VESIT Connect

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VESIT Professor Receives Letter of Appreciation from the Police Commissioner

-Akshara Sarfare

Congratulations to Prof. Parmeshwar Birajdar for receiving a letter of appreciation from the commissioner of Maharashtra Cyber Shri. Brijesh Singh, for his technical contributions towards the dream project, Automated Multimodal Biometric System (AMBIS), of Govt. of Cyber Maharashtra. Maharashtra Cyber extended appreciation for massive and continuous support provided by our professor during the implementation of AMBIS project.

AMBIS project is complex & widely spread across entire Maharashtra state, from data centre to client side hardware and software. It was decided and developed with consultation of Prof. Parmeshwar Birajdar with his expert knowledge and skill. The technical glitches and advance ideas shared by our professor resulted in the successful implementation of the project.The successful operationalization of AMBIS across Maharashtra was possible with the time and effort and the insights that Prof. Parmeshwar shared with Maharashtra Cyber.

Prarambh'19

-Sristi Kushwaha & Tanvi Shetty

On 30th August 2019, our very own Cultural Council organized their first cultural event for the year 2019-2020 called "Prarambh" for the F.E's. This event marked the beginning of their exhilarating journey of engineering. The theme for this year's Freshers' event aka Prarambh'19 was 'YOUTHOPIA'.

Some of the events of Prarambh'19 took place a week prior to the main event day which included Meme Challenge, Spoof it, Poster Making, Collage Making & Graffiti. The first pre-event was the Meme challenge which had 3 rounds where each class had to submit memes and the winners of each round were to be selected through polls on the Instagram account of the Cultural Council. After a neck to neck competition between D4A & D4B in the final-round, D4A prevailed this challenge by winning everyone's heart with their ingenious yet funny memes. D2C was the winner of Spoof-it with D5A being a close runner up by presenting their innovative parody videos.

For Graffiti making, each class was given different parts of the word "PRARAMBH'19" to paint, in which D3 came first and D4A were the runner-ups by making the most promising graffiti out of all the classes. D2C secured the first position and D5B the second position in the Poster making by putting together amazing youth-centric posters. Collage was won by D2A with D3 being the runner-ups, where each class had to make creative photo collages of their class keeping the theme 'YOUTHOPIA' in mind.

On the main event day, the first event organised was Scavenger hunt at 8:30 am in which D2C (Sohan Walawankar & team) were crowned the winners and D4A (Niraj Wadile & team) the runner-ups. Simultaneously Wordsworth was conducted which was a fun game for all the logomaniacs where a team of five from each class had to make words out of a given word in 3 rounds with different twists, in this D5A were the winners and D5B were the runner-ups.

All the First-year students were to assemble in the amphitheatre for the main on-stage events at 10:30 am. The lighting of the lamp was done by Prof. Vivek Umrikar and Prof. Naveeta Kant which embarked the Prarambh' 19. Each class was allotted a particular colour code which they had to follow and as they were sitting according to their classes, they looked rich and vibrant swatches of fresh colours gathered together. The Aesthetics team did a stupendous job by adorning the Amphi-theatre with their creative photo booths, placards, posters, etc.

The first onstage event was Artists Assemble, wherein students from all classes displayed their varied talents including dancing, singing, drama, etc. Yogesh Khatri (D2A) and Sahana Shetty (D5A) were the winners of this event as one enacted an exceptional mono-act and the other demonstrated elegant and intricate mudras of classical dancing through her enigmatic performance. Raghuttam (D5B) & Aditya and Saksham (D1) were the runners-up of Artist Assemble. The next event of the day was the "Ms and Mr Fresher" competition hosted by Rahul Ghorpade, Harish Muthalagan and Atharva Gupte. The Mr Fresher title was awarded to Gaurav Govilkar (D3) and the Ms Fresher title was given to Sneha Karthik (D2C). There are a total of 4 rounds which they had to overcome, and they were Rapid fire round, Question and Answer round, Talent

Gaurav Govilkar (D3) and Sneha Kartik (D2C) won Mr. and Miss Fresher 2019 titles

round & Challenge round.

Later the first-year students performed breathtaking dance performances in the dance competition. D4A won everyone's heart as well as the 1st prize with their clean and classy moves. This dancing spectacle was brought to an end by none other than our very

VESIT Dance Crew performing at Prarambh

own, VESIT DANCE CREW with their astounding and extravagant dance performance.
The finale to the festivities was when the prize distribution started, and D2C received the title of 'Best Class' after gracefully surpassing all the challenges and competetions. Lastly the audience clapped and cheered for the Cultural Council as they did an amazing job and made it a successful event.

MCA:

MCA freshers' was organized on the 31st August with an enchanting theme 'Arabian Nights'.

As every event is incomplete without remembering God, this auspicious day began with the lamp lighting ceremony which was done by Prof. Nishi Tiku and Prof. Mona Deshmukh at 11:30 am. The crowd, filled with enthusiasm and zest, was eagerly waiting for their very first event in this college to begin. Jinang Vora, Vishal Bhandari and Shraddha Bichare were the main hosts of the event and they managed to captivate the audience with their one-liners and comic timing. The fillers played a game with a set of MCA FE's wherein they had to perform a task in order to acquire the collectables possessed by the audience members. The seniors gave these juniors task wherein they had dance and ramp walk on stage. The Seniors presented graceful dance performances and mellifluous musical numbers performed by Akshat U, Mehul Tuteja and Tarandeep Saini. Shortly after this, the most anticipated event of the day began "Mr and Ms Fresher's". The participants were chosen based on a personality test which was conducted before the event day. Pranav Chaudhary (MCA 1A) and Tania Mahata (MCA 1M) were announced as the winners by previous winners after dodging all the curveballs thrown by the judges.

IIC Receives 4 Star Rating

-Sreevidya Iyer

Institute Innovation Council (IIC) Vesit has been awarded 4 Golden Star Rating for the academic year 2018-19. Out of 159 colleges in Maharashtra Goa Region with IIC, 22 Institutes have received 4 Stars. Institute Innovation Cell (IIC) was established to encourage the development of innovative minds amongst students and societies. In lieu of this honour, VESIT Connect brings you, the events conducted by IIC-Vesit since its inauguration.

Ophthalmology with Engineering: Speaker: Padma Shri Dr. S. Natarajan (Managing Trustee Aditya Jyot Foundation for Twinkle Little Eyes, Mumbai) On 15th July 2019, a session on Ophthalmology with Engineering by was organized at VESIT auditorium under VESIT- Institutes' Innovation Council from 10.30 am to 12 00 pm, wherein students from third year and faculty attended the session. Dr. Natarajan has been conferred with Padma Shri for his contribution to Diabetic eye retinopathy. He spoke about his projects on eye retina diagnosis using computers and mobile Apps. He said that he is working on the use of mobile phones for diagnosis of heart diseases by imaging the retina. Finally he shared some applications of neural networks and artificial intelligence in the medical field. Machine Learning and Healthcare: Speaker: Dr. Rich Fletcher (Research Scientist, MIT).

On 8th August 2019, a session on Machine Learning in Healthcare was organized at VESIT auditorium under VESIT- Institute Innovation Council from 2 pm to 4 pm, where faculty and students, mainly from the third year, attended the session. The entire session was divided into 2 parts- In the first part Dr. Fletcher spoke about his journey of how he came into the healthcare. He is a scientist in MIT and Assistant Professor in UMASS Medical School. He spoke about his application area which mainly focuses on diagnostics and theoretical science. Dr. Fletcher then elaborated on the main projects that he has done which included an Anemia Assessment Application to measure the level of hemoglobin based on a scale and then he improve it to make it augmented into reality diagnostics. These and many other projects were done under the Fletcher Labs.

Inauguration of VESIT Aditya Jyot Eye Innovation Centre: On 21st August 2019, inauguration VESIT Aditya Jyot Eye Innovation Centre was organized at VESIT auditorium under VESIT- Institutes Innovation Council from 11 am to 1 pm, wherein students and faculty members attended the session. The founder of Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital, Dr. Natarajan and VESIT's Managing Trustee, Shri. B. L. Boolani were the Chief Guests for the session. The session was attended by Dr. Radhika Krishan, CEO of Aditya Jyot Foundation, Dr. Prakash Lulla, Trustee and VESIT Alumni Association's President Mr. Vijay Talreja.

The session started with our Principal, Dr. J. M. Nair welcoming the audience. Our Chief Guest Shri. B. L. Boolani, then, shared his experience in the field to medicine and healthcare. This was then followed by MoU signing of VESIT Aditya Jyot Eye Innovation Centre. Then a presentation was given by Dr. Natarajan on various projects that they are going to work with VESIT. These projects include various methods to detect eye diseases using Artificial Intelligence and Image Processing.

On 21 September, Mr. Rakesh Barai, Tech Lead at Tyre Express, gave a motivational speech in an event, "My Story - Innovator's Life and Crossroads', conducted by IIC. Mr. Barai is an Alumnus of VESIT. He completed his M.E in Instrumentation from VESIT. He has two patents to his credit, one of which is his own product, which has been installed on tyres of trucks, tractors and similar heavy vehicles.

L to R: Dr. S Natarajan, our trustee Shri B.L Boolani and our Principal, Dr. J.M Nair during Inauguration of VESIT Aditya Jyot Eye Innovation Centre

Working as a technical lead with Tyre Express, which concentrates on IOT based Tyre management systems for commercial vehicle and OTR segment (PORT, MINES). Mr. Barai, managed setting up the complete hardware and some part of software platform for the entire product and developing an algorithm for the gateway device. He is responsible for bringing the product from ideation stage to physical existence of product, considering the cost effective solution, easy to source relevant components and hassle free manufacturing process with Life cycle management of product.

Sr. No	Title of Event	Resource Person
1	Talk on Ophthalmology with Engineering, 15th July 2019 IIC	Padmashree Dr. S. Natarajan, Managing Trustee Aditya Jyot Foundation for Twinkle Little Eyes, Mumbai
2	Intelligent systems and AI, 2nd August (Research Forum CMPN)	Mr. Devesh Rajadhyax and Dr. Ketan Bahulkar Research division Cerelabs, Mumbai
3	Machine Learning and Healthcare, 8th , August 2019	Dr. Rich Fletcher, Research Scientist, MIT, Design Labs
4	Inauguration of VESIT Aditya Jyot Eye Innovation Centre and talk by 21st Aug 2019	Padmashree Dr. S. Natarajan, Managing Trustee Aditya Jyot Foundation for Twinkle Little Eyes, Mumbai
5	India's First Leadership talk (online MHRD Innovation Cell New Delhi) 22nd Aug.2019	Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal, HRD Minister
6	My Story - Innovator's Life & Crossroad Motivational Speech, 21st September	Shri Rakesh Barai, Tech Lead, Tyre Express, Mumbai
7	A 30 hour hackathon titled VESIT HACKs by VESIT E-Cell, 22nd and 23rd Sept 2019	Mr. Amit Singh, Asst Prof. VESIT IT Dept
8	Latex For Beginners, 25th Sept. 2019 (Research Forum INST)	Dr. Parmeshwar Birajdar, Assistant Professor, VESIT

Beach Cleanup Drive Organised For TE Students

-Atique Kudchi

The winds were calm, the sky was serene and the waves were smooth on Sunday, the 25th of August, as a total of 77 students gathered on Dadar Beach at 9 AM sharp. They were all dressed in black clothes as part of the dress code, and they were all TE students from VESIT. They had gone out of their way to get up early on the weekend and travel long distances for one common objective: Cleanliness.

This Beach Cleanup Drive was initiated by Dr. Pooja Kundu and Dr. Sushil Duldhar. They reached out to Mr. Sreedhar, who is not only a VESIT Alumnus but also the founder of WeChange, a reputed NGO. Mr. Sreedhar suggested that they join hands with Jay Foundation, and thus the event came into being. The volunteers from WeChange present were Mr. Kabir Sachdev, another VESIT Alumnus from Instrumentation and Ms. Khyati. The students were also joined by Mr. Jay Shrirangpure, who is the founder of Jay Foundation, a businessman and a local resident, and had personally "adopted" Dadar beach and vowed to do his best to keep it clean. He had collaborated and conducted a lot of Drives previously and has a lot of experience. The other faculties present were Mr. Vivek Umrikar (HOD, H&S Department), Dr. Pooja Kundu, Dr. Sushil Duldhar and Mr. Vijay Shejwalkar.

The students were asked to divide themselves into groups of five, and were given rubber gloves to wear and baskets to collect the garbage. They had been specially instructed to only collect plastic waste which does not decompose, and also cause a lot of harm to marine life. The students then had a great time collecting the garbage, as they made merry and enjoyed themselves too, under the amazing weather. The occasional short drizzles helped keep them cool.

"The major motive behind this drive was to make Third Year BCE students aware of the contemporary issues our society is facing today. Rather than having GDs and debates, we believe in action and giving firsthand experience to students, so that they will become better and more conscious citizens. It was a joint effort for saying no to plastic and encouraging proper disposal." said Dr. Pooja Kundu.

This was followed with another drive where some plastic waste was collected from the students and faculty, for which separate arrangements were made and it was sent for recycling. According to the report, a total of 50kg of garbage was collected in this drive which lasted till 12:30 pm on that day. Soon enough, the teachers rounded up all the students and a short photo session followed, where everyone had jubilant expressions on their faces. Everyone clapped for themselves and each other for taking part in this different, but fulfilling and satisfying event. The teachers distributed sweets to everyone, and made sure that all the students left for home.

Approximately 50 Kgs of Plastic waste was collected over the course of the Drive.

Students of D12B with Dr. Pooja Kundu

L to R: Mr. Vijay Shejwalkar, Dr. Sushil Duldhar, Mr. Vivek Umrikar, Dr. Pooja Kundu, Mr. Jay Shrirangpure and Mr. Kabir Sachdev at the Cleanup Drive

The entire Team from VESIT along with Mr. Jay Shrirangpure

Cleanliness and order are not matters of instinct; they are matters of education, and like most great things, you must cultivate a taste for them.

-Benjamin Disraeli

Students Excel at IIM-Indore's Management Fest

-Atharva Gupte

With VESITians shining through in various technical competitions, few also made sure that they brought in the same glamour when it came to the fields of business strategies, marketing, finance, and human resources. A contingent of six students including Adith Nair, Yajnesh Shetty, Aishwarya Patange, Atique Kudchi, C.V Ananya and Atharva Gupte participated in Atharv'19, IIM-Indore's Management and Cultural fest which was held from 6th September 2019 to 8th September 2019 in the beautiful campus of IIM-I.

The contingent was qualified for several events on campus by qualifying the preliminary online quiz rounds. A few of the events for which they had qualified include Avant-Garde, the flagship event of Atharv'19 which was a start-up pitching event, Finoply, a finance-based simulation event where participants had to invest stocks in companies, Vendition Vendetta, the marketing event where participants

need to formulate marketing and sales strategies, Khoj, a journalism based event, Headhunter ,which tested the skills required in HR,Clash of Cults which was a pop culture quiz,Soch was a creativity-based article writing event,Devil's Advocate which was an event based on a mock constitution and hypothetical scenarios and Chaitanya where participating teams displayed leadership skills.

"I have been to many intercollege events, but this was my first time in an IIM, and it was truly enthralling. Our team was a finalist in two of the events. This was an amazing experience for us as we got to learn a lot from each and every event. The judges were particularly insightful and profound in the knowledge of the subjects and their judgment as well", said Adith Nair

Here are the teams and results of the competitions they took part in.

The Entire VESIT Contingent in IIM Indore
From the top, L to R: Atharva Gupte (D14A), Yajnesh Shetty (D14B), Adith Nair (D14B)
Bottom: Atique Kudchi (D11A), C.V Ananya (D14A), Aishwarya Patange (D14B)

Team	Event Name	Result
C.V Ananya, Atharva Gupte, and Atique Kudchi	Khoj, The Journalism Event	2nd runners up
C.V Ananya, Atharva Gupte, and Atique Kudchi	Avant-Garde, The Startup Pitch Event	Top 6 teams
Adith Nair and Yajnesh Shetty	Finoply, The Finance Event	Top 4 teams
Adith Nair and Aishwarya Patange	Clash of Cults, The Pop Culture Quiz	Top 8 teams
Adith Nair, Yajnesh Shetty, and Aishwarya Patange	Chaitanya, The Leadership Event	Top 12 teams
Adith Nair and Yajnesh Shetty	Headhunter, The HR Event	Top 6 teams
C.V Ananya, Atharva Gupte, and Atique Kudchi	Vendition Vendetta, The Marketing Event	Top 16 qualifying teams
Aishwarya Patange and C.V Ananya	Devil's Advocate, The Mock Constitution Event	Top 16 qualifying teams

CONNECT- ing to The Industry with VERTIV India

-Yash Keskar

VESIT in collaboration with VERTIV INDIA organised an Industry interaction event for the students of Instrumentation, Electronics and Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Department on the 29th of August 2019. The day long event comprised of three sessions sessions followed by a fun activity for the students at the end.

The session began with our Principal, Dr. J.M Nair welcoming everyone followed by a short speech by Shri B.L. Boolani, the V.E.S Trustee. The first speaker of the day, Mr. Sunil Khanna, Managing Director of VERTIV INDIA, addressed the gathering on Industry India Interface. He motivated the students about the changes that needed to be introduced into the education system and the dire need for students to cultivate courage and to be able to think differently. This was followed be an inspirational speech by the Chief Guest, Mr Salil Dalal, Chief Operating Officer Pidilite Industries Ltd. Mr Dalal had been given the title of being India's Hottest Business Leader "40 under 40" category by Economic Times. While addressing the students, he was optimistic about the future and stressed on how India has the poten-

tial to reach greater heights if we as individuals are better contributors to society. The inaugural event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Jayashree Ramakrishnan, Assistant Professor, Department of Instrumentation..

The second session was conducted by Mr. Shrirang Deshpande, Senior Director at Datacenter. He shared his experience of his time at All India Data center businesses which involve business development, Strategic Planning, Design and Process Management. The second speaker, Mr Abhimanyu Sikarwar who worked with name of the company, a Fortune 500 company, has also held a variety of posts in areas of innovation, marketing and network development. He also shared his views on the industry's biggest media innovations such as road block, talking newspaper and die cut.

In the post lunch final session, three final speakers shared theirs views with the students. First was Mr. Vipul Kukreja, who is currently running his own entrepreneurial venture for over 20 years.He shared his experiences at Silverline Technologies

Limited, where he replicated the computer training model and took it to a much larger scale. The second speaker was Mr Kamlesh Keharia Designation, company, and something about what he spoke. He was followed by Mr. Makarand Kulkarni, Director of supply chain operations at Emerson Climate Technologies Private Limited. He shared his experiences in the field of production, advanced manufacturing engineering, supply chain, product planning, project management, and marketing function. The session was followed by a fun game which aimed at testing the team building and product designing abilities of the student and to introduce students to the corporate world.

The Ultimate Arduino Challenge

-Shruti Bondre

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

Tinkerer's Lab, EXTC, conducted the "Ultimate Arduino Challenge" for the EXTC engineers to stimulate their gray matter and solve all the problem statements thrown towards them. The 1st edition of EXTC "The Ultimate Arduino Challenge" began on 10th August, 2019. Around 10 teams from the Department assembled to test their Ultimate Arduino skills. The First round was the eliminations which consisted of Aptitude questions.

The selected teams then went on to the next round which was divided into two parts. The first round was "Guess the components". The council members had placed various electronic components like

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

resistors, capacitors, switch, etc. on a table and the participants were supposed to guess each component correctly. For every correct guess, the participants received five points which was added to their tally. This tally of points was the deciding factor for their entry to the final round. Once all the teams were done with the 1st round, the team was split and each member of the team was given a problem statement- One of them given an Arduino question while the other was to implement a digital system on an Online stimulator. The Arduino problem statements included implementing sensors, display and switch on the simulator while the digital system problems were mostly based on simulating digital circuits like Decoder, logic gates, etc. It was a really good revision especially for the Third-Year students. In this round each team could solve as many questions as they can and earn points for each solution. This tally of points was added to the tally of "Guess the components" round and at the end of the day the finalists were announced.

Seven teams made their way to the final round which was held on 31st August, 2019. All finalists assembled near Lab-401 and soon the final round began.
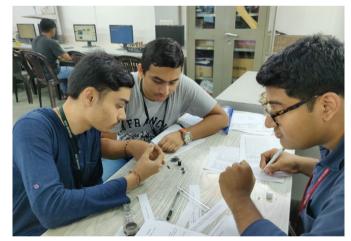
The rules were explained by the Council Members. One problem statement was given to all the teams. The Problem statement was to implement the Grand old game of "Rock, Papers and Scissors" using Ar-

Participants engaged in solving the elims questions

duino and Switch. The team which completes the hardware implementation first was to be declared as the winner. Each team was provided with an Arduino board along with wires, switches and a few other components for solving the problem statement. After a rigorous session of analyzing and implementing various programs and circuit arrangements, the winners were declared. Samarth Sewlani (D14B) and Nikhil Punjabi (D14B) were the winners of the First Edition of the "Ultimate Arduino Challenge".

An Arduino Challenge for engineering students was a brilliant idea by the Tinkerer's Lab. When asked about their motivation to conduct an activity like this, Omkar Tupe (D19A), a senior member of Tinkerer's lab said, "Two years ago we conducted work-

Participants guessing various electronic components in Stage-1

shop on Arduino basics under Tinkerer's Lab and considering the importance of microcontrollers in today's world, we came up with the idea of Arduino-Ultimate challenge. After Several Discussions with Mrugendra sir and other members of Tinkerer's Lab we finalized the event. Main motive behind this competition is to give an idea about effective use of

Arduino to solve real life problems (e.g. RPS Game)."

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

In this fast-growing world with ever-changing de-

Council Members look on as the students solve the problem statement

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

Prof. Mrugendra Vasmatkar supervising the participants during the challenge

In the attempt to make scientific discoveries, every problem is an opportunity - and the more difficult the problem, the greater will be the importance of its solution

-E. O. Willson

VESIT Voice

-Gayatri Belapurkar

The month of September has been extremely eventful and busy for everyone at VESIT. The month began with Ganpati celebrations all over, giving a truly auspicious start to the month. With Praxis just around the corner, we can see the techie brains here work day-in and day-out to give it their best and to make the Technical Fest a huge success. That said, this applied for Prarambh, the welcoming event for this year's freshers as well, with the seniors trying their very best to make their juniors comfortable and make them feel a part of the VESIT family. SoRT VESIT and the Music council have been busy with Umeed and Bliss taking the front stage in the second half of the month.

The students have yet again begun their winning spree. VESITians represented the college and have shone at IIM Indore, TCS Enginx, the Times of India quiz and the SAKEC quiz. TechConnect and the EXTC Arduino Challenge have also been concrete events this month, where the students showed how well-versed they are in particular technologies.

The students of VESIT gave back to the society when some students, along with a few teachers decided to clean the nearby beach. A workshop was held on Climate Change and its effects to further emphasise the need of the hour to save Mother Earth. The Computer Department and the EXTC Department conducted SEL lectures for their students. Accenture, one of the major recruiters of VESIT also conducted their placement drive this month. Looking further within the college, the CodeCell and IIC councils have been formed and all the societies have selected their council members for the year ahead.

Sports too, have taken a front seat this month. Apart from the ongoing Sphurti, the students have made VESIT proud in athletic events and the University Badminton tournament. This month, in the diaries section we have Mr. Pratik Gupta, an alumnus from the 2013 batch of EXTC Department. All in all, this month was highly eventful and we hope you enjoy reading it.

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The Debating Maestros of VESIT

-Atharva Gupte

A few members of the VESLit debate team attended the Annual Shah And Anchor Kutchi Engineering College Technical Debate on 31st August 2019. C.V Ananya & Adith Nair clinched the first prize in this intercollege debating competition. The contingent from VESIT included 5 teams that represented the college in this event.

There were a total of 15 teams from various colleges participated in the event. The elimination round was Round Robin Eliminations, where the team with the highest points gets directly elevated to the semi-finals. Adith Nair & C.V Ananya were the highest scorers in this round and hence they were placed in the semi-finals directly.

In the semi-finals, the opposition team was another team from VESIT; Salonee Velonde & Bhuvana Raisinghani. For the finale Adith Nair & C.V Ananya were pitched against Atharva College of Engineering.

The finals were challenging & the opponents countered the arguments with facts and statistics but the debating maestros of VESIT stood tall and shone brightly. "Debating has always been my favorite thing but debating on technical fields provided me with a different perspective and experience" said C.V Ananya.

Here's is the debating contingent that attended the inter-college debating event:

1. C.V Ananya (D14A) and Adith Nair (D14B)
2. Salonee Velonde(D7B) and Bhuvana Raisinghani(D9A)
3. Dhaval Mistry(D8) and Kartiki Pande(D8)
4. Pratik Chainani(D7B) and Shatanshu Chaudhary(D8)
5. Onkar Raut(D8) and Ria Dharmani (D7A)

Adith Nair and C.V Ananya with the winning trophy and certificates

Accenture Placements

-Shivan Shenai

Accenture is a prominent multinational services company that provides services in strategy, consulting, digital, technology and operations. Accenture continues to be VESIT's chief recruiter by selecting students from all branches of engineering as well as MCA. After a series of aptitude tests and interviews, 243 students were selected this year.

Accenture provides two positions to our graduates from vesit : Full Stack Engineer(FSE) and Assistant Software Engineer(ASE) with packages of around 6.5L and 4.5L respectively. These high salaries are what attracts young individuals looking for a kickstart in their career as an engineer. Students must have a minimum of 6.5 C.G.P.A to be eligible for the communication assessments test.

The process of Accenture placements starts with the online application and upload of the required documents. Registered students then had to undergo a communication assessment test, wherein the proficiency and fluency of the English language were tested. This was a preliminary filter to ensure only the candidates with a basic level of understanding of language are eligible for the aptitude test.

On the 28th of August, the aptitude test was conducted. At 10 am, the potential candidates were briefed on what to expect from the test and were familiarized with the entire process that follows, via a pow-

Accenture conducting pre-placement presentation for the students of Final Year

erpoint presentation. The 90 minute test comprised of basic verbal, quants and programming questions. If a student cleared this test, he was automatically eligible to give the coding test for the role of Full Stack Engineer, which comprised of two problem statements and the test taker was expected to give a solution in any of the programming languages of his liking.

On the 29th of August, all the students who met the requirements for either the FSE or ASE profiles were summoned for the interviews. The Accenture interview was more focused on your interpersonal and communication skills, taking the spotlight away from technical questions. The students were judged on the basis of their ability to communicate an idea efficiently, incisive thinking ability and soft skills. On the other hand, the FSE candidates were grilled on their technical prowess. They were expected to write the software with considerable ingenuity.

"The entire placement drive gave us a sneak peek into the processes and SOPs adopted at such large multi nationals. Getting placed at Accenture would definitely prove to be a headstart to one's engineering career", says Saurav Vijendran(D18). Nitish Surve from MCA3A says that "With unceasing dedication and good communication skills, one can easily get placed at Accenture."

Out of 243 students, 22 bagged the Field Service Engineer profiles.

VESIT's Ganeshotsav '19

-Arnab Saha

September generally brings us that time of the year, when students where after the excruciating environment of exams, they rejoice for a week-long celebration that is Ganesh Utsav. This year was no different as the level of fervour was just as high. The tradition of celebrating the festival in VES Hostel continued for yet another year. The festival is basically for and by the students in the hostel, as the hostelites go on and plan the two-day event. From the decorations to the exact decorum in which the event rolls out, all were products of their brainstorming.

The inauguration pooja was conducted from 8 am, on the morning of 2nd September 2019. The Warden and staff of the hostel joined during the inauguration, along with the hostelites. It was a auspicious morning with the chants ringing high in the beautifully decorated pandal. Upon completion of pre-lunch rituals, the day resumed to normal until the evening of the day, when post the evening pooja, was the awaited DJ party, where everyone lost it and had

Graced with the presence of Ganesh idol in VES Hostel

unfiltered fun. These unfiltered, unhindered emotions are the best part of Ganesh Utsav.

The next day was colourful, literally as students regardless of their departments showered each other with saffron colours on the occasion of Visharjan accompanied by the melody of Nashik dhols. The

Impeccable decorations

festive-ness oozed and was in the sky, as they gradually bid their adieus with chants of "Ganpati Bappa Moraya pudhachya varshi lavkar ya"

Climate Change Seminar at VESIT

-Pooja Prasad and Maitraiyi Dandekar

A seminar on Climate change And Constructive Ways to Prevent It was held in our college for all the students of the IT department on September 18 from 1:30 p.m. onwards. Mr. Mayank Gandhi (Founder:Global Vikas Trust) was the chief

The Climate Change Seminar by Mayank Gandhi in Progress

guest for this seminar. Dr. Shalu Chopra (HOD of IT department) and Mrs. Vidya Pujari (Placement In-charge of IT Department) had arranged this seminar for IT department students.

It provided an opportunity for the teaching faculty and students to listen to the motivational speech of such two great leaders of India. Mr. Mayank Gandhi has represented Maharashtra in corruption-free India movement. The 2016 drought of Marathwada and the multiple suicides by farmers led to him starting a rural transformation mission called Global Parli. In his speech, he spoke about why nurturing trees was important and how we could collaborate with the government. He warned that humanity would have to face inevitable and unpalatable consequences which would be certainly dangerous if we fail to address global climate change issues. In his speech, he requested everyone to fight alongside him to make some positive changes for our nation. He said, "It is time to act in the framework of sustainable development, so that humans can live and prosper in harmony with nature, rather than at nature's expense."

Mr. Rupert Read from the UK was the main spokesperson. He was going to talk about 'Why youth need to rise for climate' but because of some technical issue, he was not able to interact with us. He talked about the River March - 'Why and how to save our water bodies' at the beginning of the seminar and had

shown some videos to students so as to give them a clear idea about climate change and constructive ways to prevent it.

The entire seminar was very informative and we learn that the only way forward, if we are going to improve the quality of the environment, is to get everybody involved and we promise that we will try

Teaching faculty and students of IT

our best and follow everything that we learn today to make our earth a better place.

VESITians Shine in TCS EngiNX Grand Finale

-Atharva Gupte

Raghav Heda, Sanika Chavan, Rithika Sethiya and Reema Israni from D17C secured the fourth position in TCS EngiNX which was conducted on 12th September 2019 at TCS Gitanjali Park in Kolkata. Tata Consultancy Services has been conducting EngiNX for seven years and it tests the premiere engineering students' skill sets and fluency in the field of Internet of Things and Artificial Intelligence. The challenge witnessed registrations from over 100,000 students from 400 institutes across the nation. With the theme 'Digital Eminence: Making Things Smart', the team from our college made a project on 'Smart Farming', an app that would help farmers by suggesting not only the soil and climatic conditions but also the market price of the crops.

The preliminary rounds included quiz rounds that tested the participants on their knowledge of basics to complex; from physics and maths to artificial intelligence and IoT. The next round included submissions of the idea in the form of a proposal which gave a detailed idea of the project and its applications in the industry. The last round in the preliminary section required the participants to make a video, which clearly demonstrated the working of the project prepared by them. Then there was a telephonic interview, where the team was asked all kinds of questions about their working model and details based on the video. The team from our college was successful in clearing all the rounds and were among the top five teams to be called to Kolkata for the finals at the TCS, Gitanjali Park Campus in Kolkata. Before the on-campus round, the team was allotted a mentor from TCS who would help and guide them for the event. They were also given a sum of one lakh rupees for expenses regarding the project and other miscellaneous costs.

From Left to Right, Reema Israni, Sanika Chavan, Raghav Heda and Rithika Sethiya with the TCS judges and their working model on "Smart Farming"

The on-campus round included a presentation where the selected teams had to explain their idea and demonstrate it to the panel of judges and the mentors of different teams. The panel of judges included the Global Head, IoT, Engineering and Industrial Services, National Head of Talent and Acquisition and many respected dignitaries from Tata Consultancy Services. All the finalists received twenty-five thousand rupees and provisional job offers to join TCS after completing their engineering degrees.

"The event was of a grand stature we received appropriate guidance from our mentors at TCS and they helped us throughout the journey which was really long and at the end of the day worth it. We got a great chance to interact with heads of different divisions at TCS and the experience was really enriching," said Raghav Heda who was a part of the team which represented VESIT.

SEL on ERP-SAP

-Sreevidya Iyer

A Skill Enhancement Lecture (SEL) was conducted for students of Third year Computer Engineering on "ERP-SAP " on 31st August 2019 from 10 am to 12 pm in the Auditorium. The speaker for the lecture was, CEO of EBTS.

Mr. Arunjit Choudhury started with the Introduction and the need for SAP in Industry. He explained the importance of ERP (Enterprise Resourse Planning. He spoke on the business processes and functions of the organizations, and cited many examples. He also discussed many case studies on this topic. Organization structure before and after ERP implementation were also discussed.

Mr. Choudhury then informed about the importance of SAP (System Applications and Products),

SAP Architecture, ABAP programming language, various companies utilizing SAP. His approach of teaching through role-playing was really good and made the students, think, talk and interact.

Next was an interactive session where students were asked about what they would like to improve in the field of database management systems. The students came up with their very innovative ideas of dream projects and shared the same with the speaker.
Faculty In-charges: Mrs. Pallavi Saindane, Mrs. Sunita Suralkar and Mrs. Sunita Sahu

Mr. Arunjit Choudhary quizzing students about SAP

EXTC Embedded Systems SEL

-Atharva Gupte

The skill enhancement lecture on Embedded System was organized for third-year students of the EXTC department on Saturday, August 31, 2019, in the auditorium. The speaker invited was Mr. Govind Gaundalkar, Partner Microdevices Technologies.

Mr. Govind Gaundalkar is an electronics & telecom engineer and he has completed certifications from Linux foundation and Embedded Systems. He is a

partner of Microdevices Technology Company.

The session started around 12:45 pm. Embedded systems are basically a combination of hardware and software designed to perform a specific function. The software offers features to it and hardware is used for performance. All these functions are performed with the help of a new kind of operating system that is known as a Real-Time Operating System (RTO's). He introduced the basic concept of big data

and data science adhering to the latest technological innovations. He inched towards the topic by introducing the following concepts:

1. What are embedded systems?
2. BIOS (Basic Input Output System) uses in computers.
3. Basic programming with a demonstration of a counter program.
4. Techniques to make an embedded system effi-

5. Big data and its decentralization.
6. Real-time application of the different types of counters and timers.
7. Infinite loop's physical demonstrations.

The seminar concluded by a question-answer round and a healthy discussion about future trends in embedded systems. The session was very informative and interesting. Students really appreciated the session.

Students listen in attention as Mr. Govind Gaundalkar shares his insights on the use of embedded systems

Councils

CodeCell Hires Again!

-Padmaja Borwankar

Tinker's CodeCell is a committee exclusive to the Computer Department which aims to improve the overall technical knowledge of students by organizing various enlightening events. It is divided into 5 domains: AI and Robotics, Development ops and Cloud, Embedded systems and IoT, Multimedia and Wireless Technology. The faculty in-charges are Mrs. Priya R.L., Mr. Prashant Kanade, Mr. Richard Joseph, and Mrs. Nupur Giri.

Until the last academic year, each domain included two members of the Third Year. This year, on 30th August, 2019, online interviews were conducted for the junior committee formation which would include the Second Year students. The Third Year students selected students best suited for their respective domains. After gruelling rounds of interviews, 10 Second Year students were finally selected,

From top L to R : Hritvik Ekade, Ajay Singh Khalsa, Dinesh Kanan, Arnav Bagchi From bottom L to R : Amit Chabbria, Rohan Ghosalkar, Jay Dulera.

2 in each domain. They were officially included in the team on 9th September, 2019. The total strength

L to R : Jai soneji, Kunal Bathija, Sonia Thakur, Gayatri Patil, Hritik malvani, Dhanashree Shetty, Manas mangaonkar, Sahil Rajpal, Naren Khatwani

of the committee is 20 now and hence it has the resources to plan its future events.

Umeed'19 - The Pursuit of Happiness

-Aadi Fernandes

"Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions."

- Dalai Lama XIV

This quote was manifested in its purest form when SoRT VESIT collaborated with NGOs around Mumbai for their grand event UMEED 19. It was held from 13th to 19th September with their attractive desks decorating the amphitheatre, ground and fifth floors by the beautiful array of products.
This year SoRT VESIT collaborated with the following NGOs:
NASEOH, Chembur
Self Esteem, Airoli
Balanand, Chembur
Khula Aasman, Chembur
RUR, Mahim
Aseema, Bandra
Snehalaya, Thane
Kshamata, Thane

The goal of this event is to bring about unending joy

and smiles on the faces of the people who make these wonderful products at their NGOs. Senior Deputy Secretary, Kalyani Ingole described it as, "The joy we felt knowing we are going to have a positive impact on their lives was beyond words and what drove us through the week." This year, they also set up in the "Wall of Happiness" in the amphitheatre where the students and staff could convey their messages to the NGOs.

UMEED 19' was inaugurated by our respected Principal, Dr (Mrs) J.M. Nair, SoRT faculty incharge Mrs. Deepti Khimani, SoRT deputy faculty incharge Mr. Subhas .B. Singh, Humanities and Science HOD Mr. Vivek Umrikar, electronics HOD Mrs. Kavita Tewari, Mr. Abhay Kshirsagar, Dr. (Mrs) Pooja Kundu, Mr. Vikas Pange alongside the student council.

The council members visited these NGOs a couple of weeks prior to the start of UMEED and spoke to the people who made these products. After visiting the NGOs they brought their products to college and sold them on the desks that were set-up from 10:30am to 5pm. This was all done after extensive preparations

Umeed '19 being inaugurated by our Principal, Dr. J.M Nair

on the backend which included making announcements, organizing sheets, arrangement of the products on different desks, keeping an account of every product. Each product also had a tag number which corresponds to the product number on the list which acted as a tracker of the quantity of products being sold each day. They would start setting up the desks around 10:15 am with the products, as they looked forward to an exciting day. Meanwhile, a couple of council members made their way to NASEOH in

order to pick up the most delectable brownies, cupcakes and chocolates. These would arrive by 12pm after which they would prepare the lists and divide these treats across all the three desks.

The products included cloth, jute, paper handbags with some of the most beautiful designs embedded on them. A variety of diyas, stationary products made of recycled materials, fridge magnets, fragrant designer candles, gift cards, jhumkis were also among the array of products the NGOs offered. The volunteers for the event helped ease the pressure off and were integral to its success. They would wind up the desks around 5pm in order to check whether the products were tallied and also to update the master sheet. The products were sorted NGO wise in order to effectively arrange them on desks after making fresh lists the following day. If anyone requested a particular product, they would make sure that they would go to the NGO the very next day to ensure it's available.

It was a marvellous site to see the products being made, each and every one of which was crafted by those people at the NGO. The products were a work of art, especially when some of them were made by the differently abled. It goes to show that the only limitations humans have is their thinking and ev-

eryone can achieve the most impossible tasks only if they believe in themselves.

Array of Some Beautiful Products

A final tally was done on the last day, which marked the end of this wonderful journey. They were overjoyed by the fact that almost all the products were sold. The wall of happiness was a huge success with everyone conveying heart warming messages to the NGOs and spreading positivity all around. After the event concluded, they went to the NGOs in order to return the money that they raised. People at the NGOs greeted them with their faces lit up and that was everything that they ever wanted, contentment for everyone who made these scintillating products. SoRT Secretary Gaurav Marwal said, "UMEED has always been special for all of the members of

the SoRT Family. It's the thought process behind the event that makes everyone buying the products smile. It gives them and us immense satisfaction when we know we are positively impacting someone's livelihood. We would like to thank the faculty, student council and all the students who made their own contributions to make the world a better place for them to live in. We are proud of these NGOs and who are making an admirable contribution towards the society We couldn't have been happier than this and we are glad that we are part of this change. Towards the better, together, always."

The Wall of Happiness Spreading Love & Positivity.

An Evening of Blissful Tunes

-Shruti Bondre

L ike every year, BLISS stays true to its words - Beauty Lies in Soulful Symphony.

With all the talented musicians of VESIT coming together and giving the most soulful performances, the audience was truly in bliss. Bliss'19 was held on 16th September, 2019 in the College Auditorium. All the VESIT students gathered together to enjoy the program. This year, the theme was "Back to 90s". The Aesthetics team put in a lot of effort with their artworks adorning the college. The program was hosted by Rahul Ghorpade (D18) and Gaurav Shukla (D14A).

The auditorium was packed beyond its capacity, with all the students flocking to the auditorium to hear their classmates perform. The program began with the Mr. Prashant Kanade (Faculty in-charge of Music Council), Mr. Vivek Umrikar (HOD, Humanities and Applied sciences) and Mridul Mohan (Music Secretary) lighting the Diya with Neeraj Patil (D6) singing the "Saraswati Vandana".

This was the first time in the history of BLISS that the freshers were allowed to perform. The enthusiasm and excitement shown by the First year students was commendable. Many karaoke performances and a band performance from the First years rendered the audience speechless with their talent. This indeed was a hint of the strong competition that the senior students of VESIT are going to face in the upcoming events.

L to R: Rahul Ghorpade, Aditya Bujade, Gaurav Shukla, Harsh Maheshwari, Deep Jain and Aditya Bujade performed a unique Qawali

Around nine bands performed at the event which included the students from all four years and MCA as well. Happy as it was that the First years got a chance to perform for the first time, it also was, sadly, the last time for the BEs to perform together in a band in this college. The bands had different genres- Classical, Bollywood, Pop, etc. It was the perfect mix of ingredients for a mesmerizing program.

There were two special performances by our hosts. The first one was a parody of a very famous song "Pachtaoge" dedicated to the first years and they

were joined by a few more friends in a "Qawali" in which they described the various councils in the college and activities conducted by them. It isn't just the participants or the Councils or the hosts that make the program successful. It is also the audience that contributes too. With the participants and the hosts entertaining the audience with their talents, the audience too paid back well, by cheering for them.

Mridul Mohan (D14B), Music Secretary for the academic year 2019-20, expressed his pleasure and happiness in organizing a successful event like this. "There was a little stress on the day of the event, but we managed it well. Council took care of a lot of things like invites and carrying out the sound check. The council was very supportive and helped in smooth execution of the event. The Aesthetics team and the Hosts did a commendable job. Lastly, the overwhelming support from the crowd and love from the entire college gave us a positive direction."

From L to R : Aditya Rana, Ameya Padwad, Dhruv Wankhede, Raghuttam Parvatikar, Ahona Chattopadhyay, Austin Mathew were a part of FE Band

From L to R : Chinmay Prabhughate, Sidhi Mejari, Alhaad Velhaal, Anushka Rajwade Sanika Indulkar, Neeraj Patil, Vaishnavi Iyer presented a classical performance

Test your knowledge: Times of India Organizes an Online Quiz

-Harshita Kanal

The students of VESIT participated in an online quiz conducted by the Times of India on13th September 2019 in collaboration with VesLit circle. The quiz was based on current affairs and issues which managed to capture headlines in the Times of India newspaper. It was conducted in an online format-where students had to answer the given questions in the allotted time frame from the comfort of their homes. The quiz remained open for 20 minutes.

From Geopolitics to Current affairs and government policies, the quiz tested the participants on all of it. Following this, the students were informed about their scores in the quiz.

The students with all correct answers and quickest answers were the following :

Name	Class
Sanket Gokhale	D17B
B. Shubhangi	D13
Salonee Velonde	D7B
Shravan Bhat	D12A
Jaspreet Kaur	MCA 2A

Societies

CSI Welcomes the Junior Council!

-Aishwarya Sahoo

CSI-VESIT has always been one of the most distinguished societies of VESIT, and being a member of this eminent council is an honour for the students from SEs, TEs and BEs. The formation of the council started with the executive committee and the top three which comprises of the BEs, followed by the senior council (TEs) and the junior council (SEs).

For the junior council's formation, there were two rounds. The first round required the candidates to submit their Statement of Purpose, after which they were interviewed by the senior council. There are five posts in the junior council overall: Jr. Public Relations Officer, Jr. Operations Officer, Jr. Technical Officer, Jr. Web Editor and Jr. Editor. After an exhilarating interview with their immediate seniors which tested their dedication towards the society as well as technical knowledge, the candidates were shortlisted for the next round. In the final round, the BEs from the council selected the appropriate candidates under the guidance of Prof. Mona Deshmukh and Prof. Charusheela Nehete. After a gruelling session, the junior council of CSI-VESIT for the academic year 2019-2020 was formed.

Jr. Operations Officer:
Fayzaan Qureshi(D10)
Saloni Ingle(D7C)
Gurudatt Gaonkar(D7B)
Abhishek Joshi(D8)
Dhanashree Chavan(D9B)
Anmol Devnani(D7B)
Shreya Shah(D7C)
Adarsh Raut(D8)

Jr. Public Relations Officer:
Tanvi Shetty(D7B)
Pooja Prasad(D10)
Yash Wadhwani(D7C)
Tania Mahata(MCA)

Jr. Technical Officers/ Jr. Web Editors:
Vedant Sawant(D7B)
Swapnil Gore(D9B)
Sachin Mishra(MCA)
Adarsh Sawant(MCA)
Etisha Mathurvaishya(D7C)
Saurav Telge(D7A)
SherAli Shaikh(D10)

Jr. Editors:
Namrata Deb(D9B)
Maitraiyi Dandekar(D7B)

Senior Council

Junior Council

IEEE-VESIT Gears Up for A.Y. 2019-20

-Atique Kudchi & Saummya Kulkarni

IEEE society has always been one of the most active societies in VESIT. Holding a council position in a society is highly coveted for the students of SE, TE and BE. The IEEE Council for the academic year 2019-20 was started by the formation of the Senior Council which primarily consists of the BEs.

There were 20 candidates for the BE Council interviews. In the first round, the candidates had to submit their Statement of Purpose to the faculties in charge of IEEE Society, Mrs. Gresha Bhatia and Mrs. Kavita Tewari. The faculties went through all the SOPs and filtered them to select 10 suitable candidates. The second round was the interview round in which the candidates were asked about their dedication to work for the council and their techniques knowledge. After an exhilarating interview round, the Senior Council for the academic year 2019-20 was formed. The Council members are:

Senior Council

Sr No.	Name	Position
1.	Abhishek Kalgutkar (D17C)	Chairperson
2.	Aditya Kinare (D16B)	Vice Chairperson
3.	Bhargav Deshpande (D16A)	CEO
4.	Ishwari Zare (D19B)	CEO
5.	Udayan Patankar (D19A)	Senior TAB
6.	Navjyot Singh (D17B)	Senior TAB
7.	Chinmayee Kinage (D17C)	Senior Web Editor
8.	Suraj Bathija (D16B)	Senior Editor

Sr No.	Name	Position
9.	Shivani Gole (D19A)	Senior WIE

The formation of the Senior Council created a wave of excitement amongst the TEs. They geared up for the Junior Council interviews. Similar to the BEs, the third year students too had to submit their SOPs to the faculties in charge. The faculties along with the Senior Council selected twenty people based the quality of the SOPs.

The next round was the BE interview round in which members of the Senior Council grilled the candidates about their suitability for the work of Council. They were assigned tasks and were judged on the basis of their efficiency to complete tasks. After the BE round, the Senior Council gave feedback to Mrs. Gresha Bhatia and Mrs. Kavita Tewari about each candidate. The results are as follows:

Sr No.	Name	Position
1.	Phalguni Shendye (D14A)	Secretary
2.	Ashutosh Pandey (D14B)	Executive Officer
3.	Tanishqa Shetty (D12B)	Executive Officer
4.	Chaitanya Moregaonkar (D14B)	Treasurer
5.	Atique Kudchi (D11A)	Membership and Publicity Officer
6.	Parth Tripathi (D14A)	Membership and Publicity Officer
7.	Aishwarya Patange (D14B)	Junior Editor
8.	Siddhant Kasley (D14A)	Junior Editor
9.	Gaurav Tirodkar (D12B)	Junior Web Editor
10.	Jatin Acharya (D15)	Junior Web Editor
11.	Ayesha Gulrajani (D15)	Junior WIE
12.	Saummya Kulkarni (D14B)	Executive Committee
13.	Alisha Punwani (D12C)	Executive Committee
14.	Devesh Sawant (D14A)	Executive Committee
15.	Abhishek Birajdar (D14B)	Executive Committee
16.	Aishwarya Chaurasia (D11B)	Executive Committee
17.	Deeksha Patkar (D14A)	Executive Committee
18.	Parth Kingrani (D12B)	Executive Committee

Junior Council

ISTE Assembled

-Bhavesh Lohana

Every year our technical councils recruit new students to extend their council, for the betterment of the councils and to upraise and enhance the technical skills of the students. ISTE-VESIT, one of these remarkable societies, admitted an entire new council for the Academic Year 2019-20.

It was started by the formation of the senior council comprising of the BEs, followed by the TEs and lastly the SEs. In the first round, the applicants had to submit their Statement of Purpose. The shortlisted applicants, then advanced for the round two, which was multiple rounds of interviews by the seniors to test the technical knowledge and the dedication to

work for the council as a team. Despite the scrutinizing selection by the seniors, these students made their way into the council diligently. Surely like last year, they will try their best to take ISTE-VESIT up the notch.

Junior Council:

Sr No.	Name	Position
1.	Pradeep Thorat	Managing Secretary
2.	Sparsh Prabhakar	Operations Secretary
3.	Prithvi Amin	Executive Secretary
4.	Saurav Jeswani	Junior Treasurer
5.	Abhishek Shukla	Technical Officer
6.	Rishabh Sah	Technical Officer
7.	Sayali Moghe	Technical Officer
8.	Kaushik Janmanchi	Technical Officer
9.	Ekta Kithani	Technical Officer
10.	Anshul Chaudhary	Technical Officer
11.	Rashmita Bangera	Operations Officer
12.	Divya Kalwani	Operations Officer
13.	Divya Kawana	Operations Officer
14.	Rochana Desai	Operations Officer
15.	Shubham Darekar	Operations Officer
16.	Jagruti Sawalkar	Operations Officer
17.	Atharva Deshmukh	Operations Officer
18.	Muskan Chelwani	Public Relations Officer
19.	Siddhant Pai	Public Relations Officer
20.	Kautuki Nirgun	Public Relations Officer

Senior Council:

Sr No.	Name	Position
1.	Roshnee Matlani	Operations Officer
2.	Jatin Chhabria	Operations Officer
3.	Sanket Chaudhary	Operations Officer
4.	Shruti Mishra	Operations Officer
5.	Nitin Sahu	Operations Officer
6.	Darshan Naik	Operations Officer
7.	Shiv Kaul	Operations Officer
8.	Akash Maurya	Technical Officer
9.	Aditya Kotkar	Technical Officer
10.	Devdatta Khoche	Technical Officer
11.	Srajan Shetty	Technical Officer
12.	Shreyas Khadapkar	Technical Officer
13.	Roshan Dadlani	Technical Officer
14.	Divya Raisinghani	Public Relations Officer
15.	Shubhra Jena	Public Relations Officer
16.	Ashutosh Pandey	Public Relations Officer
17.	Sahil Amondkar	Graphics Officer
18.	Muskaan Sharma	Graphics Officer
19.	Hemkesh Raina	Graphics Officer
20.	Amit Chhabria	Graphics Officer

T.Es and S.Es Coordinating ISA VESIT

-Rashmi Singh

ISA society has always been renowned for their technical workshops enriched with the modern trending technologies that provides an overall skill development. Being a part of this council is an honour for the SEs, TEs and the BEs. ISA provides a separate hands-on experience to students of each year with their division of the society into the BE council, the TE council and the SE council.

The interview of the T.E council was conducted by the BE council of ISA and that of the S.E council was conducted by the T.E council. Students had to submit their SOPs along with the preference list of the posts. The interview had question-answer round and task completion round.

Students were shortlisted based on their academics and performance during their interview. The S.E

students were offered the post of the coordinators while the posts offered to the T.E students were Secretary, Jr. Treasurer, Jr. Public Relations Officer, Chief Editor, WebEditor, Technical Officer, Executive Officer, Operations Officer and Executive. Out of the total people applied 14 were selected to be the TE council and 20 to be the S.E council respectively for the A.Y 2019-20.

Junior Council

Sr.No	Name	Class
1	Muskan Paryani	D7B
2	Neeraj Patil	D6B
3	Sahil Shewale	D8
4	Manas Maskar	D6B
5	Jatin Dandelia	D9A
6	Omkar Mangalpalli	D7A
7	Raj Talashilkar	D6A
8	Atharva Patil	D8
9	Manali Ganacharya	D8
10	Abhijeet Gaonkar	D8
11	Rakshitha Krishnan	D8
12	Dhaval Mistry	D8
13	Pooja Vichare	D8
14	Aditi Zhankar	D8
15	Kaushal Singh	D7B
16	Amogh Sadhu	D8
17	Gaurav Patil	D7B
18	Shubham Metkar	D6B
19	Rohit Gwalani	D6A
20	Mahek Tardeja	D9A

Senior Council

Sr no	Name	Class	Position
1	Prithvi Shetty	D13	Secretary
2	Sakshi Kulkarni	D14A	Operations officer
3	Shubhangi B	D13	Executive officer
4	Nilesh Talreja	D12A	Executive officer
5	Aditya Ganesh	D13	Technical officer
6	Aarya Padhyegurjar	D11A	Jr. public relation officer
7	Avikshit Dabholkar	D14B	Jr. public relation officer
8	Uday Tare	D13	Executive
9	Lewin Noronha	D14B	Chief editor
10	Tanmay Pandit	D13	Jr. Treasurer
11	Raghav Potdar	D12B	Executive
12	Tanmay Shragve	D13	Executive
13	Simran Mayekar	D11A	Executive
14	Prateek Mehta	D12C	Web editor

Senior Council

Junior Council

VESIT Diaries

-Shruti Bondre

Mr. Pratik Gupta, an alumnus of VESIT (Batch of 2013-Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering) shares a journey of being the Sports Secretary at VESIT to being one of the most successful entrepreneurs in Mumbai. After being placed in college, he joined Accenture, as a software engineer and then went on to pursue his MBA. He then began his start-up "Teknolite" in the year 2016. Pratik has won the Top 20 Entrepreneurs Award from NDTV Business in the year 2018.

Q. Tell us something about your Life at VESIT
Well, before I entered engineering, I was a very studious person. Studies was my only focus. After I entered college, I slowly started to engage myself into sports. I became a completely different person. I had a lot of friends and we used to have a lot of fun. I was also caught once singing in class(Chuckles!). Overall, it was a lot of fun. Those days never return.

Q. Share a glimpse about your personal life
Sports became an integral part of life after I entered college. I have played football of Mumbai as well as Maharashtra State team. I have always wanted to start something of my own and here I am doing it. I have done a lot of mistakes and I guess that is how I learned.

Q. Tell us something about your professional life.
I started my company on January 14, 2016. And my company manufactures LED Lights. We have two factories situated in Pune and Haridwar where are products are manufactured. We have eights offices all over India and one office in China. Our company in one of the highest in terms of growth rate. The CAGR was 20% last year which is the highest for any company in this sector. We also export our products and services to various countries in the world including Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and countries in Middle-East. We have around 600 dealers in India and we also manufacture for bigger companies like Havells, RR Kabel, etc.

Q. Being a sports Secretary means one has to have a lot of management skills and presence of mind. Do you think it has in a way helped you in being the successful entrepreneur you are today?
For any entrepreneur, handling a team is a very important task. A successful entrepreneur knows how to take care of the team. Being the sports secretary with a team of a few people, I learnt how we could manage an event with a small team. We had to get help from a lot of students, including the sports in-charges and other students. So yeah, it was challenging and this helped me understand how to work like a leader and get work done from people and keep the team together.

Q. How do you encourage students to pursue an entrepreneurial role?
I am a guest lecturer at various MBA Colleges in Mumbai. Also, I am a part of Entrepreneurship cells of many Engineering and MBA Colleges across Mumbai. I have even been to VESIT too for a few lectures.

Q. What according to you must a budding entrepreneur know before starting a venture?
It has become very easy to start a new venture these days. It is easier to get investments from angel investors as compared to some years ago. But again, it gets tougher too. The investments are closing soon and the reason is that people aren't planning for the future i.e. five or ten years down the line. It's like a few people come together and start a company. They get the investments from venture capitalists and angel investors and hand over a major stake of the company to them. So when, the investors don't receive the expected returns after a few years, the founder doesn't have a say as most of the company belongs to the investors and the company falls. So as I have returned all the money of the investors and now I have a major stake in the company. Also the bud-

Mr. Pratik Gupta

ding entrepreneurs must know that failure is a part and parcel of life. It will remain and hence one must always plan for the future. And make sure that the venture doesn't melt down in a few years.

Q. Any message for the new generation at VESIT.
VESIT has been one of the most renowned colleges in Mumbai. Now, as the number of students has increased, the competition has increased. The companies are limited. Students should work to empower their skillset and introspect. Students should know what they are good at and where they can improve. Ofcourse, entrepreneurship is an option for people, but it is not made for everyone. If you are interested and ready to work, then it is one of the best growing fields with huge opportunities in India. And most importantly, do what you want and don't think about the society. Afterall, it's your life. All the best for the future!

Sports

Indoor Sphurti Continues

-Arnab Saha

Indoor Sphurti, which started on the 31st of July, 2019 is has been going on for two months. These couple of months have been full of excitement, passion and some nail-biting finishes. Meanwhile, the sports council is still oozing with as much energy as day one.

In the month of September, Sphurti is in its final stages. The event was an enticing combination of rage-inducing as well as adrenaline-inducing mo-

ments for the players as well as the audience. Futsal finally commenced this month and is at its last few knockouts.

The winners of the concluded events are as follows.

EVENTS	BOYS		GIRLS	
	Winner	Runner-up	Winner	Runner-up
CHESS	Rohit Bhagtani (D17)	Gurkirat Singh Wadhawan (D16)	Madhumita Menon (D9)	Sakshi Parab (D17C)
CHESS TEAM	D13 (Disqualified)	D19 (Omkar Nerurkar, Shubham Annigeri, Pushkar Dharmadhikari)	D17 (Shrusti Sachdev, Amruta Parab, Smruti Kshirsagar)	D9 (Dishika Kishnani, Madhumita Menon, Malavika Anoop)
TABLE TENNIS	Devesh Sety D11	Vishal Laungani D19	Anushka Chauhan D19	Anushree Rege D10

TABLE TENNIS TEAM	D11 (Devesh Sety, Aditya Maniar, Avadhoot Likhite, Amogh Prabhu, Tanmay Kothale)	D19 (Shantanu Pimpalkar, Vishal Laungani, Venkatesh Mudaliar, Ganesh More, Vaishak Das)	D14 (C V Ananya, Juhi Ajwani, Anjali Patil, Saumya Kulkarni, Bhairavi Sawant-desai)	D19 (Anushka Chauhan, Manasvini Kartikeyan, Te-jaswini Kulkarni, Divya Hinge)
CARROM	Yash Dubey D16	Sumeet Thakur D14	Anushree Rege D10	Sejal Mandora D17
CARROM TEAM	D16 (Yash Dubey, Siddhesh Tejam, Prathamesh Shukla, Gurkirat Singh Wadhawan, Abhijeet Chaudhary)	D14 (Sumeet Thakur, Jaskaran Singh Khalsa, Shubham Verma, Ashwin Selvarangan, Abhishek Badhe)	D17 (Sejal Mandora, Manali Gupta, Padmaja Borwankar, Anushree Bane, Muskan Raishinghani)	D20 (Sana Ansari, Anisha Tandel, Ruchika Motwani, Tejashree Patil, Rekha Gupta)

The MCA2B team from the top, L to R : Josy Jose, Aishwarya Dhuri, Manasi Patil, Anam Arif, Shraddha Vichare faced off team D12, from the bottom L to R : Meetali Dulera, Priyanka Awatramani, Sartha Tambe, Tamanna Saini, Vruddhi Israni in a nail-biting Futstal final

The D11 Futsal Boys from top L to R : Avadhoot Likhite, Sanket Bhegde, Hrishikesh Dey and from bottom L to R : Aditya Suryawanshi, Easwar Siddhant and Atharva Sawant are all smiles after winning an edge of the seat final

A Sprint Towards Success

-Shivani Shenai

The State Level Athletics competition was arranged at Balewadi Stadium, Pune on the 23rd and 24th August 2019. Nameira Shaikh from VESIT, (D11B) participated in this tournament secured second rank in 100-meter Hurdles event, and third rank in 100 meters running event. She has now qualified forJunior National Athletics.

The West Zone Athletics Championship competition was arranged on 10th and 11th September 2019 at Rajasthan. Nameira secured third position in 100-meter Hurdles (18.89 secs) and third position in 100 meters running (13.59 secs).

Nameira has been participating in such events for the past year and has achieved many laurels since. With constant hard work she has managed to balance her academics with her training while completing her assignments on time. Nameira is a firm believer in the quote, "No matter how strong you are your mind is the strongest weapon." She adds, "This sport was not easy initially, it's not for anyone but with constant practice and dedication, one can achieve anything." "I would also like to thank Yogesh sir, Anushree mam and Pooja mam for supporting me and motivating throughout." Heartiest Congratulations to Nameira Shaikh for all her achievements!

Nameira Shaikh (D11B)

Badminton Tournament: University Level

-Sristi Kushwaha

On the 26th and 27th of August 2019, University Level Badminton tournaments were held for female students of Mumbai University. VESIT's Girl's Badminton Team not only participated but also secured an honourable position in the top 16 teams of Mumbai University. Out of a total of 64 teams, they were qualified for the Pre-Quarter Finals with their smashing performance. In the Individuals category, Archita Malgaonkar (D6B) gave an effortless performance and was also qualified for the Pre-Quarters from a total of 140 entries.

Following are the Girls Badminton Members those who participated:

Girl's Badminton Team:
Archita Malgaonkar (D6B)
CV Ananya (D14A)
Sakshi Lalchandani (D7A)
Itisha Dalvi (D11A)

Our Boy's Badminton Team gave a phenomenal performance in the University level Badminton tournaments for boys organized on 28th and 29th August, 2019. Rahul Tejwani (D12C) and Tejas Dhopavkar (D7A) bagged laurels for the college by qualifying for the Quarter finals and Pre-Quarters respectively. Following are the Girls Badminton Members those who participated.

Boy's Badminton Team:
Rahul Tejwani (D12C)
Tejas Dhopavkar (D7A)
Karthik Gowda (D11B)
Soham Phutane (D12B)
Vineeth Deshpande (D8)
Shubhransu Arya (D9A)