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## SCHOLAR'S DAY



Vidyalankar School of Information Technology in collaboration with Student council organized scholar's day on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2014. Scholar's day is a ceremony that recognizes students in the college who have excelled academically during the semesters across all the courses. The programme started with enchanting of Saraswati vandana, and then Dr. Rohini Kelkar, the principal of VSIT , introduced the chief guest Shri. Makarand Deshpande, CEO, Citriotech, which was followed by the encouraging speech by the guest of honour who congratulated and awarded the certificates to the toppers of all courses.

*"Success is not always found in the goal you are pursuing. Its patience, persistence, and determination that make unbeatable combination of success"*

## ALUMNI MEET 2014



Alumni meet is an occasion when the alumni gather to reminisce, to network, to get updates, to get rejuvenate and to reconnect. Vidyalankar Alumni Committee organized an alumni meet on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2014. The students were welcomed with warmth and gratitude by our Principal Dr. Rohini Kelkar, which was followed by various performances given by the current students. Adding fun to the evening, various games were organized which was enjoyed by the audience to the optimum. A day like this is very important as it gives us the opportunity to meet with many of our graduates after a long time. The alumni are able to meet each other, their former lecturers and other staff. It also enables the alumni to familiarize themselves with the developments at the Alma matter.

*“High achievements always take place in the framework of high expectation”*

## V-SEARCH: A RESEARCH PLATFORM FOR STUDENTS AT VSIT



The world consists of a vast ocean of knowledge. All one needs is to continuously upgrade and advance the existing stock of knowledge making use of the enormous range of information available all around us. Research is an approach leading towards progression of knowledge, seeking to know the unknown, uncovering the hidden facts and constantly upgrading the mental & intellectual growth of individuals. Unfortunately, most students at the undergraduate and post-graduate level do not get ample opportunities to excel their research aptitude and explore the massive world of knowledge around them. Considering this, Vidyalankar School of Information Technology made an attempt to create a research platform for the students in the form of V-Search.

V-Search is an attempt to encourage and motivate the students having an insight into research so that they are able to enhance their literary skills and pursue their passion for research at an early stage. The event **V-Search consisted of Research Paper Competition for Students at Intra-College and Inter-College level**. For the Intra-College Competition thirty-three papers were submitted by students of Management, Commerce and IT streams. Students presented their paper on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 and the best papers from among these were selected for presentation at the Inter-College Competition.

The Inter-College event was held on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 for which papers were received from about twelve colleges for both management and IT streams. In the management stream VSIT bagged the second and the third prize while in IT the first prize was won by the students of VSIT.

*“The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity”*

**F&B COMMITTEE ACTIVITY - PAKAKALA**  
*Fantabulous Gourmet to enlighten your senses*



On 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 at 12:30pm at block no.012 of VSIT saw the organization of a marvellous Food festival Pak-Kala under the supervision of the Food and Beverage committee. The idea was to check the skills of the teachers, who are the real homemakers: just a glimpse of their perfection. Team work was the highlighting factor in this show. It was a well drafted script as the stage was set and the warriors unleashed with all their might, vigor and talent. As time flew by the whole premises was enamoured by the aroma of the magnificent gourmet truly dubbed as manna dew as that served in heaven.

The enthralling audience and the equally excited judges witnessed this great moment as the mouth watered just by the thought of longing for the rich delicacies. The event was a very successful venture and been wide appreciated by all. Mrs. Sonali Borker, the convener for Food & Beverage Committee VIT was the judge for the occasion. She was with all praises for the wonderful display of such event by the VSIT Food & Beverage Committee.

*“There is joy in work. There is no happiness except in the realization that we have accomplished something”*

## GRADUATION DAY



Graduation, a day that that is aspired and equally dreaded by all students. Aspired, because it is the ultimate dream of every freshman entering college to become a graduate. Dreaded, because it is the end of all things bright and beautiful, college life. And so it was similar here in V.S.I.T. on 29<sup>th</sup> of March, 2014. The students inducted in the 2011 & 2012 batches were leaving their college to move on to bigger things, be it the BSc.IT, BMS, BAF, MSc.IT or the very recent M.H.R.D.M. & M.F.M. The event also marked the end of the work for the 2013-2014 Student council. The setting for the ceremony conducted was very apt, the *student parking lot*. The students leaving for their journey in the world outside the college walls, from the very place they first entered the college. A symbolic and thoughtful gesture by the college indeed. The venue, donned with just the perfect amount of festive decorations with the standout feature being a cut-out board for the students to click pictures, with their very own Mumbai University as the backdrop.

The event started at 5:30 p.m. in the evening with students trickling in from various divisions & sections, attended by both science & commerce faculties alike. The host for the evening was Prof. Nutan Singh, who in her very own elegant style did a great job of keeping things flowing at a smooth pace.

The chief guest for the evening was Dr. Ankush Sharma, who encouraged the students to follow their dreams and go ahead with the passion in their heart as well as mind to fulfil what they desire to be. This was followed by inspiring words from our Principal Dr. Rohini Kelkar (VSIT) & Dean Administration Mr. Ashok Sheth.

The Co-ordinators of all the sections were in attendance too. Professor Ujwala Sav, ( B.Sc. – IT), Professor Vijay Gawde (Management & Commerce) & Professor Asif Rampurawala, (M.Sc. IT), all the heads giving sweet words of encouragement to not just theirs but also the other sections. This, in a way shows the unity in diversity of V.S.I.T. where each teacher cares about not just his own, but also the other sections of the college.

After the college faculty, members, now it was the time for the students to take the center stage & share the experience of their time in the college. The speeches started with students of the IT department, Jeemit Doshi, Shushil Kumar Yadav & Shalaka Damale shared their experiences and encouraged the fellow students. This was then followed by speeches by the students of management department, Anirudh Lohot and students from BAF & BBI speaking sweet words of inspiration for one and all. Then finally came the moment every undergraduate student waits for throughout the duration of his/her course. It was time to pull on the robes and pose for the photographs with friends and teachers! This included the delicious refreshments provided by the college. All the students were given a memento, a Mug with “I love my college” & V.S.I.T. inscribed on it to cherish their time here in college.

Overall a fantastic evening with lovely a crowd and memories to take home and cherish for all your life , and that is how V.S.I.T.’s graduation ceremony ended on an emotional note with three years’ worth of time and a lifetime worth of memories & relations.

*“While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about”*

## ORIENTATION PROGRAM



Prior to the beginning of classes, students are given an overview of the complete realm of college life, from academics to social activities, through a programme referred as Orientation.

Vidyalankar School of Information Technology conducted an orientation program for the first year students on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014. The purpose of the orientation program was to acquaint the students and parents about the institution and academic programmes offered. It also aimed to promote clear communication of college policies and expectations while encouraging campus involvement. The event started with an introduction by Prof. Daizy Kulkarni by introducing VSIT Principal Dr. Rohini Kelkar, Dean Administration Prof Ashok Seth, and Faculty members of various streams. They spoke about the institution and the academic programmes offered at this level. Thereafter, Prof. Daizy Kulkarni and Prof. Vijay Gawde (Co-ordinator, BMS, BAF & BBI) explained in detail about the institution, facilities, academics, discipline on the campus, and attitude towards studies. Moreover, Prof. Asif Rampurawala elaborated on the foreign courses offered for the students in USA and UK. Overall this program was of great importance to the faculty members, students and all those who all witnessed it as it brought in an understanding between the branches of the tree called –VSIT.

*“Induction is not a demonstration but the difference between Valid and Invalid predictions”*



## TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION



Student Council of Vidyalankar School of Information Technology celebrated Teacher's day on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Teacher's day is celebrated as tribute to the valuable contribution made by teachers to the society by imparting knowledge, enlightening and shaping the career of students. Students of VSIT entertained their teachers with a line of performance and few spoke about the unconditional contribution made by the teachers to the society. As a token of appreciation pens with the teachers name engraved on it were given by the students to all the faculty members. Apart from the fun aspect of the day it is also a day when one can look back, admire and get inspired by Dr. Radhakrishnan, a small town boy, who grew up to become one of the most respected persons in the history of democracy of India.

*"The task of modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts"*

## **INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO FIAT & BAJAJ AUTOMOBILES (PUNE)**



Industry institute interaction committee of VSIT organised an Industrial visit to Fiat Automobiles and Bajaj Automobiles (Pune) on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The objective of this industrial visit was to provide an insight into the working environment of the companies where students learned about the automated manufacturing units, the robotic technology, RFID based sensors used behind the entire process.

The visit took place in two parts. The first part of the visit was at Fiat Automobiles (Ranjangaon). Engine plant, car plant, and assembly plant were shown to the students. Manufacturing of cars like Vista, Zest, Aventura, Punto, Manza, Linea were also shown to students.

In the second part of the activity the IIC team along with the students proceeded to Bajaj Automobiles at Chakan, where Mr Sarfaraz Khan, Asst. Manager (Admin) guided and explained about the entire process and working of Bajaj Automobiles.

The visit turned out to be very fruitful for the students where they got an insight about the functioning and manufacturing of automobiles industry.

*“The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one”*

## GUEST LECTURE BY Dr. VITHAL KAMAT



Vidyalankar School of Information Technology in collaboration with Entrepreneurship Development Activity Committee had organised a seminar by eminent entrepreneur Dr. Vithal V. Kamat, Executive Chairman & Managing Director, Kamat Hotels India Limited. The objective of the seminar was to develop a sense of entrepreneurship among the students.

Dr Sanjeevani Deshpande (Chairperson-VDT) felicitated Dr Vithal Kamat with an Orchid sapling. Dr. Chandrahas Deshpande (Adjunct Faculty -VSIT) introduced the speaker and Dr. Rohini Kelkar (Principal of VSIT) briefly highlighted the salient features of the Institution and the Vidyalankar Group.

Dr. Vithal Kamat regaled the audience with his own personal experiences in the field of entrepreneurship. He spoke about the most important mantras of entrepreneurship. According to him, the five goals of entrepreneurship are money, time, energy, effort. He gave some important points on staying “desi” instead of going for “videshi”. Students were highly motivated by his lecture.

The lecture concluded with a Q & A session with audience wherein students as well as faculty members asked him some very insightful questions about his personal and professional challenges and achievements. He summarized the formula of business with his SIX ‘E’s

- E- Entrepreneurship
- E- Empowerment

- E-Economy
- E-Education
- E-Energy
- E- Entertainment (The last but not the least)

From a modest beginning in a small time restaurant in Mumbai to over 500 restaurants all across the world, it surely has been a long and arduous journey for this food connoisseur.

*“Imagination is the highest kite one can fly”*

## **NIRBHAYA CAMPAIGN**

### **A workshop on self- defence techniques**



Women Development Committee (WDC) of VSIT had organised an activity named ‘Nirbhaya Campaign – A workshop on Self Defence Techniques’ for all the girl students. The Expert for the programme was Mr. S. Balasubramanyam who is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt from Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Rennie India, Gold Medallist in VI Jujitsu National and Belt wrestling Championship – 2010, Silver Medal in South Asia International Karate Championship – 2013 to name a few.

Mr. S. Balasubramanyam explained the tricks with live demo depending on the situations. There was question & answer session after the demonstration where students asked various questions related to their safety and the expert satisfactorily answered the questions. He concluded the session by encouraging students to fight against the odd & help to make a safe and better society. The session finally came to an end with a Power Point Presentation made by WDC Convener, Ms. Madhavi Amondkar to address basic self defence techniques.

*“Unless a man undertakes more than he possibly can do, he will never do all that he can”*