness. He also addressed the changes in recent technology; the opportunities and challenges it brings.

Mr. Pankaj H. Doke, Senior researcher at TCS Innovation Lab, is also an alumnus of VESIT. He has more than 20 years of experience in corporate research development. He has thirty patents registered on his name and many research publications. His dramatic opening question, "How do you make five hundred and thirty five crore rupees by investing just ten thousand rupees?" intrigued the audience and he managed to keep them captivated throughout his address to them. He also urged students to pursue higher studies and not stop at Bachelor's or even Master's degree. Higher education broadens the horizons which again, is a ticket to lot of money. He advised the students not to hesitate to experiment. According to him, three things will rule the decade: namely, machine learning, Research and finally design. He conveyed to the students the importance of these three things that help in distinguishing a person from the herd.

Our Guest of Honor, Dr. Dutta began his speech by asking the question – What next? He pointed out how this

is an era of multidisciplinary fields, where many disciplines merge to form new zones. One should prepare oneself to fit into this world. He also emphasized that each one of the graduating students should ask themselves on how they wish to be remembered 40 years down the line and start working towards that goal right now. The degree distribution ceremony was followed with snacks and photo session. It was truly a nostalgic experience for the ex-students as it had been long since they visited the campus and met their teachers.

At a time like this, we are reminded of the importance of a college education and as Mr. Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the World".



Felicitated professors ,Dr. Saylee Gharge and Dr. R.Kulkarni with the guests of honour



Respected guests and speakers with principal,Dr. Mrs. J.M Nair.

Alumni Meet

-by Padmaja Kolle

The VESIT Alumni Meet was conducted on 7 th January 2016 in the Amphitheatre at 7:00 PM. The event started off with inspiring words by our Managing Trustee Shri. Dinesh Tahliani and Member Trustee Shri. Suresh Bharwani. The distinguished Alumni Award was presented to following alumni:



Ms. Tanushree Bagrodia, (Computer – 2001), CFO and VP-IT of NRB Bearings Ltd (turnover USD 100m and Market Cap USD 200m), a leading provider of anti-friction solutions to the global mobility industry.

She became the youngest CFO of a listed top 500 company in India. In March 2016 she was honored as a top 100 CFO in India by CFO India and by UK's CIMA, and was the youngest woman in the honour roll. She is an invited member of CII's National CFO Committee and a regular contributor at CII events. She was invited by FICCI to lead the automotive sector for an Indo-Mexican trade delegation to Mexico. In April 2016, INSEAD honored her as the **INSEADer of the Month**, a recognition for distinguished alumnus that include the current Finance Minister of Canada.

A keen observer of Indian politics, she covered the 2009 general elections for a US based online magazine, The South Wing. A thoughtful leader, she contributes to varied CFO publications and an aspiring writer, she has a regular blog that expresses her views

Ms. Tanushree Bagrodia on varied topics from women empowerment to life to city infrastructure.



Mr. Anubhav Sonthalia, (Computer – 2002) “Co-founder and COO, Sokrati”. Anubhav is responsible for formulating digital marketing strategies, managing ad spends, and driving transactions for Sokrati's numerous clients across seven countries, headquartered in Pune, India. He leads a team of 130 expert business analysts and overseas operations an delivery for Sokrati. Prior to co-founding Sokrati, Mr. Sonthalia was Product and Program Manager at Amazon Seattle, driving efficiency at scale for Amazon's Comparison Shopping Program.

Before moving to Product Management, Anubhav worked as a Software Engineer at Amazon, conceptualizing and implementing solutions for managing large (running into tens of millions of rows a day) data feeds from partners. Prior to joining Amazon, he built semantic web services used in biogrid task computing.

Mr. Anubhav Sonthalia

The brain behind all business operations in Sokrati, Anubhav leads with a keen diligence and thorough digital industry knowledge, and shares his key experiences at national and international forums.



Mr. Neeraj Vashi, (Computer -1990- 91) Founder and Director of Nivalink, a renowned travel services outfit since year 2000. Nivalink today is an expert in complex travel having offices in Mumbai, Delhi / NCR, Ahmedabad and Chennai. Nivalink till date would have catered to about 300,000+ customers, across 100+ cities in India and 50+ countries worldwide. Nivalink annually sends customers to about 500+ destinations to about 50+ countries worldwide.

VESIT distinguished Alumnus Mr. Dilipkumar Khandelwal, Managing Director, SAP Labs India and Executive VP & Global Head of Suite Engineering is selected “**40 UNDER FORTY**” - **India's Hottest Young Business Leaders 2016**. (Press release of The Economics Times, Pg. No. 15, 20 & 21 Dt. 28.9.2016)

Mr. Neeraj Vashi

The experience of the evening was enhanced with music from the hugely popular band 'Behad'. It was a time and event for old relationships to be cherished, celebrated and refreshed and new ones to formed. New bridges were built and partnerships were forged. It was time of reflecting, remembering the good old times and memories of the Alumni and looking forward with a sense of purpose and anticipation. The night ended with delicious dinner for the participants of the event. We are looking forward for a greater partnership with Alumni in the days to come.

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VESIT UG team at Avishkar 2016-2017



The team presenting at the University round.

A VISHKAR is an Inter-University Research Project Competition for UG, PG and Doctoral students initiated by His Excellency, Governor of Maharashtra, Shri. S.M. Krishna in 2006. The objective of AVISHKAR is to foster young researchers to undertake projects that are intended to contribute towards societal needs. Their project was a “Road Divider Based Power Generation” system with sensor based lighting to optimize power consumption. It aimed at “**Carbon footprint reversal**” of polluting vehicles by using a Vertical Axis Wind Turbine. The VESIT group comprised of **Ketan Vaidya, Ramanathan Choodamani, Shubham Koyande & Shivesh Hiranandani**. They were mentored by **Mrs. Ashwini Sawant**. The competition was divided into three levels:

District Level:

The first round of Avishkar, the district level, was held at Ramrao Adik Institute of Technology, The round consisted of a poster presentation and model demonstration. The team was selected for the University round.

University round:

At the University round which was at AC Patil College of Engineering, Kharghar, the team bagged the second position and were awarded the opportunity to represent the University of Mumbai at the State Level Convention.

State Level

At the state level, the first round was a poster round where the team competed with 44 teams from 22 universities across Maharashtra. They were successful in clearing the round and were selected for the final presentation round of Avishkar 2016-17. Their presentation was appreciated and the idea was deemed innovative by the panel. Avishkar, true to its motto left a lasting impression on the students, motivating them to further ideate and innovate towards societal development.

VESIT wins Second Prize at IQAC competition

Dr. Maya Bhat, Dr. Keya Doshi and Mr. Vijay Shejwalkar from Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences won 2nd prize in Poster Presentation at the NAAC sponsored National conference on Academic and Administration Audit organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) on 13th, 14th January 2017, at K.J. Somaiya college of science and commerce.



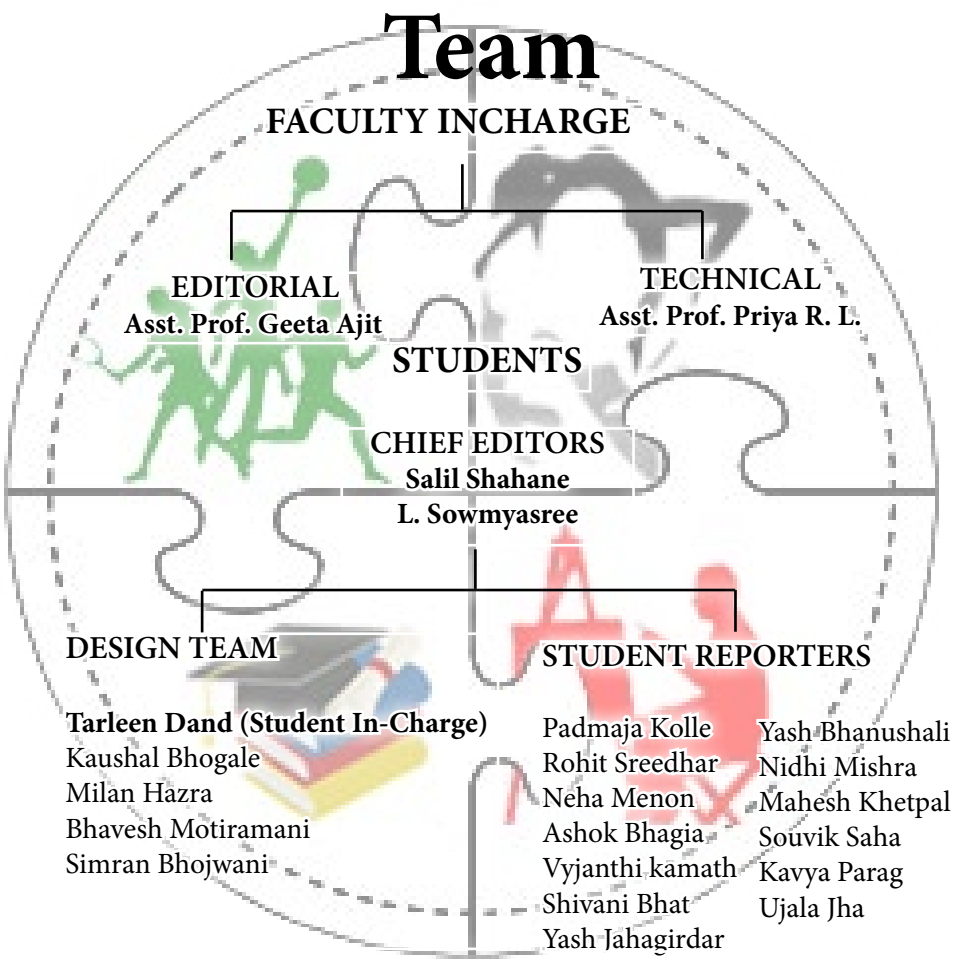
Dr Maya Bhat, Dr Keya Doshi and Mr Vijay Shejwalkar with their winning Poster and certificate.

VESIT Voice

Hello readers! The month of February was indeed an assortment of occasions, pertaining right from cultivation of technical skills to the celebration of talents. The month started with the hype of Utsav '17 through major online events like the Mannequin Challenge, Spoof it and the Pun Challenge- which sought out to be the most entertaining of them all! Addition of various new events for Utsav resulted in a boost in enthusiasm, and in turn participation, among students. The college drama team won big at this year's intercollegiate events. Apart from this, the SoRT council took another step in their societal endeavor by organizing its annual blood donation camp with affiliation of J. J. Hospital. To contribute to the buzz of competitiveness, VESlit held its grand finale in the month of February.

In the domain of technicality, events such as Data Privacy and Awareness Campaign, Youth Science Congress and Sensitization Program were conducted. Also, our college team won a prize money of 1 lakh at the IIT Bombay Hackathon <I-Hack>, under the 'Impress with Cimpres' category. We also bid the last farewell to the batch of 2012 at their convocation. All in all, the month of February spanned every area of interest of students resulting in the success of all events.

The 'VESIT CONNECT'



IIT Bombay Hackathon

-by Harsh Gupta, Nirbhay Pherwani

"Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears and never regrets" - Leonardo Da Vinci.

A chance to learn is a chance to grow. Hackathons give us the opportunity to learn and hone our skills. The beauty is that it is not just restricted to coding skills which, no doubt is of paramount importance, it is also about how you work in a team, hack the ideas and finally present a solution useful for society.

'<I-Hack>' was a Hackathon organized by IIT-Bombay as a part of the Entrepreneurship Summit from 27-29 January, 2017. The event was sponsored by Facebook, Cimpres, Texas Instruments and other companies. The Hackathon had two domains: a hardware and a software. We participated in the software domain. The software domain had two areas where you could work on, 'The Surreal Sprint' and the 'Impress with Cimpres'. We participated in the Cimpres category. The first phase was the submission of ideas for evaluation. Our idea was to deploy a bot on Facebook messenger which helps customers to get customized products like getting personalized content on T-shirts, mugs etc. The results of this phase came out on 25 January and we were invited to IIT on 27 January for the competition.

The event started at 7 p.m. with an inauguration ceremony and a speech by Ramesh Raskar, Associate Professor at the MIT Media Lab and founder of Redx.io. Then we headed to our respective rooms where we were given a brief introduction to the product that was finally expected. The coding started at 10 p.m. and continued till 10 a.m. on 29 January (36 hours). We worked hard on our solution and we ready with our solution at the end.

Our Solution : We deployed a bot on Facebook messenger which allowed users to change the content they wanted to get printed on any product like mugs , shirts etc., upload images, edit the images, add filters, texts and whole lot of cool things. While uploading we processed the images to detect the content of the images and provide some cool inputs. Say if someone uploads the image of a Google logo, our system will detect it automatically and say something like 'Wow, you work at Google'. Or if someone uploads image which signifies success, we suggest some quotes that the user can get printed on the final product. Finally, for placing the order, just share the location. There is no need to give any personal information for order; we get it directly from the Facebook profile which would have been just confirmed. You can track the order with just typing 'track'. So, everything can be done of the FB messenger itself.



Harsh Gupta and Nirbhay Pherwani with their award

All the groups had to give a presentation which started by 11 a.m. and wound up by 5 p.m. Then we were taken the Convocation Hall where the results were declared. We were declared the winners in the ‘Impress with Cimpres category’ and presented with a trophy. The prize money was 1 lakh rupees.

It was a great learning experience which we will cherish for the rest of our lives.

VESITians at 8th Indian Youth Science Congress

-by Bhavesh Motiramani

Necessity is the mother of Invention. In fast-paced lives, inventions bring change and make our task easy. Some innovative students of our college represented VESIT in 8th Indian Youth Science Congress held at Mumbai University from 16-18 February 2017 based on the theme ‘Food for all in the Anthropocene Era’. The Indian Youth science Congress is an annual event, an attempt to have a vibrant for young researchers to network, meet experts and be inspired to excel in Science. This year’s theme ‘Food for all in the Anthropocene Era’ focused on food security keeping the context of climate change in its preview. The eighth edition of IYSC was jointly organised by MU’s M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), SRM University and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development. It was open to students and researchers in the fields of genetic resources and climate change, carbon sinks, early warning signals, natural resource management and traditional wisdom. A number of presentations and panel discussions were held by experts in their respective fields.

The categories for the competition were as follows:

- Genetic Resources & Climate Change
- Early warning signals (traditional and modern approaches) & Climate Change
- Carbon Sinks
- Natural Resource Management & Traditional Wisdom
- Science and technology

A total of 1500 participants participated in the event. After submission of abstracts, the participants were selected for oral presentation and poster presentation based on their topics.

Students Himani Shah, Vinita Rane, Benita Jeyakumar, Jayesh Nainani of Computer Engineering Department who were mentored by Dr.Nupur Giri won the 1st prize under category Early Warning - Traditional wisdom and Modern Science.They presented their poster on topic Drought Prediction and Management using Big Data Analytics.

While Vinita Shetty, Akshay Tehrani, Vaibhavi Vichare and Yogita Wadhawara of Electronics and Telecommunication Department who were mentored by Prof. Monali Chaudhari won the 3rd prize Next Generation PCB Fault Detection and Rectification.

Assistant Prof.Pooja Nagdev with topic Whatsapp Forensic and JRF Monica Tolani with topic Community Detection in Social Networks mentored by Dr. Mrs. M Vijayalakshmi also represented VESIT in Indian Youth Science Congress.



Students at 8th Youth Indian Science Congress



Team winning First prize with Dr. Nupur Giri.

VESIT Library App

-by Yash Jahagirdar

Our college has a really vast library. Students have access to all the books in the library but most of them ask for the usual and for the most popular authors. The one problem faced by our students was that, they missed out on all the varied and diverse books on the topics and read only their regular curriculum books. To counter this, the Library App developers; Pavankumar Sakhare(D11A), Chaitanya Bhure(D11B), Mayuri Kate (D12B), Anisha Lalwani (D12B) came up with a solution. They deliberated that if this problem could be digitized, the students will know that our library has so much more to offer.

This was when they first came up with the idea that they should develop an android application for it. Since they were all first timers in the area of innovation, they faced a lot of questions - Question such as- Whether they should pursue this or not? Whether this idea was actually implementable?

Though they had not a single clue on how to go forward, they decided to go ahead with it, because somewhere they believed that it will all work out somehow. As the

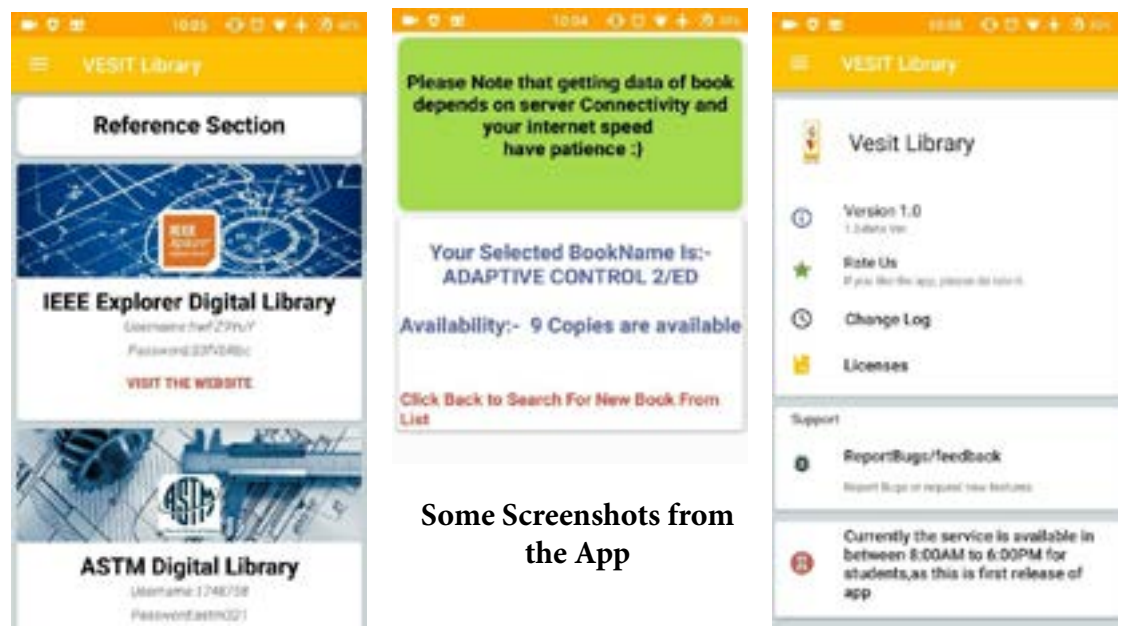


L to R: Pavankumar Sakhare(D11A), Mayuri Kate (D12B), Anisha Lalwani (D12B) Chaitanya Bhure(D11B)

adage goes “Where there is a will, there is a way”, they found an excellent mentor in Prof. Priya R.L, from the Dept. of Computer Science. Furthermore, Richard Sir from the same department, also helped them in their venture. A lot of their work was made easy by these two strong pillars who were with them throughout the project.

Now that the project is complete after seven months of gruelling hard work, they feel happy when students approach and tell them, “Your app is very innovative. It has helped us a lot.” Their biggest achievement was when they got to know that students actually used their application to find out new books from the college library. Their project, like every other android application is still in the process of constant improvement with updates coming soon with better and more features. Although the job is not finished, they are relishing every moment of this appreciation that they receive.

To cut a long story short, **Dream, Believe and make it happen come what may.**



Some Screenshots from the App

VESIT Conducts Seminars To Prepare Students for Placement

-by Souvik Saha

Our college conducted a series of events aimed at getting the current batch of third year students ready to get placed in the month of June. It was conducted by Prof A. Nagananda, the Training and Placement Officer of the college. There were three sessions in the month of February. The first session was aimed at resume building, which included the basics of resume format, important points to add in the resume and things that companies keep an eye out for in a resume.

The second session was aimed at getting the students ready to face the interview. It aimed at the questions to prepare, skills to inculcate and what kind of an attitude must be followed during an interview.

The third session was directed at letting the student to get to know what kind of personality they had, and assess their own skills. There was a mini activity in which the student had to evaluate their personality and based on a table, they could find out the type of their personality.

A set of aptitude tests were also conducted. These aptitude tests covered Quantitative Aptitude, Logical Reasoning, Verbal skills and combined skills.

J.P. Morgan Chase had also organised a seminar in February, for all the Computer, IT and MCA students who fulfilled the criteria requirements of the company. It was to give all the students a brief overview of JPMC and its recruitment process, through the JPMC Code for Good initiative. Students were given a brief idea of the span of operations JPMC had worldwide, and what kind of a role an individual plays in the organization. JPMC representatives explained the stringent evaluation process that selects students to participate in the Code for Good event. The Code for Good event provides the students an opportunity to provide solutions to problems posed to them by various NGOs. The students who performed the best would be recruited into JPMC.

Students received valuable feedback and information from the knowledgeable speakers and shall make full use of this experience in their future endeavours.

Sensitization Program on Zero Tolerance for sexual harassment

-by Ujala Jha

VESIT - Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) along with the Maharashtra State Commission of Women and PUSH (People United Against Sexual Harassment) came together to conduct “Sensitization Program on Zero Tolerance for sexual Harassment of students and Women in College and Universities” on 27 February 2017 which was attended by all members, the teaching, non-teaching staff and students. The main agenda of the session was highlighted by Dr Nupur Giri, addressing the pertinent issues regarding safety of women, particularly in terms of their vulnerability to harassment and to apprise them of the ‘The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, Redressal) Act, 2013’ that has been promulgated by Government of India with effect from 9 December 2013.

More often than not, the idea of Sexual harassment is linked with assumptions and contradictions. It becomes crucial that these topics are discussed in spaces to not only clarify these misconceptions but also to make women aware about the various law, orders and punishable offence that are laid against them. Sexual harassment is a punishable criminal offence up to 3 years of imprisonment and according to guidelines laid up by government all workplaces with staff members more than 10 have to mandatorily setup the ICC to address the pertinent issues and complaints within maximum time period of 90 days.

The program concluded by reassuring that at all times, VESIT has a Zero Tolerance Policy towards sexual harassment and ensures safety of all the students and staff members by addressing their issues with cooperation by the VESIT-Internal Complaint Committee. In case of any grievances individuals are requested to contact the ICC members.

Data Privacy Awareness Campaign

-by Neha Menon

Data privacy and security has long been a concern for many individuals and organizations. Everyone should be aware of how their digital lives show snippets of their real ones, and how the things they do and share online can affect real life. In order to spread this awareness about data privacy, the Department of MCA in collaboration with Department of INFT and CMPN organized an Awareness Campaign on Data Privacy on 2 February, 2017, Thursday, in VESIT. The staff involved were Mrs. Geocey Shejy, Event Convener, MCA, Mr. Sunny Nahar, Coordinator, MCA, Ms. Sukanya Roychowdhury, Coordinator, IT and Mrs. Vidya Zope, Coordinator, Computer. The awareness campaign included a Poster Presentation Competition for the students of MCA, INFT and CMPN. This was followed by an experts’ session about the importance of data privacy and ways to ensure it.

The event commenced with the Poster Presentation competition held in the Amphitheatre at 12.00 noon. Some of the topics for poster presentation were Personal Data Privacy in Social media, Significance of data privacy in business, Data Safety and Data Security Tools, Cyber safety, Cyber Ethics, Online safety for kids, Cyber Security Policy and law in India and Data privacy for Indian community. The participants were also given the liberty to choose any topic related to Data Privacy apart from the ones listed. Each participating team was given a group number and the posters were displayed in the chronological

order of group numbers.

The judges for the competition were Mrs. Sangeeta Oswal from the MCA Department, Mrs. Manisha Gahirwal from the Computer Engineering Department and Mrs. Asha Bharambe from the INFT Department.

All the participants seemed to be enthused and excited about the presentation. Each participant gave their best and with each presentation, the task of the judging panel became more and more difficult. Curious onlookers, both students and teachers, walked around admiring the displayed posters. This act boosted the morale of the participants. The winners of the Poster Presentation was declared in the auditorium after the expert lecture. The winners are:

Position	Members	Class
Winner	Atit More Nikita Patil Shubham Kamalapure Prabhu Balakrishnan Pawandeep Singh Khalsa	MCA 1B
Winner	Shilpa Das Bhagyesh Save Pooja Kamble	MCA 2A
1 st Runners Up	Neha Menon Dhanashri Phatak Venkatesh Vaasudhevan Sandesh Nambiar	MCA 2A
2 nd Runners Up	Nisha Khubchandani Kiran Hiranandani Aarti Bhagtani Simran Bhojwani Raj Ramchandani	D10, D15 (INFT)



Winners

The second part of the event was the Expert Session. The session was conducted by Dr. Padmaja Joshi, who is the Joint Director (Software Quality) at C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, India), in the Auditorium. This began with the felicitation of the Guest Speaker by Mr. Shivkumar Goel, the Deputy Head of Department, MCA. During the session, Dr. Padmaja Joshi talked about the difference between data privacy and data security, the importance of data privacy, the things that jeopardise data privacy and many more informative concepts. The session was interactive which kept the spectators engrossed. It was evident that every attendee would go back wiser about Data Privacy. The whole affair came to an end with a vote of thanks by Mr. Sunny Nahar. The winners of the Poster Presentation Competition were awarded Certificates of appreciation by Dr. Padmaja Joshi.

The event was a huge success with the students and faculty members commending the good work of the organizers. The smooth running of the show was facilitated by the hard work and dedication of the faculty involved and the student volunteers working behind the scenes.

COUNCILS

SoRT Blood Donation Camp

-by Mridul Khanna

A Blood Donation Camp was held on 22 February 2017 at the campus under the aegis of VESIT Social Responsibility Team. It was conducted under co-operation with the Hashu Advani Foundation and technical support from the JJ Hospital, Mumbai.

The camp received an enormous response from students and staff across all the branches and years. At the end of the camp the total number of donors, accounted for a humongous figure of 204.

All across, the participants reiterated the need to Donate Blood as a part of their responsibility towards society and its welfare. They cited the posters put across by SoRT to be a major reason for them being attracted towards the event.

The Blood Donation camp also ensured the complete health-checkup of all the students participating and included:

- Complete blood count and hemoglobin checkup of the donors
- Blood pressure check up
- Screening of Thalassemia minor
- BMI for all
- Nadi padikshan for all.



Blood Donation Camp 2017



Dr. Sushil Dhuldhar

The flawless execution of the program was carried out by the Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries of Social Responsibility Team (SoRT), who indeed ensured that they were the “the wings the world needed”.

Dr. Sushil Dhuldhar, from the Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences, was also one of the donors on that day. The day was also very significant for him, as he completed his 25th blood donation. Says Dr. Sushil, “I started donating blood as soon as I turned 18. My aim is to donate blood at least 100 times or till I die.” This noble gesture of service to mankind by Dr. Sushil, is definitely praiseworthy and commendable. As the saying goes “Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something”; Dr. Sushil leads the way in this altruistic thought.

Drama Team Sweeps Awards!

-by Ashok Bhagia



The VESIT Drama Team



The VESIT Drama Team

The college drama team recently bagged the first prize for their inspiring performance at Manzar '17, the cultural fest organized by the Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai. Manzar is the annual cultural fest of ICT, Mumbai, which was held on 4 February 2017.

Nirdosh, the award winning play written by third year INFT student Sushil Kogta, won them second and third places in other such competitions as well. The play started getting recognition from their first performance itself, at Mithibai College on 1 January 2017 where they third. Their next conquest was 26 January as they celebrated Republic day by beating all teams but one, clinching the second prize.

Their next performance, at ICT Manzar'17, finally won them the first prize and then at Utsav Intercollegiate Drama Competition, at home turf, on 15 March 2017, they stood second.

The play, directed (and acted in) by Prasanna Sharma, is a murder mystery that revolves around Schizophrenia and personality disorder. The plot consists of three murders and the personalities that kill them. Involving issues like mental instability and child sexual abuse, the play was critically acclaimed for the brilliant acting, the attention to detail, and the depth of the plot.

VESLit Week

-by Ujala Jha

Literature is one of the most significant and spellbinding portrayal of humanity, it gives a way for humans to exhibit their feelings and affect the mindset of the masses. Literary activities are a valuable lens to view the inner world, which makes it necessary to complement academics with such skill based activities and thereby enable students with all-embracing development. To provide students with such opportunities, VESLit - the literature club of VESIT held the literature week to encourage participants by providing them with a platform to showcase their talent and enhance their skills.

Playoffs – The finale of Drama, which gave a facelift to the imaginative spree of the students was held on 3rd February. The aspiring actors characterized their plays on the theme “Redefining Boundaries” and gave various thought provoking performances. They highlighted the human predetermined biased behavior over various sensitive social issues and how adversely they demarcate us from the development. Through their play they portrayed the need to empathize about every element of the society and redefine these human created psychological boundaries by welcoming new thoughts, ideologies and changes. Experts from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS); Mr Tanmay Nayak, Head of ‘National University Students Skill Development Programme’ (NUSSD) and Dr. K. Purandaran, Program Manager at NUSSD were the judges for the event. After a series of stupendous performances, D4A emerged as the winners and D10 followed as Runner-Ups.



Winning team D4A

Twizters- One of the most awaited fun event, twizters tested the hopping and quizzing skills of the participants. Student played the traditional pen and paper crossword on giant boards, stretching their limbs across it while competing with the opponent team. Questions were based on the T.V series like Friends and Game of thrones. Each team comprised of four members. These teams also sharpened their knowledge about such arts in a rather interesting and entertaining way.

Dub live-The art of lip syncing has been around for ages, but it was only until recent trends that aspiring actors and singers were given the platform to broadcast their hidden talents. VESLit organized Dublive so that participants could belt out their favorite songs without strangling a single vocal cord for it, or enact their favorite character without missing the smallest of emotion expressed by their idols.

Indeed the opportunity provided by VESLit proved to be constructive and productive for the young minds which nurtured their talents also enhanced their skills along with imbibing self-confidence in them. The event was successful due to perseverance and dedication of each and every member of the VESLit Council and coordinators of the events.



Twizters

Soaring Zest for Utsav’17!

-by *Kavya Parag*

With the emancipation of the first unit test examinations, the cultural council announced the UTSAV eliminations with their usual excitement and effervescence.

The entire college crowd geared itself up with excitement for the most awaited cultural festival “UTSAV’17” with the hashtag that followed each post #MachaDenge. Social media also made a major rule with Facebook and YouTube videos going viral all over the college. It set itself up to marks and successfully met the expectations set by the VESITIANS.

Starting with the Pre-Utsav Challenges and Elimination, the online challenges involved the entire college and initiated a competitive spirit amongst all juniors as well as Seniors. Online Challenges such as The Mannequin Challenge, the Pun Challenge, Flash mob initiated Pre-Utsav excitement amongst all. The elimination for various portfolios started from 13th February 2017 and continued for a month.

Many new events were added, and also new portfolios were created to offer more opportunities to the students.

The various Portfolios for Utsav’17 included Literature, Aesthetics, Visual arts, Music, Performing Arts and Fun events.

LITERATURE

“Literature is one of the most interesting and significant expressions of humanity” as said by P. T. Barnum.

Starting with the literature portfolio, it started with events such as Article writing, Poetry writing and other mandatory events such as MUN, Debate, Group discussion, Elocution, 15 minutes to Fame. Many advances were made by adding new events such as Sitcom quiz, What’s the good word?, Pixrite, Compiling concepts, Scandal, separate quizzes for Business, GK and Current affairs and Hasya Kavi Sammelan.

MUSIC

As Bob Marley has said, “One good thing about Music is when it hits you, you feel no pain.”

The Music portfolio gave many opportunities to the budding musicians as well for the known voices of VESIT a greater platform to showcase their talents.

Events such as Hindi/ Western/Regional Duet and Solo singing competitions, Jugalbandi, Instrumental, RAP and Beatboxing and Sing along were conducted for Eliminations. The newly introduced event was Carpool Karaoke.

AESTHETICS

“Art is an invention of Aesthetics, which in turn is an invention of philosophers.” as said by Octavio Paz.

With upcoming new trends and advancements in the Aesthetic world, this portfolio encouraged such new learners and aspiring artists.

The events included Salad Dressing, Face and T-shirt painting, Rangoli, Doodle Art, Nail art, Mehendi, Best out of waste, Toon-Mania, Aao cook Kare, Paper Dressing, Class logo, Portrait Making and Soap carving.

PERFORMING ARTS

Not to deny, the most awaited portfolio is Performing Arts. As said by Horward Dietz, “The world is a stage, the stage is a world of Entertainment.”

The eliminations for the final day Utsav events began much prior including events such as Solo and Group dance, Drama Duet, All Rounder, Mono- acting, Drama and Personality.

FUN EVENTS

The main motive of a college fest is to give break from the usual college routine and mingle oneself for a changed and better comeback to the normal life and most importantly Studies. It goes perfectly as said by Richard Love, “Just be yourself and have fun.”

The events included in this portfolio were Dumsies and Pixies, Antakshari, Rubik’s cube, RJ Hunt, Anybody can dub, Audacity, Minute to win it and Texting championship.

VISUAL ARTS

Moving on to the Visual Arts Portfolio, the events that were covered under it were Spoof It, Light Graffiti, Snap That, Short film and Jan Hit Mein Jaari.

All these Portfolios together and the participation of the budding engineers indeed boosted up the enthusiasm and give a much needed break to the mundane college life. The selected ones from the eliminations got to present themselves on the Final Utsav Days.

SOCIETIES

Learning Something New! IEEE Android Workshop

-by *Shivani Bhat*

Taking into consideration, the increasing demand for software development, IEEE VESIT conducted an Android workshop on 25th January from 2.45pm onwards. All the earnest learners thronged the registration desks to be a part of the Android Workshop. The workshop would not have been this constructive if it would not have been for the instructors for the day: Sarthak Dadhakar (Second year, Coordinator IEEE, VESIT) and Tejas Ingale (Third Year, Junior Web Editor IEEE, VESIT). With a perfect blend of technical knowledge and sound practical experience, the tutors managed to cover details ranging from the basics of android, to making User Interface for making a calculator. The introduction to Android Studios was followed by a detailed explanation of XML files for User Interface and Java code for every operation. For the sake of convenience, each and every step was displayed on a projector screen. The workshop saw an active participation of 60+ students, whose major chunk constituted of the Second Year students from IT as well as non-IT departments. The session concluded around 5.30 pm with majority of the crowd requesting for an advanced workshop for the same.

VESIT Diaries

-by Padmaja Kollé

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Mr. Chetan Shah

1. Tell us something about your college life

College Life in Computer Engineering was very exciting as we were witnessing massive technology revolution. Early 1990s was the time when internet started popping up in Indian homes by few early providers like MTNL & VSNL. Also the time when pagers were picking up which are almost obsolete now a days. During our time, other colleges in Mumbai were having poor labs and infrastructure and we used to feel lucky ones being in VESIT. VESIT had great computer, electronics, instrumentation, chemical, workshop labs & library. VESIT also had a huge campus with gym, canteen and soccer ground which very few colleges in Mumbai had during that era. Our college was well known for its reputed professors, cleanliness, discipline & participation at various forums & sports.

2. Could you share a glimpse of your personal life?

Well I believe one needs to maintain a balance between personal and professional life to succeed in life. Although I'm from Computer Engineering background but my wife is from a different stream of teaching. She worked as training faculty with international school in past. My son is around 6 years old and studies in ICSE board.

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

After completing my graduation, I've worked couple of years in India and then moved to U.S. There I did courses in public speaking at Toastmasters International, Raleigh, NC. That really helped me down the line in giving presentations more effectively and in fearless manner. Besides that, when I was working at United Nations-IAEA in Vienna, Austria, the agency was having Learning Resources Center which used to provide soft skills related training CDs. I've taken various computer based trainings on communication skills, How to deal with difficult people, Time management, Stress management, Organize for success, Attitude, Negotiation, Sales, Meeting management, Project Management etc. Over the time, these skills have definitely added lots of value and I strongly recommend all students to work towards absorbing those skills in your DNA.

Academics restrict you only in specialization, while self-improvement, including interpersonal skills, is a huge general area. There are many books available on self improvement. The earlier you acquire self-improvement skills, better edge you will have in your field. I recommend book "How to win friends & influence people" by Dale Carnegie to improve on your interpersonal skills.

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

Well there goes a saying if you target a star then at least you will end up at moon. So good to have plan but in real world you need to be more flexible and open minded especially when you are dealing with technologies. Every day, product's lifecycle is shrinking. Change is the only constant thing. We are living in world where everything is changing abruptly. Everything is agile now including career. So anticipate changes which are inevitable and be agile adopting them in career. You need to find your passions and strengths. If any thing you build around that then that will be long lasting & fulfilling for you. At least you won't have any regrets when you reach at death bed that you couldn't do something which you badly wanted to do in your life. Whether you succeeded or not in that attempt is a different thing.

5. Let's talk about your professional life.

I've grown up from ground level of Developer to Project Manager & founder of software firm in last 20+ years. When we started career, Y2K buzz was going on. Then Dot Com companies were mushrooming every where. My career went in direction of Mainframe -> client server app development -> Web based app development -> Integration of web apps using web services -> Mobile apps -> iPad apps -> Hybrid apps as per technology trends. While growing vertically, I've played different roles as Developer, Sr. Developer, Team Leader, Consultant, System Analyst, Architect, Project Leader, Project Manager and some time as founder and CEO of my own software firm Brains R US Software Consultancy which served Australian, U.S. and Indian clients.

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

Hobbies help you in escaping little bit & re-energizing yourself from brain fag which occurs due to monotonous routine activities. It acts like stress buster and enables you to do out of box thinking. Many a times what happens is that if you pursue hobby in some areas then you learn or observe few new techniques. Then you apply those creativities in your area of work with fresh ideas. Its seen people with hobbies deliver high productivity especially in IT field as mind is more relaxed.

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

Well just my two cents:

- Maintain balance between learning goal orientation and performance goal orientation. It's like you can cut more wood if you sharpen the saw on regular basis.
- Always remember it's the direction which is more important than speed.
- Acquire art of getting things done with power of sub-conscious brain. Most of great people in this world are those who maximized on developing and using sub-conscious brain positively as they needed.
- There are 2 types of people. One who does the actual work and other who wants to take credit. Be in the first category that does actual work as there is less competition there.

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

Don't stop learning after you graduate. Adopt professionalism quickly in your first job and come out from college culture ASAP. Figure out where you can add value at work and what all things you need to learn to be more effective and productive at work place. Take initiatives and work on that. Adopt practice of delivering more than what you get paid for. Spend some time in building network of people too. Keep open mindedness but same time stay away from herd mentality. Lastly remember, God has plan for every one's life including you. He will put you where you will be needed most.

SPORTS

Outdoor Sphurti

-Yash Jahagirdar, D12B

This edition of Outdoor Sphurti concluded with the winners and runner ups being declared for the respective events. The participation of students for the last sports event of this academic year was huge.

The awards for the sportsperson of the year were also given.

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR (Male) Mukul Kulkarni (D16)
SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR (Female) Babitha Nadar (D19)

The results of Outdoor Sphurti are as follows:-

Girls:-
Basketball Winners:-D17C 1st Runner Up:-D9
Throw ball Winners:-D9 1st Runner Up:-D11
Dodgeball Winners: -D11 1st Runner Up:-D9
Cricket Winners: -D11 1st Runner Up:-D19
Tug of War Winners: -D19 1st Runner Up:-D9C

Boys:-
Football Winners:-D18 1st Runner Up:-D16
Basketball Winners:-D16 1st Runner Up:-D6
Volleyball Winners: -D16 1st Runner Up:-D19
Kabaddi Winners: -D19C 1st Runner Up:-D14C
Cricket Winners: -D19 1st Runner Up:-D7
Tug of War Winners: -D6 1st Runner Up:-D19

Athletics:-
Girls:-
100M Winner: - Babitha Nadar (D19)
200M Winner: - Babitha Nadar (D19)
400M Winner: -Pratidnya Chaher (D11)

Boys:-
100M Winner: - Mukul Kulkarni (D16)
200M Winner: - Deepesh Sidhwani (D7C)
400M Winner: - Mukul Kulkarni (D16)
4X100M RELAY Winner: - Saurabh Sahu, Pratik Bhatia, Abhishek Chaabra, Deepesh Sidhwani (D7C)
1500M Winner: - Mukul Kulkarni (D16)
800M Winner: - Ashwini Kumar Gupta (D14)

Field Events:-
Girls:-
Discuss Throw Winner: - Babitha Nadar (D19)
Shotput Winner: - Babitha Nadar (D19)
Long Jump Winner: - Mayuri Gurav (D11)

Boys:-
Discuss Throw Winner: - Mohit Singh Chauhan (D14)
Shotput Winner: - Mohit Singh Chauhan (D14)
Long Jump Winner: - Mukul Kulkarni (D16)

Congratulations to all the winners and runner ups!



Outdoor Sphurti Inauguration



D18 Won Sphurti Football Final



Player in action during match