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NSS CAMP AT MANGAON


The NSS unit of VSIT along forty five volunteers and three teachers- Prof. Vijay Gawde, Prof. Rohini Gaikwad and Prof. Vinayak Karande went for a special camp of 7 days to “Sane Guruji Rashtriya Smarak” at Mangaon in Raigad district. The motive of the camp is to bring students out of their comfort zone and make them aware of real life problem faced by people in rural India. Volunteers followed strict schedule from 5:30 am till 11:00 pm which included morning exercises, 5 hours of field work, lectures by eminent speakers on social topics like global warming, de-addiction and interaction with villagers about their problems, volunteers also performed a street play to create awareness of de-addiction from liquor, cigarette & tobacco.

As a token of gratitude to the Smarak, volunteers made a shoe rack and a shade to add on to the facilities of that place. Overall it was a great learning experience for volunteers which was different from their day to day life in urban. The volunteers enjoyed the camp and understood their strengths as well as weaknesses.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”

MARATHI BHASHA DIN



Marathi Bhasha Din is celebrated on 27th February to commemorate the birthday of great literary personality Kavi Kusumagraj and Vidnyan Din is celebrated on 28th February to inculcate scientific temperament .

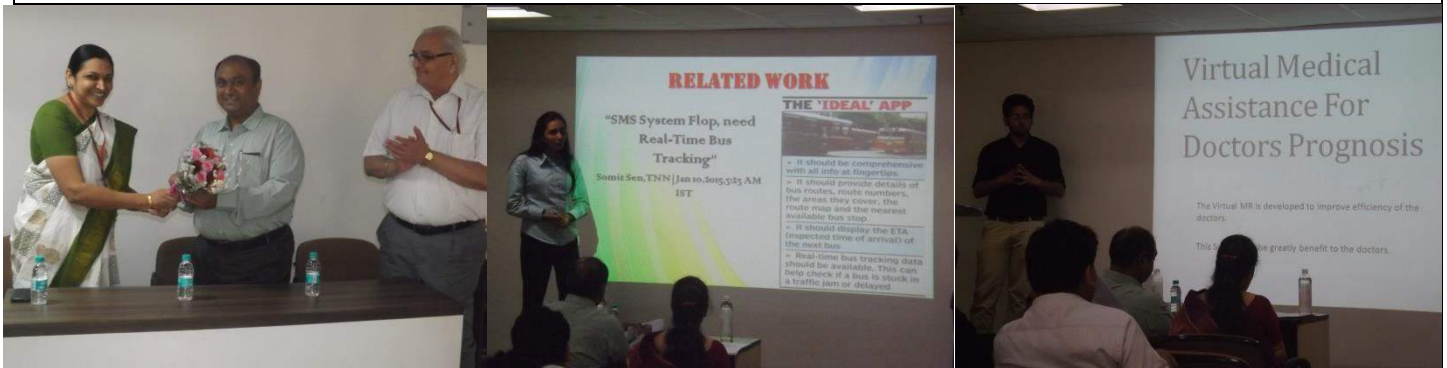
Dr. Rohini Kelkar, the Principal of VSIT, conceived a novel idea to celebrate these two days together under the title ‘Vidnyan Katha Kathan in Marathi’. It was organised by Marathi Vangmay Mandal of VSIT.

The three distinguished guests for this function were Captain Sule, Ms Potnis and Ms Megharshi Dalvi. Mr Sule related a humorous story of Bio (Biology) and Geo (Geology) departments of college at war. Smt Smita Potnis took the audience to the past life with the help of her time machine to a life in the past this was both intriguing and interesting. Smt Megharshi Dalvi chose the romantic vein by relating a story of the space travel by a couple.

The Katha Kathan programme was very amusing and kept the audience spell bound till the end. It proved the fact that Science and Literature go hand in hand. The programme was followed by Q and A session where many interesting queries were put forth by the audience.

“Language is the road map of a culture”

V-SEARCH



V-Search –A research paper competition for students on interdisciplinary issues in management and IT was held on 28th February 2015 at Vidyalankar School of Information Technology.

The competition was conducted with the aim of inculcating the aptitude for research skills for students at graduate and post graduate level. The seminar was conducted in two parallel sessions for IT and management respectively. The seminar received huge response from the students across all colleges of Mumbai with variety of topics .

The activity was inaugurated by Principal VSIT, Dean Administration VSIT and the judge for the activity Ujwala Sav – HOD, VSIT and Hiren Dund – Chairman,BSc-IT course, MCC college.

The Seminar was conducted on various topics like- Image processing, Artificial Intelligence, I-Voting, Security Techniques, Big Data, RFID etc...

The Best Paper title was given to “Skin lesion Detection – An image processing approach” presented by Akshay Maid and Shashank Bale.

“Learning and Innovation go hand in hand. The arrogance of success is to think that what you did yesterday will be sufficient for tomorrow”

VCMT 2014-15 NATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE



In the words of John Locke, “Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge; it is thinking that makes what we read ours.” Thinking enables exploration of the vast sea of knowledge which otherwise remains uncharted, giving way to research.

“Research is to see what everybody else has seen and to think what nobody else has thought”. Realising the importance of research in academics the R & D Committee of Vidyalankar School of Information Technology organised **V-CMT 2014-15: The 2nd National Multi-Disciplinary Conference on ‘Changing Paradigms in Commerce, Management & Technology’**. The event was a two days’ National Conference having research paper presentations in various areas of Commerce, Management & Technology.

The conference was inaugurated on 13th March 2015 by Dr. Ajit Ranade, Chief Group Economist, Aditya Birla Group; who mesmerized the audience by his enthralling speech on “Economic Problems, Planning & Practical Implementations”. Dr. Ranade spoke on how practical contingencies hamper the implementation of planning while solving Economic Problems, making the listeners ponder on the issue for further researches.

The keynote speakers for the session were Dr. Ashwin Mehta, a well-known author in Nuclear Physics who is honoured Ph.D from Bhabha Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai; Dr. Seema Purohit, Professor, Director at Navinchandra Mehta Institute of Technology & Development, Mumbai and Dr. Rashmi Soni, Associate Professor (Finance), K.J. Somaiya Institute of Management Studies & Research, Mumbai.

On the first day, the conference had three parallel tracks post lunch; one session for Technology Paper Presentations chaired by Dr. Seema Purohit and Dr. Ashwin Mehta; the other session for Commerce & Management Paper Presentations chaired by Dr. Rashmi Soni and the third session for

Students' Paper Presentation chaired by Ms. Devyani Ganpule and Dr. Sangeeta Joshi.

Second day of the conference started with the keynote address by Mr. Satish Joshi, Consultant, IGATE Corporate University, Mumbai on the topic "A Frugal Approach to Innovation". Followed by paper presentations in two parallel tracks, one for Technology chaired by Dr. Seema Purohit and Dr. Ashwin Mehta; the other session for Commerce & Management chaired by Dr. Prabhakar Rajkumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Periyar University, Salem.

The Valedictory Function of the conference was held on 14th March 2015 after the lunch. The chief guest for the function was Dr. P.S. Rao, Dean-Quality Systems & New Business Initiatives, Wellingkar Institute of Management, Development & Research, Mumbai.

The delegates were judged on the basis of papers they presented and Best Paper Awards were given in the respective categories. The Technology Track had a tie for the Best Paper Award between two very promising papers, first one presented by Ms. Mariya Achary and the second by Mr. Prathamesh Churi. Among the students for the Technology Section the tie was between two papers, one presented by Ms. Nikita Patkar & Ms. Ritula and the other by Ms. Vrinda Thakkar & Mr. Tejas. The Commerce & Management Track also witnessed a tie between two papers among the faculty members for the Best Paper Award, the first one presented by Ms. Sumbul Samreen and the second one by Mr. Sandip Khandekar & Mr. Amit Kabra. Among the students under the Commerce & Management category, the Best Paper Award was bagged by the paper presented by Mr. Sagar Amale & Ms. Suman Malandkar.

The conference provided a knowledge sharing platform to the delegates and served as a motivational ground for further research in various fields relevant to the current scenario of change and development.

"Research is to see what everybody has seen and think what nobody has thought"

TALENT HUNT



The Staff Welfare Committee in association with Hobby Club organised 'Talent Hunt' on 20th March 2015 at 1.30 pm. in M101. It was actively participated by all staff the members.

The programme began with the introductory speech of prof. Pallavi Desai, Convener -Hobby Club , who addressed the staff members about the programme. The first participant Prof. Laxmikant Manchekar began the programme by a romantic song "Chhu kar mere mann ko...." from the film "Yarana". It was followed by a patriotic song "Sandese aate hai...." by Sandip Khandekar, creating a national spirit. It was Vidya Tadkal, who lulled the audience by her melodious song "Dil hai chotasa....." from Roja. Prof. Pushpa Mohapatro shared her tricks of playing cards and Prof . Mangal Singh Rawat mimicked the voices of animals. To top this all Prof. Vijay Gawade read out romantic poems in Marathi and one more feather was added by Pallavi and Karisma Desai, who gave a duet dance performance. Prof. Snehaprabha Katti related a story to imbibe the importance of hobby in one's life.

The programme was concluded by a vote of thanks by Pallavi Desai. The objective of this programme was the presentation of one's hobby and sheer entertainment. This programme served both the purposes.

"Hide not your talents, they for use were made – what's a sundial in the shade?"

VSIT BOX CRICKET FINALE



The staff welfare committee had organised 'Box Cricket' for the staff members on 15th April 2015 on Ground no. 1 of the Institute. There were two teams and were named as Team A and B. The members of the Team A were- Vivek Gupta, Abhijeet Rane, Rajendra Patole, Laxmikant Manchekar, Mangal Singh, Nutan Singh, Mugdha Marathe and Tukaram whereas the Team B comprised of Vinayak Karande, Sandip Khandekar, Santosh Gupta, Priyadarshini Potdar, Rohini Madavi, Gokhale Sir, Akshay and Sanjay. The match began at 10:20 am. Altogether three matches were played.

Each match was of six overs of which one over was compulsorily bowled by female faculty and lasted for 20 minutes. Mr. Gore, Sports-in-charge, Vidyalankar Institute was appointed as the Umpire for the match. The Team A had an edge over the Team B and won all three Matches

The spectators for the match were remaining staff members, Dean Administration and students, who encouraged the players. The spectators could witness healthy spirit among the players. The match helped to rejuvenate the spirit of staff members to take their further assignments.

"Fun is essential for mastering the serious side of life. It provides the balance that keeps us sane"

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRY INTERACTION



VSIT had arranged a guest lecture by Ms Brinda Jagirdar, former Manager & Head Economist SBI on April 23rd 2015 between 2 pm to 5 pm. The topic for discussion was 'Emerging Areas for Research in Banking'. It was attended by all the faculty members of Commerce and Management Department

It helped all the staff members to enhance the knowledge of finance and banking. The lecture was followed by Q & A session. Prof. Amit Kabra co-ordinated the programme.

“Faculty Development & Industry Interaction”

PREETIBHOJAN



Food and Beverage Committee had arranged 'Preetibhojan' on 25th April 2015 between 12 pm to 2 pm at V-Lounge for all the Teaching and Non-teaching staff members.

It was enthusiastically joined by all the Staff- members. Each faculty member had brought one food item. There were more than hundred varieties of food items. These delicacies represented the diverse culture of VSIT.

The food was served on a large platter meant to serve. All the arrangements were made by Prof. Lakshmi Kavitha- the convener along with the members Prof. Kimaya Shelar and Prof. Asha Vanave.

It was a great informal interaction for all the staff members that resulted in great entertainment and contentment. The party went on for two hours

"Memories last forever and never do they die, true friends stay together and never say goodbye"

HEALTH IS WEALTH



The staff – welfare committee organised a ‘Health- Evaluation’ programme on 28th April 2015 in X012 between 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm. The committee members had invited two distinguished dieticians, Ms Bhavani Iyer and Pooja Athavankar, expertise in Herbal Nutrition and currently working as consultant at ‘Herbalife International’.

The distinguished dieticians evaluated the health of all the staff members (both teaching & non-teaching) through Omron Karada Scan –Machine. When the machine was fed with the age and height of the evaluator it scanned the whole body and revealed different parameters of the body: different levels of the fat, body age, BMI, BMR and also muscle mass. This evaluation was carried out to bring awareness to maintain good general health. The Dieticians conducted a general survey and prescribed various herbs for good health.

The efforts of the committee convener Prof. Chitra More were sincerely appreciated by all the staff –members, who attended the programme enthusiastically.

“There is nothing more important than our good health – that is our principal capital asset”

VIP VISIT to V.S.I.T.



24th June was one of the Special Day for VSITians as VSIT was visited by the education minister of Maharashtra, Honourable Vinodji Tawade. The programme was held at the auditorium at 10 A.M. and was attended by about 300 students from all colleges in the campus.

The programme began with Ganesh Vandana. It was followed by the welcome and felicitation of the guest of honour by the Chairman VDT, Dr. Sanjeevani Deshpande. As a mark of respect to the guest, Deep Yoga was performed by the NSS volunteers. Honourable minister in his address to the students shared his own educational experience and his journey from student age to his present political position in lieu to inspire students to overcome their limitations. He appealed students to join politics to change the Indian political scenario.

His address was followed by the interactive session with the students as well as the faculty members, who actively participated in this session. He answered the queries related to cultural events, sports, credit based and choice based patterns of education. He also explained his future plans regarding new pattern of examination for 10th and 12th standards. He emphasized on skill development education for failure students and of education development plan as city development plan of the government.

The function was anchored and concluded by professor Vijay Gawade, Co-ordinator-Commerce and Management Department. Dr. Rohini Kelkar, Principal, VSIT proposed vote of thanks.

“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world”

ORIENTATION FOR THE NEW ENTRANTS



VSIT organized Orientation Programme for the New Entrants of the first year degree students and their parents of all discipline: IT, MANAGEMENT & COMMERCE on 1st & 2nd July 2015. This programme was held in the auditorium in five sessions.

The schedule of this programme was planned systematically and included: Welcome speech by the principal, Brief history of the Institution, Academic part, Discipline on the campus, Extra-curricular activity, and about international collaboration. The objective of this programme was to help new joiners to cope with this transition in their career and the new campus.

The programme received a huge response from the students as well as parents. The auditorium was full to its capacity. The IT sessions were conducted in the mornings and Commerce & Management in the second half. These sessions were anchored by Prof. Pushpa Mahapatro and Prof. Rumeli Sharma respectively. The students and their parents were taken for the facility tour to familiarize them with the topography of the Institution and its campus.

"Nurture your mind with great thoughts. To believe in heroic makes heroes"