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## VICE PRINCIPAL 'S DESK

Dear Friends,

The first issue of VESIT CONNECT was a delightful read all round. The issue provided a bouquet of interesting news items and articles, very much in keeping with the VESIT culture.

The idea of VESIT Connect as a medium of information for dissemination within VESIT is indeed innovative and very apt as we in India are moving towards Digital India.

I wish Mrs Geeta Ajit and her team of student volunteers all success in this venture. "We relish news of our heroes forgetting that we are extraordinary to somebody too."  
—Helen Hayes.

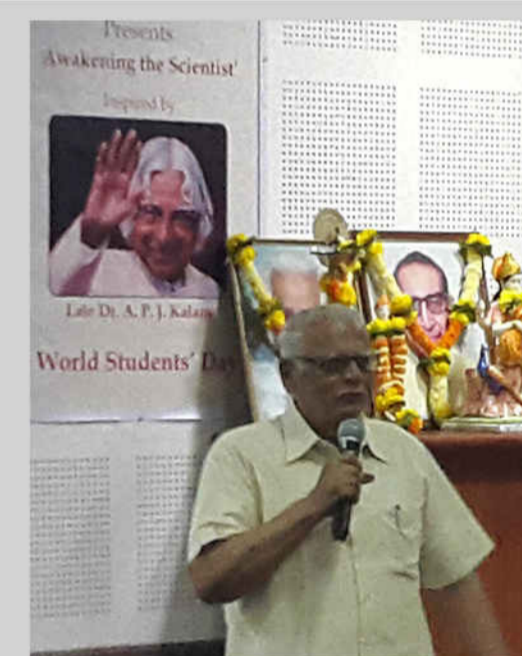
I hope VESIT Connect will bring to light the extraordinary stories of our own VESIT heroes.

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.*

Martin Luther King Jr.

## World's Students' Day Celebrated

VESIT was host to Vivekananda Education Society's celebration of World Student Day on October 15, 2015, to commemorate the birthday of our former President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in whose honour the day is being celebrated. VES President, Shri Mahesh Tejwani, shared with the audience, the wonderful memories he had when the late Dr. Abdul Kalam visited VES in 2013. The guest for the day was Prof. Mohan Apte, a renowned personality in the field of Astronomy, Science and Mathematics and author of many books on Astronomy and Popular Sciences. He enlighten the audience on science and history of Indian science with his lecture "Contribution of Indian Scientists - Kanad to Kalam".



# SWACHH BHARAT

PADMAJA KOLLE

As it is rightly said, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness", for a clean person is not the one that runs away from dirt, but the one who takes the time and effort to tidy up a dirty environment. Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan proves to be one of the most successful initiatives across the country as citizens are keen enough to change the opinion of cleanliness of our nation in the world's minds.

This thought was thoroughly inculcated in the minds of VESITians as we all joined hands to make our college clean. A clean up drive was conducted in VESIT on 1st October, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM as an initiative from the college in order to support the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan. Students from every department were enthusiastic about this event and participated in huge numbers. The college provided students with necessary cleaning equipments like brooms, mops, napkins, etc. Every nook and corner of the college was cleaned; right from the fans in the classrooms to the huge murals in the amphitheatre. The drive eventually managed to give a refreshing clean look to the whole appearance of the college.



Just a week after having the clean-up drive in the college, i.e. on 7th October, 2015, the VESIT SoRT council organized a clean up drive at the Chembur station. The event was met with an overwhelming response from 162 participants! All the student council members along with some of the teaching staff went to Chembur Station to clean up the place. The event started at sharp 9:00 AM, where the students, in the presence of the Principal and the Vice-Principal, took a pledge to keep our environment clean. The pledge was taken by commoners and students alike. The college collaborated with the railway administration and the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) which provided students with the requisite kit and gear to clean the station.

After the day's tiresome work, the students were pleased to get their hard work covered by the media! Many leading newspapers covered this event viz. DNA, Lokmat, Navakaal, The Metro Pulse, Gujrat Samachar and Dakshin Mumbai. Some of the participants spoke to the media about their views which were then publicized through the newspapers. The event was also telecasted on Door Darshan Sahyadri resulting in a greater awareness which is the need of the hour. Development and enhancement of our surroundings and protection of environment was the aim of this benignity which was definitely fulfilled at the end of the day.



## "Aptitude Gets you a Job, Attitude Takes You Further"

Through an interactive session with The Free Press Journal, our principal, Dr. J. M. Nair spoke of her vision for her students and this institution. The article published in The Free Press Journal on Monday, November 2, 2015 with the above title, covered her views at length, on the improvement of the students' prospects and the initiatives that are being taken at VESIT to empower them and help them at every step to achieve their goals. "We are preparing them for the walk of life," she states as her mission.

# Awakening The Scientist 2015-2016

NAGANANDA A.

## Introduction

In order to become a professional and remain competitive in this highly commercial world one has to master the art of working in groups and teams along with sound knowledge of the field. Having a good balance of team work along with technical knowledge cannot be developed overnight and requires an attitude of Sharing and caring.

The rapid changes in the technology are due to the application of discoveries and inventions in the basic science domain. We need to be observant as to how basic science, (physics, chemistry, mechanics, mathematics) make a difference in our day to day life.

Awakening the Scientist is an opportunity given to the First year students take the first step in this transformation of a student to a professional. First year students make groups and each group identifies the basic engineering and technology used in equipments, gadgets and tools used in day to day life. The group will have to relate to the past, present and future of the technology used.

For the academic year 2015-16, an introduction session to this event was held this year. The last date to register the groups was 15th Sept 2015. 30th Sept 2015 was the last date to submit and the last date to submit the one page synopsis in the given template.

It is encouraging to note that this year we have 178 students who registered for the event is 47 groups. 38 groups out of 47 have submitted the synopsis. A session on presentation Skills using PowerPoint was conducted by Mr. Nagananda for the 38 groups on 3rd Oct 2015.

These 38 groups had the elimination round on 8th, 9th and 10th OCT 2015. On 12th Oct 2015, feedback from the Judges was given to the students who participated and results were announced. Eight groups were selected to give final presentations on world Students day 15th Oct 2015 in honour of Dr. A P J Kalam.



NAGANANDA A.

Training and Placement Officer



The results were announced on the same day. The Judges also nominated the Best speaker and the most promising student. (Please refer to Annexure 3)

The motivation and enthusiasm shown by the students is remarkable and we are sure that the efforts they are putting in this process will lay the foundations for them to have a bright career and a secure future

### Final Results

Rank	Group No.	Topic	Group Members
1st Rank	15	Batteries	Utsav Das Kaushal Bhogale Nishant Shankar
2nd Rank	30	Plasma Gasifier	Omkar Tulaskar Jay Kulkarni Rushikesh Baraskar Sankalp Tripathi
3rd Rank	42	MRI Machine	Richa Gupta Mayuri Moorthy Sayli Bodas
	29	Scientific Calculator	N Sai Sirisha Abhishek Chabra Tarasha Agrawal Gaytri Ganapati
Consolation	46	Maglev Trains	Abhigya Upadhyay Dnyanal Berde Sidhanth Yeole Mugdha Sonwane Varal Tole
Best Speaker	N Sai Sirisha		
Most Promising Speaker	Sai Prahlad		

## ILLUSIONS'16

SALIL SHAHANE

### ILLUSIONS'16- The Cultural Extravaganza!

As the name suggests this festival is more like a dream, really incredible! This grand celebration is one of the most awaited and anticipated events of the year. One can experience all facets of a culture, and then be it dance, drama, literature, music, aesthetics or sports. Into its third year now, this event has already managed to mesmerise the audiences with some splendid talents and breath taking performances. The event is a battle between six teams who fight with all their might to win that coveted Illusions trophy.

The six teams are headed by leaders who in turn choose the managing committee members, responsible and capable enough to build a strong and competent team that can help them emerge victorious.

The six teams are as follows:

1. Team Prevailers led by Shantanu Tawte
2. Team Laureates led by Anisha Das
3. Team Imperials led by Karishma Londhe
4. Team Invaders led by Parimal Aglawe
5. Team Conquerors led by Achilleus Almeida
6. Team Intruders led by Urvashi Chawla

The 'Supremoes':



The auditions were held in the month of October for the team building process and the talented participants were auctioned. After the gruelling bidding session, the supremoes have chosen the best for their battalion, to fight it out for the prestigious Illusions'16 Winner title. The stage is set, the players are ready and the audience is excited to celebrate this mega event and experience some fantastic action once again!

## SAD DEMISE

PANKAJA PAWAR

VESIT mourns the death of its former student, Ankit Doshi, 25, on Thursday, 15 October 2015. Ankit had a heart attack while he was having coffee in the office cafeteria at Accenture, in Mumbai. He was rushed immediately to Godrej Hospital, Vikhroli, where he was declared dead.



Ankit was born on March 28, 1990 in Mumbai and was a resident of Ghatkopar. He pursued his Bachelor of Engineering at VESIT, Chembur and passed out in the year 2011 to join Accenture, which he had attained through college campus placement. He was working at Accenture, as a Senior Programmer at the time of his death. Prof. Kavita Tewari, the Head of Electronics department remembers him as a very good student who was also active in various extra-curricular activities. "His great sense of humour and his smiling face is the first thing that comes to one's mind," she said. "His absence will surely be felt by all of us. May God give his family the strength to bear the loss of one so dear," she added. He is survived by parents Nitin and Meena Doshi; his brother Tejas Doshi and his sister-in-law Riddhi Doshi. "Ankit Doshi was a well mannered and intelligent student. He will always be remembered for his bright presence in our lives. May Lord give strength to his family and friends to bear this irreparable loss," said Mrs Shobha Krishna, Head of Electronics and Telecommunication Department.

## OCTAVES'15

SALIL SHAHANE

VESIT has always motivated and enthused its students to go beyond the realm of books and studies and to pursue their cultural interests thereby allowing the students to build up their repertoire of skillsets and for the all-round development of the individual. The cultural extravaganza for this bygone month included three important events.

### OCTAVES'15-Beyond the eighth note!

The Music council of VESIT has been organising the grand music event 'Octaves' for the past three years. Presently into its fourth year, the most awaited musical gala commenced on the 29th of September. All the music enthusiasts participated in the plethora of events held by the council. All the budding and aspiring musicians strapped their boots and packed their instruments to set out on this 3-day musical expedition.

The musical events included:

1. **Rap/Beatboxing** (For all the Eminem's and Yo-Yo's!): Rap is the new 'In-Thing'. In today's rapidly evolving world, time is the biggest constraint and hence to quickly convey the message of the song, these songs are recited speedily. So it depends upon the ability of the rapper to do it swiftly and unmistakably. This event received a great participation and the rappers made it sure to leave the audience in wonderment.  
**Winner:** Rahul Panicker (D8)

The Performance by B.E Students:



2. **Regional Solo** (Because music knows no language): After all the gargling and rehearsing the singers were all set to rock the stage with some melodious performances. The audience once again left humming the regional hits!  
**Winner:** Harsha Kumar (FE 1) and Saurabh Nadge (D13)

3. **Scrap Music** (Beats matter more than an instrument): The vessels disguised into drums and the spoons into drumsticks, this event proved that one only needs to have a rhythm in the body and even the smashing of benches can make people groove to one's music  
**Winner:** D8

4. **Music Quest** (Knowing the music inside out): This quiz tested the participants' knowledge about the vast realm of music from music directors to singers and from instruments to lyrics!  
**Winner:** Pranit Kotgire and team (D8)

5. **Battle of Bands** (Head banging and Crowd surfing!): This event is most sought after event where the rock bands lock horns to win the battle. This event successfully manages every time to bring the house down!  
**Winner:** Nishit Rao and team & Kaushal Bhogale and team.

6. **SongKraft**: (A song come true!): This event enthuses all the lyricists and the musicians to team up and realise their dream song on a particular theme. The participants are given a period of 10 days to create and compose a chartbuster!  
**Winner:** FE7

# VESIT VOICE

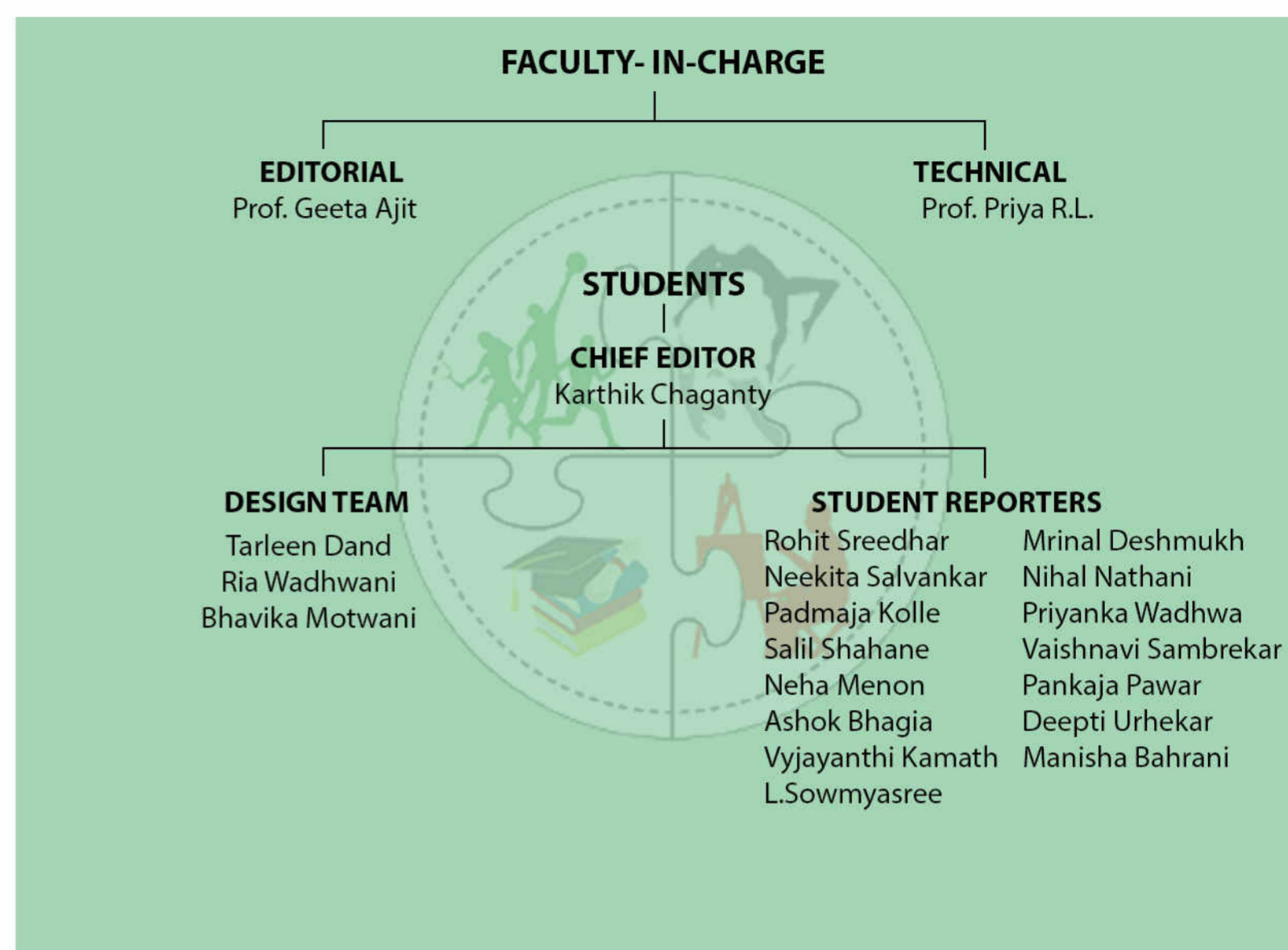
ROHIT SREEDHAR

The second half of this semester too, hosted a galore of events and happenings! 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan' brought the VESITIANs together to culminate the broad national initiative of cleanliness in a fruitful manner as the students themselves took to the brooms and pans to get the classrooms and the college premises clean. Not stopping there, they went on to get Chembur station rid of all the muck. The Internship Mela too boasted of its success as it not only helped the students get internships in some of the choicest companies but it did also give them a glimpse of what actual placements would be like. Life, they say is a path full of hurdles, and there are many amongst us who despite of their difficulties managed to succeed in their endeavors. And so, we had the 'Shrestata awards' to recognize their undying spirit and grit. VPL and VCL have drawn in the best talents of sports and are seeing them ride on with full energy and enthusiasm. Illusions '16 is nearing up and is bracing itself to explode with the much awaited blitzkrieg with the commencement of the next semester. The team leaders along with their talented troupe have been chosen for the same. An ode to DR. APJ Abdul kalam was made as we celebrated his love for science with ATS (Awakening of the Scientist).

Amidst all this, with a wrenching heart we regret to inform you the sad demise of one of our students, who passed out in 2012, after he succumbed to a heart attack. We pray to the almighty to give his dear ones all the courage they need to carry on and may his soul rest in peace.

As we sum up with the events, we also had the musical extravaganza 'Octaves'15' which saw some amazing talents exploring different styles and intricacies of music while the societies kept up with their interesting activities. With the semester meeting its end, we gear up for the forthcoming examinations. Wishing you all the luck, may your efforts meet success!

# THE 'VESIT CONNECT' TEAM



# MUSINGS AND EXPRESSIONS

## A little face peeping out the window

A little face peeping out the window,  
when the feelings swing down so low,  
her eyes shine bright in amazement,  
walking down the imagination pavement.

The big white ball in the night sky,  
that little onion making every cook cry,  
the smiling baby in that mother's hand,  
every detail of the cosmos lies in her creativity land.

painting the pictures requires no brush,  
Nature's beauty made her brain cells feel the rush,  
the only role of the bright optimism in her,  
was to stretch her lips and pass it over.

climbing up the stairs of age,  
she saw the world of lies and rage,  
to keep herself away from the sadness and fears,  
she kept watering her plant of imagination, thus not wasting her tears.

**Purvi Udhwani**  
D12B - 68

## There are these days

There are these days  
when with no mercy pours the rains.  
When the demon has his ways  
and sorrows fill the lanes.

The journey tuns into a test and the legs grow weary  
as helplessness tightens it's noose and the eyes gets teary.  
Your body begs to give up while your pride bleeds for defiance  
your mind wille to bend and pleads the heart for compliance.  
Sweat blurs your vision while your cries deafen your ears  
luck conspires to break you while the end of your will power nears.

You are half way through , says a part of you  
but you are yet to cover the other half , or so the other half woos.  
The rains keep lashing while the storm shows no pity  
but such is the story of life , and there's naught to be done save being gritty.

The legs may cramp but the steps should, t cease  
you may find your eyes damp but with the failing vision for glory , you must never make peace.

Helpless as it may seem and as tired you might be to even cry  
your hurdles should never win and you hope must never die.

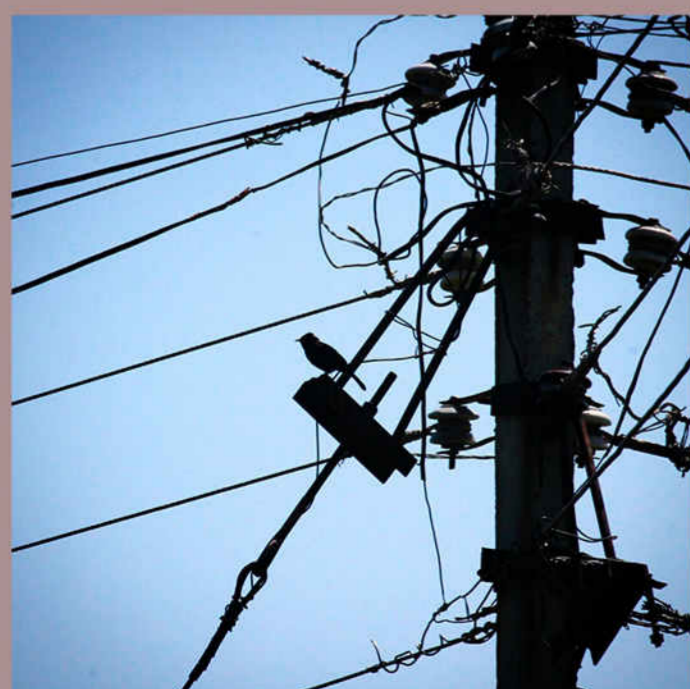
Vulnerable you may be in times perilous  
the claws on the evil tempting , the wicked incessantly querulous.

Fall not as a prey to the charms of the vile  
Love passionately , and shun it with a smile.

Try ceaselessly , but learn from the past  
March towards glory , and be the one to laugh last.

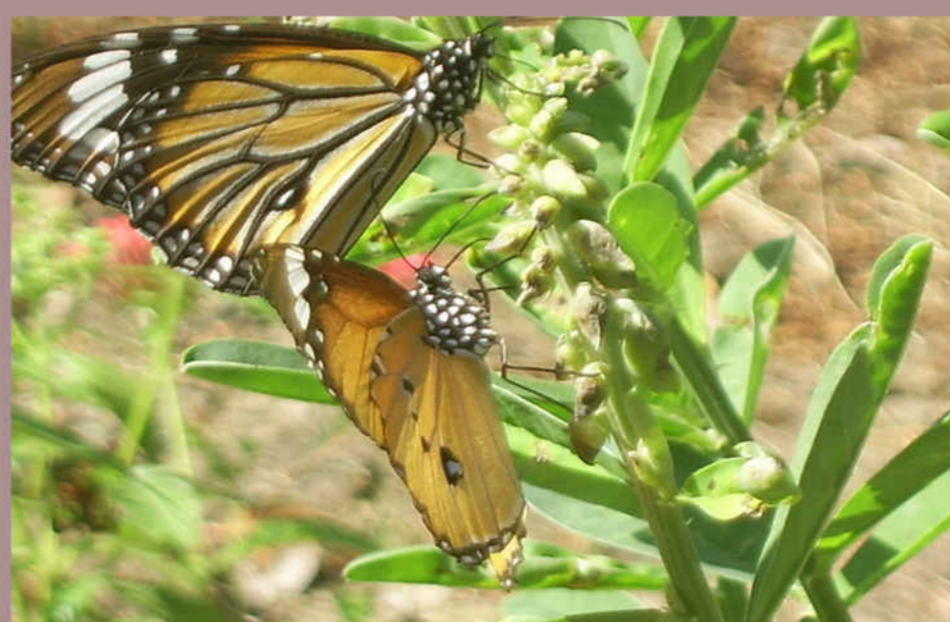
**Harishkandan Somasundaram**  
D12B - 30

# CREATIVE BENDS



Hey you human,  
What's the need for confusion?  
Wondering why I'm not on a tree  
How can I be? when you are on a tree killing spree.

**PRATHAMESH DONGRE**  
D12-B



**PROF. PRASHANT KANADE**  
COMPUTER ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTT

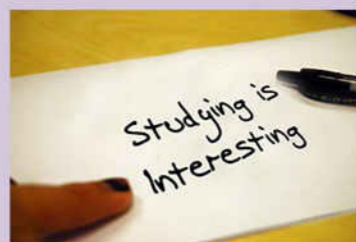


**PRATIK SAWANT**  
D12-B

# FACE EXAMS TENSION FREE!!!

Prof. NAGANANDA A.

Examinations are an excellent opportunity to prove our worth to the world. Most students consider exams as problem or a difficult situation.



Point to be noted is that problems or difficulties in our life don't come to destroy us, but to help us realize the hidden potential.

Facing exams tension free is an art and must be acquired by every student. The following ten points may be useful in preparing and changing the attitude towards exams.

## 1. Understand your biological Clock / Rhythm:

Every living organism has an internal biological clock which is an internal mechanism that controls the periodicity of various functions and triggers our biological rhythms which are the natural rhythms for some of our body functions and necessary activities. Examples include body temperature, alertness, daily performance, endocrine activity, and sleep schedules. Therefore to excel in studies we must monitor and understand our biological rhythms. Make a note of the time when alertness and attentiveness is high and when low. Remember, different subjects require different levels of mental alertness.

## 2. Plan your strategy

You are the best judge of your own circumstances. Prepare a strategy that best fits you, keeping in mind the goal. Think, Plan and Manage. As said by Swami Chimayananda "Plan out your work and workout your plan. Only planning is waste and working without a plan is chaos!"

## 3. Prepare a workable timetable:

Preparing a timetable is an ART! Ensure that you take into account your biological rhythm while choosing which subjects to study when. Subjects that you feel difficult may require more time. The sequence matters as the subjects in one semester may be related to each other.

## 4. Involve your family members for cooperation:

Cooperation from the family members is a must if one has to concentrate on work. Discuss your strategy and timetable with them and seek their approval and cooperation to implement it. Your success is their success too!

## 5. Look beyond:

Look beyond in both senses: literally and figuratively. Literally looking beyond would mean, to relax your eye muscles by looking beyond into distant objects. Since the distance between the book and the eyes remain fixed, the focal length of the eye too remains fixed which may causing a strain on the eye muscles on reading for a long period of time.

Looking beyond figuratively would mean the importance of knowing the subject and its link with subjects of higher semester. The impact of the core subjects on opportunities and career growth.

Looking beyond would also mean to have body which is physically fit and mentally alert. Maintain a good posture which is ergonomic so that there is least stress on the neck and back muscles. This is very important while writing and typing. Wrong postures while typing and writing for long hours can lead to problems of neck, shoulders and back.

## 6. Practice writing:

Three hours of writing for theory exams required a lot of writing practice. There is a tendency to read and study rather than write and study. Subjects which have mathematical base require one to practice solving the sums and not just reading the solutions. This will also ensure consistency in the handwriting throughout the three hours of writing

## 7. Ask for help :

When one is not able to understand the concepts, it is necessary to ask for help. Therefore discussions with friends will help in improving the confidence. There should be proper balance between individual and group study. Group study helps in preparing for practical and viva exams

## 8. Reward yourself:

Everyone sets a target with respect to studying for exams. Reward yourself for achieving the target. This will motivate and improve your self confidence and self efficacy.

## 9. Fresh healthy Food:

When we do any work with concentration a lot of energy is consumed. Therefore it is very likely that one may feel bouts of hunger more often than on regular days. Eating fruits, dry fruits and drinking plenty of fluids in the form of juices and water is preferred to a packet of wafers, junk food and aerated drinks! Having fresh and healthy food helps to keep the mind alert.

## 10. Beware and Be Aware:

Remember time that is gone is gone forever! Maximize your potential by preparing in a planned and structured manner. Proper preparation and practice prevents poor performance! Beware of Arjuna syndrome and Abhimanyu syndrome. Arjuna had all the necessary weapons and well prepared to fight the war. But on the day of the war he could not fight! This was because he lacked clarity in thinking. Abhimanyu decided to plunge into the battle field without knowing how to come out of it. That is why a healthy body, alert mind and clarity in thoughts is necessary for success in whatever one does.

Only Theory is hollow and only Practical is shallow! Strong fundamentals of both theory and practical are need. That is the true essence of learning.

**Wishing all the students the very best of Luck for the exams.**



**"TO BE YOURSELF IN A WORLD THAT IS CONSTANTLY TRYING TO MAKE YOU SOMETHING ELSE IS THE GREATEST"**

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

## SHRESTATA AWARD

NEHA MENON

**"GREAT LEADERS DON'T SET OUT TO BE A LEADER...THEY SET OUT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE .IT IS NEVER ABOUT THE ROLE-ALWAYS ABOUT THE GOAL" - Anonymous**



Each one of awardees was handed out a star and a candle and was asked to take an oath, vowing to use their skills to be future change agents of India. The oath was taken not only in English but also in Hindi. These special children were then given a chance to speak about themselves. Aditya Thakur, one of the awardees, inspired the audience by telling them that self-reliance is the best way to help themselves. The other awardees too gave beautiful speeches that held the audience captivated. The hostess's timely and apt rendering of quotes in Sanskrit and English also impressed the listeners.

The 'Shrestata awards' is an initiative by VESLARC (VES Leadership and Research Center) to acknowledge and encourage students who endeavor to make a difference in spite of unaccommodating circumstances. This year nine students from the VES group of colleges received this much sought award. The award ceremony was held at the VESIT auditorium on the 15th of October, the birth anniversary of the nation's beloved A.P.J Abdul Kalam and also World Students Day. The auditorium was packed to the brim with proud parents, cheering friends and well-wishers of the awardees.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr Sunil M. Keswani. The special guests also included the Treasurer of VES, Mr. Amar Asrani, the President of VES, Mr. Mahesh Tejwani and Dadi Vaswani. The event was also attended by staff members and students from various colleges under the VES fraternity. The function began with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the honorary guests and a prayer song by one of the students. Then the hostess for the day went on to explain the importance of the day and gave a brief description of the awardees after which they were called on to stage amongst a loud round of applause.



## ISTE

VAISHNAVI SAMBREKAR

A two day ISTE mega event held on 6th and 7th October turned out to be a huge success.

Day 1 revealed an exclusive app made by the ISTE technical team. One member from each team had to download the application which displayed an alphabet for few minutes. The task was to come together with other teams and make a word. A card game along with 'Crack It' helped boost the scores. The points earned on day 1 were used as money for betting on day 2.

The second day saw teams betting on imaginary horses to earn money, which could be used to buy assets. The day ended with many teams who triumphed in minting money while some had their wealth blown up in the stealth of the cards. "A gangster's life isn't easy, brother" said a participant.



## INTERNSHIP MELA

VYJAYANTHI KAMATH  
SOWMYASREE L.

The concluding event organised by the E-cell for this semester, the much-awaited Internship Mela, was held on 3 October, with 20 companies pitching in to hire interns. Aimed at providing an opportunity to students to gain an industry perspective, the event gathered a galore of anticipation with 350 eager students attempting the first round – the Aptitude Test- on the 29th of September. Of these, 150 applicants were shortlisted on basis of their scores and advanced to the Interview round.

The next round, held on the 3rd of October, had the selected candidates seated in the auditorium, where the companies pitched for themselves and the students were asked to decide and submit a list of their preference of companies for internships in a 10 minute period. With companies comprising of both, start-ups like KeyQual Technologies and Bakers' Dozen and well-established organisations like Air India and MTNL offering winter internships and trainings, the students had a quantum of choices to choose from.

Ensuing was the interview round where the company representatives and students interacted through professional interviews. Continuing for over four hours, the interviews saw candidates from all branches competing for technical as well as non-technical positions. By the end of the day, 108 students were offered winter internships in various domains.

The tVEC team is delighted at the success of the event. Chirag Dixit (D12B), Secretary, tVEC said, "It is a wonderful experience to plan and execute an event at such a grand scale. The overwhelming response of VESITians made it worth the efforts my team has put in."



Founders: ZetaInc. (L to R)  
Abhishek Shetye, Trinad  
Somani, Rahhel Kadri

After its inaugural event, the 'Computer Society of India', VESIT, has been conducting a major series of events, with overwhelming responses, this past month. The following were the events this season: Business Quiz:

As the name says, 'Business Quiz' was all about the contestants' knowledge about the business world and included questions and games about business, CEOs, Tie-ups, Startups, Technology, etc. The finale was conducted on 14th September, 2015 which saw a participation of 25 teams with three members each.

#### Wordpress and Java FX Workshops:

The Wordpress workshop was the first workshop of CSI VESIT for this semester exclusively for the second year students. Conducted on 5th October, the workshop introduced the concept of web designing with the help of Wordpress.

The JavaFX workshop was conducted on 7th October, 2015 and covered topics like Introduction to JavaFX, its uses, its advantages, and basic concepts to program in JavaFX basics of XML and many more.

#### LAN Gaming:

LAN Gaming, the most appreciated event of this season, included some pulse racing games like Road-rash, FIFA'16, FIFA'11, NFS and Counter Strike. Teams of 4 participated in this event whose eliminations were held from 26th to 29th September, of which two teams emerged as winners for each game, the finals for which was conducted on 30th September 2015.

**Article Writing:** This year's topic for article writing was 'Augmented Reality'.

#### Virtual Stock Market:

Virtual Stock Market, more popularly known as 'VSM', is a virtual stock market simulation with twenty-five Virtual Companies and Foreign Exchange allowing currency and commodity trading. This event was held online over a span of 2 days, 10th and 11th October. It tested the marketing skills of the participants through virtual stock market. At the end of the two days, the participant with highest value of virtual money won.

#### Cash In If You Can:

This event mainly revolved around the pack of cards. The idea was to play a series of casino games to earn the maximum virtual money. Out of a total of 60 teams only three teams won this competition.

The perfectly stacked books and the well laid furniture don't just account for a surreal library experience, but they also speak about a journey, a career, a lifetime that was spent in nurturing them. Mr. Ramprasad S. Dhobi has spent many glorious years in VESIT with utmost dedication and perseverance. He has seen our college transform into what it is today and has experienced many different phases in this college.



Even after working in the VESIT library for nearly 30 years now, he continues to serve with the same spirit and energy with which he began his journey here. Retirement doesn't seem to have applied brakes to his thrust and the nod to work post retirement, from the authorities, has only added to his zeal and passion. He was given the approval to work for as long as he wanted to and as long as he could. It is an honour to have him with us.

Here is the excerpts from a little chat with Mr. Ramprasad S. Dhobi:

#### Q. Tell us something about yourself and your family

I originally hail from Uttar Pradesh but live in Mumbai as I work here. I live in Mumbai alone while my family continues to stay back in Uttar Pradesh.

#### Q. How long have you been working with VESIT?

I have been working here for nearly 30 years now. I joined VESIT in 1984. I worked in few other colleges before I came here and joined VESIT.

#### Q. How was your experience here working in the VESIT library?

When I joined the VESIT library, it was not so huge with so many books and equipment. I have seen this library grow into what it is today. Many things have changed and developed in the college in the last 30 years. Many new ideas came up and many more facilities became available. Even the numbers of students have increased. In the beginning, when I joined the library, I had some difficulty to adjust to the new place, but I got a lot of help and guidance from the faculty here, which helped me a lot. I tried to understand everything. And as I was shown the right way, it was easier for me to work according to the needs of the college.

#### Q. Why do you continue to work for VESIT after you retired?

I retired last year. But I still wanted to work for the college. So I approached the authorities of the college to continue to work here, and they readily agreed. I have a really good company here. And the staff are always very supportive. This was a good year for me. And the year has passed by so fast. I want to deliver my service to this college as long as I can.

#### Q. Your most memorable moment here.

I can't think of any one specific moment. Every day I spent here, with friends and among good people is memorable. And I was fortunate enough to have a company of a lot of good friends here.

## VESIT DIARIES

NEEKITA SALVANKAR



Raj Bhat was a student of Computer Engineering from the 1984-1988, that is, the first batch at VESIT.

#### Profile:

Raj Bhat  
Educating India, Empowering Entrepreneurship

Raj, dons various hats as speaker, thinker, author, researcher and teacher. He is one of the most popular speaker and teacher in the Entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country. He is very passionate about addressing the growth challenges faced by Indian Entrepreneurs and the evolution of online education trends globally, especially Massive Online Open Course (MOOC)

He has conducted over 200 workshops for Entrepreneurs, Faculty Leaders and Students in India, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Raj, is currently involved in various educational initiatives spanning across industries and knowledge sectors Chief Evangelist, Enterprisers.in.

He curates an online community on Facebook for growth focussed entrepreneurs.

Enterprisers.in today is an active community of 750+ entrepreneurs and share mutual learn-ings and experiences. In keeping with Government of India's vision of funding the unfunded business through its 'Mudra Bank' initiative, Enterprisers.in is metamorphosing into a Last Mile Financier for Mudra Bank.

Here are some excerpts from an interview with him:

#### 1. Tell us something about your college life.

We were the first batch of BE students for the institute in 1984. There was practically no infrastructure to talk of. Hardly a couple of classrooms and a TT table room. There was some confusion about the affiliation of the institute so lots of us were worried if we had taken admission in the wrong institute. But the college management under Mr Hashu Advani and Saxena Madam were committed and they made sure that the college got all the necessary permissions before it started. They also made sure that the infrastructure was rapidly built. In a couple of years we had some of the best facilities amongst private colleges in Mumbai.

#### 2. How did the idea of a start-up strike you?

I went on to do my MMS from Welinkars post BE. I worked with Godrej and Wipro for about 6 years before starting up in 1996. The Internet was just happening in India and there was a lot of excitement and buzz. I was convinced that an interconnected world was the future of collaboration. So I just jumped at the idea of doing 'something' on the Internet. I had no clue on how the Internet would shape up. So I started with this very basic idea of selling Internet 'connections' and modems. From there I slowly graduated to developing websites before finally emerging as a software company integrating web based banking applications for International banks. It was a long journey from 1996 to 2010.

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

I would rate interpersonal skills way high above technical skills. In this hyper competitive world your EQ will take you further than your IQ.

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

There can never be anything fool proof in life. In fact it would be foolish to expect that. But young graduating engineers should at least have a road map on where they want to go. Today a BE degree in itself is not sufficient.

I would highly recommend that students build up additional qualifications on their resumes. There are 1000's of online courses from some of the best universities in the world which you can do even before you graduate.

A post graduation degree will definitely help you to stand out from the rest

#### 5. Let's talk about your professional life. You are also associated with a foundation. Tell us about it.

I worked in corporate for 6 years in the early stage of my career. Then was an entrepreneur for 14 years. I have been associated with Wadhvani foundation for the last 10 years. The foundation focuses on developing entrepreneurs on Campus in India, Malaysia, Indonesia and Pakistan. I currently am doing my research in the area of Entrepreneurship Education. More about the foundation on [www.Wadhvani-foundation.org](http://www.Wadhvani-foundation.org).

#### 6. Tell us how easy or difficult it is for an engineer to become an entrepreneur.

Engineers by their sheer ability to solve problems have the best shot at entrepreneurship in today's world.

#### 7. Any message for the new generation at VESIT?

Be aware of all things that are happening globally. Think ahead and train yourself rigorously for hyper competition



**RAJ BHAT**  
COMPUTER ENGINEERING  
BATCH 1984-1988

(Students' Personality Intellect Creativity Enhancement)  
"To Bridge the gap between Campus and Companies and overall personality development of the students."

Food is all about spice; spice brings the zing into food which changes it from bland to all out delicious. SPICE at VESIT also aims at adding that special something to students' personality which will change them from mere individuals to corporate sharks.... from sapless beings to personalities to be reckoned with!

What is the one thing about great personalities that attract people the most? It is their self-assurance and confidence with which they carry themselves. SPICE aspires to inculcate these values and many more of its kind in its members. Earl Nightingale got it correct when he said 'Everything begins with an idea'. Along with a good idea it is also important how it is presented to the audience. SPICE aids students in finding their confidence by holding regular GD sessions and debates.



What better way to overcome your fears than to face it? The winners of each session are handed out goodies like pen drives and power banks. The chief benefaction however is the increased self-esteem not only of the winners but also the participants.

SPICE also organizes expert lectures to guide students on how to perform in group discussions and HR rounds. The topics vary from current technologies to new trends in IT.

SPICE was founded in 2008 by Mrs. Nishi Tikku, Head of the Department, MCA, VESIT. Since then, it has become a huge success with many students benefiting from the selfless efforts of its student council members and the staff in-charges.

The current year's council includes :

President : Adrian Viegas(MCA 2B)

General Secretary : Prabhath Nair(MCA 2A)

Pratik Mahale (MCA 2B)

## SPORTS

ASHOK BHAGIA

Vesit Premier League, or simply VPL, is the first ever football league of VESIT. The league comprises of eight teams, divided into two groups, and it is played in the League and Knockout format. The captains are chosen from amongst a group of prominent footballers of the third year, while the second year students fill out the vice captain spots.

### The Auction

The auction for the third edition of VPL is done and dusted. The auction was conducted by Masters of Ceremony Palash Pandey, Sharath Rao, Anirudh Mavlinkar and Pranit Desai, with renowned member of the college football faction, ex student Sagar Talreja auctioneering for the Marquee round. The auction took place in the format of four pools.

Pool A- TEs and Bes

Base Price: Rs 5 million

Pool B- SEs

Base Price: Rs 4 million

Pool C- Marquee Players

Base Price: Rs 8 million

Pool D- Fes

Base Price: Rs 4 million

The Marquee Players pool included eight of the best players from the college, with the rules stating that each team must have one marquee. The marquee players included the likes of Suraj Holla of D10, who took the college by storm in his debut season and Prasanna Desai of D20, the most expensive player, who went for a price of Rs 44 million.

Suraj Holla to Purple Posiedons for Rs 32 million  
Prasanna Desai to Blue Titans for Rs 44 million  
Aadesh Kulkarni to Dark Knights for Rs 37 million  
Nehank Poilkar to Orange Oracles for Rs 8 million  
Bryna Rathos to Green Vipers for Rs 23 million  
Raunak James to Yellow Blitzkrieg for Rs 26 million  
Sharath Rao to White Walkers for Rs 8 million  
Arun Venkat to Red Devils for Rs 8 million

The auction turned out to be a lively affair as all the captains and the vice captains all tried to outmaneuver and outthink each other to create the best possible teams. The most notable FE players, Gaurav Ail, Kabir Sachdev and Shivraj Kohli ended up in Red Devils(Rs 21 million), White Walkers (Rs 15 million) and Orange Oracles (Rs 15 million), respectively.

### The full list of teams:

**RED DEVILS:** Ashok Bhagia(Captain), Clive Dsouza (Vice-Captain), Arun Venkat(Marquee), Harshal Jasnani, Mandar Patil, Zoha Qureshi, Vikat Raut, Dhiren Chandnani, Jibran Nakhwa, Shubham Bangar, Syed Bilal, Vinay Singh, Anirudh Roy, Sarvesh Kulkarni, Sarthak Khanna, Gaurav Ail

**PURPLE POSEIDONS:** Achilles Almeida (Captain), Om Raheja(Vice-captain), Sooraj holla (Marquee), Piyush Thoravat, Prathamesh Tagad, Kshitij sutar, Shriram rajaraman, Neeraj pal, Gokul shah, Saurav advani, Rahul talwar, Vrushal kamtikar, Pawan patil, Nauman patel, Roshan Kurein, Tanmay Zope

**WHITE WALKERS:** Ravjot Tuteja(Captain), Saurabh Jadhav(Vice-Captain), Sharath Rao(Marquee), Bhavesh Singh, Jay Anjankar, Kartik Oswal, Harsh Mistry, Udaish Dadroo, Avishkar Chawla, Manish Khilnani, Neeraj Jethnani, Kabir Sachdev, Bhavik Jain, Ashutosh Alurkar, Utkarsh Pathak, Paras Suri

**YELLOW BLITZKRIEG:** Prashant Chand(Captain), Vinay Nair(ViceCaptain), Raunak James Ryan(Marquee), Akash Patil, Prem Kalwani, Vikram Vijayaraghavan, Hrushikesh Patil, Harsh Jain, Yash Patil, Sarthak Singh, Samartha Ladia, Shardul Malvankar, Chaitanya Sohoni, Karan Daryani, Varun Rajpal, Gaurav Duseja

**GREEN VIPERS:** Harsh Bhatia(Captain), Sujay Pawar(Vice Captain), Bryan Rathos(Marquee), Divesh Sharma, Ajit Krishnamoorthy, Ashwini Kumar Gupta, Raunak Khithani, Padmaj Manore, Siddharth Rana, Abhishek Salian, Shantanu Mulay, Yash Vig, Farhan Khan, Romit Bonkar, Pratik Shukla, Sagar Borkhatariya



**DARK KNIGHTS:** Vedant Desai (Captain), Sufyan Khan (Vice Captain), Aadesh Kulkarni (Marquee), Kunal Dodeja, Pranav Musale, Sanket Raut, Sachin Palve, Vignesh Shankar, Vishaak Narayan, Etish Talreja, Prathamesh Bhosale, Ayush Kalla, Yash Saraf, Mohit Chauhan, Abhishek Kamble, Sai Ankuth

**ORANGE ORACLES:** Vivek Kundnani (Captain), Aayush Nair (Vice-Captain), Nehank Poilkar (Marquee), Pranit Desai, Nikhil Raghani, Nikhil Hassanandani, Kawaljeet Singh, Aaron Thomas, Vijay Singh, Tarun Dash, Nilesh Dhongade, Rugved Sawant, Shivraj Kohli, Anurag Sarang, Abhishek Manurkar, Prathamesh Sawant

**BLUE TITANS:** Raturaj Nene (Captain), Rohan Mohandas (Vice Captain), Prasann Desai(Marquee), Karan Ramdas, Chinmay Vad, Palash Pandey, Anurag Gangal, Rohan Jathana, Ameya Bhavne, Harivenkatesh Murugesan, Kartik Agashe, Deepesh Haryani, Viraj Wani, Sumeet Mandagode, Mohit Wadhwa, Manish Bharti

### Inauguration

The Vesit Premier League's third season kicked off on September 28 2015 on the football ground. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of the trustee Mr Hori Wadhvani and faculty members Mr Yogesh Pandit and Mr Rohan Mandhare. After personally wishing all the captains and the vice captains the best of luck, Mr Pandit offered words of inspiration and caution to the players present, before kick-starting, both literally and metaphorically, the VPL.

"Make sure that the game is played in a good spirit, and avoid any major injuries," said Mr Pandit, fully aware of the injuries that plagued the tournament last season.

"Also make sure that you all play fair," added Mr Wadhvani.

### Match-day 1

The inaugural match was played between the Red Devils and the Orange Oracles, with the Devils taking an early lead via Marquee player Arun Venkat, with Gaurav Ail and Harshal Jasnani also finding the back of the net by the end of the first half. A late goal in the second half for Devils winger Vinay Singh meant that the inaugural fixture ended with the score line "Devils 4-0 Oracles".

Later in the week, the second match of Group A was played out between the Blue Titans and the Dark Knights. The most expensive player, and college team captain Prasanna Desai headed the ball in from Palash Pandey corner to give the Titans a lead, before Prathamesh Bhosle took advantage of a miscommunication at the heart of Titans' defense to level the score line. The match ended with both the teams sharing the prize.

Group B favorites Purple Posiedons took on Yellow Blitzkriegs, as the initial match of the group. After a goalless first half, Yash Patil gave the Blitzkriegs a lead which was immediately nullified by Posiedons' star Sooraj Holla. However, another goal by Yash Patil and a fortunate tap in from Harsh Jain made sure that the first upset of the league was complete, with the final score being 1-3.

The second match saw the first own goal of the tournament as White Walkers faced favorites Green Pythons. A cross by Abhishek Salian was turned into his own net by Walkers' Vice Captain Saurabh Jadhav, before fresher Kabir Sachdev leveled the score.

### Results:

Red Devils(Arun Venkat, Gaurav Ail, Harshal Jasnani, Vinay Singh) 4-0 Orange Oracles

Blue Titans(Prasanna Desai) 1-1 Dark Knights(Prathamesh Bhosle)

Purple Posiedons(Sooraj Holla) 1-3 Yellow Blitzkriegs(Yash Patil(2), Harsh Jain)

White Walkers(Kabir Sachdev) 1-1 Green Pythons(Saurabh Jadhav(o.g.))



The VESIT boys' Kabaddi team entered the Mumbai University inter collegiate Kabaddi tournament. While they breezed past the first round with an easy win, the lack of key players took its toll on the team as they were knocked out of round two.

The VESIT girls' Basketball team participated in the tournament, but were not able to make it past round one.