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Dr. Barnali Saha Speaking At The Research Colloquium in 2018



Dr. Barnali Saha at VESIT

Loving Memory of Dr. Barnali Saha

Dr. Barnali Saha left for her heavenly abode on the 5th of November, 2020, less than a month after her 50th birthday. We recount the story of this inspirational woman, who with her unending zeal, passion and energy, positively impacted the lives of several people.

Starting off this journey with the factor that she was the most passionate about - teaching and learning. She had a very accomplished background in education, completing her Bachelor of Science (BSc) and Master in Science (MSc) degrees in Pure Mathematics from Jadavpur University, Kolkata in the year 1994. She taught in several reputed colleges across Mumbai. The first college she joined as a lecturer in July of 1997 was Fr.C. Rodrigues Institute of Technology (FCRIT), Navi Mumbai where she taught until 1999, after which she was a lecturer at Lokmanya Tilak College of Engineering, Navi Mumbai until October of 2001. After a short interval of a year, she joined Shah and Anchor Kutchhi Engineering College, Chembur as a lecturer in January of 2002 and continued teaching there till December of 2004. She joined VESIT as an Assistant Professor in January of 2005 and was an invaluable member of the VESIT family, a mentor and the dearest friend to many.

Although her accolades are terrific and motivational, one of her personal life altering incidence and challenges took place beyond her academic jurisdiction. On the 2nd of March, 2011, on the occasion of Maha Shivratri. At a Mahadev Mandir near her house in Ghansoli, suspectedly, from the wick of a burning candle nearby, her saree unexpectedly caught fire. She had suffered 40% burns and was admitted at National Burns Centre, Airoli. She was under critical care for 15 days and was observed and rehabilitated for a month. The doctors had told the family to keep their fingers crossed since they could not assure her survival the first 15 days but her sheer grit and determination helped her to recover from the massive accident. She was discharged from the hospital on the 17th of April, 2011. Her complete recovery was an ongoing process and indeed an extraordinary and miraculous one. Skin grafting was done twice on her right hand due to excessive burn injury. After the incident, with constant physiotherapy and a lot of practice she resumed teaching at VESIT from the month of July the same year. This is the foremost reason why everyone considers her a brave and a strong woman, who achieved the unthinkable and got back on her feet, ready to face new challenges.

Apart from her exemplary academic career, she also has several triumphs in her very inspiring career. She won the "Best Paper Award" for presenting her paper in ICRISEM-2016 at IIMT college of Engineering, Greater Noida. She successfully presented a paper titled "Optimizing Generalized Ca-



Dr. Barnali Saha

pacitated Vehicle Routing Problem using Augmented Savings Algorithm" in VSSUT, Burla, Orissa in December of 2018 and was also an esteemed speaker at the Research Colloquium in the same year. She also participated and presented a poster on Indian Women and Mathematics (IWM) Annual Conference conducted in 2019 at IIT Bombay, on the topic "Genetic Algorithm". In the same year in June, she attended the continuing education in High Performance Computing and Data Engineering at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT (BHU). However, one of her most major achievements was she completed her PhD from the department of Mathematics, Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai in October, 2019. She also appended the paper that won the Best Paper Award for, in her PhD thesis titled, "Heuristic Methods for Heterogeneous Vehicle Routing Problems". She also published a couple of other papers titled, "Optimizing Generalized Capacitated Vehicle Routing Problem Using Augmented Savings Algorithm" and "Optimizing Heterogeneous Vehicle Routing Problem". Her research work is published in international journals and she has attended and presented in various international conferences as mentioned above.

While speaking specifically about her life in VESIT, she was the exam in charge of the first year engineering students and single handedly managed the entire department seamlessly. She very passionately taught mathematics to the first and second year students along with discrete mathematics and operations research in the Masters In Computer Applications (MCA) Department. She was a member of the syllabus committee and was also a paper setter, examiner and moderator at the University of Mumbai. Apart from these, she was also a mentor of students for the LBS (Looking Beyond Syllabus) competition at VESIT. She had one of her long term goals to mentor the final year students and lead them into a pure-

ly mathematical based final year project and spoke about this aspiration to many of her colleagues. These are all about her tangible achievements, but she has impacted the lives of many of her students and colleagues in ways that cannot be described in words. Her presence, energy and pure love touched the lives of many, some of whom have expressed their gratitude, thoughts and appreciation towards her posthumously.

Mr Ravi Shankar (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences)

" I met her for the first time back in 2003 during an orientation program of Applied Mathematics conducted by K. J. Somaiya Institute of Engineering and Information Technology, Sion. She was really friendly and interactive and the two of us joined VESIT together in January 2005. We were batch-mates and also from the same field, so we were much more than just colleagues. We used to share everything about our success and failure in both, professional and personal life. After our lectures and during free time, we used to hold long discussions about semester planning, teaching, research work in mathematics alongwith speaking about our families and children's progress. She had great love for mathematics and research with several plans and dreams to improve teaching mathematics and applications. Our discussions also went beyond the office time while travelling together in Auto, ST bus or local train, as we shared a common route. I have noticed some of her qualities which makes her stand out from the crowd. She has the habit of micro planning and getting into minute details of any activity that she took up related to academics, conduction of examination or even celebration of a birthday or any other occasion in the department. On one of her birthday celebrations, she has personally visited many restaurants to enquire about the quality of the dishes and also treated us with some new flavors. She used to spontaneously crack jokes and make all of us laugh to the fullest during any get-together of our department. As an examination in-charge of the department, she used to give us clear guidance through her thorough emails, covering every aspect of it. She was very punctual and truthful about her responsibilities and also made others follow her. She organized and en-



Dr. Barnali Saha being felicitated by the Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences for successful completion of her PhD

for her PhD programme. She was a great parent and homemaker and had groomed her daughter with a lot of good qualities, which led her to achieve a chance to pursue her MBBS degree from a prestigious institute, KMC Manipal, Karnataka.

She was knowledgeable, hardworking, energetic, charming with an unending thirst for knowledge and a never give-up attitude. She was never hesitant to talk to any person, whether known or unknown and would make others feel comfortable enough to share about their personal lives within no time. Her aura and presence would be really missed."

Ms. Sujata Khandaskar (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Engineering)

"Sorrow fills our hearts this sad moment, a sorrow that is deep and personal as Dr. Barnali Saha has silently closed the door of life and departed. Our lives will be empty in the spheres that she had brightened it for us. She was living proof of how fine a person can be. She was a good senior to the people under her charge, a loving wife to her husband, and a devoted mother to her daughter. She was also a good friend to many of us and a great colleague. The character of the life she lived might be summed up in a few words: she was sincere, earnest, loyal. Her hard work, caring nature, humour and her love for life made her such an amazing and loving person. I will say she was the definition of 'Young At Heart'. Nothing gave her more joy than a good joke, prank or an adventurous day (people who travelled with her will know what I mean by adventurous, one always had to be so alert and active with her while travelling). Barnali ma'am was my mentor, guide and support system. Being away from my people and hometown, I used to call her my Local Guardian. Despite me being junior to her, she made me and everyone else around her comfortable because of her friendly nature. If I ever needed help with my personal and professional life, she always knew the answers.

However, she never just gave me the answers. Instead, she helped me to find the answers myself and had a special way of bringing out the best in people and making them believe in themselves. I first met her at Juinagar station waiting for the train, when I just spoke to her asking if she was from the VESIT family, from where our journey together started. She had a lovely nature and maintained relations with a wonderful bond. Her social nature always impressed me, even after a busy day schedule she never missed visiting her near and dear ones invitations. I remember when she joined us so many

times for Ganpati Puja, birthdays and all other family functions both happy and sad times.

Whenever she had some bengali sweets with her I was invited and if I would fail to turn up, a serious sentimental follow up saying "Is budhiya ko bhul gaye ab to naye friends mil gaye naa", was disbursed to me, so I never ever missed her invitations to eat tiffin. The joy and satisfaction in the eyes seeing me have her offerings was great. I remember her favorite dialogue "Tension matt le Sujata, chal aaj sath me shanti se special chai pete hai", and she taught me how a hot cup of tea together with a good friend can be magical, taking all the worries away. It was really sweet of her to do so. Room Number 504 was my second home in college, a place where I found such a loving friend. All the staff there knows about it. Living in the same area, we always had a beautiful time travelling together. She was not only funny, she was exceptionally bright and a fighter, which was ascertained during her burn incident at the Mahadev Temple. She was always seen talking about how to motivate students and how to manage teenagers which she had beautifully done, as her daughter is pursuing her MBBS. She was a proud mother as her dreams came true, but she did not stop there and completed her PhD, setting an example of being bright, full of life and energy.

It is difficult to type my last memories about her. On 2nd October, my husband was found mild COVID positive and I called her up. We had a long conversation after which I felt much better. On the 25th, I called her up wishing her a happy dussehra, reminiscing the Durga puja we would have, which she was very much fond of. Every year she would give me so many addresses of beautiful Durga Puja Pandals and would ask me to go there for darshan and constantly enquired if I had visited or not. While talking to her, she said that the whole family is not keeping well and the next day they are going to have their COVID test done. I spoke to her daughter, giving her tips on safety precautions, because we had already been through that difficult phase. On 28th, Rijushree texted me that her mom and dad, both were on oxygen therapy and responding well. Suddenly, on the 5th of November, I received the devastating news of her demise. I would mention that she brought up her daughter so well, that she maturely handled her family after such a big loss, which is not at all easy. I hope God fulfills her wishes and gives her family strength to overcome this difficult pass.

I love her very much and will miss her dearly. Her life impacted many people and I will continue to live mine the way that she taught me to, with hard work, kindness and not take myself too seriously.



Dr. Barnali Saha being awarded her PhD during the online convocation ceremony conducted by the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Matunga(Tech for Social Good Analyst)

couraged others to participate in all the activities in the department with full enthusiasm. I remember how she organized a cultural dance competition among the departments of VESIT, on the Bengali theme and led the Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences to victory. Apart from her busy schedule at VESIT and family life, every year she used to attend a conference or workshop in mathematics and at the same time, she used to take all her workload at VESIT and then travel to ICT, Matunga

Her humour, kindness and selflessness will continue to inspire those who were lucky enough to know her and be loved by her. Rest in peace, My sweet ma'am."

Dr. Sharmila Sengupta (Associate Professor, Department of Computer Engineering)

"I have a wonderful association with her family and especially with her mother. I was lucky to have spent quality time with her in January 2020, when we met at Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues Institute of Technology, Vashi, for a common short-term training program on Natural Language Processing (NLP). The way she delved into mathematics during the NLP course was very pleasantly surprising and just showcased her passion. We spoke a lot during that training where she had expressed her strong desire to mentor our final year students in a mathematics oriented project. Though that could not be fulfilled, her zeal, enthusiasm towards it would always live on. She was an absolute braveheart, who overcame every hurdle in her life. She was an extremely intelligent and independent woman and her optimistic attitude would always be remembered."

Dr. Keya Doshi (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences)

"It always seems to amaze me how quickly change occurs. I knew things never stay the same but this time it's not just fair. The untimely death of my dear friend and colleague Dr. Barnali Saha, has filled our hearts with lifelong emptiness. She was and will always remain, the most jovial, strong, witty and intelligent person, who is also a caring mother, and a lovely wife. As we teach the same subject, I will really miss the conversation regarding mathematics and her innovative ideas during meetings. I remember her as the most enthusiastic lady who is always ready to learn and experiment new things. I had witnessed her excitement as a mother, when her daughter got admission in medical college. She was also over the moon when she received her PhD in mathematics. Life has shown its unpredictability by taking her away when none of us saw it coming. I hope wherever she is today, she knows that she will always be loved and I hope she finds peace. Miss you forever!"

Ms. Ramiya T (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences)

"Grief fills our hearts in this sad moment and the loss is deep and personal. Dr. Barnali Saha has silently closed the door of life and departed from us. She dedicated her professional life for our college in creating indelible imprints on students minds in the field of mathematics. I have known her since 2014, when I had joined VESIT. I had a privilege co-ordinating with her in conducting the Scientia 2020 Quiz Competition during the lockdown. During the event, I noticed her excellent leadership and management qualities which everyone should learn and follow in their lives. She was brilliant, hard working and super creative, with exemplary contribution in successfully conducting the quiz program. She was an excellent professor to the students, a good friend to many of us and indeed a great colleague. The character of the life she lived could be summed up in a few words: sincere, dedicated, perfectionist and earnest. Throughout her career, she worked with passion, integrity & energy and was a living proof of how fine a person can be. All the people who knew her will miss a highly intelligent, vibrant individual and charm of personality. She had a life that exempli-



Dr. Barnali Saha Awarded The Best Paper Award in ICRISEM-2016 at IIMT, Greater Noida

fied brilliance and inspired emulation. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time."

Mr Vivek Umrikar (HOD, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences)

"She was an extremely hardworking person with a very jolly personality. She used to always make everyone laugh and smile and would provide us with very insightful suggestions from time to time. She was the examination incharge of the Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences. Despite being the only exam incharge of the department, her super systematic method of operation made sure that the results were never delayed. She seamlessly and very promptly completed her tasks. Even during the pandemic she made sure that the regular and KT examinations were conducted without any hassle and the results were declared within the given time frame. She was a really fun person to be around and was very outgoing by nature. We all feel really sad to hear about this and her loss is very personal to us. She has always put in immense effort towards her work coupled with zeal and passion and her presence will be missed dearly."

Ms. Rasika Naik (Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering)

"A true friend who is just like your elder sister is never truly gone. Their spirit lives on in the memories of those who loved them. We first met in the staff room of VESIT old campus. Barnali madam was a very kind, hardworking, friendly and jolly person. She supported me from day one in VESIT like an elder sister and we shared a very strong bond. She used to ask me doubts related to Marathi language for her daughter and also visited my house just to see my twins.

Even though our seating arrangements were on different floors, in the new building, we used to make a point to meet frequently. Whenever we used to meet in corridors, she used to enquire about my kids asking, 'How are your Chunnu Munnu??' I had also been to her place for a house warming ceremony. She always used to call me (with family) to her home and also for Durga Pooja nearby. I have also seen her struggle, hard work during her Ph.D. We used to share all family matters, mostly of our kids. She was very soft spoken and kind at heart. I cannot ever forget her kind words, gifts, her pieces of advice, joyfulness and friendly nature. It is very difficult to forget a true friend like her who has also given a tough fight during her medical condition (burn incidence).

She used to always call me her younger sister. I truly miss her a lot. Life is so unfair to her. Instead of enjoying her life after completing her doctorate

and her daughter's MBBS degree, COVID-19 has taken her life away! I pray for her soul through God's mercy, may she rest in eternal peace!"

As per her personal interests, she absolutely loved travelling and gardening, and lived a life of simple tastes with a lot of positivity and love to give to others. A loving and caring wife and mother, a beautiful soul who was also a mentor for several students. She was an incredible woman and was adored by her loving husband, Mr Tamal Saha, as well as her only daughter Ms Rijushree Saha who is pursuing her MBBS. A strong woman who overcame each and every barrier that stood in her way, and turned that pain into power and pulled through, emerging victorious every single time. She may have left the physical realm, but her story and legacy she left behind is forever etched in our minds and hearts. Her life motto was "Let not the zeal die", and indeed, her entire legacy is the testimony of this statement and we all pray that her soul will rest in power.

Dr. Geeta Ajit (Department of Humanities and Applied Science)

"I first met Barnali Ma'am, it was her bright smile which endeared me to her. It was filled with so much warmth and affection that one felt embraced into her friendliness immediately. She was among the few people who always put others before herself. Always full of eagerness and energy, her zest and passion for doing things would infuse the whole department to do likewise. I remember a time when our Department had to present a program representing the state of West Bengal for a college event. It was Barnali Madam, who took the initiative, arranged for the song and music, assembled the ladies, taught the dance steps and even went shopping for the accessories the day before. Her joy and enthusiasm for celebrating each event, permeated through the whole Department, and would have everyone participating with the same excitement.

I also admired the way she single-handedly took on the responsibility as Department Examination in-charge. After she took over, every exam went so smoothly and seamlessly that none in the Department felt the pressure of the additional responsibility bestowed on them. She would personally connect with each faculty to fit into the schedule of things, because of which there were rarely any awkward moment felt by any staff member.

Barnali was also a very perceptive, thoughtful and caring person. Aware that I do not check my WhatsApp often, she would personally call me every time there was a Department gathering or photograph session. If it wasn't for her, I think, I would have missed most of the Navatri saree color day photo sessions. Whenever we go to Room no 504, her door would always be open, and she would be there to greet us warmly with a cheerful smile. Now, whenever I go there, and see the door of her cabin closed, it hits me hard to know that I will never hear her chirpy welcoming voice again. It is also so hard to imagine what her family would be going through, when we at college miss her so much. I pray that God gives her dear one strength to see them through these difficult times.

VESIT Alumni Association Handed Out Free Laptops this Pandemic

-Tanya Dubey

owing to the current pandemic situation, schools and colleges have advanced to the online platforms to avoid any backlog in academics. Students have been having online lectures, lab sessions and examinations this semester. Attending the online lectures are comfortable, however virtual lab sessions and online examinations were challenging as many students did not possess desktops or laptops.

VESIT Alumni Association observed that online academics are here to stay and provisioning resources for online operations forms the need of the hour. In order to support the students of VESIT in the dire situation, VESIT Alumni Association (VESITAA) decided to provide laptops to a select few needy students (one student from each department). This decision of short listing the student was taken after consultation with the respective department HODs and the scholarship team of VESIT.

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The Alumni Association handed out a free laptop to one student from each department

Overall 14 laptops were distributed of which six (06) laptops were provided by VESITAA to one student of each department respectively, one (01) laptop was donated by **Mr. Gautam Murlidhar**, alumni IT department, two laptops(02) were given by **Mr. Vijay Talreja**, alumni Computer department while five (05) laptops were given by **Mr. Niraj Gunde**, alumni Instrumentation department.

The laptop distribution took place in VESIT premises on Wednesday, the 11th of November 2020, at 11:30 am, room no 208. The laptops were handed over to the students by the Vice Principal **Dr. M. Vijayalakshmi** and President of VESIT Alumni Association **Mr. Vijay Talreja**. The entire program was coordinated by the Treasurer and Jt. Treasurer of the Alumni Association **Dr. Manoj Sabnis** and **Dr. Gresha Bhatia**.

J.P. Morgan India Conducts its Winning Women Event

-Anushka Kulkarni Sristi Sharma

J.P. Morgan India held its flagship 2020 India Winning Women virtual event at 5 p.m. on 6th November. The event was held on the online meet platform Zoom, where more than 3,200 engineering students were provided with a unique overview of financial services. The event commenced with a welcome note and an inspirational speech by **Kalpna Morparia** who is the Chairman of J.P. Morgan South & South East Asia, wherein she shared her experience of working in JPMC. Later, she also introduced J.P. Morgan's investment in the FinTech industry of India to the audience. **Anjana Soman**, Tech for Social Good Analyst was the host for the event and kept the participants engaged throughout the event.



Host of the event, Ms. Anjana Soman (Tech for Social Good Analyst)

Soon after, the audience was introduced to **Bhuvana Hegde**, who is an Analyst, Software Engineer in J.P. Morgan, she talked about her inspirational journey to becoming a part of JPMC in spite of coming from a small town in Karnataka and she highlighted the inclusive and supportive office culture of JPMC. The session was made very interactive and questions were taken throughout the event on the 'Mentimeter' - a question-answer web service.

As the event proceeded, there was a panel session about 'Innovation at JP Morgan'. The panel consisted of **Vibhavari Jahagirdar**, Managing director at JPMC and **Khuram Saeed**, Head of India Quantitative Research. The session ended with **Megha Kapil**, Lead Campus Recruiting India, who shared helpful application tips and advice with our participants.



Introduction to J.P. Morgan by Mr. Mahesh Aras (Head of Risk Management and Compliance Media)

This was followed by an insightful introduction to J.P. Morgan India given by **Mahesh Aras**, Head of Risk Management and Compliance India. He spoke about and JPMC's history ever since it was established, and advocated for the ever-increasing need of inclusivity in the organisation.



Closing remarks by Ms. Megha Kapil (Lead Campus Recruiting India)



Panelists for the event (L-R) : Mr. Khuram Saeed (Head Of India - Quantitative Research) and Ms. Vibhavari Jahagirdar (Managing Director, JPMC)

Nupur Jeswani (D10B), said "The session was very interactive. It also gave a deep insight into the inclusive work culture at the organization. The panelists gave some really good advice and encouraged students to ponder upon some really good questions and answered some very important questions as well. I am very glad that I attended this session".

Overall, the event was a success and was helpful as a guide and introduction to JPMC for students.

Agenda | Friday, November 6, 2020

5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Welcome Address Kalpna Morparia, Chairman, South & South East Asia
5:50 p.m. - 6:05 p.m.	Introduction to J.P. Morgan India Mahesh Aras, Head of Risk Management and Compliance India
6:10 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.	FireSide Chat: Why Join J.P. Morgan? Bhuvana Hegde, Analyst, Software Engineer
6:30 p.m. - 6:55 p.m.	Panel: Innovation at J.P. Morgan Vibhavari Jahagirdar, Corporate & Investment Banking Tech

Agenda for the Event

Webinar on Scientific Paper Writing and Publishing

- Sneha Karthik

VESIT Research Forum in association with VESIT - IIC and IQAC held a seminar on "Writing scientific papers that connect and introduction to IPR" especially for the Third Year students of Electronics and Telecommunication Department, on 9th November 2020, via Google Meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Dr. Hemang Shah is a VESIT Alumnus (EXTC - Batch of 2002) and an India Engineering Lead at Qualcomm Technology Licensing, Bangalore. The event was headed by **Dr. Nandini Ammanagi** (Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering) and **Mr. Nadir Charniya** (Associate Professor, Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering). It was hosted by **Mahalakshmi Pendyala** (D14A), while the tech work was handled by **Aashirwad Bedekar**(D19B).

A total of 132 students attended the session and that in itself speaks volumes about how informative the session was. **Mrs Shobha Krishnan** (Head

of Department Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering) along with **Mr. Shobhit Khandare**(Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics and Telecommunications) and **Mrs. Ashwini Sawant** (Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics and Telecommunications) also attended the webinar on a Monday morning.

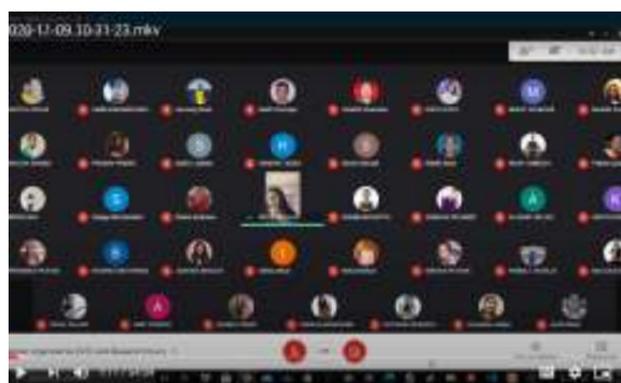
Dr Shah started with an essential message "Give a better outcome to your work, don't just think that marks are the end. They matter to a point but after that what matters is how you can bring impact to the world". Dr Shah also spoke about his journey as a writer as an author of fourteen publications. He kept the webinar lively by talking about his experiences, from co-authoring first publication on "Power Line Communication" with his friends to co-authoring a paper with his wife and winning the third prize.

Since writing a paper is not as easy as it looks he walked the audience through the different types of Research papers one can write. The most common question that most starter level research paper writers have is "What will the reader get upon reading my paper". Dr Shah addressed this question by a simple example on Virtual Reality and how it benefits users. He then explained how to storyboard a paper with an analogy of how a research paper is like a movie that has a Conflict, A hero, and ends with a " Happily ever after".

Intellectual property is a word we all have heard but are not quite sure about what it means. IP is the protection of a person's ideas. Dr Shah gave insight on four types of IP ie, Trademark, Copyright, Trade Secret and Patents. The session ended on a positive note with a vote of thanks by the host **Mahalakshmi Pendyala** (D14A).



Dr. Hemang Shah



Mahalakshmi Pendyala welcoming Dr.Hemang Shah



Dr.Shah explaining the Progression of Papers.

Councils

Bringing Solar Power to the Rural Areas with EBSB

-Tanya Dubey & Manasi Nerurkar

Solar is one of the most prodigious energy sources, the cleanest and most abundant renewable energy source available. Harnessing and proper utilization of this resource on a large scale can fulfil most of our energy requirements. Keeping this in mind, Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology came up with their 3rd event under EBSB with participation from International Management Institute, Bhubaneswar. The name of the event was "Saur Urja Bharat". This event was conducted on October 24, 2020, on Zoom. This event focused on marketing strategies for selling a solar-powered lamp in rural settlements.

The product which had to be marketed and sold was a solar-powered study lamp which was devised by students of IIT Bombay under the guidance of **Dr Chetan Singh Solanki**. This product is highly flexible and promises a battery backup of up to 5 hours. The price of this solar-powered study table lamp is Rs 500.

This very successful event was organised by VESIT with active participation from IMI Bhubaneswar. **Dr Geeta Ajit** (Assistant Professor, Humanities and Science department) was the coordinator for the event. **Dr Parmeshwar Birajdar** (Assistant Professor, Electronics Department) and **Mr Ajinkya Valanjoo** (Assistant Professor, Electronics and Telecommunications Department) were the event in-charge. Sivanta Beera (D17A), the Student Head and Akshay Khanna (D14B), the Deputy Head along with Tanya Dubey (D9B) and Yash Bhise (D9B), the Junior Executive Committee Heads contributed greatly in the planning and execution of this event. The hosts for this event were Sartha Tambe (D17A) and Saritha Tharakan (D6).

"I am Grateful and Honoured to be part of Saur Urja Bharat event. Nothing will be a better gift than a clean environment that we can give to our fu-

ture generations. Together we can make this world a better place.", said **Mr Ajinkya Valanjoo**, Assistant Professor, Electronics and Telecommunications Department.

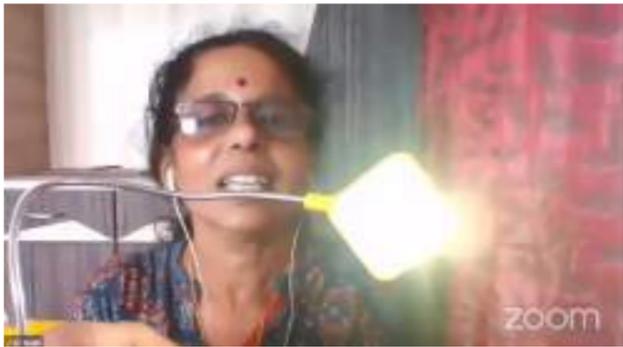
This event was streamed live on YouTube at 11:00 am on VESIT's YouTube channel. The technical support and management team consisted of Vishesh Mittal (D7B), Shrushti Jagtap (D9B), Jisha Philip (D10A) and Aditi Jamwal (D6) who ensured the smooth flow of the event. Hemkesh Raina (D15) and Aditi Singh (MCA) did a commendable job with the poster and certificates. **Dr Sushil Dhuldhhar** (Assistant Professor, Humanities and Science Department) along with Anuparvathi (D9A), Shrushti Govindwar (D7C) and Simran Huddedar (D10A) were responsible for the publicity of the whole event.

The event had two teams, one team from each institute. Avinash Tripathy (D14B), Ayushi Pamnani (D14A) and Isha Gawde (D10A) were the members of team VESIT. Kumari Nikita, Abhirup Sarkar, Chhavi Singh were a part of team IMI.

The event was inaugurated in a symphonic manner by our honourable principal **Dr J.M. Nair** by lighting a solar lamp which was made by the students of IIT Bombay. The proceedings of the event



Hosts for the event (Top to Bottom) : Saritha Tharakan (D6) and Sartha Thambe(D17A)



Dr J.M. Nair inaugurating the event by lighting the solar lamp made by the students of IIT Bombay

included a speech by **Dr Parmeshwar Birajdar** and **Prof. Pallavi Pandey** (Coordinator, IMI). The judges for this event were **Mr Prasad Rao** and **Ms Kriti Krishna**.

Mr Prasad Rao is a Bachelor in Electronics & Communication Engineering with Diploma in Business Management and Master of Business Administration. He has more than 38 years of Experience in Business Development, Engineering, Erection and Commissioning and Operation & Maintenance of Large-sized Power Plants, Renewal Energy Plants and other process industries in the country. He has worked with Reliance Group for 17 years in Senior Position. He has trained in Germany on Process Automation. He has served both in Government and Private sectors in India and abroad. During his tenure with leading Power generating companies, he



Dr Chetan Singh Solanki of the Energy Swaraj foundation sharing his thoughts on the importance of solar energy

has contributed significantly to improve plant performance through world-class Operation & Maintenance practices and business sustainability. He has won many awards & accolades for his contribution to the Power Sector.

Ms Kriti Krishna is a research scholar at IIM Lucknow. Her research spans areas of marketing particularly, experiential marketing. She also

works as a freelance gamification consultant in Singapore. She has done her MBA from BIMTECH and graduation in arts from Lucknow University. She is also a Kathak graduate and has performed in several cultural events. She is also a volunteer of Handicare, an NGO working for the welfare of people with disabilities for the last 15 years.

The event then witnessed **Dr Chetan Singh Solanki** of the Energy Swaraj foundation sharing his thoughts on the importance of solar energy and its



Team VESIT : Avinash Tripathy (D14B), Ayushi Pamnani (D14A) and Isha Gawde (D10A)

positive impacts on mother nature.

A virtual toss took place. Team VESIT won the toss and decided to go first. Every team was given 15 minutes to present their ideas in front of the judges. There was a warning bell after 13 minutes and a final bell after 15 minutes. Any team exceeding the given time limit was negatively marked. The marking scheme depended on these five criteria; content, organisation, delivery, overall impact and handling of questions.

Beginning with Team VESIT, Isha Gawde gave a brief introduction of their presentation. Ayushi Pamnani talked about the investment strategies and Avinash Tripathy mentioned the economic benefits of the solar study lamp. The overall presenta-



Judges for the event : Mr Prasad Rao and Ms Kriti Krishna



The judges, Mr Prasad Rao and Ms Kriti Krishna, questioning Team IMI after their presentation

tion was very informative and had a strong technical background. After team VESIT, team IMI geared up to deliver their lookout on the marketing of solar lamps in a rural area. Kumari Nikita started with a short introduction followed by Abhirup Sarkar who presented the various marketing strategies. The presentation was concluded by Chhavi Singh who discussed more the marketing aspect of the solar lamp. This presentation was very well appreciated by the judges.

“The idea of a marketing event for solar lamps was something new since we never think about marketing such products. Full credit to the EBSB team and the teachers who came up with the idea and the perfect execution of the event. Hope to see many more unique events coming up in the future from EBSB,” said Avinash Tripathy (D14B).

The judges announced team IMI as the winner and congratulated them for their strong management skills. The results were followed by a melodious song by **Mr Prasad Godse** (Assistant Professor, INST Department). **Mr Ajinkya Valanjoo** (Assistant Professor, Electronics and Telecommunications Department) brought down the curtains on this event by his concluding speech and appreciated the EBSB teams of both the institutes for their dynamic involvement.



The audience was blessed with a melodious song by Mr Prasad Godse (Assistant Professor, INST Department)

CultRatri: The Online Navratri

The uncertainty due to the global pandemic has brought mundanity to our lives. As the VESITians longed for a celebration of Navratri in the lockdown, **VESIT Cultural Council** in association with **VESIT Dance Crew (VDC)**, came up with its brand new event - CultRatri. This was one of a kind online event that was celebrated on the last day of Navaratri - 24th October. The online fest brought in various cultural exhibits along with traditional extravagance for VESITians. The event was an amalgamation of classic old-world festivities with a touch of pop culture to it.

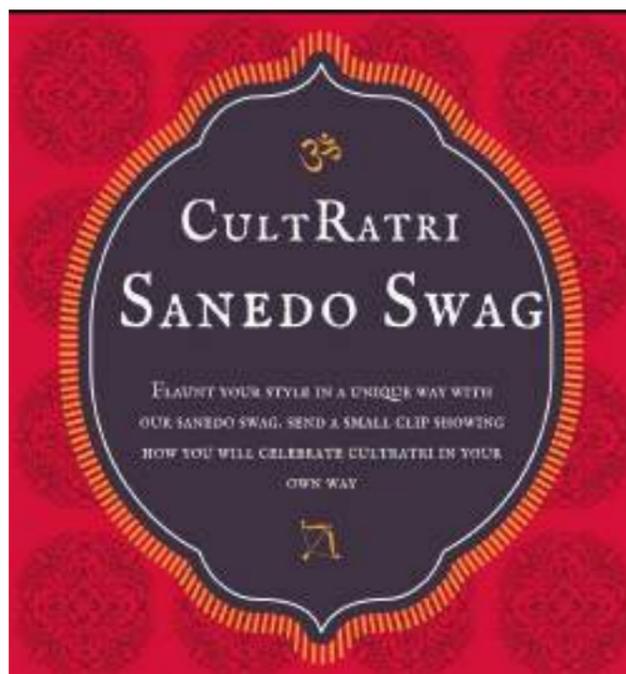
Sanedo Swag Challenge:

Students were instructed to make a ten to thirty-second long video of how they had celebrated Navaratri. Various students had sent in the beautifully captured moments of the festivities. The videos had vivid displays of twirls in elaborate *ghagras*, grooves to the hook steps of *raas dandiya*, singing and playing of instruments to even displaying the quintessential Gujarati cuisine that is made during the Navaratri times. All these videos were shared on Instagram stories and garnered a lot of public adulation. The best of these entries were presented at the main event.

- Gaurav Govilkar & Vaidyanathan N



Cultural Secretary Himesh Shadiza(D14A) along with hosts Gaurav Shukla(D19A) and Jyeshtha Prabhu(D19A) inviting everyone to the online Cultural Exhibit at CultRatri Red Carpet



Poster for Sanedo Swag - A perfect blend of tradition and pop culture

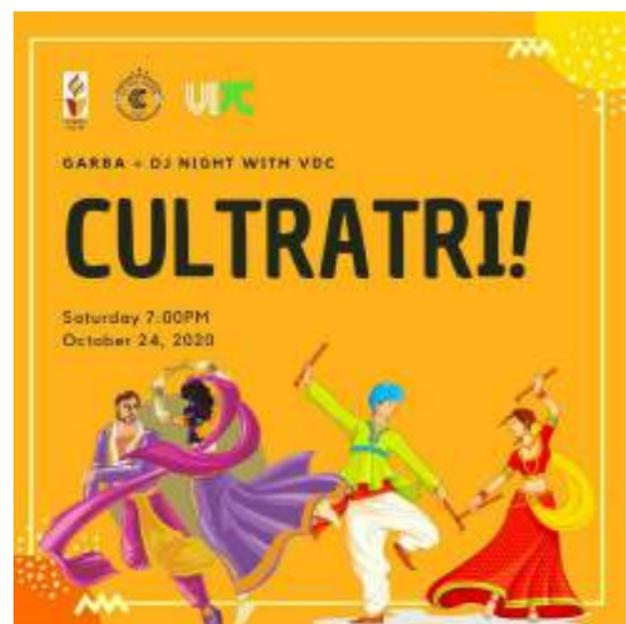
CultRatri Red Carpet:

The pre-event was held at 6.30 in the evening which was hosted by **Gaurav Shukla** (D19A) and **Jyeshtha Prabhu** (D19A). The pre-event was live-streamed on the official Instagram account of the Cultural Council. This red carpet event saw some fun and exciting conversations between the hosts and the attendees. The attendees were asked hilarious questions and had to do fun-filled tasks on failing to answer them.

Sharing about her experience, Divya Singh (D11B) said, "I had an amazing time talking with the hosts. In a fun interaction with them, we played a few games and I even hooked on to a few steps of Garba. The pre-event set an enthusiastic and cheerful vibe for the evening". The attendees also included our General Secretary **Nilesh Talreja** (D17A) and Cultural Secretary **Himesh Shadiza** (D14A). In the end, the hosts appealed to the audience to brace themselves for the main event.

Cultural Exhibit and Garba Night:

The main event of CultRatri was streamed online on Vesit Cultural's official YouTube channel. The event began at 7 pm with energizing Navaratri numbers played by the DJ for the night, **Parth Bhavthankar** (EXTC- Batch of 2020). The event was then taken over by the hosts for the evening, **Avikshit Dabholkar** (D19B), **Rahul Ghorpade** (INST- Batch of 2020), and **Siddhant Pai** (D16B).



Poster for CultRatri 2020



Manoj Ayyappan(D12B) playing flute in the Sanedo Swag Challenge

After some fun interaction with the hosts, the VDC team members presented their dance moves as they grooved to the beats of hit Navratri songs. The team VDC then had a fun conversation with the hosts where the hosts lauded their dancing skills. The audience too went gaga over their performances and spammed the YouTube live chat with compliments for the performers.

The usual hooting in the amphitheater was replaced by the posting comments and hooting in the live chats. The night proceeded to see the onset of the next segment that was 'Sanedo Swag Challenge'. The audience was entertained by presenting the best entries in the Sanedo Swag challenge. The hosts comically reviewed the submissions and cracked jokes on the diverse ideas of the students.

After showcasing the best videos, the team VDC took the charge of the event where they taught the audience some basic Garba steps. This segment was very aptly called 'Groove with VDC'. During the tutorial, the hosts jumped in to learn the steps which brought a great amount of humor to the show. Then the event witnessed a soulful playing of piano by Preet Thakker (D15) on the hit Garba songs.

Later, the organizers streamed the DJ and Garba Songs on YouTube live after which the audience was sent to their respective Private Tables. The live event had close to 7.8 thousand views on YouTube.



VDC team members Neeraj Patil(D11B), Shubham Sawant(EXTC 2020) and Priyank Sewani(D18) showcasing their amazing dance moves at CultRatri 2020



Hosts interacting with team VDC during the segment 'Groove with VDC'.

Private Tables:

CultRatri gave Vesitians a platform to reconnect. The organizing committee had provided for private tables, exclusive to those who had been registered in that specific group. Private tables were nothing but non-public spaces where friends could gather and have a casual conversation or just celebrate the festival of Dussehra.

The students could also request whichever song they wanted and could perform Garba in an attempt to enjoy the festival while still being locked up at home. Students were given a chance to play various games among themselves to display their individual as well as team working skills.

Public Rooms:

Along with the exclusive private tables, the organizers also had some Public Rooms that were open for all wherein people could come, interact, and have fun. A Karaoke Room was set up for music lovers wherein they tuned in to the latest karaoke songs along with their friends. This was one of the most visited public rooms in the event. Various games like Antakshari, guess the song, and other house party games were played in the game room.

El-Clasico is one of the biggest sporting events in the world. It is a clash between titans. Two footballing powerhouses. Teams in which the list of legendary players seems never-ending. These are teams that have won all there is to win. Multiple times. It is a clash between Real Madrid C.F. and FC Barcelona. The world pours in to watch this eternal rivalry. The world's best players can be found in these two teams. The live match was streamed in the public room and the football fans enjoyed the game thoroughly. The game went on to finish in favor of Real Madrid as they battered an in-form FC Barcelona 3-1. An El-Clasico room was set up to view the above spectacle.



Hosts comically reviewing the Sanedo Swag Challenge video of Tarun Mishra(D7C). Top(L to R): Rahul Ghorpade(INST 2020), Siddhant Pai(D16B). Bottom(L to R): Tarun Mishra(D7C), Avikshit Dabholkar(D19B)



Hosts Avikshit Dabholkar(D19B), Rahul Ghorpade(INST-2020), and Siddhant Pai(D16B) and Cultural Secretary Himesh Shadiza (D14A) at the event.

Speaking about her experience of CultRatri, Hrutika Pakhale(D8) said, "It was certainly a wonderful event!! It was a real stress buster. The best thing I felt was the fact that we rejoiced in Navratri celebrations even during the pandemic because of CultRatri. Thanks to the organizing committee for such an amazing event."

The technicalities were helmed by Yash Bhise (D9B), Advait Bansode (D7B), Garv Jhangiani (D7A). CultRatri was a festive package of joy, surprises, and humor. It was an entertaining event fulfilling everyone's wish for a fun Dandiya night at home. It managed to unify and grip the students and received a large number of participants.



Preet Thakker(D15) playing live piano at the event. Top(L to R): Rahul Ghorpade(INST 2020), Preet Thakker(D15). Bottom(L to R): Siddhant Pai(D16B), Avikshit Dabholkar(D19B)

VESLit - UBI Meet : Shaping Young Minds

- Kaushal Jagasia

A Youth Parliament is a simulation of the Indian Parliament where participants represent the Member of Parliaments of both the houses and discuss the pressing issues that concern the nation domestically within set rules of procedure.

On 21st October 2020 the **VESLit Circle**, in collaboration with **The Union Bank of India**, organized a Youth Parliament in light of the Vigilance Awareness Week. Keeping the theme for this year 'Vigilant India, Prosperous India' in mind, the MUN Division decided to simulate a Mock Chief Ministers' Meet with the agenda as *India's Fight Against Corruption*.

Mumbai).

The event commenced with Saraswati Vandana and Lighting of the Lamp, just like we do in the auditorium. After a short introductory speech by **Dr. J M Nair**, Principal VESIT, the formal proceedings began with opening statements where participants presented their stance to their respective peers and helped establish their point of view on the agenda in hand. This helped to inaugurate the talking points for the session and set a tone for the agenda.

The opening statements were followed by a Formal session where the participants could state

the constructive points raised during the session and reiterating the important points with respect to Corruption.

"This was my first virtual debate experience but the overwhelming exuberance and compelling engagement made it seem like it was all tangible and happening right in front of my eyes. It was a highly informative and enriching event on so many levels, from healthy arguments and prompt responses to the intense decision-making and collectively reaching to a conclusion, under the tutelage of extremely capable and committed UBI officials who offered their guid-



The invitational poster for the event



Shlok Jagusthe (D11B) moderating the Discussion Session as participants tried to make their point

views on a sub- agenda, which they felt was the most relevant to the agenda. The participants also engaged in a question and answer session with each other. Soon after the Formal Session, **Shlok Jagusthe** (D11B) and **Arnab Saha** (D14B), who were the moderators for the event, guided the Committee to an Informal Session.

There was no fixed speakers list for this session. The moderators encouraged discussion on certain points stated by the participants in the previous session and participants engaged in a conversation with each other to brainstorm solutions. The moderators also asked questions to understand the logic and reasoning behind the solutions given by the participants.

After an extensive round of formal and informal discussions which showed the depth of research that the participants had carried out, it was time for the Closing Statements. The participants put forward their concluding remarks, summarising



Geeta Ajit ma'am and the MUN Division interacting and taking feedback from the participants

ance and shared their point of views on anti-corruption. The event ran smoothly with no technical difficulties whatsoever and I had a wonderful time interacting with the most competent and passionate people. It was a great experience for all of us." said Malavika Anoop (D14A) who represented the state of West Bengal.

Mr. Sanjeev Sahay and **Mr. Umesh Kumar Singh** from the Union Bank of India gave their closing remarks and announced the winners :-
Malavika Anoop (D14A) - Best Parliamentarian
Rudrakshi Deshpande (D14A) - High Commendation
Rajesh Muni (D6) - Special Mention

"The event took place on a short notice and we had to move fast. We only had about a week's time to get everything done. It was a challenge to prepare the Rules of Procedure document and the Study Guide for the participants. Once that was done we had to take care of the technicalities and promote the event. The entire team worked really hard to make this happen and we were elated to see the final results." said Mihir Pamnani (D7C), MUN Division member of the VESLit Circle.

VMC X VESLit - Diwali Sabha

- Sneha Karthik

You and I might think that due to the pandemic this Diwali might have been boring for most of us. But that was definitely not the case. This 'Dhamakedar' Diwali saw the collaboration of VESIT Music Council and VESLit Circle in bringing together the "Diwali Sabha". The event was hosted on the 13th of November and was also streamed live on Youtube.

The event was hosted by Kirti Patil (D12B) and Isha Gawde (D10A) who kept the event lively and interactive. Despite the screen that stood in the way of its viewers and participants, everyone got an opportunity to listen to the music of some talented artists of VESIT. Diwali Sabha started with Neeraj Patil (D11A) singing the Ganesh Vandhana and was followed by other talented Singers like Sanika Indulkar (D11A), Vaishnavi Hariharan (D11B), Sudipa Majumdar (D9A), Anushka Rajwade (D16A) and Raghuttam Parwatikar (D10B). Ketaki Purohit (D11A) and Anushka Kulkarni (D9A) surprised the audience with a powerful and exhilarating classical performance



Hosts of the evening Kirti Patil and Isha Gawde

The event consisted of 5 teams as follows:

Team 1: Neeraj Patil (D11A), **Mr Vijay Joshi** (Assistant Professor, Department of Electronic Engineering) and **Mr Prashant Kanade** (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Engineering).

Team 2: Kirti Patil(D12B), Vaishnavi Haiharan (D11B), **Mr Sunny Nahar** (Assistant Professor, MCA Department) and **Dr Maya Bhat** (Assistant Professor, Humanities and Applied Science Department).

Team 3: Meghana Achanta (EXTC Batch of 2020), Smruti Kshirsagar (EXTC Batch of 2020), **Mr Abhay Kshirsagar** (Associate Professor, Department of Electronic Engineering) and **Mr Gaurav Tawade** (Assistant Professor, Department of Electronic Engineering)

Team 4: Praneel Rastogi (D12C), Aayushi Pamnani (D14A), **Mr Vivek Umrikar** (Head of Department, Humanities and Applied Science Department) and **Dr. (Mrs.) Manisha Tiwary** (Assistant Professor, Humanities and Applied Science Department)

Team 5: Aarushi Sharma (D10A), Saurabh Maurya (D14B), **Dr. (Mrs.) Shaswati Roy Majumder** (Assistant Professor, Humanities and Applied Science Department) and **Mrs Rohini Temkar** (Assistant Professor, MCA Department)

The quiz consisted of 4 rounds. Round 1 was an MCQ round where each team was asked 3 questions. They had 10 seconds to answer every question and 10 points were awarded to every correct answer. Round 2 was a pictorial round where every team was asked 3 questions like the last round. However, since identifying pictures from mythology is harder



Beginning of Round 2

than most of us can imagine, every team was awarded 20 points for answering the question right away.

If they failed to do so, they were given a hint and 10 points were deducted. Round 3 was an exciting rapid-fire round where every team was asked 10 questions in 90 seconds. and 10 points were awarded for every correct answer. Round 4 was based on categories varying from TV Shows to Geography. The team with the highest cumulative score got to pick the Category first and so on as per the scoreboard. The teams were given 15 points for the right answer and 5 points were deducted for the wrong answer.

The teachers and students bonded over the event, and Team 4 won with a whopping 255 points. The event was streamed live smoothly due to the efforts of Yash Bhise (D9B). **Mr Prashant Kanade**, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Engineering, said that "It was a fantastic event that was perfectly tuned with Mythology" to add to this he also emphasized on the rich culture that our country has to provide. Dr Maya Bhat said that "The event was very well coordinated and very well researched."

INVINCIA- Celebrating the Invincible Spirit

-VESITConnect Team

After weeks of boredom and late submissions, VESIT Student Council came for the rescue this month. The Student Council consisting of all remarkable working councils and circles of VESIT came together to curate an all inter-branch online event - INVINCIA 2020. The fest was conducted via the college's official discord server and most events were live-streamed on VESIT's Youtube Channel. The mega fest lasted for five days starting 18th until 22nd November. The Inauguration Ceremony for the fest was hosted by Mihir Pamnani (D7C) and Sneha Karthik (D7C).

The Ceremony commenced at noon on 18th November beginning with opening remarks and words of wisdom from **Dr M.Vijayalakshmi** (Vice-Principal, VESIT). Following that, to proceed with the event on a positive note, Neeraj Patil (D11B) was invited to sing the mellifluous Saraswati Vandana seeking blessings of Goddess Saraswati. Furthermore, to introduce the event and shed insights on weeks of hard work invested by the Student Council, **Tania Mahata** (MCA2A), President and **Nilesh Talreja** (D17A), General Secretary, spoke a few words about the exciting events lined up for everyone and urged students to participate in huge numbers. Next, to draw details on the events, Mihir described all the instructions regarding said protocols and scoring systems to be followed whilst par-

ticipating in events.

Besides fun, the fest, this year also aimed at helping the ones in need by organizing online fundraisers for Kshamata. Accordingly, to rivet the audience for generous donations, Sneha went on to explain the noble cause and events arranged to promote the fundraisers. After all the instructions and words of foresight being conveyed, the teachers and students were asked to head to their respective event meeting links awaiting fun and entertainment.



(Inauguration) Sneha Karthik (D7C) and Mihir Pamnani (D7C), hosting the inauguration ceremony of Invincia 2020

Day 1: 18th November

Zoomniscient

Invincia began with an enthralling quiz game namely 'Zoomniscient' wherein all quiz-enthusiasts were

given a platform to compete. The game ran via a series of rounds where the team with the most considerable number of points at the end of all rounds was declared the winner.

The elimination round was conducted on Kahoot, an online platform to conduct live quizzes. The questions and options were being displayed on the screen and the participants had to select the colour corresponding to the correct answer. 5 points were allotted for each correct answer, according to which top 20 teams were selected in this round. Round 1 or the riddle round was played by the above selected 20 teams to compete for the top 16 positions. Here the participants were provided with three riddles, the answers to which was the password to a protected PDF file. The PDF file consisted of a google meet link wherein the 16 teams to join first were selected.

In the second round, the game of Scattergories was played by these top 16 teams. This game consisted of two wheels, which spun to give a category and a letter respectively. The teams had to name as many words directly or indirectly related to the category starting with that letter in 30 secs. Each team played this round twice and were allotted points according to the number of words the teams were able to mention in the given time limit.

Round 3 or Guess the Personality round: In this round, the top 12 teams were given one question in the beginning, the answer to which was a notable personality. The teams had to guess 2 personalities in total. 20 points were allotted if the team guessed it without any hints, 15 with one, 10 with two and 5 with three hints.



The rules of round 1 being explained by Rohan Ghosalkar (D12C)

Round 4 consisted of a marketing event wherein the teams were given a product which had to be marketed as if it belonged to some other company. The teams were given 1 minute to pitch their idea to the judges after which points were allotted according to their pitch.

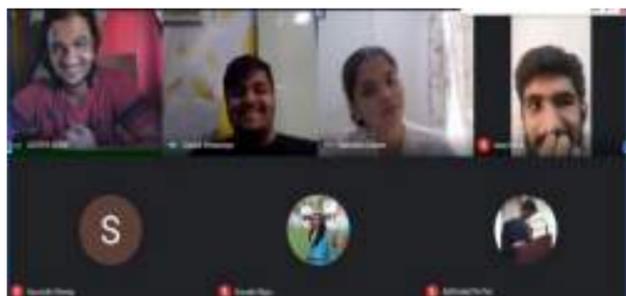
The final round was a rapid-fire round where the top 4 teams were given +10 for every correct answer and -5 for an incorrect answer. The teams were made to choose one of the following domains: Sports, Music, Science and Technology, History and Indian advertising. Neeraj Patil (D11B) and Manas Maskar (D11B) mastered this event with a whopping 155 points and were declared as winners, followed closely by Shreeja Nanda (D12B) and Shreyas Udupa (D12B) with 151 points. "This was one of the most enthralling events out of all the quiz events I had participated in earlier, as the competition was neck to neck. Round 4 was particularly very interesting as my team had to market a product 'airbag' by the company 'Lays', which challenged me and my teammate to come up with a pitch in just under 1 minute", said Shreeja Nanda (D12B).

Winners:

Neeraj Patil (D11B) and Manas Maskar (D11B)
Shreeja Nanda (D12B) and Shreyas Udupa (D12B)
Aditya Gurnani (D12A) and Krish Amesur (D12A)
tied with Shivani Shenai (D12B) and Kunal Kotkar (D12B)

Sab Golmaal Hai

The participants of this event had a chance to enact their favourite characters from their favourite fandoms in a mind-boggling clash event aptly named 'Sab Golmaal Hai'. In this event, the participants were allotted characters from the chosen fandoms. The fandoms that spanned over international as well as national television included the drama series Game of Thrones, the chucklesome Indian sitcom Taarak Mehta ka Ooltah Chashma and the king of international sitcoms and the best-loved American TV show Friends.



Sab Golmaal Hai 'Friends' segment. Top(L to R) - Aditya Rode(D6), Daksh Punamiya(D6), Rakshita Danee(D10A), Anuj Raina(D8).

The event began at 1 pm. The participants were put in a spot by introducing them to sticky fictional situations that may or may not have taken place in the actual TV show. This gave rise to hilarious moments throughout the event and caused a tussle between the participants who enacted the characters of that show. In the end, the participants had to conclude how the situation was to be handled.

The Game of Thrones segment was moderated by Nilesh Talreja (D17A), Taarak Mehta was overseen by Jyeshtha Prabhu (D19A), and the Friends segment was judged by Siddhant Pai (D16B). The participants were awarded brownie points for dressing up as the character and speaking in their accents. The accents of the participants left the judges in splits. After a lot of discussions, the judges finalized the top three performers from over all the three fandoms.

Winners:

Bhuvana Raisinghani (D14A)
Aditya Bedekar (D6)
Nixit Kothari (D6)

Dumsies and Pixies



Participants during a round of Dumsies and Pixies. (L-R, top) Host Sahana Shetty (D10A), Dhairya Shah (D11A), Hritik Patil(D11B), (L-R, Middle) Jayesh Mahajan (D11B), Shreyas Udupa (D12B), Nidhi Thakkar (D10A), (L-R, Bottom) Sakshi Kharche (D10A), Shreeja Nanda (D12B), Vedant Sawant (D12B)

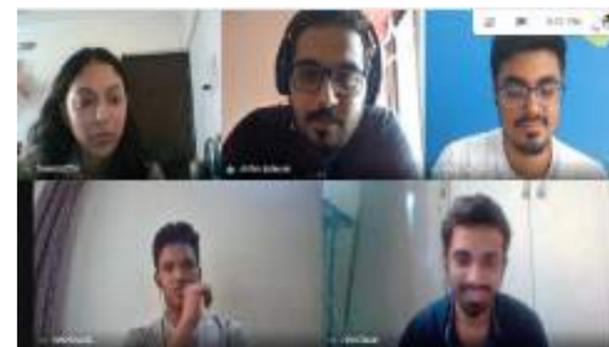
Dumsies and Pixies is an exciting game similar to charades that test the understanding and chemistry between teammates. This game was participated by teams of four where one from each team would try to act out the given phrase without speaking. The objective of the other three members was to guess the phrase as quickly as possible. The teams that achieved this within the shortest amount of time proceeded to win.

The event was conducted through Google meet where four teams competed across three rounds in a time slot. The phrases given to the participants varied from round to round and included pop culture, movies, TV shows, etc. One of the participants, Shreyas Udupa (D12B) said "This was one of the most fun events of Invinicia. We might not realize it but acting out the simplest of words is remarkably challenging. It was hilarious to watch the other teams struggle and shoot shots in the dark."

Danger Word

This was a fun event where players played in teams of 2 and tested each other's level of friendship and understanding. This is where your years of memories and idiosyncrasies came into play. One player from each team was given two words, out of which one had to be guessed by the other member based on a one-worded clue given by the first player. The

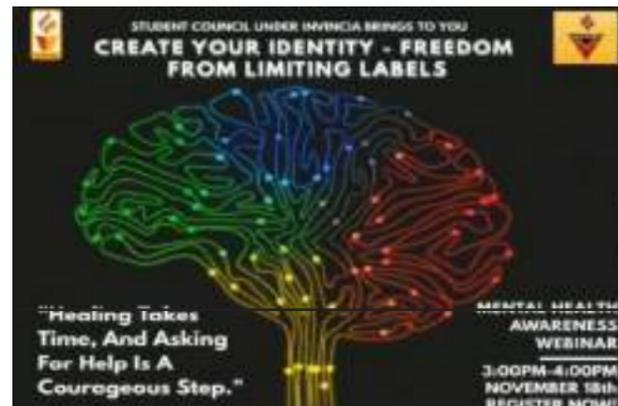
game ended if the other player said the second word -danger word- at any point of time while trying to guess the first word.



(L-R, top) Host Tanvi Shetty (D12B) along with the participants for Danger Word, Aditya Gurnani (D12A), Krish Amesur (D12A) (L-R, bottom) Omkar Mane (D12A) and Advait Naik (D12A)

The game continued with one chance per team till someone guessed it correctly or said the danger word. This was conducted with Google Meet, 2 pm onwards. "It was really fun to guess the right word, we definitely struggled to find the right word but the whole process was so much fun. The council really put a lot of effort into it as we had a really good time competing with our friends. Hope we get to play more such games in future", said Vaidehi Bhagwat (D7A).

Create Your Identity- Freedom From Limiting Labels



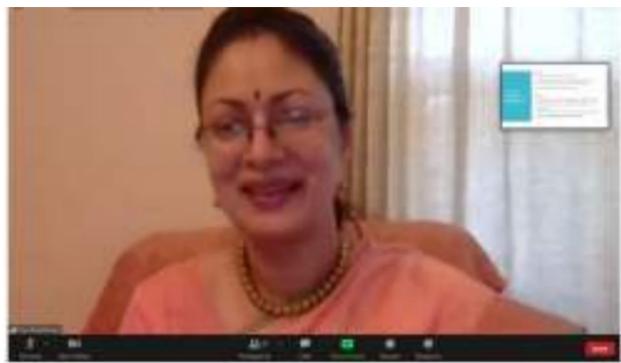
Create Your Identity Poster

"Create your identity - freedom from limiting labels" was an interactive workshop held in collaboration with VESLARC the session was conducted by Ms Piya Mukherjee, Founder-Director of VESLARC. This workshop was to help solve questions and problems that a lot of people have been experiencing or experienced in their life pertaining to their mental health especially given the isolation and loneliness in the lockdown.

Ms Piya is an academican, corporate trainer, former investment banker and has over 18 years of experience in areas such as ethics and values in business, intercultural competence and life skills. She is exceptional in establishing an unwavering connect with the viewers and has great knowledge about mental well-being. She welcomed the students to the workshop by giving an excellent example of the concept of 'self-image' and how people tend to label themselves based on the size of the clothing they wear. In this way so many people, teens especially, judge themselves and have misconceptions about their own body.

As the workshop proceeded, the topic of general mental dialogues that go on in our minds was brainstormed upon. During this phase, a variety of personal inadequacies were discussed. In the course of each dialogue, the reasons for these issues were

pondered upon and subsequently, a variety of solutions were suggested for the students. The influence of factors such as social media on our mental health was also discussed. The Japanese concept of ikigai, which means “a reason for being” was introduced so that the students can have a meaningful direction or purpose in life.



Ms. Piya Mukherjee (Founder and Director of VESLARC)

Surabhi Byju (D6) said "This was insightful and extremely engaging. I have attended Ms Piya Mukherjee's seminar before this as well, and every time I hear her speak I learn so much about myself and makes me think a lot about the importance of one's mental well being and how one should make constant efforts to keep one's mental health in check. She is exceptional and I am very glad to have attended the webinar."

Mix N Mingle

Mix N Mingle was a one-of-a-kind socializing event introduced this year by the VESIT Student Council. People with varied music tastes were matched together to diversify each other's playlist and mingle over their mixed choices of music. All the participants were asked about their favourite music genre, top favourite songs along with a photograph of them while registering through Google forms. The event commenced at 4 pm with **Praneel Rastogi** (D12C) and **Sneha Karthik** (D7C) introducing the event by explaining the new yet interesting concept of the event to the participants. Students were paired up based on their taste in music that was gauged registration forms filled by them. Each matched pair was assigned a breakout room along with a moderator to interact and socialize among themselves over music and melodies.



Students mingled over their mixed choices of music

A set of ice-breaker questions were provided to the participants, for warming up to each other, followed by three tasks where they had to come up with a witty team name and an ingenious slogan. The duo also had to exchange a playlist consisting of five exceptionally random yet unique songs with each other to expand their song choices.

The teams were requested to rename themselves as their respective team names. Six pairs at

random were put into a breakout room where they had to compete against each other based on how much they matched duo knew about one another from their exchange. Two moderators were present in each breakout room who conducted some fun and jovial games like ‘Would you rather?’ and ‘Guess the word’ which gave rise to a friendly and vibrant environment as all different pairs started socializing amongst each other.

The event ended with a concluding speech by **Sahil Salian** (D14B). He thanked all the participants for joining in for this brand new event and making it a grand success. The entire event was conducted on Zoom. One of the participants, Madhumita Menon (D14B) said, “This was a very interesting and fun event organized by the VESIT student council. All of us had a blast playing those games in the breakout rooms. I met and socialized with some new people over music which I wouldn't be able to because of the lockdown. It seemed as if we were meeting new people in the college but on an online platform which was fitting for introverts like me.”

Football freestyle

The first day of Invincia'20 witnessed a unique event namely Football Freestyle. Football freestyle is the art of self-expression through juggling a football using any part of the body. It includes football tricks, acrobatics, etc to entertain the onlookers. It was a submission type event. Interested participants had to submit a video of 30 seconds performing tricks with a football. The best ones were selected to be uploaded on Invincia's Instagram page.

Winners:

- Amogh Prabhu (D16B)
- Mayur Jaisinghani (D7A)



Left: Amogh Prabhu (D16B) giving an amusing performance in football freestyle right: Mayur Jaisinghani (D7A) showcasing his football juggling skills

Invincia Doodle

This was the perfect chance for the artists of our college to flex their Digital Art skills and make their own doodle for Invincia'20 with the only criteria being it should be their vision of Invincia'20. Participants had to make a timelapse of them making the doodle and submit it along with the final doodle before 5 pm on 18th November 2020.



(Invincia Doodle) Submission by winner Srushti Gharat (D8)

Winners:

- Srushti Gharat (D8)
- Atharva Godse (D11A)

Spoof It

Spoof is an amusing copy of a film, television programme, etc. that exaggerates its typical characteristics. So if you have ever seen anything and made fun of it? Or thought of a funny/unique perspective to advertise a product? Then this was an opportunity for you to showcase that creativity and present it. It was made even more challenging by encouraging the participants to unleash their creativity while following the COVID-19 measures and avoid shooting outdoors.

Winners:

- Neeraj Patil (D11B)



An instance from the Submission of the winning Spoof by Neeraj Patil(D11)

PhotoStory

“A picture is worth a thousand words”. Hence this event not only judged one's photography skills but whether they could use this talent to convey a story, with no voices or taglines attached. No specific theme was given to the participants but a limit of 12 photos was set. The photos had to be submitted before 5pm on 18th November 2020. Paritosh's submission depicted how monotonous and boring life has become post lockdown, thereby winning the first position in this event. While Anupama highlighted how society objectifies women and her worth, but between all of it, she is her own self.



Winning submission by Paritosh Borkar(D9B) depicting the monotonous life in lockdown.jpg

Winners:

- Paritosh Borkar (D9B)
- Anupama Ravindran (D9A)

Portrait Making

A good portrait isn't just a visual representation of a person; but also reveals something about the essence of that person. This was a call to all the creators to create an alluring portrait. Participants had to create a timelapse of them creating the portrait and submit

it along with the portrait before 5 pm on 18th November 2020. The entries were judged by **Vaebhavi Choudhary** (D19B) and declared the winners.



Left: Winning Portrait by Gauravi Tolamatti(-D12A), Right : Potrait by Jahnvi Mulchandani (D7A)

Winners:

Gauravi Tolamatti (D12A)
Jahnvi Mulchandani (D7A)
Rohit Kundnani (D15)

Faculty Event

“Without Teacher Life would have no Class”, this year was a different year in all its possible ways, on the backdrop of pandemic many things stopped around us, but our respected teachers have made sure that we don't lack in studies so they have been working hard even in the lockdown to shape our future. They learned and coped up with the new technologies just for us and so we will always be in their debts for the same. We can never return them anything that they have given us in these tough times but the Student Council arranged a special ‘Faculty Event’ for our teachers so they can also have some good fun during the college festival.

The event was hosted by Yash Raje (D10A), Ahona Chattopadhyay (D9B) and Dhruv Wankhede (D9A). The event consisted of three games with many rounds in each. The first round was named ‘Selfie Le Le Re’, in which the faculty had to take a selfie with items in the kitchen, stationary, lavatory, cleaning item, family member, and also one with their favourite book. The one with the favourite book got all the teachers into the discussion on moral values which was very fruitful.

The second game was titled ‘Emoji Guess the Song’, this was a competitive yet fun game, where the faculty had to guess the name of the song depicted through the emoji. There were a total of 15 such sets of emoji songs. The teachers thoroughly enjoyed this game. The songs were especially from the 60s, 70, 80s and 90s. One song was a recent one but our teachers are always a step ahead and they even guessed that song. Along with guessing the song they even sang it together in harmony which made this game amusing.

The third game was a conventional game team game in an unconventional way called ‘Antakshari’, in which the teachers were divided into 2 teams and they had to guess and sing the song from the screenshot of the song they will be shown.

The two teams were:

Team 1: **Mrs Sunita Sahu** (Assistant Professor at the Department of Computers)
Mr Chintan Jethva (Assistant Professor at the Department of Electronics and Telecommunications)
Dr Ramesh Kulkarni (Deputy Head at the Department of Electronics and Telecommunications)

Mrs Amrita Zaveri (Assistant Professor at the Department of Electronics).

Team 2: **Mrs Mansi Talreja** (Assistant Professor at the Department of Computers)

Dr Chandan Singh D. Rawat (Associate Professor at the Department of Electronics and Telecommunications)

Mrs Rasika Naik (Assistant Professor at the Department of Electronics and Telecommunications)

Mrs Saylee Gharge (Associate Professor at the Department of Electronics and Telecommunications)

Dr Maya Bhat (Assistant Professor at the Department of Humanities & Science).



(L-R, Top): Ahona Chattopadhyay (D9B), Dhruv Wankhede (D9A), Mrs Rasika Naik, Mr Chintan Jethva, (L-R, Row-2) Yash Raje (D10A), Mrs Saylee Gharge, Mrs Sunita Sahu, Dr Maya Bhat, (L-R, Row-3) Dr Chandan Singh D. Rawat, Sahil Salian (D14B), Mrs Mansi Talreja, Aditya Moykhede (D10A), (L-R, Bottom) Mrs Amrita Zaveri, Archita Malgaonkar (D11B) and Jahnvi Mhatre (D10A).

The game started quite well for both the teams as they could easily guess the songs from the screenshots. In the further rounds Team 1 answered the passed songs of Team 2 which gave them the lead in points. There was a twist in one of the screenshots where the famous costume of the leading dancer was changed to trick but our teachers managed to even get that right. So finally Team 1 won by scoring 10 points which were 6 more than Team 2. But the game was played with great spirit and enthusiasm and everybody enjoyed and had fun to their fullest.

Day 2: 19th November

Fandom buzz

Fandom Buzz was a unique platform to explore, discuss and present the most hyped fandoms of all times with an unconventional MUN twist. The fandoms were assorted committees representing ten prominent members from each fandom discussing one mind-boggling agenda. The three-committee invitations were sent out for the wizards from Harry Potter, detectives from Brooklyn 99 and actors from Bollywood.



HarryPotter Committee - (L to R, Top) : Vineet Bhole(D6), Sahana Shetty(D10A), Sristi Sharma(D10B). (L to R, Middle) : Saloni Ingle(D12C), Saritha Thakaran(D6), Nihar Abhyankar(D20). (L to R, Bottom) : Mihir Pamnani(D7C), Neeraj Patil (D11A)

“Should Harry Potter have destroyed the elder wand?” was the perplexing viewpoint thrown at wizards to contemplate. After minutes of allegations and forecasts, moderator Minister of Magic - **Neeraj Patil** (D11B) introduced a twist for wizards to save Hermione Granger from being kidnapped and the eventual capture of Hogwarts by Death Eaters. The views of committee members sure did embezzle all the minds and lent a flashback to the mystery-filled seven-part book series penned by J.K. Rowling.

Winners:

Vineet Bhole (D6) - Albus Dumbledore
Nihar Abhyankar (D20) - Dolores Umbridge
Best Dressed: Sristi Sharma (D10B) - Hermione Granger

Brooklyn Nine-Nine which is running for 7 strong seasons now, was the sitcom introduced to discuss the agenda that - Captain Madeline Wuntch was seeking to downsize the 99th precinct in the NYPD, while the police force for the same precinct tried to put forward their case, to turn over Wuntch's evil motives. With banter-full debates and exchanges moderated by Wuntch - **Arnab Saha**(D14B) and the cast embodying their respective characters flawlessly, the whole committee felt straight out of the sitcom, and might as well act like an episode amongst the series.



Brooklyn 99 Committee - (L to R, Top) : Vanshika Dangi(D14B), Tanvi Shetty(D12B), Muskan Hassanandani (D7A), Bhuvana Raisinghani(D14A). (L to R, Middle) : Mayur Jaisinghani(D7A), Mansi Kasar(D14B), Nikita Joshi(D14B), Arnab Saha(D14B). (L to R, Bottom) : Sristi Kushwaha(D14B), Madhumita Menon(D14B), Sahil Salian(D14B), Paridhi Harpalani(D12B)

Winners :

Bhuvana Raisinghani (D14A) - Gina Linett
Sahil Salian (D14B) - Captain Holt
Best Dressed: Muskan Hassanandani (D7A) - Amy Santiago

“The fandom buzz was a whole new concept where I attended the group discussion of my favourite committee where we came prepared as a character of our choice and created situations and fought with other contestants to make their favourite character win whilst showcasing our debating skills. The event was a mega success because of the participants and their dedication towards bringing their favourite personalities on screen and I hope we have many more of such events in the future.” - said Bhuvana Raisinghani (D14A)

The ever-controversial Bollywood was to put their perspectives forward on the raging conversation around nepotism. **Shlok Jagauste**(D11B), Moderator served as the hyped paparazzi dropping in updates whilst Karan Johar Vs Kangana Ranaut was the highlight of the discussion. The arguments sure mounted to controversy and chaos, as to how the B-town stars were expected to further the conversation with their hot takes.

Winners:

Siddhi Bhosale (D7A) - Karan Johar
Advait Bansode (D7B) - Alia Bhatt
Best Dressed: Akshita Upadhyay (D7B) - Kangana Ranaut



Bollywood Committee - (L to R, Top) : Garv Jhangiani(D7A), Gaurav Govilkar (D8), Vaidehi Bhagwat(D7A), Kapish Madhwani(D7B). (L to R, Middle) : Advait Bansode(D7B), Aishwarya Krishnamurthy(D7A), Siddhi Bhosale(D7A), Shlok Jagauste(D11B). (L to R, Bottom) : Akshita Upadhyay(D7B), Harshita Kukreja(D14A), Hrithika Singh(D7B), Ikjot Khurana(D7B)

Code For Change

2020 came as a bitter shock to us all as the COVID-19 pandemic put everyone in a dire situation. These circumstances automatically placed the NGOs in a prime position to reach out to the helpless and needy. The strict lockdown restrictions further hampered their capacity to extend help, compelling them to look for digital alternatives to increase their reach. In an attempt to resolve this issue, the 'Code for Change' hackathon was organized by the VESIT Student Council, in collaboration with the CodeCell of our Computer Department and the IIC from the 17th-19th of November. This was a unique 48-hour hackathon promoting imagination, innovation, creativity and development among the participants. The hackathon commenced on the 17th of November, sharp at 2:00 PM and continued for a period of two days. The problem statements were based on Web Development and Machine Learning, subjects that are exploratory and autodidactic. Participation was further boosted since this event was open to students from all branches of engineering in our college.



Code For Change Poster

An astounding 59 teams participated in 4 different Problem Statements for the following NGOs Freedom for you, The Human Team Foundation, Global Parli Foundation and Hope Everywhere Organization. Contestants had to choose between making a functional website or cracking a machine-learning problem presented by the panel. The 48 hours of the hackathon were split into two rounds. The first round was the Elimination Round. This round served the purpose of abating the number of competing teams. This process was carried out

based on the various parameters of the details of the submissions. The teams were shortlisted through a series of submissions and reviews. This was followed by the Final Round. This round was judged by the representatives of the NGO's, with the supervision of faculty incharges from various departments. In due course, 5 teams emerged victoriously and they are as follows:



Judge Panel 1- (L-R) Dr Sharmila Sengupta (Associate Professor, Department of Computers) and Mrs. Kshipra Singh (Vice President, Human Team Foundation)

The problem statement for the Human Team Foundation was to have a full functioning website that would showcase their past works and align with their main aim. It was judged by **Mrs Kshipra Singh** (Vice President, Human Team Foundation) and **Dr Sharmila Sengupta** (Associate Professor, Department of Computers).

The winning 'website' was created by: Team Code Stormers: Fayzaan Qureshi (D15), Sapna Patwa (D15), Pooja Prasad (D15)



Judge Panel 2- (L-R) Mrs Priya R L (Assistant Professor, Department of Computers) and Mr Ravi Kumar (CEO and Managing Trustee, Freedom For You Foundation)

Freedom For You had a quite similar problem statement that is to have a functioning website that would showcase the NGOs past events and will represent its vision and mission. The submissions were judged by **Mr Ravi Kumar** (CEO and Managing Trustee, Freedom For You Foundation) and **Mrs Priya R L** (Assistant Professor, Department of Computers).

Winner for the above problem statement:

Team Ds Corps: Mcvean Soans (D9A) tied with

Team tryCatch : Rashmi Singh (D7B), Asmita Bhangare (D7B), Dhruvisha Mondhe (D7B)

The NGO, Hope Everywhere was looking for an online portal where they could share educational video contents with other NGOs/Shelter Homes all over India by giving them their own credentials so that even their children can log in individually and access the contents easily. It was judged by **Mr. Ashutosh M** (Co-Founder & CEO, Hope Everywhere) and **Mrs Rohini Temkar** (Assistant Professor, Department of Masters of Computer Applications).

The first prize was bagged by:

Team Peaky Blinders: Yashvi Hiranandani (D12A), Siddarth Bugtani (D12A), Vishwesh Jagtap (D12A)



Judge Panel 3- (L-R) Mrs Rohini Temkar (Assistant Professor, Department of Masters of Computer Applications) and Mr. Ashutosh M (Co-Founder & CEO, Hope Everywhere).

The problem statement given by the Global Parli Organization was to develop a tool, application, or script that can process the required input document in the form of a PDF or Image file and extract readable text from it. It was judged by **Mr. Harsh Vitra** (Head of Technology, Global Parli Organization) and **Mr. Sunny Nahar** (Assistant Professor at the Department of Masters of Computer Applications).

Winner for the above problem statement: Team X Æ A-3: Jay Jhaveri (D12B), Prem Chhabria (D12B), Abhay Gupta (D12B)



Judge Panel 4- (L-R) Mr. Sunny Nahar (Assistant Professor at the Department of Masters of Computer Applications) and Mr. Harsh Vitra (Head of Technology, Global Parli Organization)

"This was a well managed and organized event by Code Cell and the VESIT Student Council. During the development phase, my teammates and I stumbled upon a variety of facts in relation to the work done by an NGO. This event has been a once in a lifetime experience" said Fayzaan Qureshi (D15), winner for the Human Team Foundation problem-statement. As a reward of their remarkable efforts, each of these teams was honoured with internships from respective NGOs in the domains of Web Development and Machine learning.

Family feud

Family Feud was a fun game show event wherein two teams each consisting of 4 members competed to answer a set of questions. A certain number of answers are concealed on the board, ranked by the popularity of the survey's responses. The answer with the highest rank has the highest number of points corresponding to it. The main game starts with one of the families facing off on the first question. A contestant belonging to that family gets to provide an answer for that question. If that answer is amongst one of the survey responses, his or her family/team gets to give the answers for the rest of the responses.



(L-R, Top) Surabhi Byju (D6), Prerak Moolchandani (D7A), Sapna Patwa (D15), Rohit Kundnani (D15) and Gauri Mahajan (D7C), (L-R, Middle) Sneha Karthik (D7C), Prathamesh Pawar (D13), Murnmayee Waingankar (D7C), Tejas Gala (D7C), and Pooja Prasad (D15), (L-R, bottom) Anmol Rohra (D15)

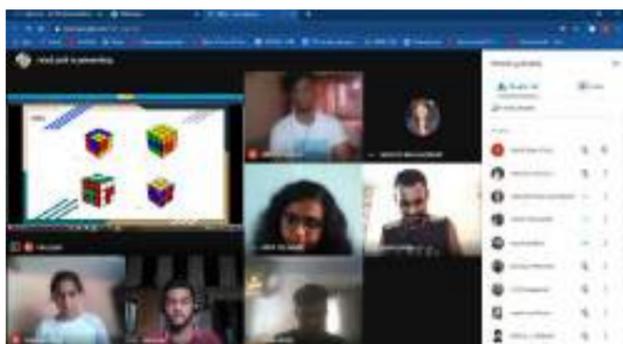
If the family gives three wrong answers, the opposing contestant gets to try and provide a response to earn control for his or her family. The family with more points at the end of all questions are said to be winners of the feud. Shreeja Nanda (D12B) said, "This was one of the most fun and exciting games my team (more like my family) and I had the opportunity to play. Discussing and guessing answers to various questions related to college reminded us of our times in college."



(Family feud) The event in progress with engrossed participants.

Rubik's cube

Rubik's cube, a classic brain-training puzzle well-known to the public has attracted attention around the world due to its unique characteristics. The event was held on 19th November at 2:00 pm. The event in total had 3 rounds. In the first round, the participants had to make 2 sides of the cube. The qualified participants solved two cube patterns in the second round. And, in the last round, the finalist had to solve the whole cube. In each of these rounds, the winning criteria was to solve the cube in less time.



Participants solving the Rubik's Cube online. Top(L to R)- Amogh Sadhu (D13), Archita Malgaonkar (D11B). Middle (L to R)- Arya Telavane (D12B), Ayush Prabhu (D8). Bottom(L to R)- Ragini Upadhyay (MCA2B)

Winners:

- Aditya Ganesh (D18)
- Samarth Sewlani (D19B)
- Amogh Sadhu (D13)

- V. Anuparvathi (D9A)
- Manish Sonje (D14A)

2048

The game 2048 has taken the internet by storm, spawning countless rip-offs. Besides the addictive gameplay, the game also presents an interesting opportunity to explore mathematics. Invinicia 2020 had VESIT students give this minimalist Sudoku-like grid game a try. The event was held on Day 2 of Invinicia at 2:00 pm.

The participants were present on Google Meet and the game was played on the 2048 app. Before each round, the participants had to verify that they hadn't started the game. In round one, the participants had to make as much score as they could to qualify for the following round. In the second round, the winning criteria was the same as the first round but the participants had to generate the number 512 at least once.

Winners:

- Piyush Kataria (D7A)
- Aditya Dubey (D10)
- Gauri Mahajan (D7C)
- Manasvi Patwa (D7C)
- Kapish Madhwani (D7B)
- Tanish Sahijwani (D12C) said, "It was an amazing experience because I got to compete with others in a completely new and innovative way."



(2048) Participants after the playing the first round of 2048. Top (L to R)- Abhishek Patwardhan (D7A), Janhavi Mhatre (D10A), Juhi Ajwani (D19A). Bottom(L to R)-Keshav Parpyani (D10A), Paridhi Harpalani (D12B), Sourabh Bera (D7C). Bottom- Tanish Sahijwani (D12C).



Winners of Scandal (L-R, Top-Bottom) Daksh Pumanिया(D6), Neeraj Patil(D11B), Nidhi Nair(D8) and Juhi Chhatlani (D7A)

Scandal

What makes scandals so interesting? Scandalous news allows us to fantasize about the lives we don't lead, this tells us a lot about human nature. Some of the most creative minds in the college brewed up some vicious scandals, some of which could defi-

nately blow up the internet. The participants came up with scandalous pieces of news that could potentially go viral in minutes only if they were real. The winner **Daksh Punamiya (D6)** wrote about how an Indian man stole the Kohinoor to impress his lover, which was wicked enough to blow the mind of the judge for this event **Gayatri Belapurkar(IT-2020)**.

Winners:

- Daksh Punamiya (D6)
- Neeraj Patil (D11B)
- Juhi Chhatlani (D7A) & Nidhi Nair (D8)

Guess it

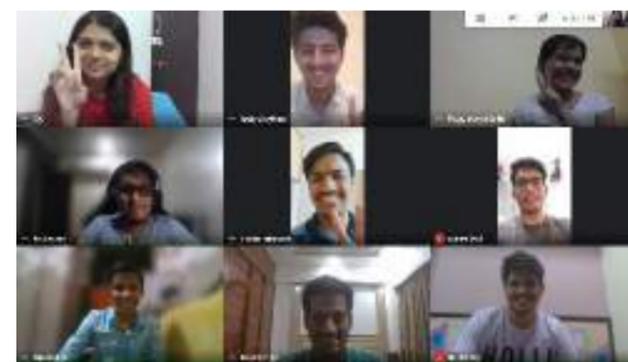
'Guess It' was a quiz based on sports. It was held on 19th November 2020 at 3:30 pm on Google Meet. The event consisted of two rounds. The first round was "Guess The Player", a quiz on guessing the name of the player presented on the screen. The time limit was 1 minute for each player. Each player from the team was provided with an on-screen buzzer. As soon as the timer started a photo was displayed on the screen. The first player to press the buzzer was given the chance to answer the question. The moment the buzzer is pressed the timer is paused and the same player was given the chance to guess the player.

The following round was "Guess The Moment" where short clips were shown. Each player was provided with a buzzer. The first player to press the buzzer was given a chance to answer the question. The one who answers maximum questions in the time allotted will win the round.

One of the participants, Kunal Kotkar (D12B) said, "The quiz with buzzer rounds was innovative as it was on fairer grounds and that way made the game very interesting. We played a tiebreaker for the third position, and it felt actually tougher than the previous one. I guess we were lucky enough to win that! "

Winners:

- Rutvik Vedak (D8), Harsh Falak (D8), Kamlesh Patil (D8).
- Prashant Trivedi (MCA2B), Amit Vishwakarma (MCA2B), Saurav Mishra (MCA2B).
- Anmol Devnani (D12B), Kunal Kotkar (D12B), Shreyas Udupa (D12B).



Participants after playing the second round "Guess The Moment" of Guess It. Top(L to R)-Janhavi Mhatre (D10A), Aaditya Moikhede (D10A), Phalguneshwari Borikar (D6). Middle(L to R)-Kartik Avhad (D9A), Niranjan Vajramush-ti (D9A), Saumya Tiwari (D9A). Bottom(L to R)-Rajesh Muni (D6), Devansh Singh (D6), Nixit Kothari (D6).

Pictionary

Ludo, Pictionary, Snakes and Ladders - just these words alone can make you nostalgic! Once our ultimate pass time, over the years, board games have taken a backseat to PlayStations, Xboxes, and digital mobile games. However, as they did back then, board games brought families and friends together once again during the time of lockdown. Apart from providing entertainment the old-school way and a respite from all that screen time, they are

proving to be the ultimate stress buster. The Student Council kept this trend in mind and decided to have a Pictionary as a fun event.

The event was held on 19th November at 3:30 pm on Google Meet and the game was conducted on scribble.io. Each room in Scribble held up to 10 participants. The game of Pictionary is to guess what the drawer, who is drawing words from a list of cards. Once you guess correctly, you can advance across the game board and the first to reach the end wins. It is a team event where each team consisted of up to 2 members. The winning criteria was to score the maximum number of points.

"We've spent a lot of time playing Pictionary during the lockdown. This event was still challenging as most of the words were sports-related and a bit difficult to draw. We had fun throughout the event and didn't realise how the time passed by. Securing the third place was the cherry on top." said Nishant Pathare (D9A).

Winners:

Yugandhara Kadam (D13) - Omkar Jaladi (D13)
Tanuja Upadhyay (D13) - Kartiki Pande (D13)
Nishant Pathare (D9A) - Sharvani Sawant (D9A)
Gurudatt Gaonkar (D12B) - Kunal Kotkar (D12B)



Participants playing a game of Pictionary on scribble.io

Shreeja Nanda (D12B) - Shreyas Udupa (D12B)

Picture mein twist

"Every Editor has a Director in him", so 'Picture mein twist' was an event for all those editors as well as non-editors who made a short trailer that was different from the original version and genre. The sound, visual effects, and creativity were boosted through this event. The event was hosted by **Varun Bhat** (D14A) and **Praneel Rastogi** (D12C) along with **Suraj Bhatija** (EXTC - Batch of 2020) guiding the new editors.

The event motivated the participants to make something different from the existing content, this helped many new editors to come up and showcase their editing skills which they either learned from youtube or the workshops held in college.



Hosts, Judge and Participant discussing about the editing skills. Suraj Bhatija (EXTC - 2020), Varun Bhat (D14A), Garv Jhagiani (D7A) and Praneel Rastogi (D12C).

The first prize winner **Akshat Tiwari** (D14B) gave a horror effect to a romedy trailer of Jab We Met, the sound effects and visuals were so well matched that the video gave goosebumps. The second prize winner **Garv Jhangiani** (D7A) took the heart of Avenger fans as he made a video on Iron man and Pepper Potts with a Hindi song in the background, he said "The event allowed us to bring out a story that already existed in bits and pieces across the pop culture repository. It was an exciting experience as I had been editing for a while, but this genre was new for me to explore. I was eager and nervous for my friends and other colleagues to see my work". The third prize winner **Kartik Shanbhag** (D6) made a short video on cricket which was a delight to watch.

All the participants made amazing videos, the hosts chatted with all the editors and made it an interactive event, some new editors were even guided and motivated for their betterment.

Winners:

Akshat Tiwari (D14B)
Garv Jhangiani (D7A)
Kartik Shanbhag (D6)

Mask painting

The students of VESIT showcased their talent and creativity through painting masks. A mask painting competition was organised at INVINCIA'20 to promote the use of face masks during the pandemic. The participants enthusiastically painted their perceptions over the masks.

It was amazing to see how these artists portrayed issues such as safety and precautions during the pandemic wondrously. The competition was an extravagance for the spectators as well, as they experienced the beauty of the masks. The event was judged by **Vaebhavi Choudhary** (D19B) who was quite impressed by the variety of different masks illustrating unique art styles.

Winners:

Radhika Katiyara (D7A)
Drishti Katiyara (D7B)
Anupama Ravindran (D9A)



Mask painted by the winner (Top to Bottom)
Radhika Katiyara (D7A).
Runner up Drishti Katiyara (D7B)
2nd Runner up Anupama Ravindran (D9A)

Day 3: 20th November

Regard before you discard

The environment is struggling against many factors, the biggest of which is waste pollution. However, a huge chunk of that waste also happens to be our most affordable and most used asset, plastic. Recycling is an option to get around managing plastic wastage, but a more affordable, creative and fun option is to reuse.

The event Regard Before You Discard went live on Zoom, a web conferencing platform at noon on Day 3 of Invincia. The event allowed participants to quest for innovative solutions, and showcase how creativity can play a part in saving the environment. The participants had to make a 30 seconds time-lapse video of their creation out of reused plastic waste and submit it on Day 3 of Invincia'2020 between 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Top three entries for the event were decided by the VESIT Student Council.

The 2nd runner up for the competition was **Radhika Katiyara** (D7B) who created a multipurpose key and stationery holder, whereas **Sakshi Gattani** (D10A) was awarded the 1st runner up position for her re-use of a plastic bottle into a beautiful vase. **Janhavi Mulchandani** (D7A) bagged the 1st position by crafting a quirky cash box out of a plastic bottle and plastic bottle caps. The winners were judged on their creativity and innovative reuse of plastic waste.

Winners:

Janhavi Mulchandani (D7A)
Sakshi Gattani (D10A)
Radhika Katiyara (D7B)



Regard Before You Discard winning submission by Janhavi Mulachandani (D7A)

Debate

The debate is all about formal conversations, changing perspectives, critical opinions, and broadcasting out-right realities to prove their respective agenda. Generally, there are two teams involved each defending opposite ideas with statistical analysis and civil scrutiny. To give a voice to the blooming minds, VESIT has always promoted debating as a platform to discuss the issues left unseen and to lend that sense of confidence amidst students to help them stem their ideologies.

The online Debate competition at Invincia this year, invited all the students of all five branches of our institute, to serve the asked agenda. The initial rounds, as per the set Oxford-style debate-ing, saw sheer preparations and analysis of the set-in-front questions. The agendas for discussion ranged from all walks of life including science, literature, history, politics- all development of forums and by-products concerning the inter-subject matters were all discussed at length.

The finale brought the best of critical opinion from the participants. There were witty one-liners, stronger come-backs, formal retaliations and all of them led to constructive decisions about how human-life can be better and progress to the best of their potential by eliminating issues at hand.

Winners:

Rajesh Muni (D6) and Devansh Singh (D6)
Nihar Abhyankar (D20) and Kaustubh Kenny (D7B)
Tanuja Upadhyay (D13) and Kartiki Pande (D13)



Poster for the Debate Competition

Cricket Ball Tapping, Football Juggling, Badminton Wall Tapping

The lockdown has been harsh on all athletes and sportspersons as all training grounds and facilities have been shut. The Student Council made sure that the passionate sports fans get a chance to experience the pain, agony and glory via online methods. Badminton Wall Tapping, Cricket Ball Tapping and Football Juggling were the three events where students got to showcase their skills. All three events were streamed live on YouTube from 1 pm onwards and the viewers were entertained as they supported their peers.

“First of all thanks to all the councils for conducting this wonderful event. I was perhaps the most excited person for the “online” sports events. I doubt anyone imagined that sports events could also be held online like lectures and practicals. Like every other event, Cricket Ball Tapping and Football Juggling was very enthralling. I can't express my love for these sports in words.” said Chinmay Prabhugate (D11B), runner up for Football Juggling.

“Juggling needs repetition. You'll fail like a 1000 times but you still have to pick up the ball and try again! I'm passionate about football and often

try some freestyle skills in my free time” exclaimed Mayur Jaisinghani (D7A). The fact that more than 40 students took part in this event showed that it was a hit amongst the sports enthusiasts of our college.

Winners:-

Badminton Wall Tapping

Aditya Ajay Singh (D6)

Cricket Ball Tapping

Jaskaran Singh Khalsa (D19A)

Manish Patil (D13)

Keshav Patta (MCA2B)

Chinmay Prabhugate (D11B)

Abhishek Rane (D6)

Football Juggling

Mayur Jaisinghani (D7A)

Chinmay Prabhugate (D11B)



Chinmay Prabhugate (D11B)'s submission for Cricket Ball Tapping.

Fictional Writing

This was a call to all the writers, the alchemists that can create worlds with just words, to those who see things differently, those who have the power to take you on a journey with just words. This was an opportunity for all those to showcase their prowess, by writing a fictional story of 500 words on the topic “A story about a person who decides to create an entirely new personality for oneself”. A time limit of 1 hour and 30 mins of buffer time was given for submission after giving the topic.

Maitrayi created a social setting and wrote about a girl, struggling and fighting to have a better life for herself and get rid of the society's shackles, trying to define her own destiny. Daksh addressed another social issue- Child Abuse- and wrote a story comparing the demons under the bed and the abuser.



Winners of fictional writing. (L-R, Top-Bottom) Maitrayi Dandekar (D12B), Daksh Pumania(D6), Nidhi Nair(D8)

Winners:

Maitrayi Dandekar (D12B)

Daksh Pumania (D6)

Nidhi Nair (D8)

Nirvana

To further the spirit of rational discourse, Invincia'20 introduced 'Nirvana' - an event where young minds from our college were asked to narrow down any one social justice domain, research its most prominent problems, troubleshoot and offer viable solutions for the same in a five-minute presentation. The event was hosted by Mihir Pamnani (D7C) and Venkatesh Reddy (D10A). Topics ranging from LGBTQ+ Rights to Climate Change were all put on the table for participating teams to intrigue some thought-provoking conversations. The event was judged by Mrs Vinita Mishra (Assistant Professor at the Department of Information Technology) and Ms Vismaya Kulkarni, a clinical psychology graduate who works with a chain of NGOs for animal welfare and advocates for veganism.



(Nirvana)Mr. Prasanna Sridharan (D10A) answering during the Q and A Session

The event began with a presentation providing an innovative insight to increase accessibility to primary education for rural India. Following each presentation, a two-minute session was organized inviting constructive scrutiny from the judges and other fellow teams. Newer ideas for decreasing the carbon footprint, curbing water shortage and many other raging issues were offered. The teams were graded on for the efficiency of solutions, presentation skills and depth of research. After several analytical discussions and ideas, Ninad and V Krishna's advised model of change for climate emergency survived the Q and A scrutiny on almost all fronts and served to be the most viable one amidst all. The Judges were amazed by improvised insights and thoughtful prospects introduced by teams for their respective domains. Applauding the efforts made by the students, Judges Prof. Mishra and Ms Kulkarni concluded the event with few words of wisdom. Following that, Ananya Venugopal (D19A) delivered a vote of thanks and brought the event to a close.



(Nirvana) Judges for the event - (L to R) Prof. Mrs. Vinita Mishra and Ms. Vismaya Kulkarni

"The event was very informative and well arranged. Not only I had a chance to look in-depth regarding issues and solutions for my topic, but also from presentations of other teams. The hosts kept the whole event very engaging. All I can say is that I am looking forward to more such events." - said Sristi Sharma(D10B).

Winners:

Ninad Rao (D10A) and V Krishnasubramaniam (D10A)
Hrutika Pakhale (D8) and Shikha Negi (D8)
Sristi Sharma (D10B) and Adarsh Kadam (D10B)
Daksh Ramchandani (D12C)
Prasanna Sridharan (D10A) and Rahul Nailwal (D10A)

5 Second Rule

5 Second rule was an enjoyable game which prompted players to think and talk quickly. The event was held on 20th November at 2:00 pm. It was held on Google Meet with 5 participants in each meeting. The participants first had to join the registration desk meet and from there they were directed to their respective meets.

Each participant was asked 5 different questions and had to answer each question with three things in that category under five seconds. The categories mostly revolved around VESIT and Pop-Culture. For every correct attempt, the participant was given 5 points. No points were awarded for failed attempts. As it was a fun event, there were no winners.



Students playing 5 Second Rule in a group of 5.
Top(L to R): Nikita Joshi (D14B), Tanvi Shetty (D12B), Shreya Balasubramanian (D14B).
Bottom(L to R): Vanshika Dangi (D14B), Sristi Kushwaha(D14B)

One of the participants, Nikita Joshi (D14B) described the event as, "Amongst all the competitive event this was one of the events that required no previous preparations and that's why everyone enjoyed playing 5-second rule and the best part was they were competing with their friends which made it even more exciting!".

Antakshari

Who doesn't enjoy a quick round of our beloved 'Antakshari'? This event saw huge participation from students, who tuned in to show off their skills in the game. The event consisted of three rounds. In the first round, the teams were provided with translations of Hindi songs and we're asked to guess the songs correctly. The second round was quite tricky. Here, the teams were given a specific word and had to sing a song with that exact word in it. The team that came up with the highest number of songs eventually won the round. In the third round, the contestants were shown pictures of two actors and had to guess the movie. Furthermore, they were asked to sing a song from the same movie.

These rounds added an amusing twist to the game thereby captivating the interest of the students.

This game put students on the spot to an added extent in the modified rounds, which added to the entertainment factor.



(Antakshari) (L-R, Top) Sanket Chaudhary (D12C), Surabhi Byju (D6), Rohit Kundnani (D15), Tejas Gala (D7C), (L-R, Bottom) Kanaiya Kanabar (D10A), Gauri Mahajan (D7C), Sapna Patwa (D15) and Sanjana Bhardwaj (D10A)

Valorant Online Game

Esports has been an ever-blooming business over the past few years, with its gross earning matching the likes of the entertainment business. Adding onto the facts that due to this unfortunate pandemic, we have seen an exponential increase in the active players, in all the mainstream games right now in the market. Talking about mainstream games, games like Counter-Strike: Global Offensive, League of Legends, Call of Duty: Warzone, and Players' Unknown BattleGround: Mobile has been dominating the scene, in terms of viewership and active players even before the Pandemic. But just during the beginning of this Covid-19 mishap, while big games like PUBG: Mobile were getting banned in our nation, and more casual gamers influxes into the scene, Valorant, a 5 v 5, team-based, tactical shooter developed by 'Riot games', the same developers behind the uber-successful 'League of Legends' was teased and released to the public.

The easy to the eye art of Valorant, with the efficient servers, which allowed both serious and casual players to flourish, welcomed an unprecedented number of players, with it breaking records on Twitch.tv during its launch. Even in India, active players stay so high, that Riot Games had to provide local servers to cater to the increasing demand.

Moving onto our college, we have had small scale E-sport events before for games like CS: GO and PUBG, but with a completely Online event like Invincia, and a blooming game, the Valorant Tournament saw a whopping 16 teams, that is a total of 80 players competed even after the restrictions of the team members belonging to one specific Branch only, as Invincia is an inter-branch event after all. The tournament lasted 3 days, with a one-elimination format, which ensured teams can't afford to make any mistakes.



(Valorant) Nagesh's Team(team in RED) securing a win over Rahul Motwani's team(Blue) by the score of 13-3

After three days of well-managed matches, along with complimentary 'clutches' and 'ice-cold finishers' in gamers' language, the teams of **Nagesh Nayak (D15)** of IT and **Rahul Motwani (D17)** of Computers, faced off in the finals after the nail-biting qualifiers. Although the finals were surprisingly one-sided, it welcomed a lot of viewers whilst it was being streamed on the discord server for our college. The team of Nagesh Nayak (D15), consisting of Harsh Jain (D15), Kritik Taktewale (D15), Anshul Chaudhary (D20), and Jatin Acharya (D20) went home as the winners of the inaugural Valorant Tournament for our college, with Rahul Motwani's team came up as the runners' up.

Mandala Time

A Mandala is a complex abstract design that has an identifiable centre point, from which emanates an array of symbols, shapes, and forms. In essence, Mandalas represent the Indian tradition in the form of an artwork that also has a spiritual significance. The lockdown had the artists explore their creative side and make stupendously designed Mandalas. Invincia '20 gave them a fresh opportunity to show off their Mandala making skills.



(Mandala Making) Winning Mandala Art by Yash Kriplani (D7A).

The participants were asked to submit their Mandalas by 5 pm on 20th November. The only rule was that they had to shoot a timelapse of themselves as they created the ethnic artwork. The tedious job of picking up the top three Mandalas out of a large number of beautiful designs was done by **Vaebhavi Choudhary(D19B)**. The intricacy of the impressions and uniqueness in design was criteria for judging the art.

Winners:

Yash Kriplani (D7A)
Rohit Kundnani (D15)
Vinaya Nair (D9B)

Music Video Time:

In this event, participants had to submit a video enacting to the music of their choice. There was no specific theme to be followed with the only condition being that the maximum time limit should be of 2 minutes. **Divya Raishighani(D12A)** lip-synced to the celebrated music 'Bekhayali' for the renowned movie 'Kabir Singh' and bagged the first position.

Winners:

Divya Raishighani(D12A)
Kirti Patil (D12B)



(Music Video) Divya Raishinghani (D12A) singing along to song in her captivating music video for 'Bekhayali'.

Snapotsav

With the pandemic keeping the students away from college, Snapotsav was a chance to relive their finest of memories! Be it Amphitheatre meetings or crowding around that one canteen table to pounce on the one plate of food your friend bought while the other half finish their assignments or playing a game of table tennis in the BCR. Participants had to make a compilation of all their memories in the VESIT with their friends into a 2-3 minute video and submit it before 5 pm on 20 November 2020. Manasvi Patwa (D7C) bagged the first prize for exceptional editing skills and portrayal of friendship that might make one reminisce of their memories in college.

Winners:

Manasvi Patwa (D7C)
Garv Jhangiani (D7A)



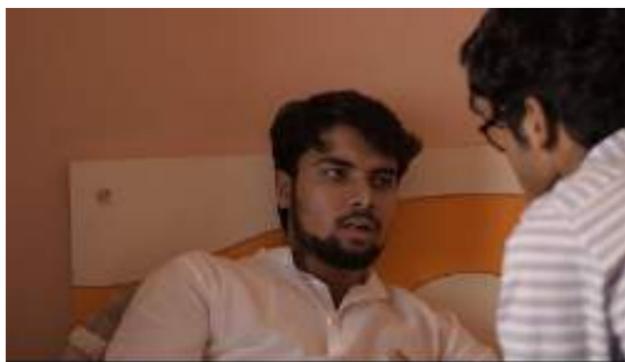
(Snapotsav) An instance from Garv Jhangiani's (D7A) Winning Submission.

Short film

The depiction of emotion through the medium of short films is very challenging since you need to simultaneously build characters and execute a plot within the short frame of time. There was no theme assigned for the short film and the only limitation was that the screening time should not exceed fifteen minutes. As the theme was not enforced, it gave creative liberty to the participants who made sure that their script, filming and editing left everyone awe-inspired.

Winners:

Neeraj Patil(D11A)



An instance from the winning shortfilm featuring Prajot Sapkal(D11B) and Aditya Shetty (D11B)

Dubbing

Dubbing gives one the power to change any video by imparting the perspective. The dubbing could be done on any video of any genre based on the participants' choice. Dubbing gave the participants a chance to be creative. Neeraj Patil(D11A) bagged the first prize for submitting a hilarious dub of a scene from the comedy classic - Golmaal Fun Unlimited.

Winners:



Neeraj Patil (D11A)- Winner of Personality, Zoominiscent, Short Film, Dubbing, Spoofit and Scandal

Neeraj Patil(D11A)

Talent aid FUNdraiser

Talent-aid - using talent for a greater purpose.

Talent-Aid was an open-mic fundraising event for supporting Kshamta, an NGO which supports and uplifts women in distress. This event was conducted on 20th November - the third day of the mega fest and was live-streamed on college's Youtube Channel. The event was hosted by Atique Kudchi (D16A) and Anushka Kulkarni (D9A) who kept the audience engrossed with their wit and made constant appeals for funds throughout. This event really boosted the donations by raising more than ₹13,000, which also crossed the expected ₹10,000 milestone. In total the online fundraisers raised Rs. 26,937 over the course of 5 days and all the funds proceeded to Kshamta - an NGO that bridges the gap between shelter homes and society thereby making many lives better.

Host Atique Kudchi (D16A) said "Honestly I didn't have high expectations with respect to the amount of donation we would get, but everyone's generosity and constant support during the entire event really warmed my heart. I appreciate all those people who donated and gave me their precious time and attention"

The event live stream went on for a whopping four and a half hours yet maintained a constant viewership of around 150-200 people. The performances ranged from all dimensions - whether it was a skit, song, stand-up or dance, everyone left the audience spellbound. The donation links were in

the description of the live stream video and also the technical team was posting the links in the live chat option.

Venkatesh Reddy (D10A) was the chat moderator who also did a fantastic job of constantly pasting the donation link and encouraging more donations. Meanwhile, everyone blew the live chat with absolute praises and much-deserved compliments for the performers. Yash Bhise (D9B) and Varad Rane (D18) - the technical maestros streamed the event behind the scenes and pulled it off effortlessly.

Ms Yasmin and Ms Neha Gaidhane were the two guests from Kshamata who made special debuts with their mesmerizing performances. The former recited a poem promoting women empowerment and the latter took our breath away with her rapping skills. The guest performances surely served as testimony to how beautifully Kshamata has impacted the lives of survivors. A really fun twist and a much-looked-forward-to element to this open mic event was getting the council secretaries to shake a leg. The on-screen donation meter hit its final milestone with the 'show-stopper' performance given by General Secretary Nilesh Talreja (D17A).

Co-host Anushka Kulkarni (D9A) said "When we finally crossed the final milestone it was so surreal and satisfying. I am super glad that I got to be a part of something so amazing. Four and half hours passed really quickly and it was only because of the amazing performances and super sweet and supportive comments in the chat, it felt like everyone was actually around coming together and cheer-



(Talent Aid) Celebratory picture of the people behind the scenes Anushka kulkarni (D9A) Varad rane (D18) Sahil Salian (D14B) Yash bhise (D9B) Neeraj patil (D11A) Raghuttam Parvatikar (D10B)Rakshita Danee (D10A)) Ayushi Pamnani (D14A) Atique kudchi (D16A) Nilesh talreja (D17A) Aadi fernandes(D16A) Aarushi sharma(D10B) Vaishnavi Iyer (D11) Sakshi lalchandani(D12A)

ing for such a great cause."

Day 4: 21st November

Fitness Session

The fourth day of Invincia'2020 was kick-started with a fitness session. Many people do not understand the importance of physical fitness and maintaining good health, therefore they ignore physical fitness and activities. This could lead to life-threatening conditions such as heart disease, obesity, high blood pressure, and many more. By enduring daily physical activities, one not only improves the state and condition of their body but their state of mind as well.

Keeping in mind the well being of the students, a fitness session was scheduled for 10:30 am and conducted on Zoom Meetings. The session was



Hosts Anushka Kulkarni(D9A) and Atique Kudchi (D16A)with Neha Gaidhane , from the Kshamata organisation performing a Hindi Rap song

being streamed live on Youtube for all interested participants. The participants were required to register themselves through google forms. The event was hosted by **Gargi Khanvilkar (D9A)** and **Adarsh Sawant (MCA2E)**.

The fitness session was conducted by **Mr Saurav Mishra**. He is a Sofit trainer and has specialised in weight lifting and functional training. He began by informing the audience about food habits concerning workouts. Following that he began with the main workout. He explained every exercise he performed and constantly motivated the participants to catch up with him. He was very interactive during the entire session and constantly asked the audience to respond to his quick questions in the chatbox.

The fitness session was followed by a Q&A session. Trainer Saurav Mishra was joined by **Mr Sohrab Kushrushahi** to make the session more interactive. Mr Sohrab Kushrushahi is a celebrity trainer. Alia Bhatt and Kaira Advani are a few celebrities to name who have been trained by him. Sohrab Kushrushahi, a CrossFit Level 1 Trainer, has successfully completed the Rehab Trainer Rehab Essentials and Masterclass and is a Mobility WOD, Movement and Mobility Specialist. With an entire lifetime spent in fitness, his true passion lies in guiding all walks of people towards a better life. He enthusiastically answered each question asked by the audience during the Q&A session. He gave out some useful tips and tricks for the people interested to walk towards a fitter lifestyle.

The fitness session turned out to be a blissful hour of physical and mental fitness. The audience was thrilled to have a workout session with trainer Saurav Mishra. They were also enlightened on many



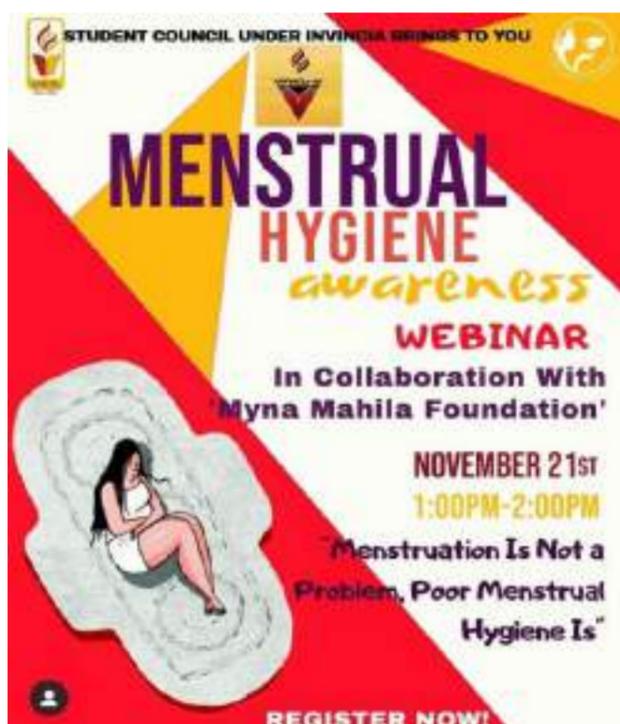
(Fitness session) Q&A Session in progress with **Mr. Saurav Mishra** and **Mr. Sohrab Kushrushahi**

fitness related topics by fitness enthusiast Sohrab Kushrushahi.

Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Webinar

Menstruation and menstrual practices still face many social, cultural, and religious restrictions which are a big barrier faced by daughters of our country in the path of the menstrual hygiene management. To combat the biggest obstacles faced by menstruators which is basically incomplete knowledge, a Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Webinar was organized by the VESIT Student Council. The webinar was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Zoom Meetings. Every interested student was welcomed to attend the webinar. Students had to register themselves before the webinar via google forms which were rolled out a few days before. The event was hosted by **Gargi Gaikwad (D9B)**, **Gunjan Sureka (D9A)** and **Madhura Padge (D8)**. Guest speaker for the webinar was **Dr Shraddha Kale Kapile**.

Dr Shraddha is the Lead Trainer at Myna Mahila Foundation. Though being a dentist by profession, she always had a passion to do something for the society at the ground level. She now prepares



Poster for Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Webinar

the content for various awareness projects in Myna Mahila Foundation and also conducts sessions.

She focuses on educating people about menstrual hygiene and clearing out taboos related to it. Her scientific and factual approach to the topic along with humanitarian look-out resonated with the attendees of the webinar. The session was interactive and engaging, Dr. Kapile encouraged students to post their doubts and thoughts on the chatbox. The informative session was then followed by a Q&A session.

Towards the ending of the session, the audiences were briefed about the accomplishments of Myna Mahila Foundation and their vision moving forward by Yamini Talgaonkar who is a Fundraising Intern at Myna Mahila Foundation. The session ended with a vote of thanks from Ayushi Pamnani (D14A) on behalf of the VESIT Student Council. Nidhi Jain (D10B) said, "The session was very informative and interactive. It was also heartwarming to see how others were willing to understand and support the initiative of making society more aware of these invisible issues and make menstrual hygiene more accessible to women. Speaker for the webinar,



(Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Webinar) Guest speaker **Dr. Shraddha Kale Kapile** addressing students

Dr Shraddha Kale Kapile ma'am made me look into the issue with a different and closer perspective."

Solo Dance

Dance is the hidden language of the soul. The fourth day of Invincia witnessed some mesmerizing solo dance performances, ranging from Classical Indian to modern Hip Hop style dancing. Participants from all the branches left the hosts **Vanshika Dangi (D14B)** and **Bhuvana Raisinghan (D14A)** as well as the viewers spellbound and craving for more.



(Solo dance) Participant **Saritha Tharakan (D6)** performing a semi-classical dance

The entries were taken in the form of videos that were played during the stream followed by a quick dialogue with every participant. The hosts kept the event interactive and the viewers engaged throughout the stream. The event was judged by **Priyank Sewani (D18)** who remarked on the active participation of all the contestants and praised their talents. "Dancing is the most beautiful art because it is not mere translation or abstraction from life, it is life itself. It was wonderful to see the participants use dance to express what is even too deep for words" said Priyank.

Winners:

Aditi Patil (D9B)
Naman Tahilyani (D7C)
Bhairavi Chavan (D11B)

Chess for Charity

To motivate students and to rivet more donors towards online fundraisers, 'Chess for Charity' was conducted. It was an online chess tournament calling all the smart brains of the college to compete with each other in a game of chess showing their skills whilst engaging our audience in a nail-biting battle. **Aaryan Raina (D15)** and **Chinmay Waykole (D12C)** were the hosts for this event. The event was conducted via Google Meet.

The game of chess was conducted on chess.com. Interested participants had to register individually. The participants had to pay a participation fee of Rs 50. The payment was made directly through a website to the NGO - Kshamata. All the money was registered on a keto website which directly transferred the fund to the NGO.

The host in-charges sure did keep the competition more lively with his continuous commentary. "The tournament was very well organized. Luckily I was a bit in touch with chess so I was able to perform well. However, all the players gave their best. I'm really happy to have won this tournament. Looking forward to upcoming events.", said **Abhishek Chary (D10B)**.

Winners:

Abhishek Chary (D10B)
Mayuresh Cholkar (D18)



(Chess for Charity) **Mayuresh Cholkar (D18)** during the final chess match.

Aishwarya Patange (D19B)

Personality

"Beauty attracts the eye but personality captures the heart" - The quest to conquer the coveted title of Mr. & Ms Invincia began on these lines. The personality contest in the online saga began with the first round of answering the novel and vexed questions on Google Forms. The best and unique answers made it to the next rounds. The second round was an interview wherein the participants were grilled and tested by bombarding them with dicey situations. The interviews were conducted by CV Ananya (D19A), Gaurav Shukla (D19A), and Nilesh Talreja (D17A).

The best of the lot made it to the grand finale that was live-streamed on the VESIT Student Council's official YouTube channel. The live stream was a gala event that put participants on spot and brought out the best of their capabilities. The live event was hosted by Nilesh Talreja (D17A) & Himesh Shadiza (D14A). The judging panel included two of VESIT's most talented ex-students Rahul Ghorpade (INST-2020) and Shraddha Bhinge (CMPN 2018).

The first round of the finale was 'Introduction Round' wherein the finalists had to introduce themselves in the best way possible. It was quite interesting to see how the participants introduced themselves in the most unique ways possible.

The hosts for the night proceeded on to the next round which was the 'Talent Round'. The entire audience had been eagerly waiting for this round. The participants had to choose any talent that they had a masterly grasp over, and display it to the audience as creatively as possible. A few participants had sent in their performance videos, while a few chose to perform live, in front of the audience. The contestants were widely talented as there were performances on music, dance, stand up comedy, mono acting as well as Hindi poetry writing and recitation.

The third round was 'Challenge Round' which began with the spinning of the wheel to decide who would challenge whom. The challenge round brought the real competitive side of the participants to light as they gave perplexing and puzzling tasks to their opponents. Singing an English pop song backwards, rapping a Russian meme song, dubbing four voices with your tongue sticking out, were some of the many quirky and exigent tasks challenged in the round.

After a preparation time of 10 minutes, the challenges were performed. The judges were startled to see how the participants completed the challenges given to them with utmost panache and perfection. The audience cheered up the participants by spamming the YouTube live chat with applauding com-



Personality Participants, Hosts and Judges are all smiles as the event gets concluded.

ments.

The final round that was the 'Question and Answer' round was a huge hit. The spectators tuned in huge numbers especially to watch this round. The pairs of participants created in the Challenge Round were the same. This meant the same participants were about to lock horns once again which increased the excitement of this round. The competitors asked their partners, questions that put them in a tough spot. Topics such as nihilism, the Sushant Singh Rajput case, English being used as the official language of India, and so on were raised that forced the participants to think every word before they uttered it. After this, the panel would present each pair with a common question which would be answered by the participants in due course. The panellists asked questions that needed to be answered in a very intellectual manner to not contradict themselves. Despite such a high level of difficulty, all the participants took the questions in a stride and answered appropriately, keeping their composure.

Panellist Shraddha Bhinge showered praises over all the participants and lauded their efforts thoroughly. The participants appreciated each other's endeavours and thanked the panel for its patient listening. The hosts thanked the audience for joining in such high numbers and acknowledged their spirits. The results of the personality round were declared on the following day.

While speaking about his experiences, finalist Neeraj Patil (D11A) said, "Personality has always been an interesting event for me. This year, amidst the heavy competition I was competing to defend my title. It was an experience packed with fun and learning".

Sharing her thoughts on the event Sharvani Sawant(D9A) said, "The most challenging and gripping round for me was the challenge round as I was given the challenge to sing a Russian rap. But I somehow managed to do it and it was great fun. For



(Personality) (Top) Ms Invincia: Sharvani Sawant (D9A), (Bottom) Mr Invincia: Neeraj Patil (D11A)

me, participating in this personality event was an exhilarating and worthwhile experience and winning the Ms. Invincia was cherry on the cake".

Winners:

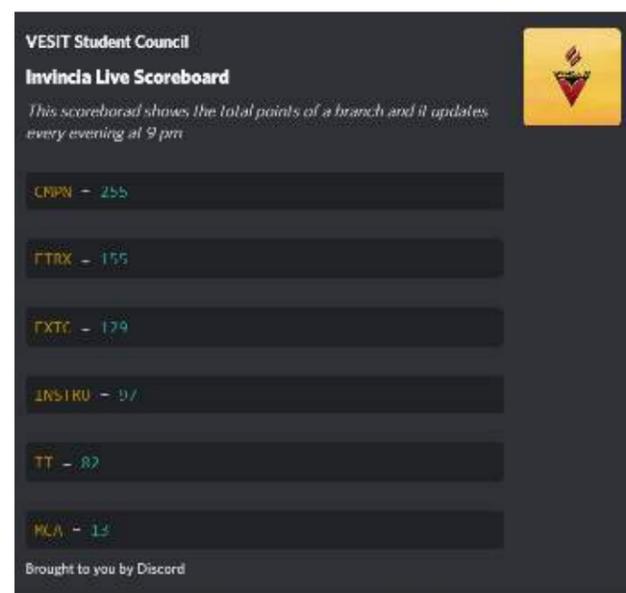
Mr Invincia: Neeraj Patil (D11A)

Ms Invincia: Sharvani Sawant (D9A)

Day 5: 22nd November

Award Ceremony:

The event ended with an award ceremony on 22nd November, hosted by Rakshita Danee (D10A) and Sahana Shetty (D10A). After calculating the total points of this 4-day extravaganza, the Computer Department won by a whopping lead of 100 points followed by the Electronics Department as the first runners up and the Electronics and Telecommunication Department as the second runners up. The general secretary, Nilesh Talreja (D17A), delivered a speech thanking all the secretaries and the council members for their consistent efforts, team spirit and hard work, which led to the success of the event. He specially thanked our respected Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) J M Nair, and last but not least he thanked all the VESITians who made this online event suc-



The Final Scoreboard of the event

cessful.

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships", and the Invincia as a whole was no less than a championship. This was the first time in the history of VESIT where all the Councils i.e, Cultural Council, Music Council, Sports Council, SoRT Council and VESLit Circle, collaborated together for this magnificent online 4-day fest. Invincia, the first official online megaevent of the odd semester, was very well planned, managed and effortlessly executed by the VESIT Student Council. Special thanks to Varad Rane (D18) and Yash Bhise (D9B) for creating an amazing Discord server for VESIT where they managed and moderated the live scoreboard of the event, announcements of each event, helpdesks. The event couldn't have been such a huge success without the efforts of the extremely talented and hardworking Streaming team and Marketing team.

Discord Moderators:

Varad Rane (D18)

Yash Bhise (D9B)

Streaming Team:

Hemkesh Raina (D15)

Yash Bhise (D9B)



(Personality) Judges & Hosts discussing the quirky challenges as the finalists prepare for the challenge round. Top(L to R) - Nilesh Talreja (D17A), Himesh Shadiza (D14A) Bottom(L to R) - Shraddha Bhinge(EXTC 2018), Rahul Ghorpade(INST 2020)

Garv Jhangiani (D7A)
 Nagesh Nayak (D15)
 Kritik Tatkevale (D15)

Marketing Team:

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 Manoj Ayyappan (D12B)
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Streaming Team of Invincia: L-R, Top-Bottom:
 Hemkesh Raina (D15), Yash Bhise (D9B), Nagesh Nayak (D15), Garv Jhangiani (D7A), Kritik Tatkevale (D15)



Marketing Team of Invincia: L-R, Top-Bottom:
 Kritik Tatkevale (D15), Atique Kudchi (D16A), Manoj Ayyappan (D12B), Akshita Upadhyay (D7B), Hemkesh Raina (D15), Advait Bansode (D7B), Namrata Tolani (D12A), Atharva Gupte (D19A), Gaurav Marwal (D17A)

Societies

CSI VESIT Gears Up for 2020-21

-Vedant Sawant & Shivani Shenai

Computer Society of India or CSI VESIT is one of the most remarkable societies in VESIT and being a part of its Senior Council is highly coveted among the students from TE, BE, and MCA. Every year CSI conducts a multitude of technical workshops, to enhance the skills of students, as well as numerous fun events throughout the year. The commencement of this academic year for CSI VESIT began with the formation of the Senior Council.

The new CSI council was formed after the exciting round of interviews conducted by the teachers and seniors. The B.E. Council was formed on the 5th of November wherein Jatin Bhagchandani (D17A) was appointed as the Chairperson. Apoorva Sudheesh (D19A) and Yash Diwan (D17A) were selected as the Senior Secretary and Senior Treasurer respectively.

The T.E. Council interviews were conducted on the 8th of November through online meets. The candidates were interviewed to gauge their suitability for their preferred position, with the questions focused on their vision and innovation to facilitate online events. A new position namely Public Relations Head was integrated into the conventional Top 4 positions from previous years.

The newly appointed Chairperson, Jatin Bhagchandani was excited to articulate his views about the different format of events this year and looks forward to the innovation the new council brings to make online events more interactive and fun. On being asked about the plan for the online format of events this year, Jatin says "We consider virtual events as a boon as it not only gives us more time to think and execute better but also provides an opportunity to cater to a larger crowd with no worries of them missing a 'local from Kurla'. Moreover, the purpose of making connections and helping juniors is easier as virtual events tend to be fast-paced as compared with an in-person event."

Following is the list of Senior Council member for the academic year 2020-21:



CSI BE Council

Position	Name
Chairperson	Jatin Bhagchandani (D17A)
Sr. Secretary	Apoorva Sudheesh (D19A)
Sr. Treasurer	Yash Diwan (D17A)
Executive Committee	Rithika Ranadive (D16A) Meghana Athanikar (D19A) Anish Chhabria (D20) Atharva Date (D17A) Saloni Shedge (D17C) Simran Sahetia (D17C) Aishwarya Sahoo (D17A) Nitesh Janyani (D17C)



CSI TE Council

Position	Name
Co-Chairperson	Fayzaan Qureshi (D15)
Operations Secretary	Saurav Telge (D12A)
Managing Secretary	Shreya Shah (D12C)
Jr. Treasurer	Saloni Ingle (D12C)
Public Relations Head	Pooja Prasad (D15)
Sr. Operations Officer	Abhishek Joshi (D13) Adarsh Raut (D13) Anmol Devnani (D12B) Nagesh Nayak (D15) Pratik Dubey (D15)
Sr. Public Relations Officer	Arya Paryani (D12A) Kevin Abraham (MCA2M) Mahek Nagdev (D12A) Yash Wadhvani (D12C)
Sr. Editor	Sadhvi Ganuwala (D12B)
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Sr. Web Editor	Bhavesh Lohana (D12C) Etisha Mathurvaishya (D12C) Pooja Koshti (D12A)

IEEE VESIT FORMATION: The Beginning of a New Technical year!

- Mansi Kasar and Siddhi Bhosale

IEEE VESIT is a student branch of the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), which is one of the most operative societies in VESIT. Holding a council position in this society is extremely prestigious for the students of SE, TE, and BE. The Council mainly holds events that come under the domain of android app development workshop, machine learning, and also fun events that they call 'funtech' which helps students learn technology with fun. Last year the council hosted numerous events that included a game development workshop, MUN, technical paper presentation, clash of conquerors (card game), app development workshop, a self-defense workshop, etc.

The IEEE VESIT's Student Council for the academic year 2020-21 was started by the formation of the Senior Council which chiefly consists of the BEs. The Senior Council interviews were conducted on 27th October on google meet. The dress code was formal and the total applicants were 13. The senior applicants were interviewed by a panel that consisted of the IEEE teacher in charge **Dr. Gresha Bhatia** (Deputy HOD CMPN) and **Mrs. Kavita Tewari** (HOD, ETRX).

Following are the Senior council members of IEEE VESIT:



Position	Name
Chairperson	Tanishqa Shetty (D17B)
Vice-Chairperson	Phalguni Shendye (D19A)
CEO	Ashutosh Pandey (D19B)
Senior Technical Advisory Board (TAB)	Atique Kudchi (D16A) Saumya Kulkarni (D19B)
Senior Web Editor	Alisha Punwani (D17C)
Women in Engineering	Ayesha Gulrajani (D20)

IEEE Senior Council 2020-21



Position	Name
Secretary	Tejas Dhopavkar (D12A)
Executive Officer	Muskaan Bhargava (D14B) Abhinav Sharma (D12A)
Treasurer	Abhijit Thikekar (D12A)
Membership and Publicity Officer	Nikita Joshi (D14B) Rudrakshi Deshpande (D14A)
Jr. Editor	Mansi Kasar (D14B) Malavika Anoop (D14A)
Jr. Web Editor	Aditya Mohan (D12C) Dinesh Kannan (D12C)
Women in Engineering	Madhumita Menon (D14B)
Executive Committee	Kimaya Kolambe (D14A) Shatanshu Choudhary (D13) Rutwik Pendse (D13) Juhi Talreja (D12A) Aniket Ingle (D14B) Vaishnavi Ainapure (D12A) Omkar Mane (D12A) Geet Ramchandani (D15)

IEEE Junior Council 2020-21

VESIT Voice

-Atharva Gupte

As we start the penultimate month of a year has been ever so changing, consuming, contemplating and complaining about every second of it we fail to acknowledge the inevitable fact that once we pass through this, we would see a completely stronger and a better person on the other side. It is with our deepest regret and profound sadness we inform that Dr. Barnali Saha left for her heavenly abode on the 5th of November, 2020. While she has gone to a better place, her legacy and her teachings still live on in each and every one of us.

On the brighter side of things, we saw the Alumni Association coming together to hand out free laptops to students, who could not afford to buy one. J.P Morgan held its flagship 2020 India Winning Women virtual event where students from VESIT imparted knowledge about the unique overview of financial services. We also saw VESIT Research Forum conduct a webinar on "Writing scientific papers and introduction to IPR." The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Chapter of VESIT took a step forward towards social welfare by bringing solar power to rural areas and also creating a platform for discussion about the importance of solar energy. The student councils also came together to organize a first of its kind online fest called, Invincia, which was proof to the fact that VESIT's talent can't be restricted to just the college amphitheatre. The technical societies of VESIT also formed their respective student councils to gear up for exciting technical events that are the highlight of every academic year. In the musings and expressions section, we have some fabulous poems and artwork that will inspire you to create your own.

In VESIT diaries, we have Mr. Parneet Soni from the Batch of 2011 who is currently working as a Senior Investment and Portfolio Manager at Upaya Social Ventures. He shares his memorable experiences at VESIT and how those experiences moulded his professional journey and life.

Happy Reading and Stay Safe!

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Musings and Expressions

The Kite

-Madhumita Menon(D14B)

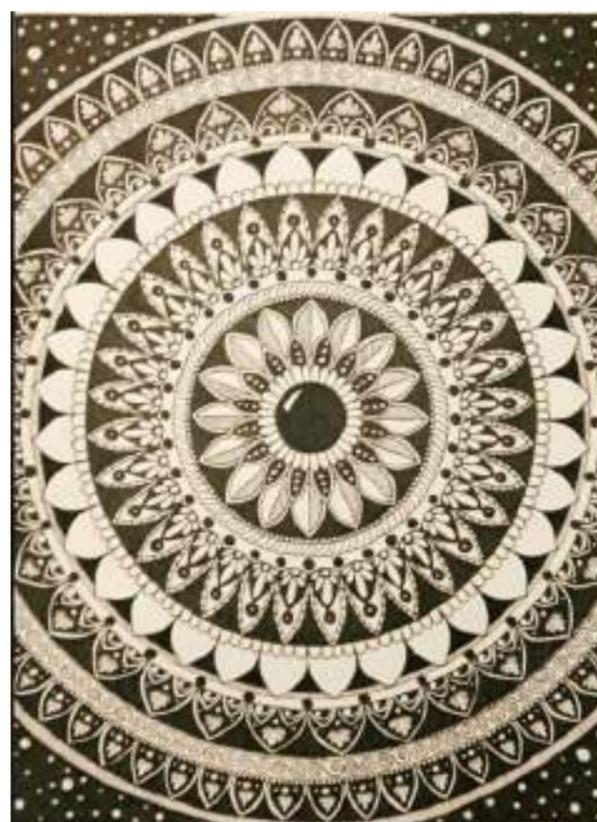
The string was tugging at my finger,
But I kept holding on tight,
The kite was in full anger.
But I was afraid it might fly out of sight.

The string was cutting through my finger,
And holding on was hurting.
The kite was hurting me bad,
But the thought of letting go was frightening,
And I couldn't be fighting back.

I uncurled my wounded finger,
For I could hold on to the kite no more.
I felt free after a long winter,
Because the wounds were hurting no more.



Manasi Parulekar(D14A)



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VESIT Diaries

Mr. Parneet Soni graduated in 2011 with an Electronics Engineering degree and did his MBA in 2015 from XLRI Jamshedpur with majors in Finance and Marketing . He is currently working as a Senior Investment and Portfolio Manager, Upaya Social Ventures. He has worked with the National Skill Development Corporation and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on #SkillIndia initiatives. Here, he converses about his experiences (about working with multiple MNCs such as Uber, Deloitte etc.)

Tell us something about your college life at VESIT?

College was an interesting mix of committees, fests, sports, labs, canteen food while trying to plough through the curriculum load. I guess I was a bit of a nerd back then. I wish I could have focused a bit more on extra curriculums and learnt how to think about things than just learning things.

What was the most memorable moment/time at VESIT?

Winning Sphurti back in the day was one of the highlights of VESIT life. It was a fairly competitive setup and the entire batch rallied together to get there which always leads to good memories and conversation starters. I admit I had only a miniscule contribution to the win.

How was your professional life after VESIT?

I was fortunate to get a job in Deloitte post college. It proved to be a great launchpad for my career going forward. Post Deloitte, I pursued my MBA from XLRI and after that a large part of my career has been in the social sector. I got the opportunity to work with the Skill India Mission via KPMG and then worked in the Impact Investing space through Social Alpha and Upaya Social Ventures. I also had a brief stint with Uber Eats as part of their strategy team.

What is the importance of extracurricular activities in a student's life and how to manage them along with academics ?

It is the difference between rote learning and understanding how to think. Books are limited to theory and concepts, which while necessary, may not be sufficient.

Can you throw some light on some activities that a student can do which will help them build their career?

It's fine if you can't completely figure out right now what something might help you with in the long run. More often than not you only connect the dots looking backwards. Please engage in activities that interest you and become really good at them. There is no way to know right now how it opens doors later.

How was your experience of doing an MBA from XLRI-Jamshedpur ? What are some of your memorable moments during your course?

In XLRI, I was part of the placement committee. I owe a lot of my learnings and my progress in life to the folks associated with the committee. Maybe "Time and Pressure is all it takes".. There was enough of the latter for sure.

How relevant is it to do an MBA in today's world ?

It does help break some glass ceilings in a typical corporate setup and it helps open doors. However it does seem that being able to execute well can take someone places too.

You have worked with and significantly contributed to some of the very prominent Multinational Companies , What has it been like for you and what is the key to accomplish such professional success?

I have more often than not found myself in a scenario where my lack of talent or skill has required me to over-index on effort in a bid to cover the gap. Having said that, one may not ignore the role of luck and randomness in all of this. A lot of luck they say is being at the right place and at the right time and then having the skills to capitalise on it. To my mind, trying to ensure that one shows up consistently seems to help when it comes to placing one at the right place and the right time. And being good at the



Mr. Parneet Soni

chosen skill set helps to capitalise on opportunities.

What do you think is a very important thing that students, who are passing out from college, should keep in mind before charting their career path?

It may be worth the effort to invest time to try and find what makes you content.

Post COVID-19, the job situation is going to be quite scary, how do you think students who'll be graduating can cope up with that?

The principles to my mind don't change. Be sincere to yourself. Learn your skillset well. Be clinical at execution and try to consistently show up. That's the best one could do anyway. There may be certain joy in being able to do something well and it could be worth the effort to get yourself there. There may not be much to be gained worrying about circumstances outside your control.

Message for the new generation at VESIT!

You may not want to take yourself too seriously. May your journey keep you humble and skeptical. Try and be nice.