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PRME REPORT of VESIT (2016-20)

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Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed.
Mahatma Gandhi

Vivekanand Education Society (VES), with its 27 institutes, is committed towards working for the cause of the 17 Sustainability Development Goals

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Sustainability is no longer about doing less harm. It's about doing more good.

Jochen Zeitz



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As a new signatory to Principles of Responsible Management Education (PRME), it gives me great pleasure to write on behalf of Vivekananda Education Society's (VES) commitment to sustainability.

The 27 institutions of VES, spanning pre-nursery to Doctorate level education, includes a family of over 20,000 students and around 1150 staff members, thriving strong in the Chembur and Borivli suburbs of Mumbai, India, since 1962.

Values are the reason d'être for the VES group of institutions, given the strong ethical legacy of our founding father, Karma Yogi, the late Shri Hridaya Advaniji. Hence, working towards greater equitability in society and a cleaner planet, have been an integral aspect of the institutions of VES. Since our inception over 5 decades ago, our students and staff of VES institutions, have actively conducted and participated in various events aimed towards a better and healthier society. Good citizenship has been embedded in our policies and decisions.

Now, as a PRME signatory, we take the next significant step in our journey, by continuously linking and aligning our activities to the 6 Principles as well as the 17 Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) of the PRME. We are confident that by doing so, we will enhance the impact of such activities and help spread awareness among our various stakeholders about the compelling need for sustainability-linked thinking. We also look forward to learning about myriad sustainability-linked approaches from the members of this august forum and in turn, sharing some of our approaches and activities via this Sharing Information of Progress Report.

As we continue to strive towards excellence in all-round education, we commit ourselves towards shaping the hearts and minds of the next generation of citizens of this world, so that working together, we can create a just, equitable, healthy and inclusive society.

For Vivekanand Education Society


Mahesh Tejwani
President



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VIVEKANAND EDUCATION SOCIETY'S INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (VESIT) has been imparting quality Education in field of technology for last 33 years, offering Bachelor Degrees in various streams of Engineering.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The innovative teaching methods of Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning, Peer learning and Flipped Class room are also being tried this year by many staff members. Google class room concept implemented this year in some classes improved teacher student communication and rapport. The regular Faculty Development Programs, the Induction programme for new teachers and Adharsila, collaborative teamwork of VES teachers mentored by VES Leadership and Re-Search Academy motivate the teachers to experiment with the new methodologies.

Skill Enhancement Lectures (SEL) are being arranged in all subjects to weave supportive knowledge as needed throughout the curriculum. The valuable guidance from Department Advisory Boards (DAB) consisting of industry Experts, Parents, Alumni and students is also taken into account in the formulation of new schemes and in the modification of existing schemes. The Centre of Excellence labs created in the institute such as Labview Academy of National Instruments, Big data Analytics lab with Cloudera, VLSI lab with Cadence, Wireless lab with D Link provides opportunity to our students to learn the upcoming technologies

"SORT" – SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TEAM VESIT

The inception of "SoRT – Social Responsibility Team", was to channelize students' energies towards the wider cause of social responsibility.

EVENTS CONDUCTED BY SORT FROM OCTOBER 2016 TO JUNE 2017

Helping Banks with the process of Demonitization, November 14th, 2016

Due to demonetization, long queues outside banks and ATMs was a common sight those days. SoRT recognized the need to help people through that process and decided to go out to the banks and help everyone out. The team went to the branches of SBI, Jankalyan Bank and HDFC on the 14th of November 2017 and helped the people standing in scorch sunlight by providing everyone with water and helping people fill out the forms.



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SoRT helping citizens at bank queues during
Demonetisation

Lakshya Foundation on Knowing your Army, January 27th, 2017

Lakshya Foundation, with their main objective as to bridge the gap between civilians and the armed forces, came to VESIT on the 27th January 2017 with two Majors from the armed forces to have an interactive session with our students and to let us know more about our brothers and sisters at the border.



Tree Plantation by Lakshya Foundation

SoRT-Cleanup Drive - Cleanup drive which was held on 3rd of March 2017 at Chembur Station. Around 200 VESIT students along with Staff members participated in the event. The cleanup mission was held in collaboration with Municipal corporation and Maharashtra Nashabandi Mandal also aimed to create awareness about sexual harassment, road safety, child labor and drug abuse awareness.



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Message of Shri Mahesh Tejwani, President of Vivekanand Education Society (VES), Mumbai, India

As Vivekanand Education Society (VES) completes two years as PRME signatory, it is a matter of privilege and joy for me to share that our commitment towards sustainability has grown in myriad ways, to encompass under initiatives aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As a value-driven family of 25 educational institutes, with over 32,000 students, we are deeply committed towards integrating planet-friendly and socially harmonious practices, into the lives, hearts and minds of our students and staff members.

The vision of our founding father, the revered late Shri Hazra Acharya, is an eternal source of inspiration and pride to us, ensuring that all our activities in the field of education are ethical and geared towards building a society, a nation and a world with productive, happy and responsible citizens.

As we grow along with the PRME journey, we take special pride in linking the ancient wisdom of our nation, with the 17 SDGs of the twenty-first century, to offer to our students the best of both worlds. We are confident that our initiatives and endeavours will have a "positive ripple effect", benefiting society through our students. Through this Meaningful Information of Progress Report, we offer our humble contribution to the august global platform of institutions committed towards sustainability.

We reiterate our commitment towards learning and disseminating the much-needed inputs for a cleaner, healthier, more equitable and better planet!

M. Tejwani

(Mahesh Tejwani)

President - Vivekanand Education Society, Mumbai, India



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SMART INDIA HACKATHON- The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, envisages a Digital India to bridge the digital divide in our country. In order to work towards our PM's vision, MHRD, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Inter Institutional Inclusive Innovation Center (I4C), and Persistent Systems organized Smart India Hackathon 2017, a unique initiative to identify new and disruptive digital technology innovations for solving the challenges faced by our country. VESIT won the first and second prizes in 2018 and second prize in 2017

S. No.	Date	Topic	SDG linkage
11	1 st and 2 nd April 2018	Smart India Hackathon	SDG – 4 quality Education

1st Prize, 2018: Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) (1st)

2nd prize, 2018: Skill Entrepreneurial Network Development & Entrepreneurship (runner up)



PRAXIS Techfest "Praxis 2017" organized by VESIT Renaissance Cell (VRC). A two-day technical event was a showcase of various innovations across Robotics, Mechanics, Technical, Electronics and other events beside the inclusion of several fun events. The building of an innovative scientific culture is the need of the moment and events like Praxis help in inculcating the right scientific discipline in students

S. No.	Date	Topic	SDG linkage
1	22-23 September 2017	PRAXIS	SDG – 4 quality Education



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SPECIAL RECRUITMENT CELL: A special recruitment Cell has been constituted under the Training and Placement cell with effect from academic year 2017-2018, with the following objectives

1. To identify the students who are not able to appear for the placement process because they are not meeting the eligibility criteria of the companies that visit our campus and students who could not get placed even after appearing for the placement drives.
2. To guide and help such students get further opportunities for placement and internship.
3. For students in the current batch not meeting the eligibility criteria, to start parallel placement / internship opportunities for such students by identifying and inviting open criteria companies.
4. To identify the problems and skill set requirement of such students and to seek help of alumni to improve their technical and soft skills.
5. To organize special training program and workshops for such students to enhance technical and soft skills through need based special finishing school at department and college level.

Flowing activities has been conducted:

- Workshops and Training and certification courses have been conducted .
- Recruitment/Internship Opportunities shared with Unplaced Students from 2016-17 and 2017-18 Batch.
- Skill set Training Cum Employment assistance Proposals received
- Interaction Session with Major Sandip Tiwari regarding preparation for Army Recruitment
- Internship to the students: 262 students from VESIT has been provided internship in industries , R&D organizations and renowned institutes

S. No.	Topic	SDG linkage
1	SPECIAL RECRUITMENT CELL	SDG – 4 quality Education, SDG—9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure



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INTER-COLLEGE-COMPETITION: in order to focus on resource management, and use of technology as a planet-friendly alternative to conventional resources, VESIT organised various inter-college competitions, like project showcase talk delivery, debate, research paper presentation

S. No.	Date	Topic	SDG linkage
1	27 th January 2018	Inter-college Elocution Competition (spoken on a topic)	SDG-9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure
2	22 & 24 March 2018	E-Yantra (project) E-classroom	SDG-9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure
3	7 th -8 th April 2018	Eyantra (project)	SDG-9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure
4	23 rd to 25 th March	Robofeast during Cognizance Fest(annual technical fest of IIT Roorkee)	SDG-9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure
5	3 rd March, 2018	SAMVAAD'18, the inter-college Debate Competition (debate)	SDG-9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure
6	December 2017	AVISHIKAR 2016-17	SDG-9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure

E-Yantra: This included e-classroom project, aiming at flexible, interactive conduction of oral sessions, e-records of list of sessions conducted by instructors and attendees, maintenance of e-notes, resources management such as power management, and many such modules.



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E-Cell Activity: Theme of the event was to help all students acquire study resource material, such as books and study notes, at a discount to market price, to make quality education more affordable.

S. No.	Date	Topic	SDG linkage
1	24 August 2017	BOOKSWAP EVENT	SDG 4 – Quality Education, SDG–9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure

INSTITUTE- INDUSTRY INTERACTION: The institute industry interaction activities are conducted through training workshop sessions, talk from experts, industrial visits etc.

S. No.	Date	Topic	SDG linkage
1	20 July to 9 August, 2017	Graduate Engineer Training Program for Larsen and Toubro	SDG–9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure
2	20 July to 9 August, 2017	One day Workshop was organized by HIRAC Regional Innovation Centre (BRIC) in collaboration with IKP Hyderabad and Vivekanand Education Society (VES)	SDG-9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure
3	20 July to 9 August, 2017	INDUSTRIAL VISITS	SDG-9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure



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Projects: VESIT provides opportunity to students for taking up projects under LBS (learning Beyond Syllabus), Technology Day

S. No.	Topic	SDG linkage
1	Project (IoT based concept wherein electricity bills are switched to prepaid facility. This work is used to monitor power consumption and automatically alerts the user to recharge the account through the Internet and SMS) **project Highlighted in newspaper Hindustan Times (18/12/2017)	SDG-9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure, SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production
2	First rank--VESIT Network Second Rank - Virtual Reality- A walk through the jungle Third Rank - Vehicle tracking System and IoT based garbage management system **Ranking done based on intra-college LBS Project presentation	SDG-9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure, SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production



Social Activities

S. No.	Topic	SDG linkage
1	Blood Donation Drive under Social Responsibility Team (SoRT)	SDG-3 Good Health and well-being



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2	Traffic Monitoring – Ganpati Visarjan under SoRT	SDG-11 Sustainable cities and communities
3	UMEED Under SoRT	SDG-1 No Poverty
4	Bone Marrow Donation under SoRT	SDG-3 Good Health and well-being

S. No.	Topic	SDG linkage
1	WHIPLASH: The VESIT Intra-Collegiate Debate Competition	SDG—3 Good Health and well-being,11
2	Short Film Making Competition to fight against corruption	SDG—3 Good Health and well-being,11

Intra-college Competition



Vaachan Prerna Diwas Celebration

On the occasion of birth anniversary of our former president Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam which was on October 15, VESIT had celebrated "Vaachan Prerna Diwas" on 14th October 2017. This session was arranged for all the teaching and non-teaching staff.

S. No.	Topic	SDG linkage
1	Vaachan Prerna Diwas Celebration	SDG—4 Quality Education,9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure



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Yoga Day:

The staff and students of Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology along with VES College of Arts, Science and Commerce celebrated International Yoga Day under the guidance of Ms. Rita C. Vazirani & Mr. Prasad Godse.

S. No.	Topic	SDG linkage
1	Yoga Day	SDG—3 Good Health and well-being



Born to Blossom

Born to Blossom™ seminar was organized by the prestigious Swami Vivekananda Kendra, at Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology on the 29th of July, Saturday for the MCA 2nd and 3rd year students and faculty

S. No.	Topic	SDG linkage
1	Born to Blossom	SDG—16 Peace, justice and Strong institutions

Young India, New India – A Resurgent Nation: from Sankalp to Siddhi

On 11th September 17, on the occasion of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Century Celebration and 125th year of Swami Vivekanand's Chicago Address, the live telecast of "Young India,



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New India - A Resurgent Nation : from Sankalp to Siddhi" speech by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was shown to First Year students. Some students have submitted their views for Young India, New India.

S. No.	Topic	SDG linkage
1	A Resurgent Nation : from Sankalp to Siddhi	SDG--16 Peace, justice and Strong institutions

Health and Immunity

Keeping in mind the stress and strain prevalent in every individual's life, a session on Health and Immunity was organized by VESIT and VESIARC, for VESIT staff in the college auditorium on February 14, 2018.

S. No.	Topic	SDG linkage
1	Health and Immunity	SDG--3 Good Health and well-being



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Date: 28/09/2019

It is a matter of joy, privilege and pride for us at Vivekanand Education Society (VES), to present our third Sharing Information on Progress (SIP) report, from Mumbai, India. As one of the few institutes in India who are signatories to the PRME, we are deeply conscious of our responsibility towards shaping sustainability-linked thinking in our students. At the same time, with over 24 institutes and academies, and over 22,000 students, in our family of educational institutes, we are also keenly aware of the enormous significance of each and every sustainability-linked action of ours, and its impact on society.

VES has always been known for its emphasis on values-based education. Over the last 57 odd-years, our future-oriented thinking has enabled us to harness various ways of imparting effective learning to our students of our schools and colleges. Most important, since the last three years, after becoming a signatory of PRME, VES has taken conscious efforts to weave its various socially-oriented activities into a cohesive framework, by asking: Which are the SDGs that we would like to focus on? Thus for example, if our College of Pharmacy has focused on SDG 3 for good health, our College of Law has worked towards SDG 16 for a peaceful, just and inclusive society. Hence, the following report will present a small snapshot of the broad spectrum, of myriad activities, which cover almost all the SDGs, and impact our students, stakeholders and staff in ways direct and indirect.

For breakthrough outcomes, multidisciplinary research is necessary with optimum blend of science and technology. I sincerely feel that our pharmacy, science, and engineering institutes can come together and work complementary to each other to bring reforms in the healthcare and information technology sector. VES looks forward to some innovative outcomes, protected with patents, and made available to the industry for commercialization. Students from the higher education institutions in science and technology are thus motivated and trained to give solutions to the problems related to the welfare of community so that there is improvement in the quality of life.

"What can one person alone do?" may be a common question that arises in the mind of anyone wishing to work towards a healthier, greener, and happier planet. Just like a pebble thrown into



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a pond has an ever-widening set of ripples, each positive and consistently taken action has a beneficial "ripple effect" in society. Some of these benefits are immediate and tangible, such as the afforestation drives that lead to more greenery in a tree-starved city like Mumbai. Others, like our students volunteering in orphanages and old-age shelters, have a subtler but nonetheless strong impact, with a transformation of thought in the minds of the younger generation. We seek to encourage both kinds of activities and processes.

As we continue to work towards holistic education, we once again commit ourselves towards thoughts, words and deeds that help shape the world into an equitable, clean, smart, healthy and inclusive planet!

Sincerely,

Shri Babbar Bhojra

President - Vivekanand Education Society



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VES Institute of Technology (VESIT)

The sustainability-linked activities of VESIT focused on two broad areas – leveraging technological expertise for helping the economically underprivileged and sensitizing students towards broader social responsibilities.

In the first focus area, where technology is used for sustainability, students were encouraged to select academic projects that carried a positive social impact. Some of these include:

- An underground drainage monitoring system, that helps determine the percentage of oxygen and other gases inside a drain
- A smart parking system with automation for display of available parking
- E-governance of water consumption for record-keeping, tracking and analysis
- The design for a prosthetic limb for easy and effortless movement

The following table depicts some of the various sustainability-driven projects, in the domain of social sensitization, undertaken at VESIT.

S. No.	Date	Topic	SDG linkage	No. of people Participated
1	22/02/2019	Blood Donation Camp	3- Good Health and well Being	162
2	19/03/2019	Blood Donation Camp	3- Good Health and well Being	314
3	06/03/2019	Social Awareness Drive for elections	16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions	2000
4	21/08/2018	Kerala Donation Drive	16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions	101
5	03/09/2019	Traffic Monitoring For Janmashtami	11-Sustainable cities and communities	50
6	05/09/2018	UMIEDY' 18	1-No Poverty	2000
7	20/09/2018	Traffic Monitoring At R.K	11-Sustainable	30



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		Studio For Anant Chaturdasi	cities and communities	
8	03/10/2018	Dustbin Awareness Drive	13-Climate Action	2000
9	16/10/2018	Mock Fire Drill	11-Sustainable cities and communities	3000

1. **Blood Donation Camp-** SORT VESIT in association with Hashu Advani Memorial Trust collaborated with the doctors of JJ Hospital and Raktapedhi to organize a blood donation camp in VESIT. Additionally, an eye checkup camp and BMI checkup camp were also conducted. The event was a huge success with an overwhelming 210 students and staff registering for blood donation out of which 162 were eligible for donation, after the hemoglobin and blood pressure tests that were conducted.
2. **Marrow Donation Registration Camp-** SORT VESIT in collaboration with marrow donor registry India, (MDRI) an NGO under the Tata Trusts are organizing a stem cell donor registration drive. Only a 4 ml blood sample was collected from each person, to enter their DNA in the national registry. The donor would be called in future if their DNA is found as the perfect match. A staggering 314 students and staff members came forward to successfully register with the MDRI.
3. **Social Awareness Drive for elections -** According to statistics submitted by the Election Commission of India, 66.38% of all the eligible voters casted their votes in the 2014 Indian General Election. SORT VESIT tried to make a small difference by spreading awareness about how integral each and every vote is, by performing a street play at locations around Chembur including K Star mall compound, Chembur Camp, Collectors colony and Diamond Garden, Chembur. The enactment made use of a pleasant blend of factual data and bilingual dramatization to convey an important responsibility that every individual of our country needs to fulfill.
4. **Kerala Donation Drive-** SoRT VESIT in collaboration with VF foundation, Wadala, contributed to the movement 'Rise for Kerala, Stand for Kerala.' It was a three-Day donation drives to lend a helping hand, to thousands of people who lost their homes, possessions, etc. in the blink of an eye, due to floods. Basic necessities like food, clothes and medicines, were donated in enormous quantities. Some individuals also contributed money, which was used by SORT for buying more medicines - a much-needed donation.
5. **Traffic Monitoring For Janmashtami-** SoRT VESIT in collaboration with Chembur Traffic police and Chembur Welfare Brigade conducted traffic monitoring at



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Chembur Naka on the occasion of Dahi-Handi. Volunteers were required for two time slots. More than 30 students from VESIT registered and were present to monitor traffic as well as manage the crowd at the busy junction. Water bottles were arranged to keep people hydrated.

5. **UMEED'18**- UMEED '18 was held from 5th to 11th September wherein SoRT VESIT collaborated with various Non Government Organizations (NGOs), and sold products made by their stakeholders, in the college. Some of the NGOs were: NASEOH, Self Esteem, We Change, Aseema, Bal Anand, Kshamata, RUR, and Snehalaya.
6. **Traffic Monitoring At R.K Studio For Anant Chaturdasi**- SoRT VESIT in collaboration with Chembur Welfare Brigade conducted traffic monitoring at R.K Studio on the occasion of Anant Chaturdashi, the last day of Ganesh Chaturthi.
7. **Dustbin Awareness Drive**- On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi and the Swachh Bharat Mission Day, the SoRT council organized a dustbin awareness drive in our college. To supplement the green movement, another criterion was that the dustbins were to be made out of waste materials. Several teams, consisting of four members each, participated, and made some innovative and eco-friendly dustbins.
8. **Mock Fire Drill**- SoRT VESIT collaborated with Freedom4u foundation and organized a safety drill in the college. Before the drill, the class representatives and the SoRT and Sports council members were called to the auditorium and given instructions. They were divided into teams which were responsible for their particular tasks, such as search and rescue team, transportation team, fire extinguisher team, first aid team, etc. After the session was dismissed, the instructors raised a mock alarm, minutes after which the entire college was evacuated in a organized manner. The fire extinguisher team was instructed to get all the fire-extinguishers from the college, and the use of these to extinguish fires was demonstrated. Instructions were also given on how to deal with casualties.





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PRME REPORT of VESIT 2019-20

VES - SIP report 2019-20



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Message of Shri Baldev Boolani, Respected President of Vivekanand Education Society (VES)

For The Sharing Information on Progress (SIP) report of VES

28th September, 2020

As the world navigates its way through the present global pandemic, the need for sustainability-embedded thinking has become even more compelling than ever before. Our planet is witnessing how various unsustainable ways of living, such as income inequalities, gender inequalities, and lack of all-round development, is widening the gap between the rich and the poor, the have's and the have-not's. Now, more than ever, it is incumbent upon each one of us, who has enjoyed the privilege of education, to work for and create a more sustainable world.

We, at Vivekanand Education Society (VES), stand more committed than before, for integrating sustainability-linked thinking into our curriculum for school and college students, polytechnic and vocational training institute. We have been privileged and happy to discover and utilize several opportunities for activities that are centered around this theme, in the past one year.

The SIP report of VES therefore spans a diverse range of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Our various institutes have chosen to align their respective activities of this domain in alignment with their core competencies. Thus, for example, while the VES College of Arts Science Commerce has helped students inculcate learnings for a cleaner and greener planet, VES College of Law has helped sensitive students about various relevant domains including gender justice, and VES College of Architecture has integrated sustainability into the syllabi of its various subjects, to ensure such thinking finds natural expression in the workshops planned for students, and so on.

As a group of over 24 institutes, with over 22,000 students, VES is keenly aware of the potential for impact that our students have, on society and on this planet. Hence, we once again re-affirm our commitment to this cause. Let us join hands to learn from each other, to be inspired and inspiring, so that we can create a worthwhile legacy for our future generations.

Sincerely,

(Shri Baldev Boolani, President, VES)

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As a constituent college in VES, and signatory to the PRME, VESIT consciously approaches the domain of sustainability in two ways: first, sensitizing students, and through them impacting society, along areas of work that are aligned with technical and engineering skills (such as the development of medical or diagnostic applications or “apps”), and second, addressing other aspects of sustainability, such as alleviation of poverty and hunger, quality education for all, and so on. An underlying objective of these myriad activities is to ensure that the students of engineering acquire holistic life-skills, along with the ability to use their technical skills for service to society. For this, the Social Responsibility Team (SORT) plays a pivotal role. Further, the fifth principle of PRME, namely, partnership, was emphasised, through various collaborative activities for sustainable living. The following table thus captures some of the key events that mark the sustainability-driven approach of VESIT.

Sustainability-linked activity	Date of the event, Participants, and Description	SDG Linkage
E-waste collection drive	Dates: 07.02.2020, 08.02.2020, Event Organized by: SORT VESIT at VESIT Nos. of participants: 180 Students The Social Responsibility Team successfully carried out this drive and managed to collect a whopping amount of 35 kg. of electronic waste such as out-dated computer equipment, cables, stereos, damaged television remotes, earphones, calculators, used batteries and other electrical accessories. These were then sent for recycling.	SDG 13: Climate Action
Kolhapur and Sangli floods - donation drive	Time Period: 19.08.2019 to 20.08.2019, Event Organized by: SORT VESIT in association with VES Nos. of participants: 300 Students SORT VESIT in collaboration with VES Trust organized a donation drive to contribute to all those who are stranded and affected by the floods in Kolhapur and Sangli districts of western Maharashtra. The total donations collected at the end of the drive were 201 kg of rice, 100 kg of wheat and 58 kg of dal besides multiple boxes of biscuits which were contributed voluntarily by the students and faculty members.	SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 2: End Hunger, SDG 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions
Plastic waste elimination drive	Dates :30.09.2019, 03.02.2020 Event Organized by: SORT VESIT at VESIT Nos. of participants: 180 Students A whopping 70 kg of plastic and 30 kg of plastic, was collected respectively on the two dates, and sent for recycling	SDG 13: Climate Action



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Free eye screening camp	Date :11.02.2020 Event Organized by: SORT VESIT at VESIT Nos. of participants: 230 Students Short Description: SORT VESIT in collaboration with Aditya Jyot Foundation for Twinkling Little Eyes (AJFTLE), organized a free eye screening with a mission to provide quality eye care for the underprivileged. It was a major success as 130 locals availed of the benefits of the eye check-up camp.	SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
Blood donation camp + Health check-up	Date: 24.02.2020 Event Organized by: SORT VESIT Nos. of participants: 400 Students Every drop of blood counts, and can be a matter of life and death for someone. SORT VESIT in association with Haslu Advani Memorial Trust collaborated with JJ Mahanagar Raktapedhi to organize a blood donation camp in VESIT. Additionally, a health check-up camp was also organized for the faculty and staff members, which included the checking of Body-mass Index (BMI), diabetes, blood pressure, etc. The camp witnessed 210 registrations for blood donation, out of which 140 were eligible for donation after the preliminary haemoglobin and blood pressure tests conducted.	SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
Umeed – 2019 in collaboration with 8 Non-government Organisations (NGOs)	Time Period: 13.09.2019 to 19.09.2019 Event Organized by: SORT VESIT in collaboration with 8 NGOs at VESIT Nos. of participants: 2500 Students This mega, week-long event, had desks and kiosks on multiple floors of the college, from 10.30 am to 5 p.m. to help the NGOs market and sell their products, in order to help the economically and socially challenged members who had manufactured these products. Handcrafted products included stationery, chocolates, brownies and household artefacts. A "Wall of happiness" was also set up in the amphitheater where the students and staff could convey their messages to the NGOs and thank them for the beautiful array of products. NGOs were 1. NASEOH, Chembur, 2. Self Esteem, Airoli, 3. Balanand, Chembur, 4. Khala Aasman, Chembur, 5. RUR, Mahim, 6. Aseema, Bandra, 7. Sushalaya, Thane, 8. Khamata, Thane	SDG 1: No Poverty
Books exhibition	Date: 15.10.2019 Event Organized by: Library Department, VESIT Nos. of participants: 2000 Students On 15th October 2019, the birth anniversary of the former President and The Missile Man of India, Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam, VESIT celebrated the "Vachan Prama Diwas" in association with the Free Press Journal. Various books authored by Dr. Kalam and other legendary authors were displayed in the library	SDG 4: Quality Education



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Best user award	Date: 15.10.2019 Event Organized: Library Department, VESIT Nos. of participants: 2500 students Three VESITians were awarded the "Best User Award". They were selected based on their interest in studying beyond the curriculum, as reflected in the usage pattern of the books of the institute library. Certificates were handed over to the awardees by the principal of the Institute.	SDG 4: Quality Education
Student solar ambassador workshop	Date: 02.10.2019 Event Organized by: VESIT in association with IIT Bombay and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy at VESIT Nos. of participants: 175 Students To commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, on the 2nd of October the department of Electronics conducted the "Student Solar Ambassador Workshop" in association with IIT Bombay and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy at the VESIT Auditorium and Library. One hundred seventy-five Student Solar Ambassadors of V.E.S. Institute of Technology (VESIT), Mumbai were given hands-on training to assemble their own solar study lamp.	SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
"Disease prediction and treatment suggestions" Buoyanci innovation challenge with the theme AI for health care	Date: 14.10.2019, Event Organized by: Buoyanci Innovation challenge at online platform Nos. of participants: 55 Teams of various institutions, Short Description: Students, mentored by a professor, worked on the winning project of "Disease Prediction and Treatment Suggestions. They used a classification model and dataset for about three lakh patients. The system could detect about 600 diseases depending on 5000 symptoms with 85% accuracy and could suggest the most suitable treatment based on the dataset.	SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
"Skin cancer detection" Buoyanci innovation challenge with the theme AI for health care	Date: 14.10.2019 Event Organized by: Buoyanci Innovation challenge at online platform Nos. of participants: 55 Teams of various institutions, Students, mentored by a professor, won the runners-up prize, in the challenge for their project demonstration of "Skin Cancer Detection". The team used a Resnet34 model and a data-set comprising of 10,000 dermoscopic images to get an accuracy of 93%. The model predicted a type of skin disease based on the image of the mole and further classified it as cancerous and noncancerous. The application was specifically made to assist dermatologists for cross-checking the observations.	SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
Multi-pronged activities under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 1. Workshop on "Good touch and bad	Time Period: 26.09.2019 to 01.10.2019 Event Organized by: VESIT Unnat Bharat Team at 5 villages of Wada Thane District Nos. of participants: 50 "Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)" is a flagship program of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. It is inspired by the vision of transformational change in the rural areas of India through the means of development by the influence of the premier institutions in order to formulate and architect an Inclusive India.	SDG 1: No Poverty SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being SDG 13:



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<p>touch" for village children</p>	<p>VESIT has adopted five villages under this constructive and wonderful initiative. These five villages are situated in the Wada Taluka of Thane district: 1. Ambishe Kh (26th September) 2. Amas (30th September) 3. Gargaon (1st October) 4. Apta (1st October) 5. Aamgaon (1st October).</p>	<p>Climate Action</p>
<p>2 A session on "female hygiene"</p>	<p>Students of VESIT, led by the Social Responsibility Team (SORT) VESIT, alongside 12 teacher-volunteers, who, in turn, were guided by the institute co-coordinator for the UBA, Mrs. Manisha Joshi (EXTC), visited these villages over the course of this flagship program, in order to understand the primary issues that the villagers faced, following which a plan of action was formulated and implemented. All five teams had the same primary objective in their first visit, which was to conduct a survey of these villages and to understand the problems faced by the village and its inhabitants. Some of the teams also managed to conduct a few other activities. The comprehensive plan of action as per the given guidelines was: 1. Awareness program to be conducted about UBA in every village. 2. Report on every visit and its copy to be sent to IIT-Delhi. 3. Feasible solution for every problem to be designed 4. Implementation of planned activity with UBA team to be done.</p>	<p>SDG 5: Gender Equality</p>
<p>3. Cloth bags are distributed and an awareness campaign about the harmful effects of plastic.</p>	<p>Scarcity of water and unavailability of proper electric supply were cited as the major concerns across all villages, with hygiene and waste collection also taking the top spots among the issues faced by the locals.</p>	<p>SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation</p>
<p>4. Tree plantation</p>	<p>Activities conducted by the students included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Session on "Good touch and Bad touch" for village children. The session was especially taken because it is the need of the day as the number of cases of assault and abuse are increasing in villages at a rampant rate, because of lack of sensitization and awareness. 2. Session on "Female Hygiene" was taken and sanitary pads were distributed. Already the work is in progress with NGO's to install a vending machine for same which will be filled monthly. 3. Cloth bags were distributed and an awareness campaign was organized to make the villagers aware about the harmful effects of plastic. Plastic was collected from village and sent for recycling. 4. Tree Plantation was done as part of afforestation initiatives. 	