

**#Best Practice 1#** 

#### SHANIWAR MANCH

#### **Objectives/intended outcomes:**

- 1. This practice focuses on the holistic development of a student.
- 2. It helps to boost self-esteem and confidence of the students.
- 3. It aims to share unique skills and talents with students and faculty members.

## **Underlying principle of this practice:**

Shaniwar Manch is an activity conducted by the students for the students every Saturday for a duration of an hour. Various cultural and sports activities are organized in Shaniwar Manch. It's a platform for the students to showcase their talent.

#### The Context:

Shaniwar Manch is a practice where students organize events of smaller scale throughout the year for inspiring talents of this institute. It was established in the year 2005. It encourages students to participate in cultural events and activities with equal enthusiasm as academics. Shaniwar Manch should not be looked upon just as a cultural event but an attempt to promote friendship, teamwork, and alliances. This activity takes place in the Tree area of VSIT. It is an opportunity to exhibit student talents to other students and faculties of the institute. We continued this activity even in online mode every Saturday with the same rigour and enthusiasm as how it used to be in offline mode.

#### **Uniqueness:**

Different cultural and sports activities organised in Shaniwar Manch give different exposure to students. All these activities were planned online by the students for the students with ,support from faculty members. As these activities were planned during pandemic, students found it very helpful to divert themselves from the stressful environment. Through this activity students learnt various things like time management, event management, marketing skills, social skills, etc. It helps to boost confidence in students and foster a better understanding of the surroundings. This practice helps to mould the students holistically by exposing them to a variety of activities along with academics.

# Constraints/limitations faced in designing and implementing:

As all the Shaniwar Manch activities were conducted online there were network challenges and all the performance of students were constrained by space.



#### **Events conducted In 2020-21:**

## 1. Shaniwar Manch Inauguration:

Date: 11 July, 2020

Inauguration of Shaniwar Manch for academic year 2020-21 was done by Principal of VSIT Dr.Rohini Kelkar. In the event, students were given a glance of activities carried out in last academic year and overview of student council activities was given to all students.





#### 2. Barasti Boonde:

Date: 18 July, 2020

As we start our academic journey in the month of June- i.e., in rainy season, Barsati Boonde was an event organised by Student Council based on the theme "Monsoon" to create a lively environment at the beginning of the semester. Students of VSIT presented their songs based on monsoon. The Voice India fame Mr. Rohan Pathak was the celebrity judge of this event.



# 3. Personality Enrichment through singing

Date: 22 July, 2020

In this session, Chief guest Smt. Mansi Kelkar Tambe who is passionate about music, enlightened students about how music and hobbies can help personality development. She did sing some songs Criteria VII - Institutional Values and Best Practices



and created a very positive atmosphere in the session. She also provided the glimpse of how you can be happy and positive with your hobby.



# 4. Styling with Sakshi

Date: 25 July, 2020

Along with skill set and knowledge, it is equally important to be presentable. A Shaniwar Manch on Styling was conducted by Sakshi Sampat who gave students some great day-to-day fashion tips to be confident and presentable in any life event to make their mark, be it an interview, any social event or activity.





# 5. Teachers' Day

Date: 5 September, 2020

Students Council organised Teachers' Day celebration where our VSIT students showed their gratitude towards our amazing faculty through their kind words. Students arranged various games, puzzles for teachers, students prepared and presented a nice video showing their gratitude towards faculty members.



## 6. The Big Bang Bash

Date: 19 September, 2020

Big Bang Bash was an event organised for the freshers of VSIT where few First-year students showcased their talents like singing, dancing, painting. Due to the online lectures, first year students did not get a chance to communicate with their classmates or seniors. This platform really helped first year students to come out of their shell and interact with other students and teachers.

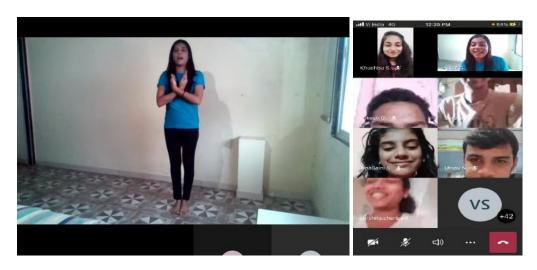




#### 7. Zumba

Date: 26 September, 2020

The pandemic taught us the importance of the fitness of body as well as mind. Zumba is very energetic form of exercise where you can follow dance steps on the beats of music. Zumba helps to relax minds Session was organised by Student Council where Ms. Sampada Sonawane taught us some basic Zumba and gave us few tips about fitness. Students really enjoyed the session at the end of the week.



#### 8. V-FAN FEST

Date: 3 October, 2020

In today's world, digital marketing and social media is has become inevitable. In this event Student Council gave a platform to the budding YouTubers of VSIT where the well-known YouTubers/Content creators Neel Salekar and Karan Sonawane shared their experience and gave some suggestions about creating perfect content.





## 9. RJ-Hunt

Date: 10 October, 2020

RJ Hunt was an event in which the students showcased their Radio Jockey talent and competed against each other and was judged by RJ Kartikesh who then gave them some great knowledge about this field.





# 10. Mandala Art and Dream Catcher Workshop

Date: 17 October, 2020

Anamika Salvi a student of VSIT conducted a workshop on basics of Mandala Art and Sehaj Kaur our guest took a workshop about how to make a dreamcatcher.





## 11. Battle of Brains

Date: 24 October, 2020

Battle of Brains was an event where our students from different houses competed against each other in a general knowledge-based quiz contest.

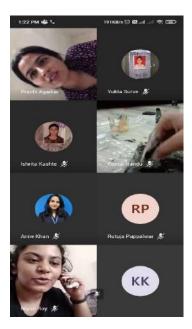




# 12. Fluid Painting Workshop

Date: 31 October, 2020

Our very own VSIT faculty Prof. Prachi Agarkar conducted a workshop on Fluid Art and taught us some amazing ways to create beautiful fluid art.



# 13. Lantern Making Workshop

Date: 7 November, 2020

On the occasion of festival of lights-Diwali one of our VSIT student Prince Choudhary took a workshop on Lantern Making. He taught us some simple yet creative ways to make a lantern.





# 14. Pot Painting

Date: 13 March, 2021

Simran Paralkar one of our VSIT student took a workshop on Pot Painting where she instructed some DIY ideas of decorating a simple pot.



## 15. DJ Workshop

Date: 20 March, 2021

DJ Swapnil Sanas and DJ Tanmay Bakkar conducted a DJ workshop for students of VSIT where they gave their suggestions and some pointers to the students who wish to pursue a career in this field.





## 16. Music Battle

Date: 3 April,2021

Music Battle was an event where the singing stars of VSIT competed against each other to win the title of Music Battle.





# 17. Stock Market Workshop

Date: 17 April, 2021

A webinar on Decoding Stock Market was conducted by Anuj Baniya and Umar Punjabi who gave us knowledge about Stock Market and briefed regarding the pros and cons about investments.





## 18. Hunar 21

Date: 24 April, 2021

Hunar' 21 was an event which gave a platform to the students of VSIT to exhibit their talents in various fields and win the crown of Hunar' 21.





#Best Practice 2#

#### VIRTUAL OFFICE

#### **Objectives/intended outcomes:**

- 1. The service will benefit its stakeholder to address and resolve their academic queries.
- 2. This is a special facility provided to the student to raise their queries related to transcripts, results, admissions, examinations, eligibilities, admission, scholarships etc.

## **Underlying principle of this practice:**

As technology is the key to advanced communication and management, the virtual office concept is designed in a secure mode where the registered students at the college can access and communication is continuous.

#### The Context:

Virtual office hours are a Teams-based chat or meeting where any student of the college can ask questions related to academics and administration. This type of support is proactive, helpful, and capable of reaching a wide student audience. Administrative experts to answer questions are trained accordingly.

#### **Challenging issues:**

While student participation is quite active on-site, often one of the major challenges that arise in the practice are:

- **Stealth listeners** They attend as a silent participant
- **Monopolisers** They over share and monopolize a session.
- **Repeaters** They ask the same question repeatedly and derail other people's hopes to have their questions answered.

#### The Practice:

As an administrator, there are settings that can be managed for students and teachers alike. They can set meeting policies for entire student's community as well as specific settings that will apply to all meetings within the organization.

#### **Real time Practice:**

- 1.Teams syncs seamlessly with Outlook and Calendar and automatically sends calendar invites to any participants you invite.
- 2. One can set Teams meetings to recur throughout the week like in-person office hours would.
- 3. With Optional Attendees, students can join if they want to but are not required.

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- 4. In the call, Admin Staff can see students who join and interact with them live and then they are required to fill the form that contain the details of the official work and accordingly the students is guided with the official formalities.
- 5. Students are well-informed about office hours, and they can share their screen if they need to show a problem they are having.
- 6. Students can join a Teams call either from a mobile app or laptop and doubts are clarified.

#### **Uniqueness:**

Virtual office initiatives of our institute bring students closer to issues during the pandemic situation and the experience of voluntarily sharing with other college-mates make students better aware of the of Virtual office service and avail the same.

# Constraints/limitations faced in designing and implementing:

In comparison to the total strength of the learners enrolled at the institute, the number of student enrolling is low and encouraging registration and active participation remains a considerable limitation.

#### **Evidence of Success:**

# **Steps for Virtual Office Desk**

1. Inauguration

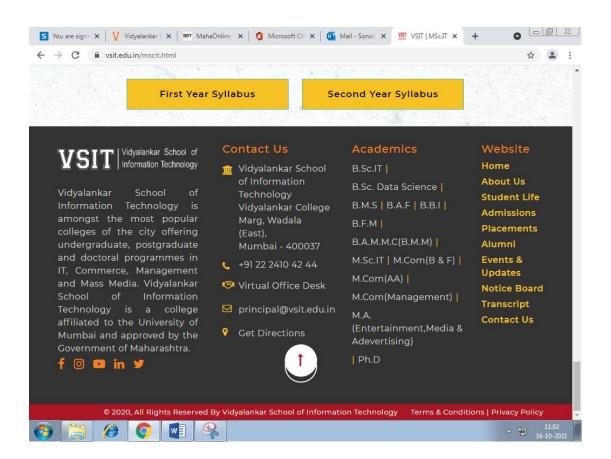




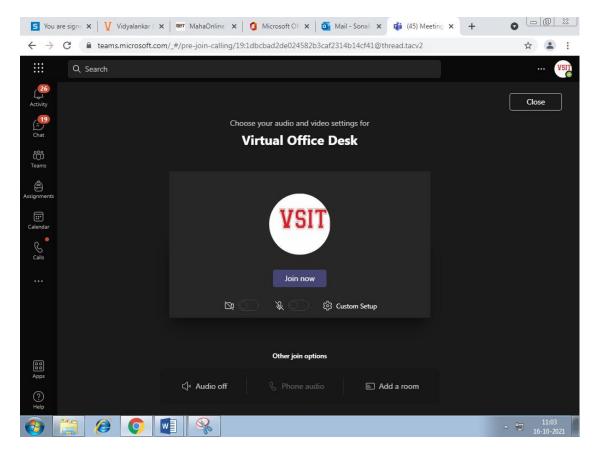




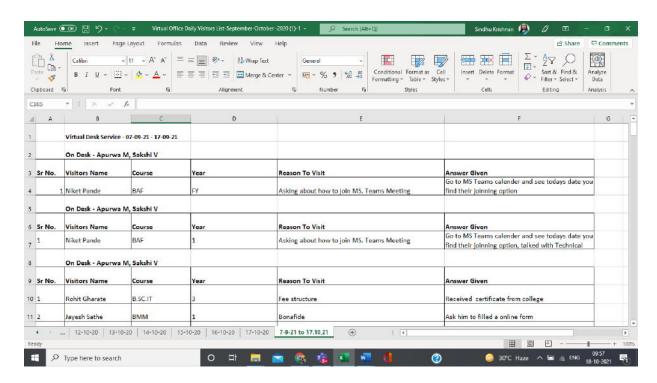
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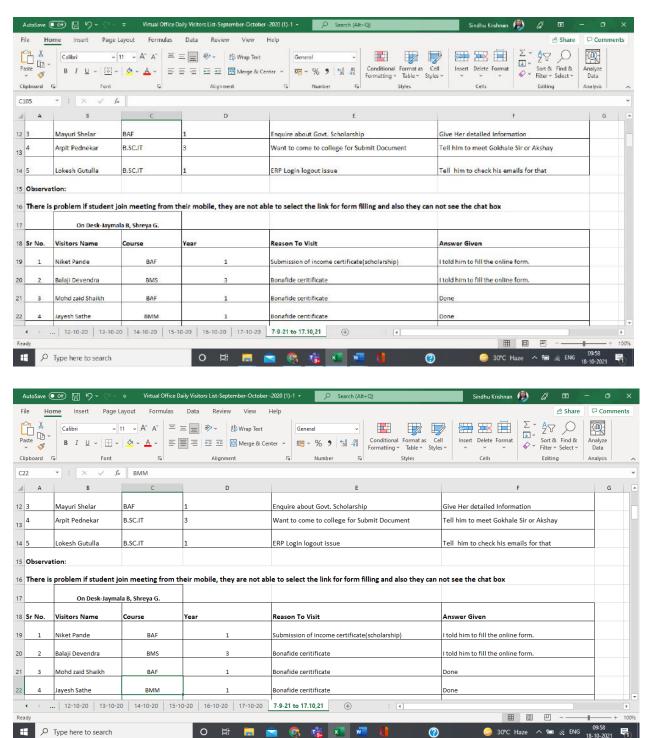




#### **Number of Students Benefited**







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