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## Getting Musical with EBSB

-Tanya Dubey

**E**BSB VESIT came up with their first event of the academic year 2021-2022 “**Raga Rhythm**”. The event took place on 23rd October 2021 at 11:00 am on Zoom. The event was supervised by **Dr. Geeta Ajit** (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Sciences), the faculty coordinator of the EBSB council. **Mrs. Priya R. L.** (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer) was the faculty in charge of the event.



**Faculty incharge of the event Mrs. Priya R. L. (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer)**

**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat** (EBSB) aims to enhance interaction & promote mutual understanding between people of different states. The states carry out activities to promote a sustained and structured cultural connection in the areas of language learning, culture, traditions, music, tourism, cuisine, sports, sharing of best practices, etc. VESIT has been paired up with International Management Institute (IMI), Bhubaneswar. The event “Raga Rhythm” showcased some thriving singing talents of VESIT and IMI giving us a sneak peek into the musical culture of Maharashtra and Odisha.



**(L-R) Anushka Bhattacharya (IMI), Priyabrata Rout (IMI) were the participants from IMI, Bhubaneswar**

The event began with a warm welcome from **Srushti Jagtap** (D14B), the Student Head of the EBSB council, followed by a melodious Saraswati Vandana by **Sanika Indulkar** (D16A). Before starting with the performances, Mrs. Priya R.L. (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer) gave a speech and threw light on the event. **Anushree Rege** (D20), **Mugdha Sholapure** (D15A), and **Neeraj Patil** (D16B) were



**Singers of the event (L-R): Mugdha Sholapure (D15A), Anushree Rege (D20), and Neeraj Patil (D16B)**

the singers from VESIT. **Anushka Bhattacharya** and **Priyabrata Rout** were the performers from IMI, Bhubaneswar. The singers from VESIT performed songs native to Maharashtra while singers from IMI performed songs native to Odisha.

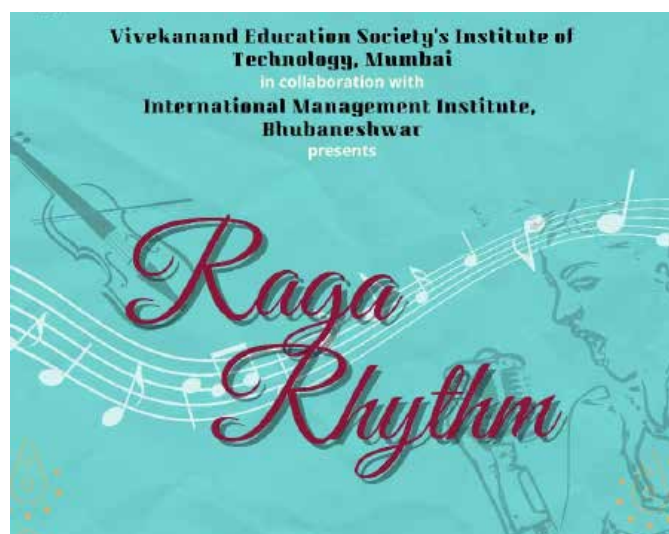
**Hemkesh Raina** (D20) threw light on the rich cultural folklore of Maharashtra with the help of a presentation. He briefly introduced a few key Marathi folk styles which included lavani, bharud, powada, abhanga, and natya sangeet. The first performer for the day was Neeraj Patil (D16B). He performed Omkar Pradhan Roop Ganashache song from the album Omkar Pradhan, which was released in August 1998, originally performed by Anuradha Paudwal.

The next singer was Anushree Rege (D20) who performed Maharashtra Majha song from the album Hindu Dharmrakshak Vol 3. It was originally sung by Suresh Chouhan and was released in May 2001. The last performer from VESIT was Mugdha Sholapure (D15A) who performed the Pinga song from the movie Bajirao Mastani. It was originally sung by Shreya Ghoshal and Vaishali Made. Following them were the singers from IMI, Bhubaneswar who performed songs native to Odisha.



**(L-R): Srushti Jagtap (D14B) welcomed everyone and Sanika Indulkar (D16A) performed Saraswati Vandana**

“It was an amazing experience being a part of an event like ‘Raga Rhythm’. Such events provide an opportunity for people to connect closely with a region via musical vibrations, celebrate time together and to experience the diversity of our Indian



**Poster for the event**



cultures.” said Mrs. Priya R. L. (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer), faculty in charge of the event.

The event was streamed live on YouTube. The technical aspects were taken care of by Yash Bhise (D14B), Deputy Head of the EBSB Council. Tanya Dubey (D14B), Jasmine Sawra (D12C), Simran

Huddedar (D15A), Isha Gawde (D15A), Jisha Philip (D15A), Janhavi Bhagat (D19B), V. Anuparvathi (D14A) were instrumental in conducting a smooth and successful event.

The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by Hemkesh Raina (D20). “What a melodious event! The Raga Rhythm event was an insightful

collaboration between VESIT and IMI. We learned quite a lot about the musical taste of Maharashtra and Odisha. The music and the interaction were absolutely mesmerizing. Participants from both the institutes gave great performances and put up a brilliant show.” said Hemkesh Raina (D20), a senior member of the EBSB council.

## Mendeley Reference Manager Workshop

-Mohit Shahdadpuri

The Research Forum of VESIT in association with the Department of Master of Computer Applications (MCA) conducted a workshop on 'Mendeley Reference Manager' on 29th September 2021 from 3.30 PM to 5.30 PM. It was a two hour workshop conducted on Google Meet which was open to all faculties, students and research scholars.

Mendeley is a reference manager. It is extremely useful for researchers to manage their own library of research work and citations. The speaker of the event **Dr. (Mrs.) Dhanamma Jagli** (Deputy Head, Department of Master of Computer Applications) was coordinated by **Mrs. Vaishali Gatty** (Assistant Professor, Department of Master of Computer Applications) for demonstration of this reference manager.

Dr. Jagli demonstrated the use of the Mendeley reference manager desktop application in detail. She explained about various functionalities and use cases of the application and urged the participants to download and create an account in the application. She gave a hands-on demonstration



**Coordinator of the event: Mrs. Vaishali Gatty** (Assistant Professor, Department of Master of Computer Applications)



**Speaker of the event: Dr. (Mrs.) Dhanamma Jagli** (Deputy Head, Department of Master of Computer Applications)

on the web portal of Mendeley. A total of 28 participants attended the event and was well-received by everyone.

**Mrs. Kajal Jewani** (Assistant Professor, Department of Information Technology Engineering) said, “It was an excellent hands-on workshop. Dhanamma Ma'am explained the importance and applications of Mendeley tool very nicely”.



**Screenshot of the workshop demonstrating how the tool manages research work and citations**

## e-Quiz on Vachan Prerna Diwas

-Vishakha Kulkarni

Under the guidance of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and in association with VESIT's Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), VESIT Library organized an e-Quiz on Vachan Prerna Diwas to celebrate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**. It was held on 15th October 2021 in an online mode. The quiz was coordinated by **Dr. (Mrs) Meenakshi Tyagi** (Library Incharge) and convened by the Library Committee Members.

The quiz was open to all staff and students of the college, as well as professionals working in the domain. The participants had to attempt 20 questions on Google Forms. An e-Certificate was issued if the score was 40% and above. It enhanced



**Dr. (Mrs) Meenakshi Tyagi (Library Incharge)** coordinated the e-Quiz

the general knowledge of avid readers and apprised them of the inspiring journey of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Shalini Mirani (D7C), one of the participants said, “The quiz was a golden opportunity to revive our knowledge about the inspiring life of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. It comprised of questions about his childhood, becoming a scientist and working at ISRO and being the 11th president of India. It instilled in us the importance of leading a moral life.”



**Poster for the e-Quiz on Vachan Prerna Diwas**

*“Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough.”*

- Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



# Prakalp Pradarshanam-21

-Puja Mahankuda

The Department of MCA VESIT, in association with IQAC and IIC-VESIT organized a second year/third year MCA Student Project Exhibition Program through its **Prakalp Pradarshanam-21** to showcase selected the second-year and the third-year innovative projects, and results for the same were announced on the 7th of October 2021.

Participants were selected by their mentors based on their respective project submissions. 19 out of 90 projects were selected projects, and the short-listed teams were instructed to create a 5-10 mins video explaining the project. The selected teams then had to give a final presentation/video wherein they explained their project, including reason for selecting the topic of the project, implementation, future scope, etc. All the details regarding the same were announced in an orientation program which began at 5-5:30 pm on 30th of September 2021. The online event also showcased 21 shortlisted projects, available on the VESIT YouTube channel.



Rank 1 TY MCA (L-R): Prashant Trivedi(MCA 3B), Adarsh Sawant (MCA 3B )

Videos had to be submitted in the college folder on 21st September, which then was uploaded on VESIT’s YouTube channel and made public on 30th September from 5 pm onwards. The projects were evaluated on 4th of October, and the results were announced on 7th of October via email. The results were calculated on the ‘number of likes’ (30%), on the college YouTube channel and evaluation of industry experts’ (70%).

Pragati Kankariya (MCA2B) says,

“Considering today’s world, AI is a very broad and interesting concept, we were curious about this topic and tried to do something new using Python language. It was truly a learning experience.” Prashant Trivedi (MCA 3B) says, “It was an amazing opportunity for all of us to showcase our projects, we learned a lot and also worked very hard towards this project, it was all worth it!”

Following are the winner and runner-up teams from second-year/third-year in Prakalp Pradarshanam-21.

TY MCA Projects				
RANK	Group No	Project Name	Name	Name Of Mentor
I	19B2	Home Automation	Prashant Trivedi (MCA 3B)	Dr. Shiv Kumar Goel(Head Of Department, Master of Computer Applications)
			Adarsh Sawant (MCA 3B)	
II	19A22	Online Teaching Portal	Kartik Sujith (MCA 3A)	Mrs. Geocey Shejy(Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Engineering)
			Akshay Malashetti (MCA 3A)	
			Yogesh Sonas (MCA 3A)	

SY MCA Projects				
RANK	Group No	Project Name	Name	Name Of Mentor
I	20B19	AI Assistant	Pragati Kankariya (MCA 2B)	Dr. (Mrs.) Meenakshi Garg (Assistant Professor, Master of Computer Applications)
			Amruta Shahane (MCA 2B)	
II	20B18	Desktop Assistant	Saurabh Rewadkar (MCA 2B)	Mr. Sunny Nahar (Assistant Professor, Master of Computer Applications)
			Roshni Yadav (MCA 2B)	
			Rohit Kumar Gupta (MCA 2B)	



Rank 2 TY MCA (L- R): Kartik Sujith (MCA 3A), Akshay Malashetti (MCA 3A) , Yogesh Sanas (MCA 3A)



Rank 1 SY MCA (L-R): Pragati Kankariya ( MCA 2B), Amruta Shahane (MCA 2B)



Rank 2 SY MCA (L- R): Saurabh Rewadkar (MCA 2B), Rohit Kumar Gupta (MCA 2B), Roshni Yadav (MCA 2B)

# Barclays Placement Gamble

-Gaurang Desai

The ‘Barclays’ placement session took place on the 4th October on ‘Webex’ online platform. **Mr. Pavan Shidhaye** (Director and Global Head of Product Control Technology, Barclays) gave a brief overview of the company, employee benefits offered, and the company’s values. The company offered jobs for the positions of BA3 and Graduate Analyst. Accordingly, two rounds were conducted for the recruitment. The amount of Rs. 13.73 lakhs was offered as the annual CTC income.

The first round was based on the coding aspects which included snippets of python, java, oops, and web development. Among the two coding questions for this round, one was of ‘moderate’ difficulty and the other was ‘moderate to hard’. At the end of this round, around 36 applicants were shortlisted.

The second round was based on technical skills and interviews by the HR. As mentioned by HR, Barclays mainly focuses on its core values which include Respect, Integrity, Service, Excellence, and Stewardship, i.e, ‘RISES’. So for this round, a situation was given to the students and the answers were expected to be based on the company’s values. This round was cleared by 26 students who got selected and got the final offer.

Jayesh Dhanrajani (D17B) attended the session. He says, “Firstly, there was a pre-placement talk and later, an online test was conducted. The results of the test were shown in around 2 days and overall my placement process went very smoothly. I would like to thank the VESIT placement team for the smooth conduction of the session.”



Mr. Pavan Shidhaye (Director and Global Head of Product Control Technology, Barclays) gave an overview of the placement session



# Councils

## Let the Hacking Begin!

-C S Lakshmi & Tanvi Kate

VESIT's CodeCell Tinker's of Computer Engineering Department conducted **Hacktoberfest 2021** during the month of October. This event was carried out under the guidance of **Dr. (Mrs.) Nupur Giri** (Head, Department of Computer Engineering), CodeCell in-charge **Mr. Prashant Kanade** (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science), CodeCell co-ordinator **Mr. Richard Joseph** (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science), and CodeCell co-ordinator **Mrs. Geocey Shejy** (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science).



**Speakers of the event (L-R): Ms. Tanvi Shinde(CMPN-2021, Software Engineer, J P Morgan & Chase), Mr. Aditya Shrivastav (CMPN-2021, co-founder of AutoDL, Mr. Rahul Jain (Software Engineer, CRED).**

Giving guidelines on Hacktoberfest, the event highlighted the importance of improving various skills. The participants were introduced to open source, its values, and free accessibility in the session. Suggestions on how to choose projects and work on them were given. Various open-source programs like 'Google Summer of Code', 'Script Winter of Code' etc were also introduced in this session. Auto-DL background along with its guidelines and working, module building, and code generation were also covered in the session. For the Non-code contributors, i.e., participants who wanted to participate outside the means of code, various activities like testing, documentation, and Quality Assurance were explained. The session ended with the speakers sharing a few life experiences and lessons.

Ananya Pandey (D7C) commented, "It was very informative. The event explained to us the basics of AUTO-DL and its importance. We were also familiarized with various open-source programs. Also, the speakers told us some things about their life and what they learned from them, which was very good. In short, it was a very good session."



**Speakers of the event (L-R): Yashraj Desai (D12B) and Dhruv Sachdev (D12B)**

### Complete guide to Google Summer of Code (GSoC Talk)

The session was conducted by Tinkerer's CodeCell Department, on 9th October 2021, from 12 pm to 1 pm, on Zoom. The event was open to all departments and approximately 100 people were in attendance. **Yashraj Desai** (D12B) and **Dhruv Sachdev** (D12B) were the main speakers. The primary goal of the event was to introduce students to 'Google Summer of Code', its working, and its benefits.

The event commenced with the speakers discussing the goals of the program. The next segment of the program covered how GSoC works

wherein students were informed about the timeline and how the events take place. Later on, students were made aware of the importance of participating in GSoC.

The students were taught how to choose and contact an organization, write proposals, etc. This was followed by speakers sharing their personal GSoC journeys and stories. They also shared their proposals with the students. Besides GSoC, students were informed about other open-source organizations like MLH, LFX, Outreachy, Github externship, etc. Before concluding the event, an interactive Q&A session was organized and due to the jubilant curiosity of the students, the session was extended for half an hour.

Arnal Singhal (D6AD) says, "Overall it was a great experience, we got to know everything about GSoC in detail. The document created by the team was shown which assisted us in clearing all the doubts of the program. I hope we will get the opportunity to attend more events like it."



**Speaker for Session 3 (L-R): Sneha Karthik (D12C) (Co-Founder, Pipory), Mr. Sujit Kumar Singh (CMPN-2021), Ms. Vaishnavi Dwivedi (Founder, MichiSpotlight)**

### Hack your Career this Hacktoberfest

CodeCell VESIT, in association with Auto-DL, conducted the "Hack you Career this Hacktoberfest" session on 17th October 2021 at 11:30 am on Zoom. The session was conducted to provide students with more insight into the highly anticipated Hacktoberfest. **Mr. Sujit Kumar Singh** (CMPN-2021), **Sneha Karthik** (D12C) co-founder of Pipory and **Ms. Vaishnavi Dwivedi** (Founder, MichiSpotlight) were the special guests of the day.

The attendees were given guidelines related to the fest and how they can help improve their skills. Tips on building a good resume and LinkedIn Profile were shared that would help them to get good projects to work on. The students were also introduced to various websites like Glassdoor, AngelList, and many more. The guests taught the students the importance of involvement in such assignments. They also explained the importance of networking while finding a new job, along with sharing a few of their life lessons to inspire and guide them.

Yash Narkhede (D7B) says, "Loved the session! We learned how to create resumes and apply for internships. Flowchart representation of concepts helped to clear the concept very well. The real-life experiences of speakers were very inspirational and insightful."



**(Top-Bottom, L-R): Dr. (Mrs.) Nupur Giri (Head, Department of Computer Engineering), CodeCell in-charge Mr. Prashant Kanade (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science), CodeCell co-ordinator Mr. Richard Joseph (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science), and CodeCell co-ordinator Mrs. Geocey Shejy (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science).**

### Hack Your Open Source Journey with Auto-DL

This event was conducted on 3rd October 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on YouTube. The hosts **Sneha Karthik** (D12C) and **Mihir Pamnani** (D12C) introduced the speakers to the audience. The main speakers of this event were - **Mr. Aditya Shrivastav** (CMPN-2021, co-founder of AutoDL), **Ms. Tanvi Shinde** (CMPN-2021, Software Engineer, J P Morgan & Chase), and **Mr. Rahul Jain** (Software Engineer, CRED).



**Screenshot of Speaker Rahul Jain with hosts Sneha Karthik (D12C) and Mihir Pamnani (D12C)**



# SoRT'S Vogue Endeavours Shine through the SOS: Sustainable Outfit Soiree

-Priya Singh

VESIT's Social Responsibility Team (SoRT) organized a **Sustainable Outfit Soiree (SOS)** from the 17th to the 25th of September. The main focus of the event was to create sustainable and environment-friendly looks while also staying in vogue. The event consisted of two rounds : The Elimination Round for which submission was on Google Forms and the Final Round for which the Q&A session was held on Zoom.

The participants were given six different themes of which they had to choose any one and create their outfits accordingly. They could enter the event individually or in teams of two.



**Mr. Vivek Gurav a.k.a Plogman interacting with the event hosts: Diya Shah (D10A) and Aditi Mishra (D6E)**

The final round of the SOS was conducted on the 25th of September at 5:00 P.M. It was hosted by SORT Junior Council Members: **Diya Shah (D10A)** and **Aditi Mishra (D6E)**. Overall, the final round was a very exuberant and coveted event, largely due to the appearance of an honorary special guest: The Pune plogger who founded the Plogger community and has single handedly led the Ploggers team across many cities in India, **Mr. Vivek Gurav a.k.a Plogman**. Mr. Vivek Gurav is also an alumnus of the MIT Academy of Engineering (Pune). He narrated



**The Voice of VESIT: Arunim Chakraborty (D6AD) with his melodious tunes**

his experiences and deeds as a social activist and also spoke a few words on sustainability.

All the performances in question brought different talents to the table, ranging from the Dancing Duo: Mansi Bellani (D7C) and Madhura Mhatre (D7C), The Voice of VESIT: Arunim Chakraborty (D6AD), Mr. Fresher 2020: Noel Dason (D10A), and the Music Council Secretary: Yash Raje (D15A). The entire event was live-streamed on YouTube for a duration of 2 hours.

Finally, the participants were judged on various parameters such as creativity, style, sustainability factor, and their performance in the Q&A session by the former SORT Secretary: Ayushi



**Former SORT Secretary and Judge for the SOS : Ayushi Pamnani (D19A)**



**Dancing Duo: Madhura Mhatre (D7C) and Mansi Bellani (D7C) with their steady feet and charisma**

Pamnani (D19A), and after much deliberation, Samartha Rayguru (D10A) was picked as the winner of the SOS.

Samartha Rayguru (D10A) said, "I chose the Bollywood theme and recreated Jacqueline Fernandez's look for which I created my outfit with already available clothes. I turned my Mom's saree into a skirt using a DIY trick. Also, my accessories, such as the bangles and the earrings I wore were also DIY and created from materials I already had at home. Participating in an event such as this, which gave my creativity room to grow within sustainable and environment-friendly limits was a great experience!"



**Winner of the SOS: Samartha Rayguru (D10A) wearing her Sustainable Outfit**

## Musical Misfit 2.0

The VESIT Music Council conducted its very first event of this semester, Musical Misfit 2.0, a musical game event wherein participants compete in teams. Musical Misfit 2.0 was held on 2nd and 3rd October 2021.

VESIT Music Council structured the event in three rounds - Qualifying round, Semi-finals, and Finals round. Each team had 3 members and 28 teams played the qualifying rounds on October 2, 2021. Round 1 was from 11:30 am to 2 pm and round 2 was from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm. The 4 teams with the highest score qualified for the semi-finals, which were held on the 3rd of October from 3 pm onwards. The semi-finals and finals were hosted by **Aarushi Sharma (D15B)** and **Trisha Gaur (D14A)** and streamed live on YouTube by **Yash Bhise (D14A)**.

The event started with a quick introduction of all



**Hosts for the event for the semi-finals and final round (L-R): Aarushi Sharma (D15B) and Trisha Gaur (D14A)**

-Anvita Koyande and Puja Mahankuda

the participants from both teams. For the semi-final rounds, 5-Second Rules was the first game where the participants from each team had to answer a question within five seconds only and if succeeded to do so gain points, followed by the second game of the round 5-Second Summary wherein the participants have to summarise a given movie in five seconds and the other team members have to guess the correct movie name. The last game of the round was Musical Charades and then teams proceeded to the final rounds.

**Team Garam Masala** - Aayush Talreja (D7C), Ashutosh Mishra (D7C) and Anuj Bagad (D7C)

**Team Hagimaaru** - Mughda Solapure (D15A), Prithviraj Chavan (D12B) and Jisha Philip (D15A) were the two teams who made it to the finals. The final round had games - Pictionary, The Whisper



Challenge and Complete the Lyrics. In Pictionary, the players had to guess what their team players are drawing on the virtual board and make correct guesses to win points! In The Whisper Challenge, the team players were asked to guess what song name their team member is saying while being on



**Screenshot of the event (Top-Bottom, L-R): Host Trisha Gaur (D14A), Team Hagimaaru, Team Garam Masala, Host Aarushi Sharma (D15B) in the final round of Musical Misfit 2.0**

mute. In the final game of the round, Complete the Lyrics the teams were given incomplete song lyrics and they had to answer with the complete lyrics and were awarded points accordingly. After a very entertaining and thrilling series of games, the final scores were announced. The winner of this event was team Garam Masala. As the leader of the winning team, Aayush Talreja (D7C) gave a quick speech about his experience at this event and the event concluded.



**Winners: Garam Masala (L-R): Aayush Talreja (D7C), Ashutosh Mishra (D7C), Anuj Bagad (D7C)**

Mughda Solapure (D15A) from team Hagimaaru says, "The whole event was a blast! Enjoyed it! The games were fun and quite competitive which made it even more interesting for all. Management was good and even the audience seemed to have enjoyed the event on YouTube live stream. Our team did make it up to the finals and were the runner-ups. The event itself was worth playing and entertaining."

Aayush Talreja (D7C) says, "I had my team with two of my classmates. We had exciting games throughout the event, like Musical Charades (my favorite), Pictionary, Complete the Lyrics, etc. I participated in this event last year too & my team managed to play semis, but we couldn't make it to the finals. This time, we were geared up throughout the event with enthusiasm & my team not only made it to the finals but we won too. And I'm grateful to the whole council for making the event as exciting as it always does. The hosts and the whole team behind the scenes did a commendable job."

## The Debate Learnshop

*-Nishtha Batra*

A good debater is not the one who can prove that he or she is right but the one whom others cannot prove wrong. To acquaint the amateur debaters with the pointers of a prolific debate, VESLit Circle organized its first workshop of the session- "**The Debate Learnshop**" on September 25, 2021. The event was conducted on the Google Meet platform. The guest speaker for the session was **Ms. Ananya Venugopal** (Department of Electronics and Telecommunications, 2021), an alumna of VESIT and VESLit head for session 2019-2020. She is a fellow debater and has won numerous recognitions over the past years. The event was hosted by VESLit Debate Division head **Atharva Gadkari**(D18) and deputy head **Sneha Karthik** (D12C).



**Ms. Ananya Venugopal, guest speaker of the learnshop**

The outlook of participants about debates was that it is a form of literature event which only involves argument. The workshop was held to make the participants realize the broad spectrum of ways in which the debate can be conducted and how it is one of the most dynamic events among all literature competitions.

The learnshop began with the exhibit of a small presentation which focused on the structures of a debate. The presentation converged on different styles of debate and their regulations. A warrior needs to be well aware of the rules of the fight before going to the battleground. In a debate, there is no



**Hosts of the workshop (L-R): Atharva Gadkari (head of Debate division by VESLit circle), Sneha Karthik (Deputy Head Debate division of VESLit circle)**

right side but the team which puts forward a better convincing argument gets an edge over others. The participants were informed about the remarking process and judging criteria in a competition whether it be online or offline.

Moreover, Ananya shared her personal experience with the debating pool and gave insights on it. The literature competitions have always been a major part of her college life. She highlighted her wins and loss and the lessons that came with it. She taught the participants how to improve their speech and present a better confident argument. She explained the importance of the perfect partner mechanism and how to find the right one for yourself.

The succeeding section of the session was the most compelling one where a mock debate took place between the heads and subheads of the Debate division and MUN division of the VESLit circle. The topic of the debate was 'The house believes that social media is a boon' where Sneha Karthik and Atharva Gadkari played the opposition and Mihir Pamnani (D12C) and Avinash Tripathy (D19B) were from the proposition. The event was moderated by Ananya who maintained a productive flow of the proceedings. The session followed an oxford-style debate format and each speaker got a time of 2-5-2 where 2 mins were given for introduction, 5 mins for argument, and 2 mins for the conclusion. In between the rebuttal rounds, participants were asked to

present their opinions and take a stance on the topic which made the session interactive and engaging. The mock debate got everyone hooked on the topic and everyone raised their arguments enthusiastically.

By the end of the workshop, everyone present was well equipped with the dos and don'ts of a debate. The effective use of statistics, polite interjection, maintaining a good posture, and concise straightforward arguments can do wonders in a competition. The session helped the participants to know what kind of quarrelers they are as an individual. The interested students were informed about the upcoming opportunities to showcase their debating skills.

In conclusion, Sneha wrapped up the session and explained how the workshop was a warm-up and participants need to use these tips and tricks further in the competitions and form a college debating team to compete in intercollegiate events. A doubt clearing session also took place at the end wherein participants actively took part in the discussion. "The learnshop was very informative, they explained to us about different styles of debates. The tips and tricks shared by the speakers were quite useful. The doubt session conducted at the end of the session cleared many doubts and gave us a better understanding about debates." said Ananya Pandey (D7C) who was a participant in the workshop.



**(L-R): Mihir Pamnani (D12C, head of MUN division of VESLit circle), Avinash Tripathy (D19B, deputy head of MUN division of VESLit circle) showcased his diplomatic debating skills in the mock debate**



# Musical Eve to Promote Communal Harmony

-Janhavi Patil

On 6th October 2021, the Music Council organized a **Musical Eve to promote Communal Harmony** in accordance with Navratri. The event took place in a zoom meeting at 7 pm. This was the first event of the music council and was especially devoted to Goddess Durga wherein students were asked to sing various devotional Maa Durga songs in different languages.

An invitation was sent to students and faculty members via email two days prior to the event which included the meeting link of the program. The council had gathered a total of 10 singers from different departments and asked them to record a video of their performance in any preferred language.

Plethora of different languages were chosen. Raghuttam Parvatikar (D15B) recorded his song in Kannada while Mansi Shah (D7A) chose to sing a Hindi song. Three participants Sanika Indulkar (D16A), Swaraj Patil (D6E), Swara Nabar (D7A) sang beautifully in the state language Marathi, Urvi Pandit (D10A) sang a Sanskrit song. Vaishnavi Iyer's (D16B) recorded a Tamil song while Carnatic song was sung by Kaushik Sahasranaman (D7A). Sudipa Majumdar (D14A) sang a sweet Bengali song and Andand Teckwani (D12C) sang in Sindhi.

The event was coordinated by Kaushik Sahasranaman (D7A) and Manasi Shah (D7A). The speakers of the event were **Neeraj Patil** (D16B) and **Raghuttam Parvatikar** (D15B). The occasion was graced by the esteem presence of our principal and vice-principal. It commenced with **Dr. (Mrs). J. M. Nair (Principal)** highlighting the significance of cultural diversity and congratulated the Council for



**Co-ordinators of the event (L-R): Kaushik Sahasranaman (D7A) and Manasi Shah (D7A)**



**Singers of the event (Top-Bottom, L-R): Raghuttam Parvatikar (D15B), Mansi Shah (D7A), Swaraj Patil (D6E), Urvi Pandit (D10A), Sanika Indulkar (D16A), Andand Teckwani (D12C), Vaishnavi Iyer (D16B), Swara Nabar (D7A), Kaushik Sahasranaman (D7A), Sudipa Majumdar (D14A)**



**Speakers of the event (L-R): Raghuttam Parvatikar (D15B) and Neeraj Patil (D16B)**

taking this noble initiative.

Furthermore, the speakers went on to explain the importance of Communal Harmony and how music binds our soul, heart, and emotions. As each of the participants gave their performance, the audience watched spell bound. They loved watching these talented maestros singing with their hearts, thus making this event a great success.

The event lasted for about an hour. In the end, the Music Secretary, **Yash Raje** (D15A) was called upon to give a vote of thanks. He appreciated the involvement of all the participants and also promised to continue to come up with such innovative events in the future.

Jheel Panchal (D6A) said, "The event was well organized and set up. The flow of the presentation



**Yash Raje (D15B, Music Secretary) thanking all the participants**

was smooth. All the singers gave their best and it was enchanting for all the attendees. It was wonderful and peaceful to listen to songs like this in such a hustled life. This event was indeed no less than a recreation along with the aim of creating communal harmony being fulfilled successfully. This was a good start by the music council. We are all looking forward to what comes Next! "

Chaitanya Sondur (D7A) said, " The event was superbly organized by the Music Council. It was really amazing to listen to devotional songs in various languages. I could relate to the song "Bhagyada Lakshmi Baramma" as it is very popular in Karnataka. In the middle of the heavy load of assignments and lectures, it was fun to attend such an event. I am looking forward to attending more such events from the Music Council. "

## VESLit Circle x UBI celebrate 'Vigilance Awareness Week'

-Mohit Shahdarpuri, Divisha Gupta

Under the theme of Independent India @75: Self Reliance with Integrity, the VESLit Circle collaborated with the **Union Bank of India** for the 'Vigilance Awareness Week' in the first week of October 2021. It consisted of a plethora of fun and informative competition and submission-based events.

### Cross Examination

'Cross Examination' was held on 6th October 2021 by the Debate Division of VESLit in the collaboration event with the Union Bank of India. This debating event had two formats, The Classic Oxford style, and the Asian Parliamentary Style.

The rule sheet and timestamps were shared and the topic along with the proposition and opposition teams were announced half-hour prior

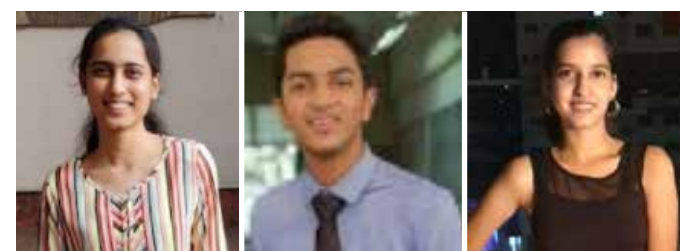
to the event. Also, the participants were allowed to team up with anyone from the college without any restrictions which allowed them to team up with someone that they knew would complement their style well and nothing to hold them back.

For the Round 1 Oxford Style Debate, an elimination round required teams of the size of 2 students per team. Participants were judged on the basis of individual performance and the teams for the final round were decided by the judges based on scores, performance, and their individual debating style. Six students were selected in total from Round 1 and were assigned into 2 teams of 3 students per team to create the most optimized teams.

Asian Parliamentary Style was the final round of the UBI debate. The rule sheet and timestamps were shared along with the topic lists, 3 days prior to the round. After a heated debate for approx 90

minutes, the judges from UBI were allotted to score the debate and after a handful of minutes, the UBI representative announced the results of all the previous events along with the Cross Examination Debate.

The winners for the Debate were as follows- **Isha Desai** (D7A), **Noel Dason** (D10A) and **Ananya Pandey** (D7C).



**Winners of the event (L-R): Isha Desai (D7A), Noel Dason (D10A), Ananya Pandey (D7C)**



With the announcement of all the events, the annual collaboration event with the Union Bank of India was brought to an end with an exchange of gratitude from the Heads of the VESLit team, their teachers in charge, and the guests from the Union Bank of India.

The winner, Ananya Pandey (D7C) says, "My experience in cross-examination was quite delightful and informative, as the topics given were very interesting, really enjoyed participating in the competition. The reason for participating in this event was to enhance my public speaking skills. The events were organized very smoothly, all the doubts were cleared and organizers were in touch with participants all the time."

Isha Desai (D7A) says, "Cross-examination turned out to be the most exhilarating debate I have ever participated in. All the participants were well informed regarding the topics and were adept debaters thus making this event a grand success. The fact that the debate was based on two different forms - oxford and Asian parliamentary intrigued me. The event organization was at par with the professional events. The debate topics chosen by the organizers were also very interesting and provided me with a new outlook towards debating."



**Faculty In-charges of VESLit (L-R): Dr. Pooja Kundu (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences), Dr. Sushil Dhuldhhar (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences)**

### Documentary Film-making

**Documentary Film-making** was another event organized in the wake of Vigilance Awareness Week 2021. The theme of the documentary was "PIDPI- Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers. It was a submission-based event and the presentation of documentaries along with the announcement of winners was held on 6th October 2021.

The participants were grouped into teams of four with each team having a script-writer, editor and one or more actors. They were allowed to shoot their own footage, use stock footage or even use virtual backgrounds on zoom/google meets and record the same. They were asked to submit their videos by 4th October 2021.

All the documentaries were broadcast on the final day of the week i.e 6th October 2021. A member from each team was called upon to share the overall experience of his/her team followed by their documentary. Everything being online, the teams came up with innovative ideas for their films which included animations dubbed over by the participants or google meets with changed backgrounds or individually shooting all the team members and then editing them into one video. After all the participants were done with their documentaries, **Dr. Pooja Kundu** (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences) and **Dr. Sushil Dhuldhhar** (Assistant

Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences) shared their experience of the event. A few of the other UBI officials also spoke about the event wherein they praised all the films for their writing, acting, research and the efforts of the participants. **Kaushal Jagasia** (Deputy Student Head, VESLit Circle) delivered the final speech which brought an end to the event.

Vansh Pahuja (D7A) said, "This event was a wonderful experience. We took almost 15-20 takes continuously to make sure our video was good to at least our expectations. But it was good teamwork from the entire team and I am looking forward to more such events."

### WINNERS:

#### 1st Place:

Atharva Joshi (D9A)  
Vandesh Sawant (D9A)  
Niraj Divekar (D9B)  
Anuj Bagad (D7C)

#### 2nd Place:

Mohit Shahdadpuri (D7A)  
Omkar Mahajan (D7B)  
Vansh Pahuja (D7A)  
Ashutosh Mishra (D7C)

#### 3rd Place:

Meera Sawantdesai (D7A)  
Shrey Panchamia (D7A)  
Namrata Avhad (D7A)  
Gautam Wadhwani (D7B)



**Winners of the Filmmaking event (Top-Bottom, L-R): Atharva Joshi (D9A), Anuj Bagad (D7C), Niraj Divekar (D9B), Vandesh Sawant (D9A)**



**1st Runners-up of the Filmmaking event (Top-Bottom, L-R): Mohit Shahdadpuri (D7A), Ashutosh Mishra (D7C), Omkar Mahajan (D7B), Vansh Pahuja (D7A)**



**2nd Runners-up of the Filmmaking event (Top-Bottom, L-R): Namrata Avhad (D7A), Meera Sawantdesai (D7A), Shrey Panchamia (D7A), Gautam Wadhwani (D7B)**

### Yuva Samiti

The MUN Division of the **VESLit Circle** organized a Mock Parliamentary Committee on the PIDPI Resolution named '**Yuva Samiti**' under Vigilance Awareness Week. The event commenced on 4th October at 5 PM with the Saraswati Vandana and introductory speech of the VESLit Deputy Student Head, **Kaushal Jagasia** (D12C), followed by MUN Division Head **Mihir Pamnani** (D12C) who was also the Co-Chairperson for the evening, then explained the flow of the event.



**Co-Chairperson and host for the event (L-R): Kaushal Jagasia (D12C), Mihir Pamnani (D12C)**

The whole event had two rounds. The first round was the Policy Paper round which was conducted on 1st October 2021, in which participants had to study the PIDPI Bill and suggest amendments for the same. A workshop was conducted on 30 September in order to guide participants about the format of the Policy paper. The top 10 policy papers were selected for the Final Round i.e the Yuva Samiti.

In the first section, the parliamentarians gave a speech stating the issues and potential solutions to those issues. The second section lasted for 40 minutes. It started with the co-chairperson Mihir Pamnani (D7C) giving an introduction of this session followed by a reminder to maintain proper decorum and have a civil discussion with all MP's present. In this session, the participants were supposed to discuss the various amendments that were suggested by them and the PIDPI bill itself. The time duration for this session was 30 minutes but after witnessing the fruitful and intriguing conversation between the parliamentarians, later 10 minutes were added making the total time for this session to be 40 minutes.

In the second section, the opening statement was given by Priyotosh Mondal (D7A) stating that the common point among most amendments is that the scope of this bill should be increased to include not just central government but state government as well



some private sectors. All the participants actively took part in this section and some very strong points were suggested by them. Finally, the process in which PIDPI works currently was discussed by the participants, and Prathamesh Thakur (D7A) gave the final statement before the time ran out.

In section three, all the participants gave their closing statements and summarized their amendments in the given 2 minutes given to them. They were told to present the precise summary to the chairperson of the parliament in the specified format and thus get their amendments registered (maximum 2 per participant).

The parliamentarians voted for each others' amendments. Amendments suggested by Shruti Dalvi, Shreya Kukreja (D7A), Madhura Mhatre (D7B), Prathamesh Thakur, Priotosh Mondal, Sumit Jadhav, Divisha Gupta, Vallari Patil were passed. In all, 12 amendments were passed. Finally, the event ended with closing remarks from the Judges, Faculty In-charge and the moderators.

The results were declared on 6th October' 2021, **winners** were:-

Shreya Kukreja (D7A) Best Parliamentarian (1st)  
Madhura Mhatre (D7C) High Commendation (2nd)  
Prathamesh Thakur (D7A) Special Mention (3rd)

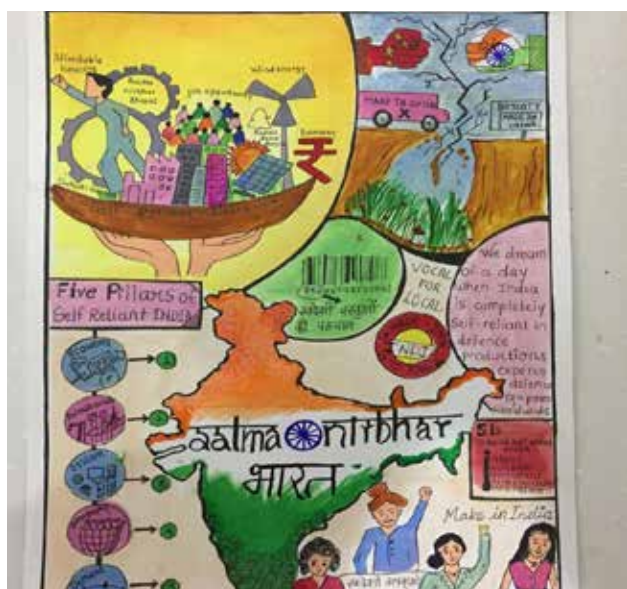


**Winners of the event 'Yuva Samiti' (L-R): Shreya Kukreja (D7A), Madhura Mhatre (D7C), Prathamesh Thakur (D7A)**

**Shreya Kukreja (D7A)** says, "Yuva Samiti was a very riveting event. It helped me gain a lot of confidence and also tons of knowledge. Getting to know the thoughts of the participants on the given was really very interesting. I thoroughly enjoyed participating in Yuva Samiti and I look forward to more such thought-provoking competitions."

### Poster-Making Competition

Poster-Making Competition was a submission-based event organized under Vigilance Awareness Week by VESLit Circle along with the Union Bank of India. Participants were asked to register and submit their posters on the topic 'Independent India@75: Self Reliance with Integrity' or 'Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers(PIDPI)'. The submission was made on Google Forms with the deadline being



**Poster made by Anushka Darure (D9A)**

3rd October 2021.

The winners of the event were as follows:

**1st-** Pooja Narayanan (D9A)

**2nd-** Anushka Darure (D9A)



**Winners of the event (Top-Bottom, L-R): Aditi Bhatia(D7A), Anushka Darure(D9A), Pooja Narayanan(D9A)**

**3rd-** Aditi Bhatia (D7A)

**Aditi Bhatia (D7A)** said, "I'm glad that I got such a beautiful platform to showcase my artwork and skills. It was a great experience and I had a lot of fun drawing the poster."

### Essay-Writing Competition

**Essay-writing Competition** was another submission-based event under Vigilance Awareness Week. Participants were asked to register and submit their posters on the topic 'Independent India@75: Self Reliance with Integrity' or 'Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers(PIDPI)' through Google Forms by 3rd October 2021.

Following participants managed to write the best essays:

**1st:** Abhiroop Bhattacharjee (D6)

**2nd:** Priyal Singh (D9A)



**Winners of the event (Top-Bottom, L-R): Pratham Shetty (D9A), Priyal Singh (D9A), Abhiroop Bhattacharjee (D6)**

**3rd:** Pratham Shetty (D9A)

The first runner-up, **Priyal Singh (D9A)** expressed her feedback on the event by saying, "It was great, the topics were relevant and interesting. I simply grab any opportunity I find to write anything, so my love for words was a major factor in my participation. I chose the topic "Independent India @ 75" for my essay. The organization was a great initiative from VESLit's part to spread awareness

about our country's history and current political climate and the PIDPI Resolution!"

### Blow The Whistle

'Blow the Whistle' was a newsroom drama rendition event conducted by the VESLIT Quiz Division in collaboration with the Union Bank of India. The event was held on the 5th of October, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Dr. Pooja Kundu (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences), Dr. Sushil Dhuldhare (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences), Shlok Jagushte(Head, VESLit Circle) and Kaushal Jagasia(Deputy Student Head, VESLit Circle) were present for the event along with members of the Union Bank of India and all the members of the Quiz and Elocution division and the participants.

The event commenced with Aishwarya Krishnamurthy addressing the gathering and briefing the participants about the event. The contestants were then called one by one to deliver their speeches. The participants made many relevant arguments about PIDPI. Many of them also applied virtual backgrounds of a newsroom which made things even more interesting and gave a contemporary and professional look. Halfway through the event, the UBI officials were also called upon to share their thoughts on the topic of PIDPI. They shared many insights from their vast experience which assisted the attendees in the meet to increase their awareness about this particular topic.

Dr. Pooja Kundu (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences) and Dr. Sushil Dhuldhare (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences) presented their insights on the event. Some officials from the Union Bank of India also gave insightful feedback on the event. Kaushal Jagasia (D12C), Deputy Head, VESLit Circle, delivered the Vote of Thanks which brought an end to the event.

Divisha Gupta (D10A) said, "The event was not only informative but also entertaining to watch and participate in. I got to see so many impeccable performances while also trying my hand at news reading in such an enjoyable way. The session overall was good and I look forward to more such events."

Winners:

**1st Position :** Yashraj Mulwani (D7A)

**2nd Position (Tie) :** Divisha Gupta (D10A) & Sumit Jadhav (D14A)



**Winner of 'Blow The Whistle' event: Yashraj Mulwani (D7A)**



**Runner-up the Event (L-R): Divisha Gupta (D10A), Sumit Jadhav (D14A)**



# Educational Loans Made Easy

- Shreya Kukreja

**S**oRT VESIT conducted an online awareness webinar with a view to enlighten the students about Vidya Lakshmi Portal - a portal for the students seeking educational loans at the zoom platform on 2nd October at 10 am. Attendance was mandatory for all the students. The speaker of the event was **Mrs. Deepika Anand (Chief Manager, Bank of India)**.

The event commenced with the host **Soniya Deshmukh (D9B)** greeting everybody present and



**Speaker of the event: Mrs. Deepika Anand (Chief Manager, Bank of India)**

also introducing Mrs. Deepika. Mrs. Deepika started by talking about the Vidya Lakshmi Portal and said that it has been developed under the guidance of the Department of Financial Services (Ministry of Finance), Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Education) and Indian Banks Association (IBA). She also mentioned that 39 banks have registered at the portal and there are 130 loan schemes to choose from.

Mrs. Deepika also answered a plethora of questions regarding the interest rate of loans, the minimum principal amount to get the loan, the benefits of using the portal, the procedure of repayment of the loan, etc. Mrs. Deepika answered all these questions elaborately and was very pleased with the positive response from the attendees. She ended her 30 min speech by providing her contact details in the chat box and asked the students to contact her for any future queries or help.

The webinar concluded with the SoRT Secretary **Rakshita Danee (D15A)** giving a vote of



**SoRT Secretary Rakshita Danee (D15A) giving the vote of thanks**

thanks and expressing her gratitude towards Mrs. Deepika on behalf of the whole college.

In all, the webinar was very beneficial and constructive for the students. Piyush Waghmare (D7A), an attendee of the webinar remarked, "The event was very enlightening and gave a lot of important details about the student loans and I am looking forward to attending more such sessions."

## CULTRATRI '21

**O**n the 9th of October, the Cultural Council organized a hybrid event "CULTRATRI" for the faculty and students to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Navratri. The faculty celebration began at 11 a.m. with Saraswati Vandana, followed by several performances by faculty members. In addition to the seminar hall, the entire session was live-streamed on the Zoom platform for faculty members who were unable to attend in person. The student event began at 11:30 a.m. and was live-streamed on the "Cultural VESIT's" YouTube channel. **Sneha Karthik (D12C)** and **Noel Dason (D10A)** hosted the event.



**Hosts of the event, Noel Dason (D10A) and Sneha Karthik (D12C), having a chat with Yash Raje (D15A) and Rakshita Danee (D15A) during the 'Ambassador' game**

### Reel-Leela:

'Reel-Leela' was one of the events that provided a medium for the students to spread the festive vibes and celebrations on social media through Instagram reels. The participants were allowed to submit any type of content related to Navratri which included dancing, singing, painting, etc. The best reels were displayed on the YouTube Livestream.

### Stand up:

This event induced laughter among the audience as the students put forward their best jokes on the stage. Frivolous jokes and banters were exchanged by the students, which made the audience lighter and freer. **Surya Ganiga (D6AD)** performed standup for the event.



**Surya Ganiga (D6AD) performed a comedy stand-up for the event**

### Ambassador:

The Secretaries of different councils were asked to form a team and showcase their marketing skills based on some images provided to them. They had to either dance, sing or act it out to sell their products. Polls were generated on the YouTube live stream to finalize the winners based on the votes.

### Dank it:

All participants were given templates and had to make memes based on them. They then had to submit their entries for the first elimination round wherein polls were conducted on the official Instagram handle of the Cultural Council. The participants selected for the second round were given another template for the final round. The finalized memes were displayed on the live stream and the audience was asked to vote for their favorite meme via the YouTube polls.

### Candid Charcha:

This event included a fun session with **Himesh Shadiza (D19A)** and college alumnus **Aadi Fernandes (ETRX-2021)** which included discussions on their aspirations, goals, and prior experiences in the college. Also, the viewers sent a few interesting questions through the livestream's chatbox which made the session more engaging

-Gaurang Desai and Jagruti Dhamal



**'Candid Charcha' with Himesh Shadiza (D19A) and college alumnus Aadi Fernandes**

### Performance by the Dance Community:

The VDC (Vesit Dance Crew) performed a splendid dance performance for the event. The dance community of the Cultural Council also performed for the event.



**Dance performance by the Dance Community of Cultural Council**

### Drama Community Performance:

The first-ever Drama Community wrote and performed a dramatic production for all to enjoy. The dramatists dressed up for the numerous college occasions and offered everyone an astonishing and enthralling performance as human forms of the events.

### Music event:

Melodies were struck right on the spot, and the event was concluded on a melodious note by the Indian Classical Community. At the event's conclusion, the



community's singers and instrumentalists delivered an unforgettable performance.

#### CultStudio:

Various games and events like jeopardy, hook-step challenge, karaoke, flames, in-verse, and 'pehchaan kaun' were conducted for the students to enjoy and interact with each other via Zoom meetings. The evening became zestful with these games and the event ended with smiles and laughter with this as the last event.

#### Word Fest:

A few days after Cultratri, a small literature event was arranged named 'Word Fest' for the students on the occasion of 'Vacchan Prerna Divas'. The main objective of this event was to promote a substantial amount of reading among the students. In the Word Fest, there were two literary events:

**Poetry Narration:** Participants were expected to narrate poetry on the topics given to them uniquely with no language barrier.

#### Hot Air Balloon Debate:

Each of the participants had to choose a book and portray it as well as they could. The participants were made to defend their chosen book by debating, and the best ones stayed on the balloon.

The main day event concluded with a melodious singing performance by the Indian Classical Community, and further, the Cultural Secretary thanked the participants for their participation and the teachers for their support.

Ashutosh Mishra (D7C), who attended the event, shared his thoughts by saying, "The enthusiasm for this event was indeed high as we got to celebrate Navratri the "cult" way. I got to see the creativity of our students who were in communities like dance, drama, aesthetics, etc. We had a lot of fun in the CultStudio too. I was joined by some of my classmates in games like Jeopardy and Hook-step, which were fantastic. The efforts made by the council were praiseworthy as usual."



The Indian Classical Community wrapped the gathering on a musical note

## Societies

# 'Desktop Application via Tkinter'

-Tanaya Gaiḡar

Applications make it possible to digitize data. The graphical user interfaces make them user-friendly. To acquaint students with GUIs and applications, ISA-VESIT conducted its 'Desktop Applications using Tkinter' workshop on the 23rd and 24th of October, 2021. The workshop was conducted on Google meet from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. It was conducted by **Hrutika Pakhale** (D13) (Executive Officer at ISA-VESIT), **Rashmi Singh** (D12B) (Web Editor at ISA-VESIT), and **Asmita Bhangare** (D12B) (Web Executive at ISA-VESIT).



Hrutika Pakhale (D13, Executive Officer at ISA-VESIT)

This open for all workshop attracted students from every branch with almost 50 participants present for the workshop over the course of two days. The participants were given prerequisites a day prior. The first day of the workshop commenced with the speakers explaining the basics of Python programming, followed by a quiz about the concepts of python. The first session of day one concluded with insights on the basics of Tkinter. In the second session, the participants were taught about databases and their management using MySQL. By the end of

this session, attendees were given a task to create a GUI for a login and registration page.

The second day of the workshop commenced with creating a project of login and registration authorization. Further, in the first session participants were taught to create and connect a database to the application. In the second session, they were explained how to create a verification page in continuation of the same project. As the session came to an end, the council members gave a gist about APIs and created another project of a live cryptocurrency tracker and the participants were familiarised with various websites for APIs. This two-day workshop concluded by giving the attendees various ideas on how they can implement the concepts learned in the workshop to create their own projects. The workshop was very insightful and was a success due to the enthusiasm and dedication shown by the participants.

C.S. Lakshmi (D8) says, "The sessions were really amazing. We got to learn the basics of Python and Tkinter and how to build desktop applications using them. The workshop was really engaging and interactive and I had fun attending it."



(L-R): Rashmi Singh (D12B, Web Editor at ISA-VESIT) and Asmita Bhangare (D12B, Web Executive at ISA-VESIT)

## LA CASINO by ISTE

-Shreya Kukreja

ISTE VESIT conducted an online event named LA CASINO on 10th October at 2 pm. It was a fun event based on the concept of the renowned show Money Heist. The event took place on the platform of Google Meet and a total of 54 teams participated in it.

Basically the event was a heist where the participants were on a quest which consisted of different stages. Professor, Nairobi, Tokyo, Rio and Denver were the protagonists of the heist. Nairobi, Tokyo, Rio and Denver went inside the Casino whereas the Professor guided them from outside. There were 11 tasks throughout the game and also the participants had a bank balance of 0 at the commencement of the heist.

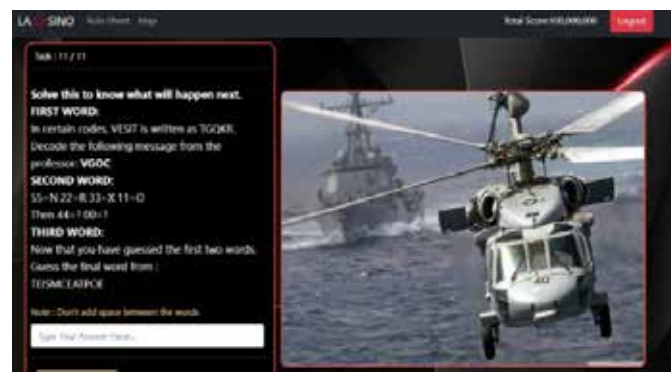
The points system was as follows :

Hint taken - 30% of the current bank balance was deducted.

If solved correctly in,  
1st attempt - 10 million Euros credits  
2nd attempt - 8 million Euros credits  
3rd attempt - 6 million Euros credits  
4th attempt - 4 million Euros credits  
5th attempt - 2 million Euros credits  
6th attempt onwards - 0 credits

2 million euros were deducted from the credit of a particular task on every failed attempt. Unlimited trials were given on 0 credit.

The total time spent in completing the



Glimpse of the heist

heist along with the money earned was taken into consideration while calculating the results. The valedictorians of the heist were :





Winners (L-R): Akhil Chakkungal (D12B), Priyal Agarwal (D12B)

1st runners up (L-R): Mugdha Sholapure (D15A), Manish Khilwani (D12B)

2nd runners up (L-R): Vallari Patil (D10B), Hrishikesh Patil (D7B)

1. Akhil Chakkungal (D12B)  
Priyal Agarwal (D12B)

2. Mugdha Sholapure (D15A)  
Manish Khilwani (D12B)

3. Vallari Patil (D10B)  
Hrishikesh Patil (D7B)
- Vallari Patil (D10B) said, “It was an amazing event, all the tasks were very interesting and thoughtful. Also we were competing against our friends so there was a sense of competitiveness as well. Thoroughly enjoyed it and the event was very well managed by ISTE council.”

**Hrishikesh Patil (D7B)** shared his experience of the event saying, “The event was overall a great and fun experience. The website created was very smooth and interactive which made the experience even more better.”

# 3D Printing Workshop

-Ashutosh Mishra

ISA-VESIT successfully conducted its **3D printing workshop** on the 3rd October 2021 and paved the way for new growth in this field. This workshop was conducted on Google Meet. The first session was held from 10:30 am to 12 pm, and the second one was held from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. 3D printing is an upcoming entry that is actively contributing to the field of technology.

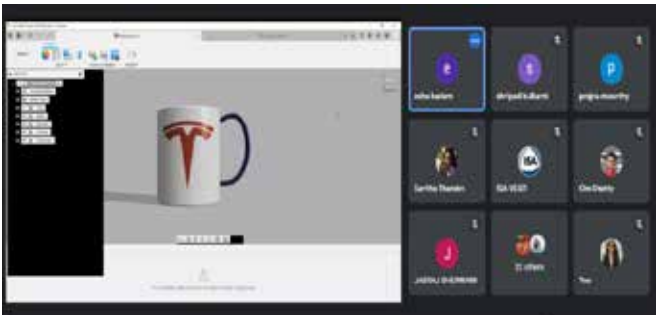


**Nidhi Mundhada (D14B, Jr Editor at ISA VESIT) conducted the first session**

The first session was conducted by **Nidhi Mundhada (D14B)**, Jr. Editor at ISA-VESIT. It commenced with an interactive quiz for the participants followed by a brief introduction about 3D printing and the various opportunities, the methods used and so on. The participants were then given a brief tour of Fusion 360, a software that was used to create the 3D models. They were taught to

make the basic shapes and structures. Apart from this, the participants were also taught to add colours, textures and animations to their structures.

Next, the participants were taught the steps for creating a fidget spinner from scratch. This project was highly enjoyed by all the participants.



**Screenshot of the second session, where the attendees being taught how to create a mug from scratch and also to apply the logo of Tesla**

The second session, conducted by **Esha Kadam (D14B)**, Jr. Public Relations Officer at ISA-VESIT, commenced with the participants being given an insight into Autodesk Fusion 360 and its various other features. The project that the participants worked on during this session was creating a mug from scratch and embossing a logo on it. After this, the session continued with the participants being taught how to use FlashPrint software for using ISA-VESIT’s very own 3D Printer - ‘Flashforge Adventurer 3’ to get their designs printed. They were shown a video recorded by the

council that explained the working of the 3D printer. The workshop concluded with the announcement of a competition for the participants to create their own designs and have them printed on ISA-VESIT’s 3D printer. On the whole, the workshop was a huge success, thanks to the immense participation and enthusiasm of the participants.



**Esha Kadam (D14B, Jr Public Relations Officer at ISA VESIT) conducted the second session**

Aditi Bhatia (D7A) who attended the workshop said, "The workshop was very informative and interesting. It was a nice introduction to Fusion 360 and it motivated me to learn the software and create more designs after the workshop."

Japneet Rajput (D7C), an attendee of the workshop remarked, "It helped me get familiar with how basically the Autodesk fusion works and the working of .stl(STereoLithography) files. It was very informative"

# ‘REST API - Understanding the Internet’ Workshop

-Priyal Singh

A workshop by the name of **REST API-Understanding the Internet** was organized by ISTE-VESIT on the 3rd of October from 2:30-5:00 P.M. on Google Meet. The interested attendees for the workshop had to first register, after which they were added to a WhatsApp group where any doubts faced by the attendees were immediately clarified by the Technical Team of ISTE-VESIT. There was an overwhelming response, with a whooping 165+ students enrolling for this workshop.

Junior Technical Officers of ISTE-VESIT **V**

**Krishnasubramaniam (D15A)** and **Aamir Ansari (D15A)** were the speakers for this workshop. The number of workshop attendees totaled a whopping 160. The prerequisites for the workshop were the installation of Python (version > 3.0) and Postman/Insomnia.

As most of the students were new to the concept of API, **V Krishnasubramaniam (D15A)** began with the basic theory and set up of the environment for project execution and how a RESTful API is an architectural style for an application program interface (API) that uses HTTP requests to access and



**One of the event speakers: V Krishnasubramaniam introducing API**



use data which can be used to GET, PUT, POST and DELETE data types, referring to the reading, updating, creating and deleting of operations concerning resources. He continued the session by speaking about the Architecture of Web Applications and the role APIs play in the functioning of web apps. Furthermore, **Aamir Ansari** (D15A) continued with the demonstration of the Miracles of the Internet. Later, the types of APIs and advantages of APIs were discussed by demonstration and introduction of Flask Framework. To end the session, the attendees were taught to create and host their own API.

V Krishnasubramaniam (D15A) said, "The workshop was conducted to make everyone aware of

the prevalence and benefits of the use of APIs in any application. The creation of a basic REST API using Flask framework or Python was also included as a demonstration."

The managing secretary of ISTE-VESIT **Srushti Jagtap** (D14B) said, "Our Rest API workshop was an excellent kickstart for inquisitive beginners looking to learn about the API and the Internet. It inspired and motivated many participants to learn more about APIs. ISTE-VESIT was extremely pleased to witness the enthusiasm shown by the attendees and later, abided by the feedback given by everyone."



**Workshop Speakers (L-R) V Krishnasubramaniam (D15A), Aamir Ansari (D15A)**

## JAVA Workshop by CSI-VESIT

*-Sherya Kukreja*

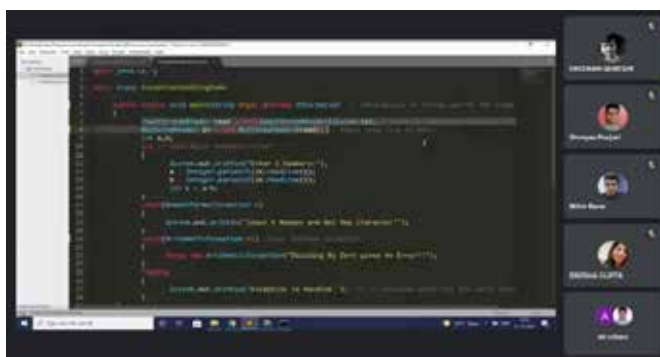
**C**SI-VESIT conducted a **Java Workshop** on 17th October, 2021 which was divided into two sessions. Session 1 from 11am to 1pm and session 2 from 2.30 pm onwards. The workshop was organized by the technical team on Google Meet. The workshop was held to help SE students in their practicals and provide revision lecture for the TEs and BEs.



**Speaker of the first session (L-R): Mihir Rane (D12B) and Mcvean Soans (D14A)**

The first session was conducted by **Mihir Rane** (D12B) and **McVean Soans** (D14A) where they taught the basic concepts of JDK, JRE and the necessities of the Java Programming Language in our daily life. Lessons on data types, functions,

methods, loops and strings were covered. The important topics of OOPS like classes, objects, constructors and packages were highlighted with examples.



**Glimpse of the workshop**

The second session of the workshop was continued by **Shreyas Poojari** (D12B) and **Aniket Dewnani** (D12B) explaining the topics- Abstraction, Arrays, Sorting and exception handling. All the participants were instructed to pre-install a code editor like VScode or BlueJ in their system to coordinate in the workshop. All live codes were also shared with the students simultaneously as the workshop was being conducted and the doubts of



**Speaker of the second session (L-R): Shreyas Poojari (D12B) and Aniket Dewnani (D12B)**

the attendees were also being clarified from time to time during the workshop.

The technical team of CSI ensured that the whole flow of the workshop went according to plan and all members were satisfied with the topics covered. Students were happy with the smooth conduction of the workshop and looked forward to attending more such sessions in the future.

Pratham Angre (D14B) said, "Great session covering all the basics as I have always wanted to get them cleared before starting to learn Java, this workshop came at the perfect time for my prep!!"

## ISTE-VESIT Study Abroad Webinar

*-Atharva Bhoite*

**I**STE(Indian Society for Technical Education)-VESIT organized a webinar, "**Study Abroad**" as a GRE (Graduate Record Examination) Guidance session on 25th September 2021 on the platform of GoToMeeting. The exceptional team of "**Imperial Overseas**" was invited to take up the session and educate students about the entire process.

The main aim of this webinar was to guide students who want to travel to foreign countries in order to pursue their further education and provide all the possible information. The entire course of the examination including curriculum, paper pattern and marking scheme was discussed.

The learned team of speakers consisted of **Mr. Rahul Bhatt**, **Ms. Alisha Chhabra**, and **Mr. Chirag Vasani** who were experienced enough to guide the students and clear all of their doubts effectively. The session was attended by 130+ students who wish to

study abroad for a Master's degree.

Further, various questions regarding the changing streams, finance management and everything about the subjects which will be in demand for the next 10 years were addressed by the "Imperial Overseas" team. The webinar proved to be very useful for the students who wish to get admitted to their dream college in desired countries. It was overall a very great session with an interactive audience.

Isha Gawde (D15A) one of the viewers of the session said, "It was a nice session. I personally was unaware of the options to study abroad. This session really helped me out in that scope. And the session was arranged during such a period that I had enough time to think about my career and get my action plans ready. I genuinely thank ISTE for arranging the session."



**The expert team comprising of (L-R): Mr. Rahul Bhatt, Ms. Alisha Chhabra and Mr. Chirag Vasani, who guided the students on "How to fly high"**



# Be and Beyond (Episode-1)

-Abhiroop Bhattacharjee

**B**E & Beyond is a talk show conducted by ISA-VESIT, which takes the viewers through the journeys of alpha geeks from around the world. During these sessions, they share their vast experience and expertise in the field of technology and science.

The first episode of this talk series premiered on the 10th of October. The guest for the inaugural episode was **Mr Mihir Lele**(INST-2019), who is an esteemed alumnus of VESIT. He is currently pursuing his master's degree from KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden. This interview was conducted by **Gaurav Govilkar** (D13) who is the Executive Officer at ISA-VESIT.

During this interview, **Mr Mihir Lele** spoke on a variety of different topics. First of all, he began by speaking about his transition into the Swedish lifestyle and how different it is from India. Furthermore, he spoke about his industrial

experience which he gained during his tenure as a system engineer at Emerson Automation Solutions for two years.



**Mr. Mihir Lele: The guest speaker for the session and Interviewer: Gaurav Govilkar (D13)**

The speaker then spoke about a Master's degree and how different it is to pursue it as a fresher and as an experienced graduate. He also threw light on the Multilateral program which allows students to divide their Masters into two parts and spend a year at two different universities.

Mr Mihir then shared valuable insights about various competitive exams like GRE, IELTS, TOEFL, etc and how these can open numerous gateways to prospective students to reputed US and European Universities. He also spoke about the various job opportunities one can get after the completion of a Master's degree from such universities. The different kinds of projects which students can undertake in both hardware and software domains were also discussed in brief. He also discussed Embedded Systems and its scope of learning.

The session ended with him reminiscing about his days at VESIT and how it shaped him as an individual. He then shared some very valuable life lessons which surely help the viewers achieve their respective goals. The video was met with positive feedback and currently has 1.2K views on ISA's official youtube channel.

## Let's get fit, India!

-Ashutosh Mishra

**T**he Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering conducted a 'FIT INDIA MARATHON' under the activities of Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav for the staff and students. This event was conducted between 2nd October to 4th October 2021.

The participants had to select a distance like 1km, 2km, etc., and the physical activities they were supposed to do, like running, walking, etc. After this, they had to submit the screenshot of timing on health apps like Strava, Runkeeper, Nike, Endomondo through Google Forms.

"My personal experience was all in all fun and regular activity for me at that time. I enjoyed running and so I did it properly and in under 30 minutes", said Manu Siddharth (D14B), who got a certificate for running 5km in 30 minutes.

Chelsi Prakash (D14B) shared her experience, "It was a good initiative and a fun way to do some exercise during the pandemic."

**Dr. Nadir Charniya** (Professor, Department of Electronics and Telecommunication) shared his experience, "It was a good initiative. It was great that



**Chelsi Prakash (D14B), one of the student participants in the 'FIT INDIA MARATHON'**

the students and staff participated in this marathon, during this pandemic period."



**Dr. Nadir Charniya (Professor, Department of Electronics and Telecommunication), one of the participants in the FIT INDIA MARATHON**

## Workshop on 'Workplace Communication'

**V**ESIT Admission Cell under the guidance of **Dr. J. M. Nair**, Principal, VESIT organized a one day workshop on 'Workplace Communication' for the Non-Teaching Staff on 25 September 2021 at Language Lab. The speakers of the workshop were **Dr. Sushil Dhuldhare** (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences) and **Dr. Pooja Kundu** (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences). Total 48 staff members registered for it.

The workshop commenced with the felicitation of both the speakers by **Mrs. Asma Parveen** (Assistant Professor, Department of Information Technology). The workshop was attended by 27 members and was divided into two sections. The first section was taken by **Dr. Pooja Kundu** on Personality Development and Workplace Etiquettes. She commenced the workshop by asking some thought provoking questions to the audience which made them analyze and realize the importance of having a good and positive personality. She then highlighted how professional dress sense and personal grooming is essential for everyone irrespective of the gender and nature of the profession. The workshop was conducted in a very interactive way and lots of activities were conducted to make it more engaging and interesting.

She then comprehensively explained about verbal and non verbal behaviour through fun filled activities. In verbal communication 7 C's were touched upon to make them understand the communication process with the help of examples. All the non teaching staff thoroughly enjoyed the listening skill activity.



**Session 1 in progress with Dr. Pooja Kundu (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences)**

The second session was taken by **Dr. Sushil Dhuldhare** who explained the process of communication with very concrete and interesting examples. Communication cycle was also taught in

great detail and the importance of clarity in both thought and expression was emphasized to make every communication process successful. Later proxemics, kinesics, chronemics and paralanguage concepts were introduced with the help of examples and activities. The vote of thanks was given by **Mrs. Sai Doble** (Humanities and Applied Sciences Department.)

Huge response was received for the workshop and all the staff members felt that such workshops should be conducted on a regular basis. It was decided that every semester one workshop will be conducted for Non-Teaching Staff.



**2nd Session was taken by Dr. Sushil Dhuldhare (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences)**



# VESIT Voice

October is a month of vibrant festivals and bountiful celebrations starting from Navratri puja the festive mood lingers on till Diwali. VESIT also commemorates the month of October with a variety of cultural and technical events. Let us just take a look at what transpired.

VESIT's EBSB Circle hosted 'Raga Rhythm,' their first event of the year. The Research Forum of VESIT with the MCA Department conducted a workshop on 'Mendeley Reference Manager' and a project exhibition 'Prakalp Pradarshanam' 21 was organised by the MCA Department. To commemorate Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's birth anniversary, the VESIT Library department hosted an e-Quiz. Our students made us proud yet again by securing the role of Graduate Analyst with Barclay's India with the Best dream package of the year. During the month of October, the Computer Engineering department's CodeCell Tinker arranged Hacktoberfest 2021. The Social Responsibility Team (SoRT) organized a Sustainable Outfit Soiree and Vidya Lakshmi Portal awareness webinar. The VESIT Music Council held an event called Musical Misfit 2.0 and an event called Musical Eve in accordance with Navratri. VESIT Circle conducted a Debate Learnshop, a Blow the Whistle newsroom drama rendition event, a Mock Parliamentary Committee, and Documentary Filmmaking. The Cultural Council of VESIT organized a hybrid event 'CULTRATRI' for the faculty and students to celebrate Navratri. ISA-VESIT held a session on 'Desktop Applications Using Tkinter,' a 3D printing workshop, and a BE & Beyond talk show. ISTE VESIT hosted an online event called 'LA CASINO,' as well as a workshop on REST API-Understanding the Internet and a GRE Guidance session on 'Study Abroad.' A Java Workshop was held by CSI-VESIT.

In the diaries section, we have Mr. Sameer Labde (Batch of 1990, CMPN) working currently as the Associate Director at Larsen & Toubro Infotech Ltd. He shares his memories of college days, resume building, COVID-19 impact and much more.

## Musings and Expressions

To get featured in the newsletter send us your creativity expressions, essays, poems, artworks book reviews at [vesit.connect@ves.ac.in](mailto:vesit.connect@ves.ac.in). We now have a student's corner where you can share stories from your life and real-life experiences, anecdotes, any funny incidents. Mail us !



Tanaya Gaikar (D8)

## International Day of the Girl Child

Like every year, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child 2021 on the 11th of October, reaffirming its pledge to promote the progress of girls and safeguard their rights. The theme, this year, is "Digital generation. Our generation". This day also holds importance as it eliminates the gender-based challenges that little girls face around the world, including child marriages, discrimination, violence and poor learning opportunities.

International Day of the Girl Child was first achieved by the Beijing declaration in 1995 at the World Conference on Women in Beijing. It was the first-ever event to have identified the need for addressing issues faced by adolescent girls around the world. International Day of the Girl Child began as a part of the non-government, international organization plan. This campaign was designed to nurture girls, especially in developing countries, to promote their rights and bring them out of poverty.

This day focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights. UNESCO is committed to celebrating this day to ensure that all girls have the access to quality education and a better and dignified life.

Observe this day by actively participating in the theme, making girls around you feel special, sharing a true story on social media, etc. this day is vital as it helps to eliminate deep-rooted gender-biased issues and it empowers girls!

Empowered girls grow up to be empowered women!

#BrightFutureForGirls



Puja Mahankuda (D9B)

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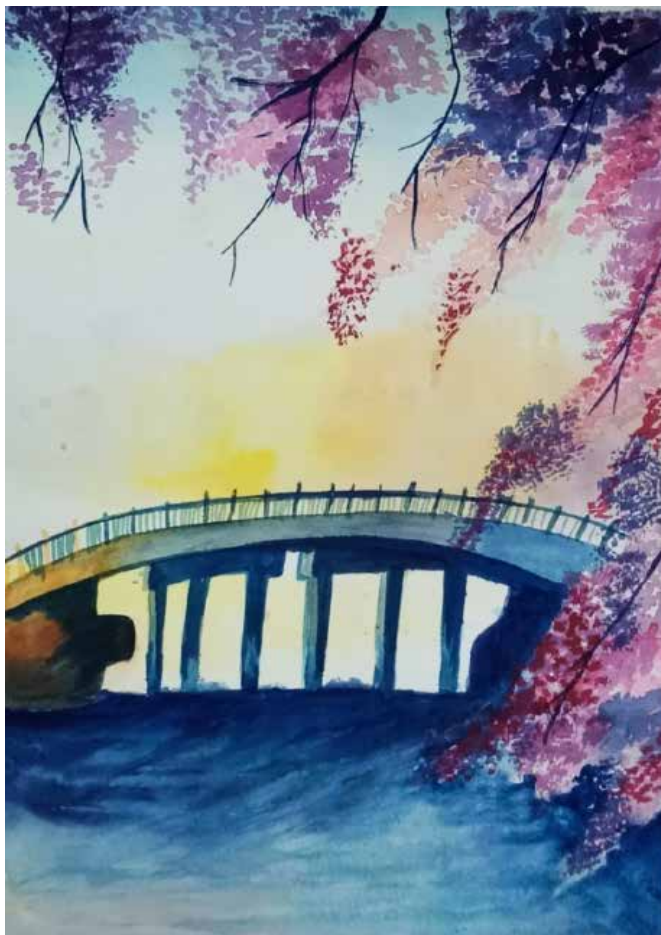
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## My grandparents went viral on the Internet

I absolutely love my grandparents! If there is one person that comes to my mind when asked "who loves you unconditionally?" It's my grandfather, I call him 'Aajoba'. Well, I was actually planning to write an article about my grandparents for the newsletter for quite sometime now, especially since my grandfather and his personality, his quirks and his funny anecdotes has a special fan base among my friends, I find now to be the apt time, more than ever, to write about them because they now have a fan base from ALL OVER THE WORLD! Though I can go on and on about how amazing they are, this is a short story about how they went VIRAL ON THE INTERNET and very deservedly because they are adorable!

Often my friends and I used to notice how similar my grandpa looks to the grandpa from the Pixar movie "UP" and through the years I just kept seeing how cute my grandparents are as a couple and on seeing the movie "UP" i came to know that they are exactly like the couple shown in that! So when the Pandemic happened and everyone was locked into their homes, I decided to do something fun and actually dress them up as grandparents from "UP". I pitched this idea and my adorable grandpa Dinkar Kulkarni, agreed to this in one go!! My grandma Sukirti Kulkarni, was a little hesitant at first. She joked saying "aamhala cartoon banavteys kaa!" which translates to basically if I am dressing them up as cartoons but secretly she was very excited and immediately asked what she would be wearing for the "shoot".

We scheduled the "shoot" for a sunny afternoon in July, it was after my grandparents had lunch and before their nap. I made spectacles, like the animated version, cut out of cardboard, gathered belts from around the house and dressed them up with the help of my sister. They looked so adorable! When they posed for a photo together, they looked incredibly cute and it made my mum, sister and our hearts melt! It was also emotional for us, we were constantly going "awww so cute" every 2 minutes! Initially I shared these pictures only on whatsapp to friends and family and my private instagram but this year I put it on twitter and it went viral!

People from all over the world began sharing it, retweeting it, In one day itself we got 1 lakh 34 thousand likes on twitter, relationship pages started sharing it on instagram 3 Lakh+ Likes there and it was getting shared on multiple facebook pages, whatsapp group. The most heartwarming thing was, strangers from the internet were writing really long messages about how emotional and heart melting this post was, how good they looked and how they wanted a love like theirs. I feel it hooked people because of three things: one, because this was something they were familiar with "UP" movie and second most importantly, they saw the personified version of characters, and their love was "relationship goals" for everyone! And third, it reminded them of their own grandparents. Apart from these, one simple reason was they looked sooo adorable and cute.

When I told my grandparents about the fame they were overjoyed and so happy but I don't think they can truly imagine how viral it went! I couldn't either, My grandma asked "if now someone is going to offer them a movie? Or an advertisement atleast!" Honestly if Pixar is reading this, you know who to cast for grandpa and grandma if they ever adapt it into a movie! Well for me, it feels so special and overwhelming to read all the messages from strangers of the internet sharing stories of their grandparents etc! I feel very glad I took up the creative idea into reality especially after seeing how much joy it brought to the world and it felt nice to be bombarded with so many wholesome notifications. And it goes without saying, it always felt special to be their granddaughter and now I have an additional flex to say my grandparents are celebrities all over the world!"



Last year I dressed "UP" ❤️❤️ my grandparents




Anushka Kulkarni(D14A)




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Inktober is an art challenge that happens in October. Its name comes from two words – October and Ink. Every October, artists all over the world take on the Inktober drawing challenge by doing one ink drawing a day the entire month. Here's a collection of drawings by Janhavi Mulchandi (D12A) done over the month for Inktober based on a different theme each day.



Janhavi Mulchandani (D12A)



# Sports

## Ingenuity ‘21

The VESIT Sports Council inaugurated their first and VESIT's biggest esports event 'INGENUITY' on 14th October 2021. This was aimed to create a battle between the creme-de-la-creme of the VESIT-Sports community. The whole event lasted till 23rd October 2021. The registrations for the event started on 22nd September 2021. This 10-day event was split into 3 audition days, auctions, inauguration, qualifiers 1, qualifiers 2, semi-finals, finals 1, and finals 2.

INGENUITY was an esports event conducted on a large scale that focused on the gaming community of our college. The event was structured in a format where the seniors and juniors of the college had to work together in one team to win all the individual games. The games included in this event were:

- Valorant
- Counter-Strike: Global Offensive (CSGO)
- Call Of Duty Mobile (CODM)
- Rocket League
- BattleGrounds Mobile India (BGMI)



**Leaders of the respective teams (Top-bottom, L-R): Arnabv Bagchi (Liquid), Tanuja Upadhyay (Zeldan Warriors), Avinash Tripathy (Mercator Mortalis), Rutvik Lhase (Defcon One), Praneel Rastogi (Maniacs)**

The entire competition was between five teams who were led by the Leaders chosen from the fourth year and MCA. Each team had its captains for each of the 5 games along with players for the game who were selected through the auctions. The Fourth Year students who wished to become team leaders were asked to fill out a Google Form. Further, the team leaders were selected by the Sports Council through interviews.

Team Names	Leaders
Zeldan Warriors	Tanuja Upadhyay (D18)
Maniacs	Praneel Rastogi (D17C)
Liquid	Arnav Bagchi (D17C)
Mercator Mortalis	Avinash Tripathy (D19B)
Defcon One	Rutvik Lhase (MCA2B)

The captains for each of the games in the teams were:

**Team Defcon One-** Tabish Khan (MCA3A, BGMI), Sarthak Adhangale (D9A, CODM), Ambar Kambli (MCA3A, CSGO), Jai Rohra (D15B, Rocket League), Mukulshankar Menon (MCA2B, Valorant).

**Team Maniacs-** Sairaj Vatkar (D9B, BGMI), Bhoomi

Gupta (D9B, CODM), Keshav Parpyani (D15A, CSGO), Sparsh Amarnani (D17C, Rocket League), Atharva Sawant (D15B, Valorant).

**Team Zeldan Warriors-** Aaryan Swami (D15B, BGMI), Gaurav Patil (D18, CODM), Shivam Singh (D15B, CSGO), Abrar Khan (D18, Rocket League), Manas Maskar (D16B, Valorant).

**Team Liquid-** Milind Sawant (D9A, BGMI), Khushi Makhijani (D17C, CODM), Chinmay Thakur (D15B, CSGO), Atharva Petkar (D9B, Rocket League), Vineet Bhole (D11B, Valorant).

**Team Mercator Mortalis-** Vishal Prajapati (D19A, BGMI), Siddhesh Shetty (D9B, CODM), Bhavesh Meghwani (D12C, CSGO), Prithvi Kumar (D12A, Rocket League), Siddharth Rawlani (D10A, Valorant).

Several stages and prerequisites of the event such as auditions and auctions were completed in the weeks before the inauguration ceremony.

**Day 1 to 3: Auditions**

The registered students went through an audition process for their respective choice of game. The auditions for Valorant were held on 29th September 2021, BGMI on 30th September, and for CS:GO, Rocket league, and CODM was on 1st October 2021. All of these auditions started at 4 pm. The auditions were met with a lot of participants for all the games which made a great kick start to the event. The gameplay of all the players was spectated by the team leaders and individual game captains.

Sarvesh Patil (D10A) shared his experience and said, “Ingenuity's auditions were conducted very smoothly by the management. Timewise Slots were allocated to the players and matches were conducted based on the schedule. Also, the instructions were conveyed to the players beforehand and that's why the auditions had a great response.”

**Day 4: Auctions**

After the auditions, participants were anticipating which player was going to get sold and who are going to be the final team members. The auctions were held on 7th October 2021, from 5 pm onwards, and were streamed live on VESIT Student Council's YouTube channel.

The team leaders bid for the players in individual games based on their skills displayed during the auditions. The best players were taken for the highest prices and respective teams were formed. The teams of CS:GO and Rocket League comprised 4 players while those of BGMI, Valorant, and CODM included 5 players.

**Day 5: Inauguration Ceremony**

The inauguration ceremony commenced on 14th October 2021, 5 pm onwards, and was hosted by **Janhavi Khanvilkar** (D6AD) and **Figo Cardozo** (D7A). The inauguration ceremony included speeches from all the team leaders and how they plan to win the games.

The first leader to be called on the stage was Praneel Rastogi (D17C), the leader of the team 'Maniacs'. Next, Avinash Tripathy (D19B), the leader of Team Mercator Mortalis was called upon

*-Atharva Bhoite, Divisha Gupta, Gaurang Desai, Ashutosh Mishra*



**(L-R): Janhavi Khanvilkar (D6AD), Figo Cardozo (D7A) hosted the inauguration of the event**

to introduce himself and the captains of his team. Similarly, the leader of teams 'Liquid' and 'Defcon One' , Arnav Bagchi (D17C) and Rutvik Lhase (MCA2B) respectively introduced themselves and their captains. Finally, the team Zeldan Warriors was introduced by their captain of the Valorant game, Manas Maskar (D16B) on behalf of the team leader, Tanuja Upadhyay (D18).

**Mrs. Kajal Jewani** (Assistant Professor, Department of Information Technology) and **Dr. Ramesh Solanki** (Assistant Professor, Department of Master of Computer Applications) were invited to speak a few words as the faculty in-charges of the sports council. Sports secretary **Aaditya Moykhede** (D15A) addressed the viewers and started the event by giving his best wishes to every team.

Further, Janhavi and Figo asked the leaders some fun questions which helped the audience understand the leaders better. At the end of the day, information about the streaming platforms and upcoming advancements was provided after which the hosts bid the audience a farewell.



**Staff In-Charges (L-R): Mrs. Kajal Jewani (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Engineering), Mr Mahesh Singh (Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Applied Sciences), Dr Ramesh Solanki (Assistant Professor, Department of Master of Computer Applications)**



**Aaditya Moykhede (D15A, Sports secretary) addressed the viewers**



The structure for each of the games for the further stages was as follows:

**Valorant:**

Valorant was played between the 5 teams. The type of tournament was an unranked custom lobby during the league stage as well as qualifiers.

**Counter-Strike: Global Offensive (CSGO):**

CS:GO was played in a short competitive format of 16 rounds between the 5 teams. The team with the least points was eliminated and the remaining 4 teams entered the knockout stage called ‘Qualifiers’. The ‘Qualifiers’ round was also played in the same format as the previous one. The game map was selected by toss and one map was banned by the two teams playing, and in the third round, a random map was selected by the council.

**Call of Duty Mobile (CODM):**

The type of tournament for CODM was ‘TDM’ (Team Death Match) in the league stage and it was ‘Search and Destroy’ (Best of 3) in the Qualifier stages. Team Defcon One was knocked out on the league stage.

**BattleGrounds Mobile India (BGMI):**

The types of tournaments for BGMI were TDM (Team DeathMatch), Domination, and Classic Match. During the league, the team with the least points was eliminated and the rest of the four entered the qualifiers. Qualifiers were played in Domination (Best of 3) where both the maps were selected by the council. The qualifiers and the finals were conducted in the format Domination (Best of 3) and TDM (Best of 3).

**Rocket League:**

The type of tournament for Rocket League was 3 vs. 3 during the league in which the team with the least points was eliminated and the rest of the four entered the knockout stage (Qualifiers). Qualifiers and finals were also played in 3 vs. 3 formats (Best of 3).

**Day 6 and Day 7: Qualifiers 1 & 2**

Round 1 of Qualifiers was held on 19th October 2021. The audience got to see a riveting fight among all the competitors. All of the teams were geared up to start the competition with great spirit. Round 2 of Qualifiers was held on 20th October 2021. While the audience kept their fingers crossed, all the teams gave their best performances.

Siddesh Shetty (D9B), the captain of team Mercator Mortalis, "It was overall fun. We had fun and it was extremely competitive at the same time. We made strategies and built our synergy after each match we played. I would like to participate in more such events."

**Day 8: Semi-finals**

The Semi-Finals took place on 21st October 2021. The supporters cheered for their best teams while the teams for a chance to play in the finals. At the end of



Screenshot of the match of CSGO along with commentators (L-R): Yash Sarang (D6AD) and Varad Rane (D16B)

the day, the teams qualified for the finals were-

- CSGO: Zeldan Warriors vs. Defcon One
- Valorant: Liquid vs. Defcon One
- Rocket League: Zeldan Warriors vs. Mercator Mortalis
- CODM: Liquid vs. Zeldan Warriors
- BGMI: Zeldan Warriors vs. Maniacs

**Day 9: Finals Day 1**

The first day of the Grand Finale took place on 22nd October 2021. The games played were CS:GO and Valorant. There was massive support from the audience for all the qualified teams viz. Team Zeldan Warriors, Team Liquid and Team Defcon One. This made the finale more interesting as the audience was eager to know the winners.

The first day of finals came to an end with Team Liquid winning Valorant and Team Defcon One being the Runners-up. Subsequently, Team Zeldan Warriors won CSGO and Team Defcon One became the Runners-up.

Vineet Bhole (D11B) shared his experience about the event. He said, "I truly enjoyed the event as it was very nicely conducted with proper management of games. The team-based format was awesome as everyone wanted to win their respective game for the ultimate prize. Looking forward to such fun events in the future."

Shivam Singh (D15B), the captain of Zeldan Warriors, shared his experience "It was amazing, to say the least. The whole team was very supportive and helped me to play up to my potential which led me to win the MVP of CS:GO as well as the captain of the team which won the CS:GO tournament."

**Day 10: Finals day 2**

The second day of the grand finale took place on 23rd October 2021. The games played were Rocket League, CODM and BGMI. The second and last day of the finals came to an end with Team Liquid winning Valorant and Team Defcon One being the Runners-up. Subsequently, Team Zeldan Warriors won CS:GO and Team Defcon One became the Runners-up.

The closing ceremony was hosted by Aaditya Moykhede (D15A) and Janhavi Mhatre (D15A) who introduced all the team leaders to the audience. Beginning with team 'Liquid', the leader of every team shared their experience with the audience of being a team leader in a tournament as large as this one. The results of individual events were declared and the winning leader and the captain were called upon to speak about their experiences. Further, the winner of the tournament was declared. Team Liquid stole the show by winning almost every event and finally the tournament. Further, Team Defcon One and Team Zeldan Warriors stood at the second and third positions of the tournament respectively.

The winning team of the tournament (Team Liquid) was awarded the cash prize of Rs. 4000, whereas the teams in the second (Team Defcon One) and third (Team Zeldan Warriors) positions were awarded Rs. 2000 and Rs. 1000 respectively. Also, the MVPs of each of the five games received Rs. 250.

Sarthak Adhangale (D9A) shared his experience of the tournament by saying, "Many students from our college got a platform to showcase their online gaming skills. Also, this event was very much unique as this event comprised everything from player auctions to the closing ceremony. Huge credits to the leaders as well for selecting the perfect captains for 5 different games and creating the best

team possible through the auction. Overall it was an amazing event and I hope such events keep on happening in our college."

Atharva Petkar (D9B), the captain of Team Liquid said, "I have been playing Rocket League for a while now, and have also participated in some tournaments. Competing in the tournament was an exhilarating experience for me. Our Rivals were amazing and I also learned different gameplay tactics from them. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed my stint as the Rocket League captain of my team!"

The winners of the event were:

Event	Winner	Runner-up
CS:GO	Liquid	Defcon One
Valorant	Zeldan Warriors	Defcon One
Rocket League	Mercator Mortalis	Zeldan Warriors
BGMI	Zeldan Warriors	Maniacs
CODM	Liquid	Zeldan Warriors



(L-R) (T-B): Winner of the tournament, Team Liquid- Arnav Bagchi (D17C, Leader of team Liquid), Vineet Bhole (D11B, Valorant captain), Chinmay Thakur (D15B, CS:GO captain), Atharva Petkar (D9B, Rocket League captain), Khushi Makhijani (D17C, CODM captain), Milind Sawant (D9A, BGMI captain)



(L-R) (T-B): Runners up of the tournament, team Defcon One- Rutvik Lhase (MCA2B, leader of team Defcon One), Mukulshankar Menon (MCA2B), Ambar Kambli (MCA3A, CS:GO captain), Sparsh Amarnani (D17C, Rocket League captain), Sarthak Adhangale (D9A, CODM captain), Tabish Khan (MCA3A, BGMI captain)



# VESIT Diaries

-Vishakha Kulkarni

**W**e have **Mr. Sameer Labde** in conversation with us for the October issue. He graduated from the Department of Computer Engineering in 1990 and is currently the Associate Director at Larsen & Toubro Infotech Ltd. Here he talks about his college days, resume building, COVID '19 impact and lots more.

## Tell us something about your college life at VESIT.

Life at VESIT was pretty much disciplined like in school when compared to other engineering colleges and though it was difficult to digest at first, we eventually saw the value and loved the journey at VESIT.

## What was the most memorable moment at VESIT?

It is difficult to point out just a single such moment at VESIT. There have been many memorable moments, tense moments when results were out, fun moments in the canteen, long hours in the library, attending the college festivals and many more.

## Which extra-curricular and co-curricular activities were you involved in?

I was a member of the CSI chapter for the college and wrote some articles for the college CSI magazine. I also actively participated in our college festival and sports events.

## Tell us something about your professional life after VESIT.

I started as an AS/400 programmer and then got into Oracle JD Edwards ERP. I have continued with the same product line for 24 years now.

## Where are you currently working? Can you brief us about your projects?

I am currently working as an Associate-Director at LTI(Larsen & Toubro Infotech). I have worked in different capacities during my career starting as a Developer, Solution Architect, Project Manager, Development Factory Manager, Tech Support Manager on a range of JD Edwards projects involving Upgrades, Implementation and Support.

## Any skills that students should hone apart from academics to prepare better for the corporate

## world?

College Academics focuses on the technical aspects of the work. So when the engineering trainees join an organization they lack the business context of the work. The managers find it difficult at times to make the trainees understand why they are doing a particular task, its impact on business, and how they can do it better.

So it will really help if the students get to do a proper internship at an organization where they get a flavour of the real issues encountered by the project teams and are better prepared when they join a Company.

## What does a 'busy day' in your life look like, and what does a 'relaxed day' look like? What hobbies do you pursue in your free time?

The start of the day generally depends on the geography you are serving. If your customer is in America or Europe, then the day starts at around 11 am and ends many times by 10 or 11 pm. If the customer is from the far east like Australia, Japan, etc. the day may start at 7 am or a few days earlier than that.

Most of the day say 60% or more is packed with meetings. When planning your day you should always keep an hour or two aside for unplanned activities/events that will come your way.

Relaxed days are obviously the weekends (provided there is no looming deadline :)) and like most of you, I spend time relaxing with family. I catch up on exercise/gymin that I missed during weekdays, meeting friends, and listening to music.

## COVID-19 brought the entire world to a standstill, how was your experience working through the pandemic?

The IT industry was the least hit among all the industries when it comes to COVID '19. Our remote working via VPN ensured that there was no disruption to Service. Projects that needed onsite presence at client locations were managed by working from home with better planning, forecasting and smooth coordination using collaborative tools such as Microsoft Teams. In some cases, the entire project was delivered from offshore without going to the client location (although with a little extended



Mr. Sameer Labde

timeline). Working from offshore (India base) also helped customers save money on projects. All in all - the IT industry survived COVID '19 well.

## What are the expectations of the recruiters from the students? How should one build their resume?

The technology trends in IT are changing every day. It is expected that the candidates are abreast with these trends and their application in the industry. Problem-solving attitude, leadership skills, innovation should reflect in the resumes in the form of projects done throughout the academic career.

## Your message to the new generation at VESIT!

Develop good friendships along your academic journey. Remember every friend counts. Stay well networked, develop leadership skills. You will not be able to master everything, learn to see the good in every person as every person has his strengths and weaknesses and it is this skill that will help you in building great teams.

How much ever the pressure may be - always remember your health and family come first - and then your work. In an attempt to reach perfection and excellence, most of us will sideline these 2 solid rocks of life - Health & Family. But remember happiness is not a destination, but it is part of your journey. So Balance your work and life well!!!

*"We think, mistakenly, that success is the result of the amount of time we put in at work, instead of the quality of time we put in."*

- Arianna Huffington