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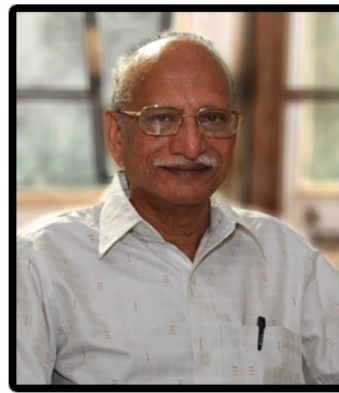
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his student days when he was elected the secretary of the Vidhyarthi Parishad, Mumbai. While addressing the people in his debut speech presided by the principal of a college and a revered person from the Ramakrishna mission being the chief guest, he expressed very tactfully that the students, management and teachers were not supportive and cooperative with each other. He added that, they should, focus on cooperation and not conflict, which would be beneficial to all.

It was the pathetic conditions of the Sindhis after the partition that moved him completely. He resolved to devote himself to the upliftment of this society. He worked immensely for their sound rehabilitation in Chembur. Right from the time he was a student, he spent days and nights in writing applications, representing them for accommodations, jobs, claims for properties left in Pakistan and such related activities. He inspired the youth and organized them into the 'Chembur colony yuvak mandal' which initially began as a small foundation, and eventually grew into an organization with huge buildings with several activities including a school for Deaf and Dumb. He led a successful Satyagraha with people participating in large numbers in 1956, with the purpose of protesting against the then Government's auctioning the houses in Chembur colony. His leadership skills shone to glory when he was able to calm down a raging crowd when the situation turned violent and aggressive. . Organization and managem-

ent were important parts of his repertoire of skill sets and he had around forty organizations functioning under his guidance. There was an incident which says that his political opponents had approached him to takeover an institute of theirs which was degrading with time, to which he politely obliged and moreover asked his rivals to continue presiding over as the committee.

Mr. Hashu Advani was the people's favourite. He was admired by all, including his opponents, for his humble nature and absolutely clean character. In 1961, he contested elections, for the first time, in Bombay Municipal Corporation. He got elected with thumping majority from Chembur Constituency. In 1967 he got elected as MLA. He was first Jana Sangh member and first Sindhi to be an MLA from Bombay. He was elected five times to the Maharashtra Legislative assembly and he twice presided over as a minister in the government. His contributions to the field of education have been remarkable. He ventured into this field by starting the 'Vivekanand school' and today 'Vivekanand Education Society' runs several Schools, Colleges and Institutions and have many buildings and complexes with 24 Institutes and over 18000 students. Apart from his excellent work, he was a great human being. He believed in simple living and always saw to it that he was able to help the people who came to him for succor. This brought him love and affection from the people. His life was thus, indeed, a wonderful legacy to learn and imbibe.



Words of appreciation from
Dr.P.P. Vaidya

" I will like to congratulate VESIT CONNECT team for the wonderful work of collecting and publishing informative articles. It is quite evident that dissipation of knowledge and information plays a vital role in progress of science and engineering and connects us together as scientific community. I wish all the best for the team in this endeavor."

Regards,

Dr.P.P. Vaidya

UNITING THE DIVIDED

Back in the era when the celebrations of independence shone on the face of every Indian, there was one section of our neighborhood that had to face the wrath of the partitions. There were a lot of heart wrenching turmoil that Sindh had to go through following the partition. People lost their dear ones, their homes, livelihood and forced to flee for their life. Among them was a noble soul, Mr. Hashu Advani, who helped these grief stricken people gather themselves and move forward in life.

Well, amidst the tedious routines and nerve-wrecking deadlines to meet, not many of us would have taken the efforts to know a little about this man after whom the premises, on which VESIT rests, is named. Yes, Mr. Hashu Advani was a gem of a person, who did not have interest in fame or glory. He worked for the wellbeing of the affected people. Born on the 22nd of February, 1926 in the Hyderabad Sindh province, Hashu Advani was among those people who believed that action speaks for itself. Though he had a B.A ,B.Com and L.L.B degree, he gave his life to serving humanity. His leadership qualities came to light during

Rohit Sreedhar



File photo of Mr. Hashu Advani



VESIT VOICE

Once again VESIT Connect brings to all you readers a fresh issue of its newsletter with plethora of new events and ceremonies celebrated in another eventful month of January. We proudly celebrated the 67th Republic Day of our country and so did VESIT, with great pride and honor. Also in this month, VESIT saw the rekindling of sweet fond memories as the Alumni meet was held on 10rd of January. It was truly a trip down the memory lane. In this issue we also commemorate the visionary Hashu Advani for his contribution in the field of politics and education. We express our sincere gratitude towards this noble soul. In this issue of golden service we celebrate the sincere service of Mr. Sreenivasan followed by a candid interview with him. The National Youth Day seminar in remembrance of Swami Vivekanand's teachings for all its students was celebrated in our college. Also we bring to you the entire coverage of the mega event Illusions'16 in this issue. The VESIT diaries bring to you another Alumni interview with a sweet couple Mr. Hari (President and Chief Business officer, PropertyGuru Ltd.) and Ms. Maya (Director of the Product Strategy & Sales, Twitter). We have for you one more interview; with the dynamic alumnus, Mr. Dilipkumar Khandelwal (Managing Director, SAP Labs India and Executive Vice President and Head of Suite Engineering, SAP SE). As always for all the sports enthusiasts we have updates from VPL, Sphurti and the winning story of Team Tendulkar in VCL. VESIT also had Tedx-Gateway, featuring ethical hacker, Angad Nadkarni. VESIT has always strived to give back to the society and is a wilful contributor in social causes. Thus we bring to you the reportage of a noble initiative by SORT, 'The Sanitation Project', whereby the sort council students have resolved to provide the basic health and hygiene facilities to one of such quaint village near Kalyan. January 30th is commemorated as martyr's day. We, at VESIT also paid our heartfelt tribute to all the brave soldiers and mourned their sacrifice by maintaining a two minute silence. January also saw a Road safety week organised by the government of India to spread awareness about road safety. VESIT also contributed to this by organising a poster making competition.

In this issue we also celebrate the great saint Baba Amte for his invaluable service to the society. VESIT has always endeavoured to cultivate a spirit of technology in students and thus it had organised a research lecture by Dr. Krithi Ramamritham (Professor, IIT Bombay.) on 'How to build Smart devices'. The research lecture received an overwhelming response from the students. VESIT had also organised a winter school program for the students were guided by industry professionals and got a hands on experience on various tools used in industry. VESIT Connect brings to you a report on all these events. VESIT Connect has kept up the spirit of literary arts and hence we bring to you another issue of musings and expressions a section where we showcase the paintings and the poems of these budding Picassos and Wordsworths. VESIT has set up an advisory board to provide guidance in shaping the strategy of the organisation. The maiden meeting of this advisory board was held in January. VESIT proudly presented the degree certificates to all its fourth year students who passed out in 2015. The convocation ceremony was another successful event witnessed in this month. In this issue we also congratulate the faculty members who successfully published their books and contributed to the Engineering literature. Also we bring to you the events update from another blooming society 'VESLIT' for all its literature and arts lovers. We also bring to you the coverage from the STTP program exclusively held for the faculty of Computer, Information Technology and MCA department. This program aimed to acquaint the faculty with the recent trends

in information technology, especially in big data analytics. Last but not the least, the blessing of the Almighty is necessary for any work to attain completion. As a tradition in VESIT, Satyanarayan pooja was performed and sincere prayers were offered to the almighty. We, at VESIT Connect endeavour to keep all you readers updated with the latest news and happenings in the college. We hope that this issue proves to be another delight for you all. Happy Reading!

THE 'VESIT CONNECT' TEAM



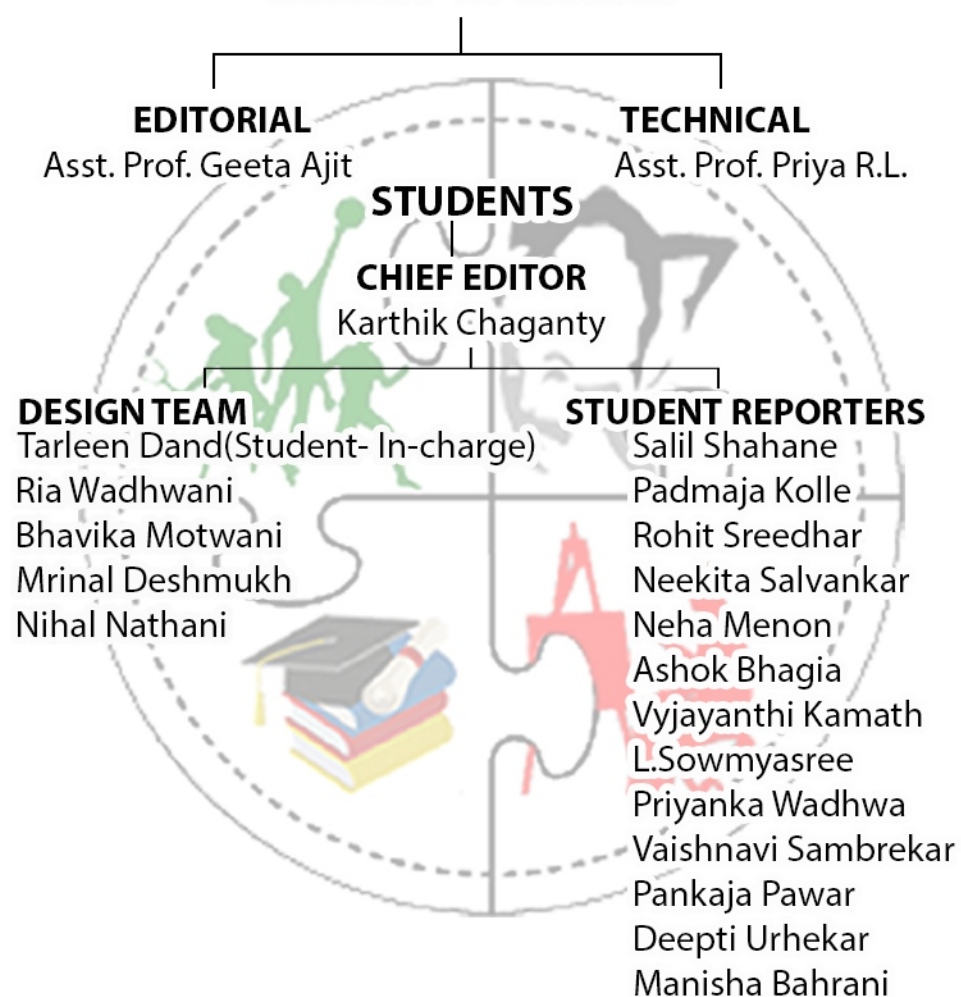
Front row(left to right):

Mrinal Deshmukh, Ria Wadhvani, Bhavika Motwani, Mrs. Priya R. L., Principal(Dr. J. M. Nair), Vice Principal(Dr. Vijayalakshmi), Mrs. Geeta Ajit, Padmaja Kolle, Pankaja Pawar, Vyjayanthi Kamath and Neha Menon

Back row(left to right):

Kartik Chaganty, Salil Shahane, Rohit sreedhar, Tarleen Dand, Ashok Bhagia, Vaishnavi Sambrekar, Neekita Salvankar, Sowmyasree and Nihal Nathani.

FACULTY- IN-CHARGE



67th Republic Day Salil Shahane

The 67th republic day was celebrated with great pride and pleasure throughout the country on 26th January 2016. It was on this day, in the year 1950, when the Indian constitution came into force. The entire nation paid due respects to all the founders and framers of this largest written constitution in the world and also commemorated those who fought and died for the nation's independence. VES also organized a small ceremony at the VES Polytechnic ground. The members of various VES institutions assembled there to celebrate the Republic Day. The Chief Guest for the occasion, Mr. Sangramsinh Pratapsinh Nishandar (Deputy Commissioner of Police, Zone-VI) hoisted the Indian Flag. Following the flag hoisting, there was a parade of the student scouts. The ceremony concluded with national anthem and a grand salute to the national flag.



Love is the strongest force the world possesses, yet it is the humblest imaginable
- MAHATMA GANDHI

Divine Benediction Rohit Sreedhar

While technology in our course is of primary importance, it is imperative to have positive vibes and essence of security in course of our existence. For this, we invoke the blessings of the Almighty to ensure our well-being throughout the journey. The Satyanarayan Pooja was organized on the 16th of January 2016. The whole staff of VESIT came together to organize the Pooja. Our helping hands, the non-teaching staff, worked very hard to decorate the college with the traditional garlands of mango leaves and marigold flowers. The Pooja began at 9 am with the majority of staff in attendance. They prayed for peace and happiness in everyone's life. The rituals were carried out as per tradition, with the newlyweds, Mr. Chintan Jethva and Mrs. Darshana Suryavanshi, from EXTC department taking the lead role in the Pooja. Later, everyone savoured the 'prasad' and enjoyed the delicious lunch that was arranged for the staff.



TedX Gateway Vyjayanthi Kamath

TEDX Gateway was organized by VESIT e-cell on January 11, 2016 in the auditorium. Armed with a B.tech degree from the Hyderabad campus of BITS Pilani, professional hacker and entrepreneur, Angad Nadkarni, was the venerated speaker.

At the age of thirteen, before he became a hacking whiz, he worked with a gaming company to resolve cyber-security issues.

A year later, he developed a free online radio software. He staunchly maintained that you don't really need money as the initial investment when you have your parents to be your ultimate investors. Presently, he is striving to remove shortcomings in the education system as well as trying to achieve access to premium intelligence resources in a flash.

The 40-minute talk was enough to fuel the students with a lot of zeal and fresh perspective on entrepreneurship. Shivani Bhat (D12A) felt invigorated. "This talk couldn't have come at a better point in our engineering life. His belief that parents are one's greatest investors and having them, along with friends and college faculty would truly aid you in staying grounded yet focused while pursuing your goal, resonated with me," he said.



Institute Advisory Board Salil Shahane

VESIT has started this new initiative of strategy consolidation through the formation of Institute Advisory Board (IAB). The purpose of an Institute Advisory Board is to provide strategic advice to the Institute on the full range of Institute activities undertaken to achieve the Institute's mandate.

IAB members are appointed by VES in consultation with the Principal, VESIT. Members are invited to serve initially for a term of three years and may be reappointed for a second term of up to three years for a maximum of six consecutive years of service.

The Advisory board members are expected to advise the Principal and the institute staff in the development and implementation of the Institute's Strategic Plan, annual activity plans and strategic initiative budget. The Board's focus is on board research, policy and program issues and future plans and addressing relevant recommendations of the accreditation panel.

This year the IAB met on 23rd January, 2016 to mainly discuss the Presentation of activities of the institution from April 2015 to January 2016.

NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

Neha Menon

'You have to grow from inside out. None can teach you, none can make you spiritual. There is no other teacher but your own soul.'
-Swami Vivekananda

Long before hash tags and TED talks became the citadel for the propagation of a radical idea, there was a man who single handedly brought India and Hinduism out of the nook and into the limelight. Swami Vivekananda was a clairvoyant in the true sense of the word. Swami Vivekananda's speech at the first Parliament of the World's Religions, held in Chicago, made him a hero overnight in the US. His opening lines "Sisters and brothers of America!" earned him a 2-minute long standing ovation; such was the influence of the man we claim as the patron saint of our college.

Swami Vivekananda had immense faith in the youth and in its ability to change the face of India and to transform it into a power to

be reckoned with. Hence it didn't come as a surprise when the birth anniversary of this avant-gardist was declared as the National youth Day in the year 1984.

Every year since, 12th January is celebrated with great zest and enthusiasm to commemorate the birth of the patriot saint of modern India and the inspirer of her dormant national consciousness.

This year the Council of VESIT was treated to a profound session where the Chief Guest for the day Mr. Abhay Bapat eulogized the life and works of Vivekananda. The event commenced with an introductory speech by Prof. Nagananda. He urged everyone to learn about the life and experiences of the souls that graced our being, stating that their whole life was a message showing us how they rose above the restraints of their circumstances and paved a path for them. The Chief Guest, Mr. Abhay Bapat was then introduced. He has been associated with the Vivekananda Kendra since 1989 and is now the Maharashtra Prant Pramukh of the same. Mr. Bapat's speech was nothing short of entertaining at the same time it filled the listener with awe, learning about the predicaments of this great person. He talked about how the Prime Minister of Japan and The President of America thought themselves blessed to be in the land of this dignified and glorious personality. Such incidents make us aware of our own fortuity. His speech was spiced with anecdotes from Vivekananda's life. Vivekananda's childhood and early adulthood seemed to be the main focus of Mr. Bapat's address, thus drawing a parallel between his life and those of the audiences'. The gathering was mesmerized to say the least. They were left thinking that here was a person who at the same age as them dreamt of making India a world player, so what was stopping them from thinking along the same lines?

Mr. Bapat prodded them further by telling them that coming from reasonably well-to-do families it was their social responsibility to help the less fortunate ones move up the success ladder. They had to decide whether they wanted to be one out of the thousand youths Vivekananda talked about. His suggestion was that if you cannot be the answer to problems; at least don't be the problem. Only thinking is vain, acting on it is important.

TIMELINESS AND CONSISTENCY

Salil Shahane

One of VESIT's most proud moments this year was when it hosted a research lecture by Dr. Krithi Ramamritham, a professor from IIT Bombay. The topic of the lecture was "How to build smart things". It was held in the auditorium on the 27th of January, 2016. Dr. Krithi has a PhD in Computer Science from the University of Utah and has been in the department of Computer Science at IIT Bombay since 1998. The main topic of his research explores timeliness and consistency issues in computer systems, in particular, databases, real-time systems, and distributed applications. His most recent work revolves around the use of Information and Communication Technologies for creating tools aimed at socio-economic development.

The session began with an interesting question that Dr. Krithi posed to the audience – "What does it mean to be smart?". There were many good answers – including a particularly humorous one – Jugaad. He then went on to the main part of the discussion, where he explained his recent efforts to reduce the electricity consumption in urban areas using technology.

He elucidated how, he along with his students had built a few



rooms that could intelligently sense the number of people in a room at any time, and accordingly control the electrical devices in the room like lights and fans. All of this was achieved by using low cost electronic components like soft sensors and pinhole cameras. The entire session had a humorous note that was provided by Dr. Krithi. The lecture ended with a Q & A session where he addressed all the questions that the audience had about his work. This lecture was a truly memorable academic experience. We here at the VESIT Connect team would like to thank Dr. Krithi for sharing his knowledge with us and we wish him the best of luck for his future endeavors.

SHORT TERM TRAINING PROGRAM ON BIG DATA ANALYTICS

L. Sowmyasree

An ISTE-approved short term training program (STTP) for the faculty of Information Technology, Computer Engineering and Masters in Computer Application (MCA) was organised from 4 January to 9 January, 2016 to address the recent trends in information processing and Big Data Analytics. The convener, Dr. (Mrs) Vijayalakshmi, Vice-Principal, VESIT, was the keynote speaker. Others speakers included Prof. Asha Bharambe (IT), Prof. Sujata Khedkar (Computer Engineering) and Prof. Sangeeta Oswal (MCA). The week-long training program aimed to acquaint the faculty of the upcoming technologies in information processing and focused mainly on Big Data Analytics and its application in the curriculum. The Head of the three departments; Computer Engineering, IT and MCA were the advisors for the program, and Mr. Ameya Parkar, Mr. Parth C. and Mr. Prashant Kanade were the coordinators for the same. Participants included thirty-six VESIT faculties and three faculties from other institutions. Students from BE (final year) Computer Engineering were also invited for the concluding session of the training program. Being an ISTE-approved and self-financed short term training program, the session saw five VESIT faculties register themselves as life members of ISTE. Hands-on sessions for technologies like Hadoop, MapReduce and

NoSQL were conducted by the three expert faculties in Cloudera Lab in the college. Mrs. Devyani Chakravarty, an industry expert from Accenture, also conducted a session on Big Data Analytics on the last day.

The training program has received a lot of positive feedback from the participating faculties, especially those from other colleges. As one of the coordinators for the training program, Prof. Prashant Kanade, Department of Computer Engineering, quotes, "We are thankful to our Hon. Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) J.M.Nair, for motivating the faculty to enhance their skills by participating in such programs."



DEGREE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

Padmaja Kolle

The four year long journey, right from the first day of college to the end of the last exam, hits the students when they are presented with their degree of education. The second degree distribution ceremony, held on 23rd January 2016 at VESIT, comprised of many such moments of realization and remembrance among the graduating students of BE and MCA. The degree distribution ceremony, which was held in the amphitheater, started sharp at 3:30 p.m. with a total participation of 300 students among which 45 were MCA students and 255 were BE students. The chief guest for the occasion was Mr. Dilipkumar Khandelwal, the Managing Director of SAP Labs India; Executive Vice President and Head of Suite Engineering, Products & Innovation SAP.

The convocation started with the Academic Procession headed by the Principal, the chief guest, the Secretary of VES and other dignitaries followed by the students, all adorned in their ceremonial robes. When all were seated in the venue, the program commenced with the Saraswati Vandana and the University song, followed by the welcome address by the Principal. Mr. Dinesh Tahiliani, Secretary of Vivekanand Education Society, enlightened students about their future. Later, the Vice-Principal introduced the chief guest, Mr. Dilipkumar Khandelwal. Mr. Khandelwal gave a powerful and inspirational convocational address to the students. In his speech Mr. Kandelwal gave the students a 5-point formula to success. The first point was-follow your passion. Any work done with passion can work wonders however small it may be. The second point, understanding the bigger purpose and not getting disheartened with miniature hindrances in the path. He then spoke about building up the network which eventually becomes your support system and stronger the support system higher are the chances of being successful. Next, he talked about the importance of preparedness for the coming tomorrow and how should we adjust and adapt to the changes which will follow. Lastly, he emphasized on the importance of hard work and how there is no substitute to it. He concluded his speech by wishing the students best luck for their future endeavors and congratulated them for achieving one of the many milestones in life.

The distribution of degree certificates started from 1630 hours onwards. Students celebrated this occasion as a last moment with their college before stepping out into the future world.

Throughout the program, the sense of pride and achievement was palpable among the students, family, faculty and staff of the institute. The ceremony ended with a ray of hope and joy for the staff and students filled with inspiration for the years to come.



BOOK PUBLICATIONS BY VESIT FACULTY

This semester, professors from VESIT contributed to Engineering literature with the publication of three books in various domains. The books, published by Wiley India, were released in the month of January, 2016 in a ceremony at VESIT.

'Big Data Analytics', authored by Dr M.Vijayalakshmi, Vice Principal, VESIT, and Dr. Radha Shankarmani, Professor and Head at Department of Information Technology, Sardar Patel Institute of Technology, covers concepts, principles, techniques and tools required for Big Data Analytics.

'Parallel and Distributed System', written by Dr Nupur Giri, Professor and Head of Department, Computer Engineering, VESIT, Prof. Arun Kulkarni, Professor and Head, Department of Information Technology at Thadomal Shahani Engineering College (TSEC), Prof. Nikhilesh Joshi, Department of Information Technology, TSEC and Prof. Bhushan Jadhav, TSEC, aims to provide understanding of theoretical and practical concepts in Parallel and Distributed Systems.

Prof. Prashant Kanade, Department of Computer Engineering, VESIT, Dr. Dhananjay Kalbande, Professor and Head of Department, Computer Engineering, Sardar Patel Institute of Technology and Prof. Sridari Iyer, Department of Computer Engineering, St. Francis Institute of Technology, have co-authored a book on Human Machine Interaction. The book, titled 'Galitz's Human Machine Interaction', deals with techniques that are necessary in user interface design.

The books are primarily for graduate and undergraduate students, and are adapted as per the syllabus of Mumbai University for Computer and Information Technology courses.

L. Sowmyasree



Dr. Nupur Giri

Dr. M Vijayalakshmi
with co-author Dr.
Radha Shakaramani



Prof. Prashant Kanade with Wiley Publisher

ALUMNI MEET

Vaishnavi Sambrekar

The Alumni meet was conducted on 10th January 2016 in the Amphitheatre at 7:00 PM.

The event started off with inspiring words by our Principal. The distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Mr. Kuntal Joisher, Mr. Satyen Kothari and Mr. Saurabh Nanavati. Mr. Kuntal Joisher (Computer Science-2002) has attempted to climb the Mt. Everest and he is planning to do the summit soon. Mr. Satyen Kothari (Computer Science-1991) is the Managing Director at Citrus Pay and Mr. Saurabh nanavati (Electronics-1991) is the CEO of Religare Invesco.

Kuntal Joisher posted that he was stoked and honoured to receive the distinguished Alumni award from his Alma-mater VESIT!

The cultural committee of had planned a perfect evening for the alumni. The celebration started with a music performance. Students sang beautiful songs with soothing instruments playing in the background. It was followed by a drama which took a satirical take on engineering and VESIT cultural. The hosts went around the audience making jokes and the alumni shared their memories of Vesit. The evening wound up with a dance performance by students depicting Mahabharata. The audience then dispersed to have the delicious food served in the buffet. The students from the cultural events were overwhelmed to listen and relate to the stories of the alumni and they were thrilled to be in VESIT after 6:30 PM!

ILLUSION '16: SEE THE UNSEEN

Padmaja Kolle

The month of January started with an enthralling round of events comprising of the much awaited college festival, Illusion. This year there was an increased buzz among the students about this gala as its preparations had been started right from the month of October. The leaders were selected in the month of October itself, through a pen and paper test, followed by an interview round conducted by Pooja Kundu and Geeta Ajit. Out of 8 competitors, 6 were selected viz. Mr. Shantanu Tawde (Team Prevailers), Mr. Parimal Aglawe (Team Invaders), Ms. Karishma Londhe (Team Imperials), Mr. Achilles Almeida (Team Conquerors), Ms. Urvashi Chawla (Team Intruders) and Ms. Anisha Das (Team Laureates).

Next, an auction was conducted for the selection of managing committee, following a team auction which lasted for 2 days and finally 6 teams were formed with a total of 44 students in each team. This month reflected the hard work of the team leaders for shaping and molding their teams in order to win the ultimate championship!

Date	Day	Time	Event
11/01/2016	Monday	2.45-5.45 pm	Triathlon
12/01/2016	Tuesday	8.00-10.00 am	Speech
		2.45-5.45 pm	Modified Sports
13/01/2016	Wednesday	2.45-5.45 pm	Poster Making
14/01/2016	Thursday	1.00-5.00 pm	Portrait Making
		3.00-5.00 pm	Quiz
15/01/2016	Friday	8.00-11.30 am	Rangoli
		12.30-2.30 pm	Spell Bee
		12.30-5.30 pm	Music, Drama
16/01/2016	Saturday	12.30-2.30 pm	Story writing and Narration
		12.30-5.30 pm	Battle of 30 seconds, Dance

Literature:

• Speech:

The six team leaders competed in this event which signified the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekanand. They were meant to give a 3-5 minutes speech on the topic- 'Life and Work of Swami Vivekanand.' The prize was bagged by Mr. Achilles Almeida (Team Conquerors)

• Spell Bee:

The remaining 2 members, out of the 4 members of the team, who participated in the Quiz round, could compete in the Spell-Bee round. This event comprised of three rounds which tested the spelling skills of the participants. The event was won by Ms. Krithika Srinivasan and Mr. Aney K from Team Intruders.

• Story Writing and Narration:

Any 2 members out of the 4 members, who took part in Quiz round could participate in this round. Each team was provided with an incomplete sentence (E.g.: Once there was a lady who...). The members created an imaginary story starting from their respective introductory line. The winner of this competition was Mr. Achilles Almeida and Mr. Anurag Gaikwad from Team Conquerors.

• Battle of 30 Seconds:

BOTS is the most interesting and eye-catching event, under Literature portfolio. Basically it is an English literary event that tests your vocabulary and grammar. From each team, the person who wasn't a part of the Quiz round competed in BOTS round. The much awaited event Battle of 30 Seconds consisted of three rounds. The winner of this event was Mr. Nester Lobo, from Team Intruders.

• Quiz:

This Quiz Round was a group event. Out of 5 team members, only 4 members were allowed to participate in this event. It consisted of three rounds: First round was based on general knowledge whereas the second and third rounds tested the participants' knowledge on Swami Vivekanand. Winners of this event were Team Prevailers.

Sports:

• Triathlon:

This event comprised of 3 different tasks which were- Amazing race, Physical Tasks and Treasure Hunt: Case Study. 4 people out of the total 12 members of each team competed in each of these mini -

events. Team Intruders dominated this round by winning two out of three tasks: Amazing Race and Treasure Hunt, while Team Invaders won the Physical Tasks.

• Modified Sports:

In this event, entire sports team could compete with the opponent team. Modified Sports is an initiative of VESIT to combine 2 or more sports, so that the result could turn out to become a new Sport in itself. For e.g. Combination of Cricket, Volley-Ball & Lawn Tennis. This event was won by Team Invaders.

Aesthetics:

• Poster making:

Participating aesthetics team members had to make the logo of their respective team. The best poster would bag the prize. The event was won by Team Laureates.

• Portrait making:

Portrait making tested the aesthetic team member's sketching skills. This year's theme for portrait making was Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam. This event was also won by Team Laureates.

• Rangoli:

Similar to the theme for poster making, aesthetic team members were supposed to make rangolis of the logos of their respective teams. The event was won by Team Prevailers.

Performing Arts:

• Music:

The Music Competition is about creating an Anthem for your team and performing it live. This team anthem will be used for boosting your team. Each Music team consists of 5 members and the time for the anthem should be 3 to 6 minutes. Original compositions are rewarded. Team Intruders won this event.

• Dance:

This event attracts the largest crowds, which results in it being the most competitive of all events. From the six teams, Teams Conquerors and Intruders qualified for the face-off. After some time given for preparation, Team Conquerors portrayed amazing talent and won the face-off, ultimately winning the dance championship.

• Drama:

Each Drama team consists of 8 members. All the teams are supposed to perform a play on the given Topic. Each team had been given a different topic. Alongside the Dance competition, an English drama competition was held whose points were summed up with the main drama event. The entire drama category was won by Team Conquerors.

The mega event concluded with Team Intruders managing to rack up the most wins and thus, they were awarded the prize for the best team! Along with this triumph, there was also a title for the best leader which was bagged by Mr. Achilles Almeida of Team Conquerors. This year's 'Illusion' proved to be a yet another captivating and successful series of events.



ROAD SAFETY WEEK Salil Shahane



Road safety is very vital as road accidents amount to large number of deaths. To create awareness The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways had organized the Road Safety Week from 11th January 2016 throughout the country to improve the safety on road and to give an opportunity to all stakeholders to contribute to the cause of road safety. During the week, awareness about various causes of road accidents and measures to prevent them were highlighted by organizing various activities with School / college students, drivers and all other road users. VESIT also took immense interest in celebrating this week. Poster making competition for the students to spread the message and importance of road safety was conducted by VESLit Circle. Various banners were posted on notice boards to promote road safety.

S.O.R.T SANITATION PROJECT

Nihal Nathani

"Be the wings, the world needs"

After the success of SORT week and counts of stars in badge line it was now time to open an eye towards societal problems. SORT is now moving to the new challenge of sanitary hygiene of society. Sanitation is the basic amenity and need of a healthy environment. If one has time to lean then he must have time to clean.

Looking forward for a healthier society in order to raise the living standard of humans raised the need to focus on sanitation. Health is the foremost notion when SORT thinks of sanitation. In India, many villages still lack knowledge and are unaware of the importance of sanitation. Hence, SORT this year accepted the challenge of providing one such village with its basic rights for health and hygiene.

Sakhare is a quaint little rural area near Kalyan with the population of over 200 people at approx. It was chosen to be the part of the small step taken by SORT. SORT plans to build at least two toilets for this village in order to setup a model of sanitation and hygiene under health priority. Indeed a small step but with a larger shadow of ladder yet to climb.

THE MESSIAH OF THE UNDERPRIVILEGED

Neha Menon

*I sought my soul, my soul I could not see;
I sought my God, my God eluded me;
I sought my brother and found all three.*

-William Blake

The 26th of December 1914 saw the birth of a man, who was to shun his luxurious life and fight a battle against inequality, leprosy and most difficult of all, against the infirmities of the mind of man. The above verses capture the very essence of what Baba Amte strived for; not God, not for the peace of his soul but for the betterment of his brothers and sisters.

Baba Amte, born Murlidhar Devidas Amte, was an heir to a very wealthy family. His father, Devidas Amte, was a British government officer with responsibilities for district administration and revenue collection. Baba, a nickname he acquired during childhood, lived an idyllic and sheltered life. By the time he was a teenager he possessed a gun and had found a very sophisticated hobby in hunting.

Later on, he had a remunerative career as a lawyer. Baba set up a successful law practice in Wardha. At that time, the Indian Nationalist movement was in full swing and he too joined the freedom struggle. He played defence lawyer for many Freedom fighters. It was natural that he should come across Gandhiji. He started spending a lot of time at Seva Gram Ashram and inspired by Gandhism started wearing khadi clothes and followed his principles. It was during this time that he was moved to the core by the unbearable miseries, agony and social ostracism being suffered by victims of leprosy. He then decided that he would do something for the upliftment of these people. He relinquished his luxurious life style, his lucrative profession and voluntarily embraced poverty to identify with the deprived and the depressed.

His life forward was a constant struggle for what was right. It was a common notion during his times that leprosy was contagious. To prove the belief wrong, this former student of School of Tropical Medicine in Calcutta volunteered to act as the guinea pig for the experimentation of leprosy vaccine, thus laying waste to the idea of leprosy spreading through touch. In 1946, Baba saw a girl at a function leaving to help an old maid with her chores. He decided that she was the kind of woman he wanted to marry and marry her, he did. Sadhna Amte and Baba Amte were like two kindred souls, both wanting to do their best for the society. They led a happily married life till the end and had two children from their marriage, Dr. Vikas Amte and Dr.

Prakash Amte, both of whom are active social workers carrying forward the Amte legacy with their respective spouses and children. Dr. Prakash Amte and his wife Dr. Mandakini Amte run a school and a hospital at Hemalkasa village in the underprivileged district of Gadchiroli in Maharashtra. Baba Amte's elder son Vikas Amte and his wife Bharati Amte run the hospital at Anandwan and co-ordinate operations



Baba Amte

between Anandwan and satellite projects. His Anandwan (forest of joy) is not a rehabilitation center where thousands of lepers and other disabled men find food and shelter but it is a school from where they learn lessons of self-help, self-respect and selfless service. "Work Builds; Charity Destroys" was Baba's sublime philosophy. He would say, "Give them a Chance not Charity." And that's what he precisely did. He created for the leprosy-stricken and the disabled ample opportunities to let them stand on their own feet. He also established Gokul and Uttarayan which are homes for children and senior citizens respectively. He created Sukh Sadan meaning "The House of Happiness" for rehabilitated leprosy patients where people form "social family" wherein two couples commit to care for an elderly couple. The elderly couple also helps by taking care of the children of the younger couple and guide them.

Baba envisaged and worked towards a harmonious relationship between man and nature. He said, "No one has the right to arrange the funeral of the future". He was one who believed 'nature is the best teacher'. During the 1990s he joined Medha Patkar in the Narmada Bachao Andolan which was a social movement undertaken to stop the building of Sardar Sarovar Dam across the Narmada river.

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MARTYR'S DAY WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Salil Shahane

Every year, 30th January is mourned as Martyr's Day (Hutatma Din). On this day we pay our respects to the brave freedom fighters and all those valiant soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the sake of the nation. This year as well the Government of India had issued a circular to all the institutions in the country to maintain two minutes of silence to pay homage to the martyrs. All the institutes including VESIT as instructed maintained the two minute silence at 11.00 a.m. and paid a heartfelt tribute to all the departed brave souls.

VESIT's three departments (Computer, Information Technology and MCA departments) organized a two-day winter school program on 7th and 8th of January for TE students of Computer, IT and MCA (I and II year students), to get hands on experience with the latest tools used in the industry and also provided a platform for the students to interact with the industry professionals.

The program broadly focused on ERP/SAP and open source tools like GitHub. The first day of the program was conducted by TCS a. Ltd. The students were given an insight into the career opportunities in SAP and ERP. Later that day, the students were taught about the Enterprise architecture. Day two was conducted by General Mills India Pvt. Ltd. The students in this session were informed about the various open source tools. In the afternoon, the students were given assignments, related to the usage of open source tools with an industry perspective. Conclusively, it was a very successful initiative and the students appreciated and welcomed the event by giving an overwhelming response!

Salil Shahane

"I ALONE CANNOT CHANGE THE WORLD, BUT I CAN CAST A STONE ACROSS THE WATER TO CREATE MANY RIPPLES."

MOTHER TERESA

MUSINGS AND EXPRESSIONS

THE WALK

After all the efforts, it had to stop,
I had to let you walk
Had put all my faith into you,
Altered the world how I viewed
People called me insane,
For acting like a lame
All the efforts went down the drain,
Caused me an immense amount of pain
That was my state of affair,
Could not judge what led me there
Was overwhelmed with you in my memory lanes,
Like the words of Mark Twain
The taste of the chocolate feels bitter,
As if the blow from a dagger
Watching the sweet droplets of rain,
As they slide down the window pane
The seasons seemed to have changed,
Sweet wind also felt like a hurricane
Yes, that was a phase,
But finally had to give up my chase
The choice was tough,
The phase was rough,
The heart cried and the eyes dried,
But it came with its own price,
This world is a place of lies
After all the efforts

HARSH GUPTA (D12 A)

I had to let you walk,
Leaving me throbbled,
I had to let you walk

THE DESERTED ALLEY

Down the memory lane as I jaunt lay thy sublime moments..
Wishing to relive them, I beseech the divine;
" Benevolence, was the only bridge amidst us.
The true meaning of friendship was unsaid, unheard but felt..
Deceit was the only thing unshared.
Affection was in abundance.
Then, pray tell me why do I traverse here all by my self?"
The lane seems deserted..
Back and forth I saunter with unwilling gait..
Not a whisper to be heard, no laughter to make the place livelier,
Devoid of your presence, emptiness surrounds me,
Loneliness is the solitary thing following me,
Now and then I hold back to apprehend the sound of thy footsteps..
The nook of this lane does not seem far,
Hesitant to reach there alone, I abate my pace,
But my wait seems endless.
Bidding adieu to this lane, thereupon I terminate my detour...

DEEPA NARAYANAN (FE 4)

VESLIT

Literature, they say, is not just a compilation but an art. And so, here at VESIT we have VESLIT, our very own carnival of words, expressions and excellent communication skills. This year's VESLIT team was formed in November, 2015 and its first event was an online activity wherein the students of VESIT were asked to write an open letter to the celebrated convocation speech by our RBI Governor Raghuram

Rohit Sreedhar
Vaishnavi Sambrekar

Rajan. The winner of the completion was Salil Shanane from D12A. This term's VESLIT activities started off with a memorial quiz based on the book "The story of the Vivekananda Rock Memorial – as told by Shri Eknath Ranade. Veslit gathered 63 students for its very first event. It was an online quiz designed by Ankit Gone and Gayatri Shinde from F.E. The quiz went live on 10th January at 8:00

AM and ended the next day at 5:00 PM. The winners of this quiz are

Sahil Bhatia (FE 3)

Mahesh Khetpal (FE 8)

Riya Jajoo (D11A)

Celebrating the power of the youth was the poster making competition, which invited entries with the theme 'National youth day'. Students nibbled into the creativity of the minds and the following are glimpses of their talent.

Photoweave competition:

A picture is a voice of hundred unspoken words. Every stroke of brush, every pixel resolved has a story to tell. And that has brought 'Photoweave' to the table of Veslit, which took place on the 14th of January. There were three images projected to the participants and the students had to weave a story incorporating all the three images.

Students travelled through the lanes of creativity and weaved stories synthesizing the series of pictures in their story.

The winners of Photoweave are

Lairai Karnik (FE 2)

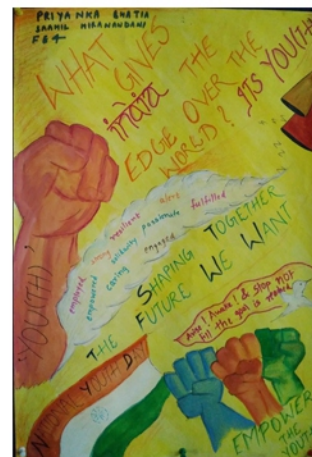
Sakshi Patil (FE 8)

PlayOff:

Words get their worth when they are emoted by actions and expres-

sions. And hence since ages drama has had a special connect with us. 'Play off' put to test the acting, execution and direction skills of the Fes where in each class had to present a one-act play on the theme 'Love with a special cause' for the preliminary eliminations. And the teams which made through the first round were: FE3, FE4, FE8, FE9.

The VESLit week commences from 8 February 2016 to 13 February 2016. Let's wait and see what more awaits us in this week!



Entry by Priya Bhatia and Saahil Hiranandani from FE 4.



Entry by Swathi Nair and Madhura Shetti from FE 2.

GOLDEN SERVICE

Mr. K. M. Sreenivasan has been a part of this college since its inception in the year 1984. Presently, he holds the position of being the in-charge of Maintenance Department. It has been 27 long years since he joined this institution and his contribution to this college is immeasurable. Says Rakesh Shirodkar, the technician in Maintenance Department, "Sreenivasan sir has vast experience and we get a lot of benefit with the knowledge that he passes on to us. He is also updated on health issues and he gives us a lot of advice on how to take care of ourselves." Mr. Santosh S. Bhagat, the peon from the department says, "Sreenivasan sir is fun to work with. He is very cooperative and often helps us personally when we have any problems."



Here are some excerpts from the interview with him:

Sir could tell us something about your background and your early years?

I was born and brought up in Alleppey district in Kerala, where I did my schooling. At the age of nineteen, I joined the Air force and did my technical education from Air force Technical College, Bangalore. I served the Air force for 15 years after which I took my retirement. It was then, in 1984, that I came across an advertisement of VESIT and I applied. Then began my journey with VESIT. I joined the Vivekananda Polytechnic College in 1984 as a lecturer.

Tell us something about your initial years in this college?

When I joined this college in 1984, there were not many engineering colleges in Mumbai. During those years, it was very difficult to get teaching staff for the engineering college, as most of the engineers were absorbed by the industry. Also it was very difficult to get the equipment for the laboratories as hardly any company was manufacturing it. Since the demand was barely there, companies were not into production of such equipment. All we could provide our students were some sets of multimeter and some other electronic gadgets.

Can you tell us something about changes in the college since

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Dilipkumar Khandelwal is the Managing Director of SAP Labs India and Executive Vice President and Head of Suite Engineering at SAP SE. In his role as Managing Director he leads 6000+ Labs organization focussed on Innovation and Product Development. As the head of Global Suite Engineering, Mr. Khandelwal leads an organization focused on developing and supporting applications in SAP Business Suite, Strategic Industries and the cloud infrastructure and Delivery for SAP Globally. He is a member of the Global Leadership Team at SAP and is a part of several global initiatives.

Mr. Khandelwal was the chief guest for the Degree Distribution Ceremony held at VESIT on 23.01.2016.

Here are some experts with an interview with him:

Manisha Bahrani

its beginning until now?

We were a small team of just 16 people in the beginning, who started conducting practicals with limited equipment. We started setting up our labs by going through minutely, the syllabus and instructions given by Mumbai University. There were three of us: Mr. Anil Kumar, Mr. D. R. Pajay and myself who started making the training kits required for engineering colleges. The whole engineering staff would put in long hours of work in order to make this a premier college in Mumbai. We also had the complete support of the management who ensured that we faced no financial constraints to get all that we required to attain our goal.

Do you work in some pressure or has it always been easy for you?

No, right from the beginning we have been given the liberty to do our work. There is not much pressure. Every staff member in our college has a different way of functioning, and as long as we do our work in the best possible way, we are given the liberty to carry out our own work.

Is it difficult for you to take some important decisions?

No, I am always clear about what what I can do or what I have to do. I have never faced that problem. After all, I have had years of Air Force training and this has is prepared me to take difficult decisions.

Tell us something about your family life?

I am married and my wife is a homemaker. My son works as a library assistant in the Polytechnic Institute. My daughter has completed her M. Tech from this college and now works as an assistant professor in an engineering college.

It has been many years since you retired, but you continue to work here. What would you like to say about that?

Initially, when I joined this college, I did not think of taking it up as a lifelong career. But after I joined, I found it very challenging, so I continued. In fact, two years after I joined, I had got an offer from ISRO. But the management refused to accept my resignation, and asked me to stay on. I was quite contented with the challenges of this job and I did not look anywhere else. I retired in 2008. But six months before my retirement, the management had asked me to continue in this college and take over as the in-charge of the maintenance department. And I have been doing so, ever since.

Neekita Salvankar



1. How does it feel to come back to the college?

Coming back here is like coming back to home, right? You always feel for the college. You always wanted the college to be successful, the right people to get placed, get the right opportunity for people to work. So, it's like coming back home.

2. Tell us something about your college life

My college life was not extraordinary or special. It was the days of having carefree fun, but it also was a time that I value a lot. I learnt many things and build a network of friends for life. My advice to you is to make the most of this time here. College days are truly the best days of your life.

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

Interpersonal skills are extremely important. You cannot just have fancy degrees and no inter-personal skills. You have to know how to communicate with your team, express your ideas, and work together as a team. When you start your career, you will work in small teams of about 10-20 people, but as you grow in your career and the size of your reporting team goes on increasing - into hundreds and thousands. Then as a leader you have to be able to connect with each and every one of them. I believe academics are equally extremely important and by that I don't mean just getting good scores. It is important to understand the application of the theories you study in Engineering.

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

I don't think it is possible to have a fool proof plan at the start of your career. Your goals change, and sometimes your whole area of work changes. In fact, the success of an individual depends more on how the person adapts their career plan along with the environment around them. For example I started my career as a consultant, then moved into Development working for the Quality and Governance area and then subsequently to Application Development.

Now I manage Cloud Delivery for SAP too. While it is important to have a long term plan – an idea of where you want to end up, so you can work towards that, you cannot make a detailed plan as there is no predicting where your career takes you. It truly is a journey, you learn, grow, change and adapt as you go along.

5. How important is getting placed during college campus?

Getting placed during college is always good because it gives you an early head-start and confidence in your career. But again, today's world is very different from the time I passed out. There are a huge number of incubators, investors and corporates who are willing to invest into bright individuals with good ideas. If you are good at what you do, there will be no dearth of opportunities that will come your way.

6. How well, according to you, can an engineer serve a company in the non-technical background?

I think an engineer can serve very well in a non-technical background, for several reasons. The most important being that an engineer will bring a different perspective, different set of skills and more importantly an analytical, data oriented way of looking at things.

7. Do you think post-graduation has become mandatory in recent times?

It is a personal choice to do a post-graduation or not. People have successful careers without doing a post-graduation as well; however, there are clear merits in pursuing higher studies. More than knowledge, it gives an individual more exposure and research acumen which increases chances of success many fold. My advice to all would be to first understand where your interest lies, and then decide on an area of higher studies, instead of just picking any MBA or M.Tech degree.

8. Any message for the new generation at VESIT?

Keep learning, work hard, and always stay curious. The constant quest to understand what's happening around you will make you more innovative and creative as a person, and that in the long run will make all the difference.

VESIT DIARIES

VESIT has given all of us friends for life, but to some, it has given a little more, that is, a soulmate for lifetime! As this is the Valentine's month, we decided to interact with one such couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hari. Both of them graduated from VESIT in 1999. Mr. Hari is currently the President and Chief Business Officer at PropertyGuru Ltd and has worked with firms like LinkedIn in the past. Mrs. Maya Hari is the Director of the Product Strategy & Sales at Twitter.

**Tell us about how you both met? What was the first meeting like?**

We have known each other from the very first year at VESIT in 1995. Our group of friends was very close and many of us remain close till today. We all shared the same values and enjoyed similar things (music, movies, hiking etc).

What is the key to success of a relationship? How to maintain a healthy one?

Mutual respect is key to maintaining any relationship. Being completely honest and direct helps get through disagreements and builds meaningful connections.

Anything that is worthwhile requires effort. If you invest the time in each other, relationships can be wonderfully supportive. Knowing someone so long, and from such a young age means they know you so much better. But it doesn't happen without putting in effort.

1. Tell us something about your college life

Mr. Hari: The 4 years at VESIT were great fun. My initial passion for networking technology was seeded there and I made lifelong friends who remain very close. VESIT was known for being very

Neekita Salvankar

strict but equally the quality of the people who I called classmates and fellow students was pretty high. Some of them have gone on to do amazing things.

Mrs. Maya: VESIT years were amazing as my time there laid the foundation of my professional and personal life ahead. VESIT was rich with exploration of telecom and digital related learning, projects and more. It was also where I discovered my love for hiking (Grassroots club), cricket and basketball, and enjoyed representing a rather unruly bunch of fun class mates as a class representative. I made deep and close friends at VESIT who are now spread around the world and are still among my closest friends.

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

Mr. Hari: Interpersonal skills are essential at all levels. The best hiring managers look for skills and attitude. The soft skills often show up in the attitude someone brings to their work and to relationships. This is essential to complement the core subject matter expertise.

Mrs. Maya: Professional and academic skills are the baseline of each of our capabilities. Interpersonal skills allow you to reach your ultimate potential in the professional world. One without the other can be quite limiting. Both are important ingredients for success.

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

Mr. Hari: There is no such thing as a fool proof plan. If you can break your life in 2-3 year chunks and aim at growth and development over that time period, you will be far more successful and much less frustrated.

Mrs. Maya: I thought I had a plan for my career from my VESIT days. Some of it played out as I had expected and some other parts were

surprise discoveries as the years played out. I don't think you can have a precise plan. It is good to develop a habit of exploring and experimenting different avenues to discover career paths that capture your imagination.

4. How important is getting placed during college campus?

Mr. Hari:It is useful and plays a role in building self-confidence. The jobs themselves vary – some are very interesting, others are more about the company that is hiring than the role itself. It all depends on the individual's 2-3 year plan.

Mrs. Maya:It is useful given it is a rich ecosystem of companies in the frame of mind of hiring. However, there are other ways to meet and network with companies outside of campus hiring as well.

5. Let's talk about your professional life

Mr. Hari:I have been blessed to have worked in the US, India and Singapore. Having lived and studied in India, the US, France and Singapore, I feel I bring a global sensitivity to my work. This opens me up to be more ambitious and "dream big".

While I started my career in customer service and technology, I have held roles in product management, business development, marketing and sales. As a general manager today, I enjoy bringing all this experience to bear in my job.

Mrs. Maya:My career over the last 15 years has been spread across the US, India and Singapore. I have had the opportunity to lead Sales and Marketing efforts in technology and consumer digital companies and more recently have got involved in digital and mobile go to market leadership. I currently work at Twitter as Director of Product Strategy and Sales for Asia & Latin America.

6. How well, according to you, can an engineer serve a compa-

ny in the non-technical background?

Mr. Hari:Engineering, if you apply yourself, teaches you discipline and a structured way of thinking. This way of thinking is what is the most important take away from the BE degree.

Mrs. Maya:Engineering is a proxy to having strong digital skills. Engineers who grow to take on non-technical roles in technology companies are incredibly good at understanding the underlying product and how it works and then can utilize that knowledge to strengthen non-technical business decision making.

7. Do you think post-graduation has become mandatory in recent times?

Mr. Hari:No, I don't think that's true. Today, entrepreneurship is an option as is deep engineering knowledge. Both these job streams don't require any further education.

Mrs. Maya:I don't believe it is mandatory. Students should take their time in assessing whether they want to end up in the technical world or business world with a few years of experience ideally and then assess whether they need let's say and M.S. or an M.B.A

8. Any message for the new generation at VESIT?

Mr. Hari:Invest in your relationships and ensure you use your time at VESIT researching future technologies. Artificial intelligence, virtual reality and financial tech will be a reality in 5yrs and ubiquitous in their utility. If you can figure out what inspires you, you can start working towards a career in that space.

One little tip – try and do something that not everyone is trying to do. Being a big fish in a small pond allows you to separate from the crowd.

Mrs. Maya:As an alumna of VESIT, I would love to see VESIT students dream big and aim high. I look forward to being inspired by all of your achievements in the coming decades.

SPORTS

Boxing Day Bonanza

The third and final match day of the VESIT Premier League took place on January 16, 2016. In a first, the League adopted the Barclays Premier League Boxing Day format wherein all the matches of the league take place on the same day. Twelve goals were scored on that very day.

Purple Posiedons and Green Vipers took on each other on the final match day of the group. The two heavyweights had both been tipped for the title of champions and so there was a great deciding factor in the match. The battle of the titans turned quickly in the favour of Poseidons as Final Year student Saurav Advani took the lead well into the first half. A chance shot by Roshan in the second half looped over Vipers captain and goalkeeper Harsh Bhatia after an awkward bounce, deciding the match and the table, with both the teams ending the group stage mid-table.

The next match was a Group A clash between leaders Red Devils and Blue Titans. The match started with the looks of being an end-to-end entertainer with Devils captain and goalkeeper Ashok Bhagia having to make a couple of early saves, but the game soon simmered down to a midfield contest. The second half saw fewer chances for both the teams with Titans captain Raturaj Nene and Devils marquee player Arun leading the attack for their respective teams. A late cross in the second half found first year student Sarthak Khanna at the edge of a box who chipped the ball over Titans goalkeeper Chinmay Vad with an uncomfortable touch, putting the Devils in the driving seat with a few minutes to go.

The second match of Group A saw five goals scored, as Orange Oracles took on the Dark Knights. The Knights took the lead with their marquee signing Aadesh. Oracles defender Vijay Singh put the ball in his own net to make it 2-0 for Knights. Oracles striker made it 2-1 before the break, giving them all the hope that they needed. The Oracles turned the game around in the second half as Shivraj Kohli scored a brace to turn the 2-1 into a 3-2 in favour of the Oracles.

Yellow Blitzkrieg faced only the White Walkers between them and the top of the table. Blitzkrieg started strongly, taking the lead via Aakash Patil and Yash Patil. They ended the half 2-0, ready to take the top of the table. Third Year student Sharath Rao staged a come

Ashok Bhagia

back for the Walkers with a second half goal, but Prem Kalwani smothered all hopes for revival with a goal in the dying moments of the match, ending the group stage at the top of the table, against all odds.

The teams at the top of the table have qualified for the semi final. Knockout matches will be played in the upcoming month between the third and fourth placed teams, the winners of which will take on the second placed teams. The semi finalists, the Red Devils and the Yellow Blitzkrieg will then face the winners of these teams.

Tendulkar pips McCullum to lift trophy

The month of January saw the beginning and the end of the prestigious cricket tournament, VESIT Cricket League. The short-lived tournament began on January 12th, 2016.

While the runners-up, Team McCullum started the tournament strongly, the champions had a flimsy start as they lost their first two games, having then had to fight a long way back to the final. Team McCullum, on the other hand, were the team to beat, reaching the final with a perfect record. In the end, they only lost one match. That, however, turned out to be the most important one; the final, making the final a classic example of David versus Goliath.

Team McCullum were tipped to become the champions from the get go. Team De Villiers captain Anant Gupta had gone so far as to call them "the Clockwork Orange of last year"!

The third year Deputy Sports Secretary Palash Pandey conceded the fact that the teams were far apart from the beginning, as he said, "Probably not the best team (to have won), but surely the best comeback team for sure. The way they came back from the initial two defeats to beat the unbeaten team, Team McCullum; (they are the) deserving champions."

