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VES celebrates Independence Day

-Vanshika Dangi and Shruti Bondre



The VESIT Drama Club on Independence Day.

Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. -Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, First Prime Minister of India, 15th August 1947.

15th August, 1947 is a date that marks the independence of India from the clutches of the British rule. This day holds a very special place in every Indian's heart. This was the day which marked the birth of a new and young country with a history of more than a thousand years.

To commemorate India's 73rd Independence Day, the VES family came together to celebrate this occasion on August 15th, 2019. The ceremony started off with the hoisting of our national flag, which was followed by a blissful celebration in the auditorium at VES Polytechnic college.

VESIT was also a part of this engaging event with a number of students showcasing their talent during their performance at this event. **Neeraj Patil** (D6B) and **Sanika Indulkar** (D6A) gave a beautiful rendition of the song "Ae Watan", from the movie Raazi, which won over the hearts of all the people present.

The VESIT Drama Club also delivered a soul-stirring performance as they enacted the four lions from the National Emblem of India, each representing, power, courage, confidence and pride. Through their act they brought out how the rampant corruption and the "chalta hai" attitude of the people have forced two of the four symbols to literally come alive and advise the people that, what they're doing is wrong, and if we wish to retain the other two, we need to act patriotic towards our country.

Rahul Ghorpade (D18), **Saurav Jeswani** (D15), **Avikshit Dabholkar** (D14B), **Rahul Mordia** (D14A), **Raj Talda** (D17C), **Parikshit Chopra** (D19A), **Siddhant Pai** (D11B) and **Kapil Kriplani** (D20) were the members for the VESIT Drama Club who put in profound hard work to deliver this heart-rending performance.



Neeraj Patil and Sanika Indulkar from D6 performing at the event

VESIT welcomes its Freshers

-Maitrayi Dandekar

VESIT Connect welcomes another batch of starry-eyed kids looking forward to starting afresh and making VESIT their own. Looking at the enthusiasm of the students towards the IT sector, VESIT increased its intake of students from 60 to 120 in the Information Technology Department and also the University of Mumbai introduced new subjects such as Creative Arts and Universal Human Values, keeping in mind that mental and physical health of the students takes priority as compared to the hectic life the engineering students live.

There were a series of orientation programs to give them a preview of all that happens in VESIT. Says **Smriti Karn** (D1), student of Electronics Department, "I wanted to become an engineer and heard a lot about VESIT from friends and family. It is fun to be here. I was a bit nervous about the new surroundings and people. But with the help of faculties and seniors, we all became quite used to it."

Celebrating Artificial Intelligence

-Rashmi Singh and Vanshika Dangi

Capgemini in association with VESIT celebrated AI Day on the 8th, 9th and 10th August, 2019. The AI day consisted of photo quest event, expert talk and workshop based on AI held on the respective days.

Capgemini SE is a French multinational corporation that provides consulting, technology, professional, and outsourcing services. It is headquartered in Paris, France.

Photo Event

The Photo Quest Event was held on 8 and 9th August on the amphitheatre on 2nd floor. Based



The Chief Guest, Mrs. Sanghamitra Mitra

on the rules students were supposed to take photos to be eligible for the contest and top 3 winners would get goodies from Capgemini. Here, the students had to click their photograph in front of the photo booth, which had the Capgemini banner, then post it on their social media accounts, tag Capgemini, and use the tagline of #loveyourcareer.



The beautiful decorations made at the college entrance by volunteers for VESAlthon

A huge number of high-spirited students participated in this engaging event. A total of 200 entries were received of which 3 students were selected. These winners were presented with exclusive goodies from Capgemini. The Leading India AI committee of VESIT helped in organizing this event and making it a success. The faculty coordinators were Sangeeta ma'am, Shalu Chopra ma'am and Lifna ma'am.

The contest ended on 9th august at 11:59p.m and on the 10th of August. **Mr. Subhajit Sarkar**, Senior Manager at Capgemini announced the top 3 winners of the Photo Quest Competition from VESIT, who were felicitated by **Rashmi Bapat**, Project Manager at Capgemini.



Dignitaries inaugurating The AI Day

- The winners are:
1. **Jaspreet Kaur** (MCA 2A)
 2. **Naren Khatwani** (D12B)
 3. **Pooja Gupta** (MCA 2B)

Expert Talk
It was held in the morning on the day of AI day i.e 10th August. Students from all engineering branches were invited for the same in VESIT auditorium. Inauguration was held @10:30am where guests and students were warmly welcomed by our beloved Principal, **Dr. J. M.Nair**. Tulsi Saplings were presented to our guests Mr. Subhajit Sarkar and Mrs. Rashmi Bapat from Capgemini by our Principal. After inaugural, Mr. Subhajit Sarkar took over the session on the topic "AI and Innovation." This session was simultaneously projected live in the Library on the 1st floor.

After the session got completed, our Vice Principal **Dr. M. Vijayalaxmi** offered mementos to Mr. Subhajit Sarkar and Mrs. Rashmi Bapat as a token of gratitude. After which Mr. Subhajit Sarkar announced 3 winners of the Photo Competition as

mentioned above. This was the wrap of the session.

AI Workshop
Capgemini offered the workshop on AI and innovation to be conducted for shortlisted students. A online quiz was conducted 2 days prior the schedule on the basis of which students were shortlisted. In all 80 students were selected. **Mrs. Sanghamitra Mitra** our guest was honoured by **Dr. Shalu Chopra** with a Tulsi Sampling. The workshop consisted of sessions and assignments for students.

A memento was presented to Sanghamitra Ma'am by our faculty **Mrs. Lifna C. S.** as a token of gratitude.



Ms. Sangeeta Oswal (L) and Dr. Shalu Chopra (R) (HOD, IT Dept)



Jaspreet Kaur receiving her prize from Ms. Rashmi Bapat and Mr. Subhajit Sarkar



Naren Khatwani receiving his prize from Ms. Rashmi Bapat and Mr. Subhajit Sarkar



D12C students at the Photocontest



Pooja Gupta receiving her prize from Ms. Rashmi Bapat and Mr. Subhajit Sarkar

An Induction of Talent and Culture

VESIT has always been a hub for every kind of talent, right from the insane dances to the engaging dramas and several such opportunities which surpass the expectations of every new batch of students. This year, the Student Council for the A.Y. 2019-20 have outdone themselves by organising an Induction Program for the newly admitted First Years. All the Departments, Councils and Circles came together in showcasing VESIT's finest activities, opportunities and culture. The events were held from the 1st to the 10th of August.



FE's Induction day

The gist of these multiple day events/workshops was to give all the new students a good idea of all the student bodies in VESIT, what each of them represented and what kind of activities were expected from them throughout the year. It helped the newcomers to decide which field they wanted to take more interest in, and whom to consult when doing that.

On the first day, the Music Council and the Drama Club came together to show us what they were really about, putting together some amazing performances by their most talented members. The Sports Council also held live sized chess matches, where students were directed to mimic the board on which the match was going on. **Prof. Vivek Umrikar**, HOD of Humanities & Sciences Department, was also present to watch them play.

Tanmay Kothale (D11B), the Sports Secretary, personally overlooked the smooth execution of the games. There was also a massive Rangoli made together by students of D2C, representing all the councils in VESIT. An Open Mic hosted by **Atique Kudchi** (D11A) also took place in the auditorium for the same class, where featured performances by seniors, and impromptu performances by the newcomers took place, which was fairly enjoyed by the staff and the students.



Pranav Bindra (D14B) addressing the audience during the VESLit Circle Induction

The 2nd day saw the VESLit Debate Team heads, **Adith Nair** and **Pranav Bindra** (D14B) talk to the students and introduce them to the VESLit Circle as well as the recently established debate culture in and around VESIT. The same day saw the EXTC Department attending their orientation hosted by **Gaurav Shukla** (D14A) and **Tanya Raisinghani** (D9A), where the Principal, Dr. Mrs. J.M. Nair addressed all the students among other staff members.



Prof. Umrikar (HOD, Dept. of Humanities & Applied Science) addressing the students

On the 3rd day, the VESLit Film Division conducted a basic but fun story-telling/story writing activity. The students had to pick out a character, action, object and a location and use those elements to build and enact out a scene. It was a joyous experience for all those who were present and also taught them how to kickstart the writing process in a practical way.

These series of planned events thus proved to be extremely helpful to the newly admitted students, avoiding a lot of confusion among them by introducing them formally to the major student bodies in the college.



Tanmay Kothale (D11B) conducting the Live Chess Event



(L2R): Varun Pillai, Tanmai Govindan, Faaiz Dastagir and Aditya Bhoir (D11B) during the VESLit Film Division Induction



Rahul Ghorpade (D13) narrating his story



HOD, ETRX Dept. Mrs. Kavita Tewari addressing the newly admitted ETRX students

VESITians Sell Their Skills At Jai Hind College!

-Atique Kudchi and Bhavesh Lohana

Arthanomics is India's leading academic festival by the Economics Department of Jai Hind College, Mumbai. Arthanomics' mission continually remains to provide a platform for students to compete and connect through events that span the aspects of economics, business and industry. It is an all-round creative and academic festival, calling in for intellectuals and businesses. The fest was dated from 8th to 10th August, had many students participate in from colleges all over Mumbai. Our college being one of them.

The details of the participants from VESIT are:-

Neeraj Patil and **Shlok Jaguste** won the 1st Runners Up position at Arthanomics Assembly, which was a Debate Conference and had 3 rounds in total.

In the 1st round, all the teams were given different tax slabs and were told to debate the issues they had with those tax slabs. The 2nd round was a proper Model United Nations event which was based around the Venezuelan Crisis.

On the other hand, **Adith Nair** and **Yajnesh Shetty** won 1st prize at the event, "All's Well That Sells Well", in which the students had to show off their marketing skills and sell various ideas and products. They were followed by **Atique Kudchi** and **Atharva**



Yajnesh Shetty (L) and Adith Nair (R) from D14B won the Marketing Event

Gupte as the 2nd Runners-up.

Said Atharva Gupte,“In the 1st round, they gave us a product and asked us to create an entire Social Media Marketing campaign for it in 15 minutes, whereas in the 2nd round, we had to create an entire political campaign in the same time frame. It really tested our quick thinking creative abilities, and our cunning too, since we had to convince people into buying our ideas. It was a lot of fun!”

In the 3rd round, the contestants were reportedly given around 12 hours to create a full Tourism Promotion Strategy for assigned states.

Said Adith Nair, “This is the highest number of people that have gone for an Economics Fest from VESIT ever, since we usually go to IT related events. The fact worth awe was that we actually managed to sweep away 3 prizes from the hands of students who have been formally studying these subjects, as opposed to us, who only had our own research to

fall back on. It was amazing and massively rewarding and I hope I get a bigger team next year!”

We are extremely delighted to see students go out of VESIT and earn a name for it. We congratulate them, and hope that they will lead other students by example. VESITConnect also wishes them the best of luck for their future endeavours!

Names	Event	Class
Adith Nair & Yajnesh Shetty, Atique Kudchi & Atharva Gupte	All's Well That Sells Well	D14B D11A & D14A
Aishwarya Patange & Pranav Bindra	Doom And Destiny	D14B
C.V. Ananya	Journalism In Jeopardy	D14A
Saheb Wadhwa & Kaustubh Salve, Adith Nair & Yajnesh Shetty	Mock Stock	D9 D14B
Abhishek Birajdar & Aishwarya Chourasia, Bhuvana Raisinghani & Saloni Velonde	Entrepreneurial Escapade	D14B and D11B D9A and D7B
Aishwarya Patange & Pranav Bindra, Apoorva Sudheesh & Anish Talwelkar	Powerplay	D14B D14A
Adith Nair & C.V. Ananya, Neeraj Patil & Shlok Jaguste	Arthanomics Assembly	D14A and D14A D6B
Aishwarya Patange & Pranav Bindra, Atique Kudchi & Atharva Gupte Adith Nair & Yajnesh Shetty	Tech In Trouble	D14B D14A & D11A D14B



Atharva Gupte (L) (D14A) and Atique Kudchi (R) (D11A) won the 2nd Runners Up position in the Marketing Event



Neeraj Patil (L) (D6B) and Shlok Jaguste (R) (D6B) were 1st Runners Up at the Debate Event

VESIT Voice

-Gayatri Belapurkar

The season of new beginnings is here! August marks the formation of all the student bodies for the upcoming academic year, and we have been extremely busy keeping ourselves updated with the multiple activities taking place in the college at this time while juggling with the first Unit Test all the same. The month kicked off with an insightful Induction Programme to get the freshers on board and introduce them to the culture of the college. This was followed by the celebrations of the 73rd Independence Day of the country in the VES Polytechnic college. Our college is not one of the best without reason. Being at par with the industry is something that the college takes pride in. That being said, it would come with little surprise that with ML and AI being the current trends in the industry, the college celebrated its first AI Day this year with Capgemini.

We’ve often heard and probably even said it ourselves that ‘Engineers can do anything’. Our students went a step further to prove this. A team from VESIT went to Arthonomics, the Economics festival of Jai Hind College, and beat them at their own game by bagging awards in the marketing event of Arthonomics. SoRT VESIT, the Sports Council and VesLit already seem to be in a full-throttle mode with the SoRT Donation Drive, Indoor Sphurtti and the University Badminton Team selections and VesLit conducting a workshop on GRE and the Debate team selections. This time, the students of the EXTC Department had something new to look forward to, with the Arduino Challenge being held. Project Deep Blue Season 5 kicked off with a batch of enthusiastic students all ready for coming up with innovative solutions to problems that haunt the society. Taking a sneak-peek into the placements this year, students placed in dream companies such as Quantiphi and MAQ share their experience with us and give some valuable tips to their juniors. Keep reading to find out what they are. This month in the Diaries section, we have Mr. Satish Karandikar, a marketing professional at Mahinda&Mahindra

We hope this issue gives you a gist of what the beginning months in VESIT look like.

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Project:Deep Blue

-Omkar Rao and Tanvi Shetty

"Saving Mother Earth is not something we want, but it's everything we need."



Technology can be philanthropic and Project Deep Blue is the perfect epitome for that. It is back again this year with its 5th season. This is a Mastek and Majesco initiative, created to encourage students to think beyond textbooks and

make a valuable difference in the society. Mastek and Majesco being at the top of their game in the field of digital and software solutions help individuals transform their imagination to solutions.

Project Deep Blue is an opportunity for enthusiasts to dedicate themselves to the idea of providing solutions to widespread real-world problems, ranging from scarcity of water to complete sanitation solutions. Project Deep Blue signifies the willingness to dive into the problem, determination to get to the bottom of the issue and the drive to find solutions faced in day to day life. It helps to create an opportunity for students to implement solution with a wide social impact.

This year's problem statements are not limited to a specific domain but have the best of both; hardware and software worlds. The themes for this year include Long Term Capacity-Planning LTC, Public Toilet Health Check PHC, Garbage Profiling Problem GPP, Measure Visual Acuity MVA,

-Richa Kashyap

and Predict Queue Wait PQW. There are a total of five problem statements. The students are expected to have prerequisite knowledge of the Internet of Things, Machine Learning, Design Thinking, and Social Data Analysis in order to understand the crux of the problem given and act in full potential to provide a solution that is pragmatic and technically backed up. Stakes are high this year as the winning team takes home 1,00,000 INR and a Rotating Trophy to display in their college for a year. The First Runner up wins 50,000 INR and the Second Runner up 25,000 INR.

The date for abstract submissions is 10th September 2019, which will be followed by a launch event on the 18th of October. Project Deep Blue will have its Grand Finale in the 2nd week of February 2020. Just like any other year, VESIT follows the tradition by participating in large numbers for this event.

Humanity Thrives When Disaster Strikes

-Aadi Fernandes

It's not enough to be compassionate. You must act. -Dalai Lama

When the devastating floods affected the districts of Kolhapur and Sangli in Western Maharashtra, around 1.32 lakh people were evacuated to safer places. Sadly, there were also 16 deaths reported, apart from a huge damage to the infrastructure.

To lend a helping hand in these times of peril, SoRT VESIT in collaboration with VES Trust organized a donation drive to contribute to all those who are stranded and affected by the floods. The drive was conducted over a period of two days (19 to 20 August 2019) with the primary objective of

extending support to everyone in the midst of this calamity.

Food grains like dal, rice and wheat along with other edibles like biscuits were contributed voluntarily by the students and faculty members. The total donations collected at the end of the drive were 201 kg of rice, 100 kg of wheat and 58 kg of dal besides multiple boxes of biscuits. VES Trust office coordinated with the Office of District Collector to transport the food to the affected areas.

SoRT Senior Deputy Secretary, **Kunal Bhor** said, "We were overwhelmed by the sheer number of people coming forward to help us in this humanitarian cause, the SoRT family is glad that they could lend a helping hand".

Everyone bonded together as one community, to successfully fulfill the need of the hour.

Alumnus returns to share her wisdom

-Saumya Kulkarni

The newly formed VESLit Circle conducted its first event of the semester, Further Studies and GRE Prep Seminar, with **Miss Oshita Sapte** on the 30th of July in the Auditorium. She is an alumnus of the Instrumentation Department Batch of 2019. She has secured admission into the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, for the Industrial and Operations Master's program.



Oshita sharing a few bits of her wisdom

was invited by the Circle to give tips to the GRE and the TOEFL aspirants and shed light on her preparation.

Oshita began by narrating to the audience on the thought process that went into selecting her field for her Master's degree. She zeroed in on the appropriate universities after selecting her course and set a goal for herself. Oshita managed to juggle her fifth and sixth Semester final exams alongside her GRE/TOEFL preparation. She also stressed on the importance of internships and projects. She spoke of how she identified her strong and weak sections in the Quants and the Verbal Section. For the verbal section, she suggested that they should add at least five words every day to their vocabulary and make flashcards to revise those words. For the quants section, she talked about how she practiced basic Math problems.

Oshita set a timetable for herself, where she kept preparing even while traveling. She divided her time equally for her GRE preparation as well as her end semester exams. Oshita gave useful tips on how to condition their body and mind for the GRE exam.

After a mind-blowing GRE score, Oshita then geared up for TOEFL exam. She knew that it was equally important to score well in the TOEFL. She started by writing essays everyday and structured her thoughts according to the scoring requirement. Oshita honed her speaking skills for the Reading section by reading aloud a paragraph and then listening to it later for fumbles.

The seminar ended with a long question and answer session. Many students were curious about her college life at VESIT. Oshita surprised everyone by telling them that she was equally active in co-curricular and extra curricular activities and had won the title of Miss VESIT.



The audience attentively listening to Oshita

Oshita Sapte has scored 321/340 in the GRE and 118/120 in the TOEFL in her first attempt and also a cumulative CPA of 9.3 in her BE degree. She

Ultimate Arduino Challenge

-Shruti Bondre

When things don't go your way, remember, every challenge and adversity contains within it the seeds of growth and opportunity. -Roy T. Bennett

Engineers are the creators of great things. They can solve any problem with their skills, but can they?



Participants guessing various electronic components in Stage-1

Tinkerer's Lab, EXTC, conducted the "Ultimate Arduino Challenge" for the EXTC engineers to stimulate their gray matter and solve all the problem statements thrown towards them. The 1st edition of EXTC "The Ultimate Arduino Challenge" commenced on 10th August, 2019. About 10 teams from the whole department assembled to test their Ultimate Arduino skills. The First round was the Elimination round which consisted of Aptitude questions. All the selected teams then went on to the next round which was divided into two parts.

The first round was "Guess the components". The council members had placed various electronic components like resistors, capacitors, switch, etc on a table and then the participants were supposed to guess each component correctly. For every correct guess, the participants received five points which was added to their tally. This tally of points was the deciding factor for their entry to the final round.

Once all the teams were done with the 1st round, the team was split and each member of the team was given a problem statement- One of them given an Arduino question while the other was to implement a digital system on an online simulator. The Arduino problem statements included implementing sensors, display and switch on the simula-

tor while the digital system problems were mostly based on simulating digital circuits like Decoder, logic gates, etc. It was a really good revision especially for the Third-Year students. In this round each team could solve as many questions as they can and earn points for each solution. This tally of points was added to the tally of "Guess the components" round and at the end of the day the finalists were announced.

Seven teams made their way to the final round which was held on 31st August, 2019. All finalists assembled near Lab-401 and soon the final round began. The rules were explained by the council members. One problem statement was given to all the teams. The Problem statement was to implement the Grand old game of "Rock, Papers and Scissors" using Arduino and Switch. The team which completes the hardware implementation first was to be declared as the winner. Each team was provided with an Arduino board along with wires, switches and a few other components for solving the problem



Council Members look on as the students solve the problem statement

statement.

After a rigorous session of analyzing and implementing various programs and circuit arrangements, the winner was declared. **Samarth Sewlani** (D14B) and **Nikhil Punjabi** (D14B) were the winners of the First Edition of the "Ultimate Arduino Challenge". An Arduino Challenge for engineering students was a brilliant idea by the Tinkerer's Lab.



Mrugendra Sir and EXTC-HOD, Ms. Shobha Krishnan Ma'am at the arduino challenge

When asked about their motivation to conduct an activity like this, **Omkar Tupe** (D19A), a senior member of Tinkerer's lab said, "Two years ago we conducted a workshop on Arduino basics under Tinkerer's Lab and considering the importance of microcontrollers in today's world, we came up with the idea of Arduino- Ultimate challenge. After Several Discussions with **Mrugendra sir** and other members of Tinkerer's Lab we finalized the event. Main motive behind this competition is to give an idea about effective use of Arduino to solve real life problems (e.g. RPS Game)."

When asked about his experience at the Event, **Samarth Sewlani** (D14B), winner of the Challenge said, "It was a great experience, we really enjoyed a lot. Challenges like this bridge the gap between our syllabus and what actually we implement practically. It may look like an easy task but integrating the hardware and software part really requires practice. And competition like this motivates us to do so. Apart from the technical part you get exposure and experience how to solve a problem within a specific time."

In this fast-growing world with ever-changing developments in technology, the 'problem-solvers' or Engineers must keep up with this pace. Activities like these in the college encourage students to learn new things thus helping them to survive in this new world of technology.

Ambitious With AMBIS

The Automated Multi-modal Biometric Identification System (AMBIS) was a project started in 2017-18 by our Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. It was launched in the year 2019 after its one year testing period. This system, when used by Mumbai police helped crack 85 open cases of theft and break-in and make 120 arrests.

AMBIS, which is a Government of Maharashtra initiative, comprises of a camera to take pictures of arrested criminals and scanners to record irises, fingerprint and palms. Dr. Birajdar of Electronics Department was part of the launch event held on 26th July. He is the technical adviser and team member of the AMBIS. According to him, AMBIS, which is a dream project of Cyber Maharashtra will strengthen law enforcement in the state. The system

was made available to 1150 police stations across the state and 94 police stations in the Mumbai region.

Prof. Birajdar and the team received honour from **Shri Brijesh Singh**, Inspector General of Police, Cyber Maharashtra in presence of the CM of the state. This was the nation's one of a kind project with the cost of 56 crores and storing 6.5 lakh fingerprints of criminals. Soon the system will be made available to all other states.

"As more and more data of criminals will be stored in the system, crime will come under control and solving cases won't consume much time and effort. All we need to do is create awareness about this project among the citizens to bring the law under action" stated Dr. Birajdar.

-Rashmi Singh



Brijesh Singh (R), Inspector General of police honoring Prof. Birajdar, ETRX Dept. (L)

"Price is what you pay. Value is what you get."

-Warren Buffet

The Debates that Lit Up VESIT

-Aadi Fernandes

VESLIT, the Literature Contingent of VESIT, conducted debate eliminations on the 2nd of August 2019. The procedure included online registration, after which they were called in for the elimination round. They witnessed massive participation from enthusiasts who eagerly wanted to hone their debating skills along with other interpersonal skills.

The eliminations were judged by **Somesh Sidhwani** (D17C) and **Aditya Rao** (D12B). Participants were teamed into pairs and a topic was assigned for which they had 5 minutes to prepare. In the first round, one team was shortlisted from two participating teams. Though the participants were divided into teams of two, all of them were rated individually and new teams were made based on

those assessments. Their performance was primarily judged on the content, diction, vocabulary and body language.

10 teams were shortlisted from SE and TE to be included in the debate team:

1. Atharva Gadkari and Atharva Dhobe
2. Arnav Bagchi and Sparsh Amarnani
3. Bhuvana Raisinghani and Salonee Velonde
4. Neeraj Patil and Shlok Jaguste
5. C V Ananya and Adith Nair
6. Rakshita Krishnan and Harish Kumar
7. Dhaval Mistry and Kartiki Pande
8. Namrata Tolani and Abhijeet
9. Onkar Raut and Ria Dharmani

10. Shatanshu Chaudhary and Pratik Chainani

Said VESLit Debate Team head, Rahul Motwani, "All in all, the event was a grand success. We got a lot of talented students from 2nd year and 3rd year. We were happy to find a lot of new talents and fresh skills. We have selected a large team to participate and win as many competitions as we can."

These teams would be representing VESIT at the intercollegiate debating extravaganzas and competitions.

Societies

ISA COUNCIL

-Pranav Phale

Like every technical college, in VESIT there is a new year and new beginnings of new councils. and technical societies. Technical societies are made up of councils which help plan,manage and execute events throughout the year,which are crucial in the overall development of technical skills in students of the institute.

Likewise, a new ISA council was elected after exciting rounds of interviews conducted by the teachers and seniors. The B.E council was formed on 13 th of July and the T.E council was formed on 4th of August. After successfully recruiting the members they stated: "We promise to cater to all our members with technical assistance, enrich their practical skills and help them develop amazing projects throughout the year!". They also added : "With a top notch team, we promise to deliver our best and assure our members a great year ahead. Looking forward to a year full of amazing technical events and everlasting experiences!"

Following is the list of names and their designated post in the B.E Council:-

POST	NAME
President	Mayuresh Shelar
Vice President	Prajwal more
Senior Treasurer	Gaurav Tuntune
Senior Public Relations Officer	Sonali Gaitonde
Chief Executive Officer	Mrunmayee Gokhale
Chief Technical Officer	Apurva Patil, Abhishek Chandorkar
Chief Operations Officer	Vishakha Marathe

Following is the list of names and their designated post in the T.E Council:-

POST	NAME
Secretary	Prithvi Shetty
Operation Officer	Sakshi Kulkarni
Technical Officer	Aditya Ganesh
Web Editor	Prateek Mehta
Chief Editor	Lewin Noronha
Jr. Public Relation Officer	Avikshit Dabholkar, Aarya Padhyegurjar
Jr. Treasurer	Tanmay Pandit
Executive	Uday Tare, Raghav Potdar, Tanmay Shravge, Simran Mayekar

CSI COUNCIL

-Maitraiya Dandekar & Aishwarya Sahoo

New year, new beginnings and new Councils. Technical societies are made up of councils which help plan, manage and execute events throughout the year, which are crucial for the overall development of technical skills in students of the institute.

After an exciting round of interviews held by the teachers, the B.E. Council was selected on 7th August 2019 wherein **Soham Sakpal** was selected as the Chairperson, along with **Tarun Dadlani** as the Senior Secretary and **Ajay More** as the Senior Treasurer.

On reforms he would like to implement this year, Soham says, "More workshops on trending technical topics inclusive for all branches, as it will help students during placements, especially those who aren't from a computer background and more hackathons to help SEs and TEs practice."

The T.E. council interviews were held on the 22nd of August wherein **Apoorva Sudheesh** was selected as the Co-Chairperson along with **Jatin Bhagchandani** and **Rithika Randive** as the Operations and Managing Secretary respectively while

Yash Diwan was selected as the Junior Treasurer.

On being asked about the mega-events conducted by CSI, Soham says, "Cricomania being our mega event, along with Amazing Race, which was a big hit last year, I am planning on a few more surprise events to be conducted this year which I believe people would love to take part in."

He is extremely pumped to be the Chairperson this year and looks forward to giving everything to the council like he has been for the past two years and expects everyone in the council to give their 100%, meanwhile managing their academics because that's what being a member of CSI teaches you.

B.E. Council

POST	NAME
Chairperson	Soham Sakpal
Senior Secretary	Tarun Dadlani
Senior Treasurer	Ajay More

Executive Committee	PramodKumar Choudhary Aditya Mane Jairaj Khushalani Naman Varyomalani Richa Jaishinghani Abdus Shaikh Ariscia Mendes Ashutosh Matai Raj Shetye Rohit Pandey
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T.E. Council

Co-Chairperson	Apoorva Sudheesh
Operations Secretary	Jatin Bhagchandani
Managing Secretary	Ritika Randive
Junior Treasurer	Yash Diwan

Senior Operations Officer	Atharva Date Atharva Nadkarni Kunal Chugriya Meghna Athankar Nitesh Janyani Varun Rochwani
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Senior Technical Officer and Web Editors	Abhay Tiwari Aishwarya Sahoo Anish Chhabria Tina Chandwani Sujitkumar Singh
Senior Public Relations Officer	Meetali Dulera Saloni Shedge Simran Sahetia Vrudhi Israni
Senior Editor	Rahul Tejawani



CSI BE Council

It is never too late to be what you might have been.
~George Elliot

ISTE B.E. COUNCIL

-Sreevidya Iyer

After the successful completion of the last academic year, Technical societies bade farewell to their B.E. Council members. The B.E.'s before departing chose the new Council members for the year 2019-20.

The B.E. Council interviews for ISTE took place on the 27th of July. According to their preferences, the candidates were interviewed to gauge their suitability. The questions asked pertained to the students' plans for the upcoming year, ideas to improve the society, ability to manage a council of 50 members, expectations from the society etc.

Says **Muskan Raisinghani** on her motivation to be a part of ISTE, "I have been a part of ISTE for the last 2 years and learnt a lot as a Coordinator and as the Managing Secretary. I want to pass on my experience and knowledge to my juniors."

After judging the candidates, 13 members were chosen for the B.E. council.

Chairperson- Muskan Raisinghani
Co-Chairperson- Avisha Nagarkar
Senior Treasurer- Aditya Ranka
Chief Executive Officer- Pranav Sarode
Senior Operating Officers: Mohnish Niduvaje, Akshay Pattewar, Ron Paul
Senior Technical Officers: Chinmay Patil, Simran Bhagwandasani, Gaurav Sahu
Senior Graphics Designer: Himanshu Gosavi
Senior Editors: Rahul Bhatia, Roma Motwani

On asked about her vision for the society, Muskan says, "As seniors, it is our vision to provide the students of our college with good workshops and events which will help them gain technical knowledge. This will not only help the students, but also the Council and the Society as a whole to grow."



B.E Council 2019-20

We congratulate the B.E. Council and wish them a successful term ahead.

Quantiphi Placements 2019

-Akshara Sarfare

The students of VESIT are acing their interviews this placement season and bagging hefty packages in dream companies. One such company that came to VESIT is Quantiphi, category-defining Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence software and services company, which shortlisted eight students from VESIT. We wanted to bring everyone the first-hand experience of a student who got placed in Quantiphi. **Anahita Goswami**, from the Department of Electronics and Telecommunications, has been offered a job at Quantiphi. Here is her experience in the placement process.

Q. When and how was the first interaction with the Quantiphi executives with the VESIT students?

A. The placement procedure for Quantiphi was divided into two days. The first day, that is, on 29 July 2019 the Pre-Placement talk and Aptitude test were organised. In the Pre-Placement talk the students were given an introduction about the company along with an overview of its services which was followed by a brief question and answer session by the students. Immediately after the session, the aptitude test was conducted then on the second day, that is, on 1st August 2019 the technical and HR interviews were conducted.

Q. The first step of the placements in the aptitude test. How was the aptitude test conducted and what were the types of questions asked in the aptitude test?

A. The aptitude test was divided into 4 subsections with each subsection having a time limit of about 20-25 minutes. A major plus point was that none of the questions had negative marking! The first section was based completely on Quantitative Aptitude followed by the second section which mostly had Verbal and Logical Reasoning type of questions. The last two sections were the technical sections- the third section had Technical and Programming Ability questions accompanied with a coding question and a Business Analytics based question and the last section has questions majorly based on Machine Learning. Following the declaration of results of the aptitude test, 84 students were shortlisted for the interview round.

Q. Interviews are mostly held to analyze a candidate for their potential. How was the interview for the various short-listed applicants conducted?

A. The interview process was subdivided into two rounds- the technical and HR round. In the technical interview round, most of the questions were based upon the projects that you have worked on followed by questions based on programming concepts like that of OOPS and DBMS. Some students were even asked simple coding questions. The students that cleared the technical interview advanced to the final round, that is the HR interview round where questions about your background, areas of interest, extracurricular and co-curricular activities and internships were asked. Finally, after the HR round, a

total of 9 students were selected where 8 were selected for the role of Framework Engineer and one was selected for the role of Machine Learning Engineer.

Q. Any word of advice for the juniors and the future applicants?

A. Be confident and sure of everything that you have put on your resume. Have an intermediate level of knowledge about programming/coding. Be thorough with all your projects and lastly stay confident, calm and cool during the entire process. Good luck and Best wishes!!



Anahita Goswami (D19A)

The Screens Of VESLit

-Arya Kasulla

The Literature Circle of VESIT, VESLit, from this academic year, has divided itself into four different divisions. One of them is the Films division, a new venture to encourage and share the passion of all types of video content among VESITians. This division selects the best of the video creators and trains them for intercollegiate competitions. The head of this division is **Faaiz Dastagir** (D11B), and the other team members are **Tanmai Govindan**

(D11B), **Varun Pillai** (D11B), **Aditya Bhoir** (D11B) and **Arnab Saha** (D9B)

The first screening took place on the 2nd of August this year. Held in room no.314, a round total of 20 students were present to share, listen and learn. The team screened the short films, advertisements and music videos prepared by the participants, after which there was a discussion and analysis on the various aspects of the film. There were around 8 films.

As the conversation filled with useful insights and humour, we can say for sure that the film division of VESLit is surely headed for a great start.

All good ideas start out as bad ideas. That's why it takes so long
-Steven Spielberg

MAQ: A Dream Come True

-Yash Aswani & Atharva Gupte

The placement season is in full swing and many of the students appearing for placements have been accepted in prestigious companies with competitive packages.

MAQ is a dream company that recruits in VESIT from the Computer Engineering and Information Technology branch. **Aniket Shinde** was one of the few stellar students from the Information Technology Department who got accepted at MAQ. We spoke to him regarding his placement journey and overall experience.



Aniket Sunil Shinde

1. How was the overall interview experience?

Out of all the interviews I appeared, I had the least hopeful of MAQ to be selected. That is because they had asked me complex technical questions which rattled me at first, but the interviewers were pretty helpful and guided me the right way. I also had not appeared for the pre-placement talk so I was shouted at for my sheer negligence. I was pleasantly surprised when I found that I was selected.

2. Any topics/subject students should focus more on, in order to excel in technical and aptitude round?

Primarily you must have a basic and sound knowledge of Data Structures and Databases for clearing Technical interviews. For aptitude, good quantitative reasoning is required. Companies require different profiles, some companies require pure in-depth knowledge of Java and C but you will be at ease if you know DSA and Databases. Also, keep your mind open as they check your critical thinking on the basis of a problem so don't rely on knowledge as well.

3. Tell us the qualities that prestigious companies like MAQ seek while they filter out candidates in the HR round.

My experience with HR wasn't great at all. I got rejected in Teradata and IVP in HR. In the HR interviews keep your composure right as they try to stress test you by asking tricky questions, for instance, whether you are alright with working outside

Mumbai, staying away from family. Be confident in your approach and do not start telling how did you progress in your life, instead speak in such a manner such that it coincides with the companies' ideology for their employees

4. Any message you would like to convey to the ones who will be appearing for the interviews in the near future?

Always be confident and have faith in your abilities. Especially while appearing for a face to face interview - don't get panicked if your peers (although you will) get asked certain questions first of all. Don't converse with them and go with full confidence. Prefer to shape your interview in such a way such that they ask you questions in your forte.

5. Looking back, what was the one lesson you learned in your time at VESIT which helped you in getting this job and will stay with you throughout your life?

Persistence and disciplined nature which are the two values inculcated in students right from First Year. These virtues helped me in getting my job and will stay with me throughout my life

They Talked To Connect

Mridul Mohan, Music Secretary (2019 - 2020)

VMC is a commitment to exhibiting the talent of VESIT in Fine Arts. The Council consists of resourceful members eager to exploit all talents available on the campus. For me, Music is a language which bonds one and all together and we communicate this language to young talent. Music binds, and that is what we are here together for!

Our Council is like a power-packed band. Be it Rock, Classical, Metal, Western or Bollywood, the Council has it all. My vision is to spread love in the entire college in the form of music. VMC aims to change the entire perspective of music in the college from where it is, to a level never imagined before, and as the Music Secretary for the academic year

2019-20, I truly believe that with the help of my dedicated team, this year will be a huge success.

My plans for the future are to elevate the music scenario in VESIT to the highest position where activities would be with dedication and fun by organizing new events and increasing the participation manifold for the new as well as already existing talent in our college and opening doors to a broader aspect for not only vocalists and instrumentalists but even the lyricists and music producers in our college. Bottom line is, if we have a talent, let us exploit it to the best!"



Mridul Mohan

Gaurav Marwal, SoRT Secretary (2019 - 2020)



Gaurav Marwal

SoRT is all about working together and making our world a better place to live in. Rather than calling it a council, we prefer to call it as The SoRT Family and that's for a reason! Being able to work in an environment where you can call your council members family is a boon to us. We constantly try to serve the society through various events.

We've conducted events like Blood Donation, Traffic Monitoring, Beach Clean-ups, Laksh Foundation, Emergency Donation Drives, NGO visits, Tree Plantations and in all its glory, Umeed and many more!

The only aim of SoRT is to create a better world by making contributions, no matter how big or small. In our latest project we're going to adopt five villages with Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan (UBA) and through surveys cater to their needs.

You don't need to be a Deputy or an Incharge to be in the SoRT Family. If you're ready to work to make this planet better, you'll always be welcomed into The SoRT Family because we want to go #TowardsTheBetterTogether."

Somesh Sidhwani, General Secretary (2019 - 2020)

It has been a complete roller-coaster ride in these 3 years at VESIT. In my First Year, I was involved in a lot of council work which was very intriguing and enticing. My peers encouraged me to participate and organise events and that's where my journey began.

I worked with the Cultural Council in my Second Year as a Junior Deputy Cultural Secretary. Sometimes, even if you work really hard in a team, you don't get appreciated enough but the very satisfaction after a successful event or a workshop is really worth it.

In the Third Year, I wasn't involved in college councils. It was kind of an off-year for me. I went for Intercollege Debates and Mock Parliaments. This off-year made me realise that our college could do much better when it comes to the participation and the conduction of events. I felt that I should leave this college in a better state than what it was when I came in, so that when the juniors come, they know they have entered a holistic and positive atmosphere

and learn to develop their personality. Academics play a very important role in these four years, but apart from that, you should also learn how to carry yourself.

That's what made me get down to the GS elections, which were very eventful. A lot of rumours were going around which were actually very funny. Keeping aside these baseless rumours, now that I am the General Secretary, I want to fill the gaps that were left last year because there are some things in the college which are at their peak while some need betterment. I need to bridge the divide between the two sects thereby reducing the toxicity in the atmosphere.

My goal is that the entire student council work together as one because at the end of the day, I am just a facilitator between the hardworking councils, faculty, respected Principal and the students.

This is your General Secretary, always and forever at your service!



Somesh Sidhwani

VESIT Diaries

Mr. Satish Karandikar is a VESIT alumnus from the 1990 batch of the Dept of Electronics. He also has a Masters in Management Studies from NMIMS, Mumbai and is currently a Marketing professional at Mahindra & Mahindra, on deputation at Ssangyong Motos, Korea at the time of writing this article.

Q.Tell us something about yourself.

A: Marketing professional with a technical mind on the lookout for innovative product solutions and services that bring betterment to individuals and society through research based on customer latent needs and key insights. Firmly believe in the Mahindra philosophy of Rise, to be able to share experiences that bring positive change and to keep learning and sharing.

Q.Share a glimpse of your personal life.

A: An extrovert who believes that there are no strangers, just friends who haven't yet met. 50 years old, happily married as wife manages all Internal affairs, A 20 year old son who is majoring in Psychology at University of British Columbia for undergraduate studies. Hobbies include Teaching, Photography, Cooking, Reading and Sports namely Cricket & Badminton. Loves social networking and has over 1900 friends on Facebook & Instagram.

Q.Tell us something about your life at VESIT.

A: Life at VESIT was exciting and challenging. VESIT

had just started and we belonged to the 3rd batch of students coming into the campus. Lots of new learnings, including a great deal of self learning. Also establishing a rapport with Director Madam Saxena and many professors, some of them have been a great positive influence. If I was to selectively name a few the names of Professor Gokhale, Professor Khanapurkar, Professor Karkare easily come to the mind. Being a part of the evolution and the initial torch bearers along with our seniors to establish the VESIT brand in the engineering community and in the Industry. It was a pleasure to participate in various extra curricular activities, taking part in sports and cultural events, being a member of the cricketing team and an active participant in various Inter collegiate competitions and winning awards and laurels for the institute. Was the class representative throughout the four years and in a way involved with the management for shaping the policies for the student activities. Fortunate to have done well in academics and passing out of VESIT with pride and a First class with honors.

Q.You have been with Mahindra & Mahindra for quite some time now. Could you tell us about your daily work life?

A: Currently on deputation from Mahindra to Ssangyong motors and involved in the product development function at SYMC. Daily work life is attending meetings with a translator and have the critical role of influencing the teams for better product



Mr. Satish Karandikar, Marketing professional at Mahindra & Mahindra

development by understanding customer requirements, technological trends, market analysis, competition and through synergy between Mahindra and Ssangyong. Overcoming the communication challenges is now a daily routine after having overcome the cultural diversity and differences. The Koreans are far ahead in terms of technical know how and it was a task to build credibility and trust coming from a developing nation.

Q.Please shed some light on your MMS post graduation at NMIMS and how you volunteer as a visiting faculty at your alma mater.

A:I have done my Masters in Management studies with specialization in Marketing from NMIMS which is one of the top management institutes in Mumbai and India. NMIMS is also a deemed university now and I am proud to be associated with NMIMS in multiple ways . As an Alumni , as a visiting guest lecturer and also as a mentor to some of the current students as a part of the NMIMS mentee program . Every year two students do a marketing research project under my guidance which helps them gain practical experience and nuances which enrich their Industry exposure and brings them closure to understanding the market realities .

Q.What do you think is the importance of extra-

Sports

Indoor Sphurti'19: Another Sporting Era Begins

-Pooja Prasad

Indoor Sphurti kicked off on 31st July 2019. Being the first sporting event of the academic year the adrenaline was naturally high.

The inauguration ceremony for the same was held on the first day, in the Boys' Common Room. Staff members, as well as the student sports council members were a part of the ceremony. The inauguration started with the lighting of the lamp by **Mr. Manoj Sabnis**, the dean of Student Affairs and **Mr. Yogesh Pandit**, the Sports coordinator and seeking blessings of Goddess Saraswati. Few of the staff members included **Mr. Mahesh Singh Adhikari**, **Mr. Vivek Umrikar**, **Mrs. Maheshwari Bharadwaj**, **Mrs. Kajal Madnani** and **Ms. Kajal Jewani** attended the inauguration.



Mr. Yogesh Pandit and Mr. Mahesh Singh inaugurating the new session

Mr.Yogesh Pandit and Mr.Mahesh Singh cut the inauguratory ribbon and indoor Sphurti was officially declared open. A brochure containing detailed information about the games and their draws was given to each staff member who was in-charge of sports. Many students enthusiastically participat-

ed in various sporting events, which included Chess, Carrom, Table Tennis and Futsal.

The Sports Council handled the events efficiently during all the events. Also, to the students' delight, a new table tennis table was added.



Sports Council and Sports Incharges posing after the inauguration ceremony

The winners of Chess Girls Team are **Srush-ti Sachdev**, **Amruta Parab** and **Smruti Kshirsagar** from D17 and the Runner's Up are **Dishika Kishnani**, **Madhumita Menon** and **Malavika Anoop** from D9.

The winners of Chess Boys Team are **Mayuresh Cholkar**, **Shripad Joshi** and **Swaraj Patil** from D13 and the Runner's up are **Omkar Nerurkar**, **Shubham Annigeri** and **Pushkar Dharmadhikari** (D19B).

The winner of Table Tennis Girls (Individual) is **Anushka Chauhan** (D19) and Runner up is, **Anushree Rege** (D10) while winner of Boys Individuals is **Devesh Sety** (D11) and Runner up **Vishal Laungani** (D19).

Q.As a professional, what can you say the companies are looking for in freshers? Any message for the new generation at VESIT?

A:Companies do look for academic excellence, but good companies look for candidates who have the right attitude. Students who show eagerness to learn, to do more than what is told or expected of them in general. My advice to the next generation is to ensure that they focus on academics as well as other interests and in the right balance. To strive to learn more than what is available in textbooks. To learn about scientific and non-scientific practices that bring about positive change in individuals and society. Be proud of our Indian heritage & culture and be smart and adapt appropriately to be a global player.

"Recognizing the need for more participation, Sports Council arranged a poster campaign on social media, where a new poster was released per week for publicity of Sphurti. We are focusing more on publicity, because it is a fact that half of the students are still not aware about the happenings in sphurti, so by using the available social media platform, we are now posting every small detail. One major highlight of this year, is that participation from MCA department is commendable. This year it was planned to not add any new sport, but we decided to focus on emphasizing the way we conduct Sphurti. I would like to say proudly, that Sports Council 2019-20 is so strong, that even after focusing more on publicity, the quality of conduction of matches is not affected. This council can bring many positive changes and create a strong foundation for successive councils to come and create history." stated **Tanmay Kothale**, Sports Secretary VESIT.

The results of Carrom and Futsal are awaited. While the show is still left, the level of enthusiasm amongst the players as well as the branches is a treat in itself and we hope it only gets better with time.



Faculty with the official Sphurti brochure

VESIT Badminton Team Selections

-Shruti Bondre

The VESIT Sports Council for the academic year 2019-20 has begun their journey on a great note with Indoor Sphurti-2019. It has not only shown great enthusiasm in the Intra-College sports events but has also shown a keen eye for the Inter-College Sports events. The VESIT Sports Council conducted the Selections for Inter-College Badminton teams for girls and boys on August 9, 2019.

The Badminton Team selections were held at VES Indoor Badminton Court which has two courts used for hosting badminton championships. Seven Boys and Five girls from over sixty participants

made it to the College Badminton team.

The Chief selectors were Jr. Deputy **Archita Malgaonkar** (D6B) and **Rahul Tejwani** (D12C). Sports Secretary, **Tanmay Kothale**, and Jr. Deputy **Anjali Badlani** oversaw the entire selection process. The badminton enthusiasts were made to play a short set of 7 points. Selections were conducted on the basis of one's game and the number of matches he/she won.



VESIT Badminton Team training for Mumbai University Selections

By judging their basic playing style, the following players were selected:

BOYS	GIRLS
Rahul Tejawani (Captain)(D12C)	C.V. Ananya(Captain) (D14A)
Karthik Gowda (D11B)	Itisha Dalvi (D11A)
Tejas Dhopavkar (D7A)	Archita Malgaonkar (D6B)
Shubhranshu Arya (D9A)	Gautami Patil (D6A)
Soham Phutane (D12B)	Sakshi Lalchandani (D7A)
Vinit Deshpande (D8)	
Pranav Pawar (D9B)	



The new team practicing for Intercollegiate matches

VESITian Nets Victories at JNS

On 24th and 25th August 2019, **Juhi Ajwani** (D14A) participated in the NMCE Women’s Open Throwball Tournament organized at Jamnabai Narsee School. This was an interclub tournament and a total of 17 teams participated in it. Each team comprised of 7 players on the field and 5 substitutes.

Juhi partook under a team called “Dazzlers” and was one of the youngest players in the group. Her team won all the playoff matches and they managed to secure a spot in the semifinals. Sadly, they faced a heart-wrenching loss in the semifinals; but they did not lose faith and they were determined to strike back in the third-place playoffs. They were up against team “Phoenix” for the bronze cup. Juhi and her team completely dominated this match and emerged victorious with a lead of 5 points(20-15).

Juhi, who is the captain of the VESIT Throwball Team, was also awarded the “Women Of The Tournament” trophy. When asked about her experience Juhi said “I personally had a very thrilling experience. I was quite nervous in the beginning of the tournament as this was the first time I was playing for a club but gradually after every game my confidence began to build. A piece of advice for all the budding athletes in our college is that it takes time to frame your game depending on the external factors but always remember to keep working on it and never give up”. Her achievements have made the entire college proud.

-Tanvi Shetty



Juhi Ajwani (D14A) was ecstatic at her victory

I think anything is possible if you have the mindset and the will and desire to do it and put the time in. -Roger Clemens