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INTERNATIONAL PARENTS DAY



VSIT took great pride in celebrating International Parents Day. The purpose of this celebration was to bring out the underlying causes of the weak bonds between the parents and their teenager – a burning problem of the society.

Shanivar Manch of VSIT contributed to the special day with some short films made by students to throw light on the current social scenario and parent child relation in every family.

The most common problems in dealing with adolescents and their solution were skilfully presented by Kedar Sawant, member Parents Interaction Committee. According to Kedar, generation gap, communication gap and raised expectations from both parents and children are the main causes. The appealed parents to bridge the gap and build close relationship by “knowing the child”.

Dr. Sanjeevani Deshpande, chairperson VDT also was of the same opinion and she also added that advanced technology is one of the causes of these weak bonds. She assured parents of parenting their wards at campus through mentoring.

“Children learn to smile from their parents”

ADOPTION OF WADALA STATION A SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



Vidyankar adopted Wadala station, to be in tune with ‘Swaachh Bharat Abhiyan’ a national campaign by government of India. The adoption ceremony took place on 25th July 2015 after close scrutiny of the station.

The VDT showed a step ahead by doing so. The ceremony of adoption took place after a flash mob. The students of Vidyankar held placards with various instructional messages such as “Don’t cross tracks, Use dustbins, Follow railway rules, Travel with tickets” etc.to bring awareness among the commuters.

As a part of adoption for cleanliness Vidyankar has appointed four cleaning staff to keep up the Wadala station on regular basis. Everyday 10-15 students (NSS volunteers, Extension students) visit Wadala station to guide commuters by holding placards. The institute has been successful in clearing the debris around the station.

Dr. Ankush Sharma from VIT has been training the railway employees in communication and customer care relation management.

The station is frequently visited by Mr. Vishwas Deshpandey MD, and Mr. Milind Tadvalkar, director of VDT. Additionally the community relation officer, Ms. Ratna Pandey and NSS programme officer Mr. Vijay Gawade have been entrusted to oversee the program of all the adoption activities.

Vidyalankar has many more plans to up-keep the station, such as:

1. Painting to the railway station.
2. Proposal of small gender in place of debris.
3. Installation of dustbins.
4. Beautification of platform no 1 with showing plants to create ambience at the station-

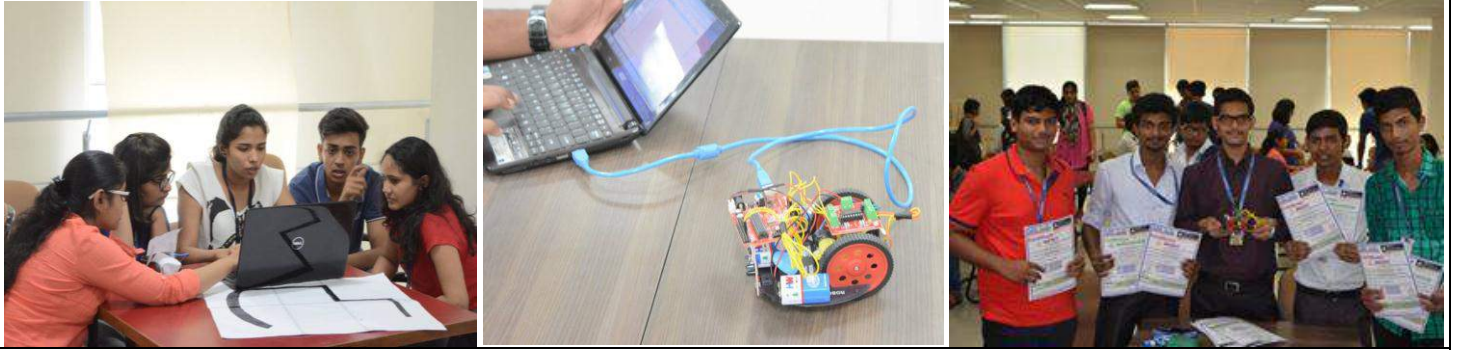
Of the proposed activities the painting of Wadala station is in progress.

Interviews with commuters have shown satisfaction over the adoption.

Vidyalankar has set a new trend which will be successfully carried out thereby motivating other institutions to take such Social initiatives and be in tune with Pradhan Mantri Yojana of “Swaachh Bharat Abhiyan”

“Life is not about getting and having. It is about giving and being”

NATIONAL ROBOTICS CHAMPIONSHIP



National Robotics Championship (NRC), is an intercollegiate workshop cum competition that was arranged in collaboration with ARK Techno-solution where in students from VIST as well as from other colleges participated actively. VSIT was the zone level host for NRC. The winners from zone levels will get an entry to the national level round at IIT Madras in 2016.

The activity was arranged on 22nd and 23rd Oct 2015 by Industry Interaction Committee VSIT. The objective of this activity was to provide students with an opportunity wherein they would get an exposure to robot making and its different functions. This would help the students if they choose to select embedded project in their final semester.

They got to learn following concepts: ATMEL controller, embedded programming, line follower robot, obstacle follower robot obstacle avoider, photo phobic robot, photo tropic robot, timer controller robot, sound operated robot.

The activity was conducted on the given date by IIIC with assistance of Electronics Department of VSIT. Approvals from the higher authorities were taken. Promotion of the activity was done through flex and notice.

The activity took place in two parts. The first part involved training and explanation on embedded kit. Assembling of parts, programming of devices, coverage of different types of robot and sensor. Total of 9 teams with 5 participants each participated actively in the workshop. The second part included a competition wherein the students were asked to work on task provided and the one who completed it in less time was the winning time.

As a take away students got to learn robot making concepts which they can implement in their projects. Students have also received a lot of informative knowledge which they will cherish forever.

“Technology is the best when it brings people together”

KALNIRNAY ENTREPRENEURSHIP



EDAC committee had organised a program to inculcate the seeds of entrepreneurship.

Mr. Jayraj Jayant Salgaonkar (co-founder, publisher & managing director, Kalnirnay) was the resource person.

In his address he emphasized and briefed the students about the approach to be adopted to become a successful entrepreneur. He focused on innovation. According to him it is a quality a value which reflects a successful entrepreneur.

He defined an entrepreneur as the one who starts his own business and runs it with his innovative ideas. He further more added that business is a product of innovation and marketing. The innovation distinguishes a leader and follower. Innovative thinking is the bottom line of leadership quality.

Innovative thinking and its implementation makes are leader. He related the history of growth follows the K.I.S.S. principle (keep It Simple Silly)

“It’s not about ideas. It’s about making ideas happen”

BOLLYWOOD DANCE WORKSHOP



Shanivaar Manch and Hobby Club of VSIT organized a Bollywood Dance Workshop on 29th August 2015. This activity was for the faculty members as well as the students to teach them some basic dance moves and give them a stress buster after a tiresome week full of academic schedule.

The event started sharp at 11:30 am as all the students were already excited and they gathered in Tree Area at given time even without any reminder. The dance instructor Mr. Amol More from Shiamak Davar Dance Academy started the activity by teaching some basic steps to some of the latest & popular Hindi songs. Both the students and the faculty members were following the instructor's moves and danced to the music, enjoying the activity.

The event then ended with Mr. Amol More selecting the best dancers from the students and made them perform on-stage with music.

Proper discipline was maintained by Students Council members with the help of NSS members. As take away of this event everybody had a lot of fun while learning to dance and enjoyed themselves. Everyone had a great time and students' energy was well channelized.

“Dancing is the loftiest, the most moving, the most beautiful of the arts, because it is not mere translation or abstraction from life; it is life itself”

NASSCOM - STUDENT CONNECT PROGRAMME



IT Department of VSIT organised student connect programme with NASSCOM on 2nd September 2015. It was attended by around 300 students. Mr Rajiv Vaishnav (Vice President-member outreach at NASSCOM) was the resource person. The Guest of honour enlightened the students about the job opportunities in IT sector and “Entrepreneurship”. He expressed his desire and enthusiasm to develop new IT destinations in India. He honestly believes in the potential of Indian IT Industry.

NASSCOM (The National Association of Software and Services Companies) is trade association of Indian Information Technology and Business Process Outsourcing Industry. Mr. Rajiv shared NASSCOM’s desire to gain recognition for Indian Software professionals in the global market. Today NASSCOM work on security, e-governance and innovation aspects. It owes its success to the dedication and passion of its founder Mr. Devang Mehta.

Mr. Rajiv is of the opinion that one’s thoughts are a driving force. He honestly believes that to grow continuously it is necessary to slow down. He hypothecated this phenomenon with \int curve. His address was highly motivational who informed the audience about the start-up opportunities and challenges before them. . According to him proper approach with confidence is a key to success. He focused on the difference between an employee and contributor and appealed the students to strive for contribution. Besides this he encouraged students to become entrepreneurs. The programme received great appreciation.

“To discover your true potential, is to soar as an eagle and beyond”

TEACHERS DAY



Teacher's Day celebration was held to thank all the faculty members - the teaching and non-teaching staff of our college. The activity kicked off at 11:30 am after the arrival of Respected Principal Dr. Rohini Kelkar, Vice Principal Mr. Asif Rampurawala and Dean Administration Mr. Ashok Seth.

The anchor for the event, Jajeet Singh started the event by explaining the motive behind Teacher's Day, a bit about Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. A short film was also shown, which graphically explained the importance of a Guru in everyone's life.

Solo and group dance performances were presented by students which left the crowd in awe. This was followed by an amazing group dance performed by Maay Marathi students.

The stage was then open for teachers to perform, Ms. Maitreyi Ketkar and Mr. Chandrakant Kadam presented a duet song in their melodious voice. Mr. Kedar also performed on stage with his mimicry skill. Also, Mr. Vijay Gawade read out some poems for this very occasion of Teacher's Day.

The event concluded with the anchor Jajeet and Riddhi thanking the teachers and faculty members for their time and wished them a very Happy Teacher's Day!

"The architect made house, the writer made poetry, the scientist made discoveries. The teacher made them all"

VISIT TO NSE



Research and Development committee had organized two days' visit to the National Stock Exchange (NSE), BKC, Mumbai on 6th and 7th October, 2015. The visit was organized for all teaching and non-teaching faculty of VSIT. On first day 39 faculty members and on second day 40 faculty members visited NSE.

The session brought awareness about the functioning of the Stock – Exchange. It threw light on the functioning of stock-exchange, its technical details, planning for investment and best investment options. Additionally, it dispelled the misconceptions about the stock-market. This very awareness can be propagated to the students through the faculty members.

“One of the very nice things about investing in the stock market is that you learn about all different aspects of the economy. It’s your window into a very large world”

PERSONALITY ENRICHMENT

IMPORTANCE OF BODY LANGUAGE



Personality Enrichment Committee organised a workshop on “Importance of Body language“ in effective communication on 16th October 2015 between 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm .for the teaching staff of VSIT.

Prof. Sumitra Amarnath, Ex-H.O.D English Department, N.G. Acharya and D.K. Marathe college was the resource person. The resource person formed the groups of four teachers. Each group was given a topic and was asked to enact non-verbally as a teacher –student. The topics given were: aggressive teacher, angry teacher, tolerant teacher, silent teacher, silence as anger, silence as positive attitude etc.

Each group performed their given topic non-verbally on the stage Through these performances; all the viewers could see the impact of aggressive teacher, angry teacher, and tolerant teacher on the learning process of the classroom. All the teachers could see that the tolerant teacher contributed more to the learning of the classroom. The negative emotions of a teacher directly affect the class. It was seen that students react unfavourably to the negative non-verbal clues of a teacher.

During the work-shop some news-paper clips were shown and the audience was asked to relate the situation through the body language of the persons in the clips. Throughout the work-shop each group was asked to comment on the performance of their peer-group.

At the end of the work-shop, the resource person addressed the audience about the importance of body-language in communication and class-room teaching. The work-shop was a food for thought for all the teachers to improve their eye-contact, facial expression and grooming while teaching and communication in general.

The Personality Enrichment Committee made a humble attempt to enrich the personality of teachers by throwing light on lacunas of an individual.

The work-shop was attended enthusiastically by all the teaching staff. It was a great learning experience through sheer entertainment.

Ms. Geeta Sahu, convener of the committee guided the function. Ms. Nutan Singh, member of the committee, introduced the resource person and also anchored the programme. Ms.. Snehaprabha Katti, proposed vote of thanks.

“It’s a mathematical fact that two negatives make a positive, so even under adverse circumstances think positively”

RAAS GARBA PRESERVATION OF CULTURE



The Raas Garba event was held as an activity for both students and faculty members to take part in and enjoy the traditional Gujarati folk dance - Garba. The event was held in the VSIT ground and kicked off with a great start on 28th October at 5:00 PM as scheduled.

The anchor for the event, Kewal Prajapati started the event by his in Gujarati and then the DJ for the event, DJ started playing some of the most upbeat and popular tunes. The students and faculty members started dancing and performing garba in various circle formation. Later on, one huge circle of students was created covering the entire ground.

In the midst of this event the winners of the Best Dress were judged by Ms. Swapna Kadam and Ms.. Aasha Vanve. The winners of the Best Dance for the Raas Garba event were judged by Ms. Karishma Desai and Ms.. Poonam Mirwani. The winners were awarded with prizes respectively on the stage by Ms. Nutan Singh and Ms. Karishma Desai. The event was concluded by playing few of the most popular songs to which the students & faculty members danced to the fullest. This event was carried out with utmost care by the members of students' council.

“Culture is a cluster of tangibles and intangible aspects of life passed down from generation to generation”

FRESHERS' DAY



Like every year VSIT organised Fresher's Day to welcome the new batch of undergraduates. It was arranged on 12th October 2015 between 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm in the parking lot of VSIT.

The celebration began with the address of Dr. Rohini Kelkar, Principal VSIT. She enthusiastically welcomed the fresher's and said that the college waits for the fresher's..... their addition and the Fresher's Day is a ceremony to absorb these budding youngsters in the Institution.

It is a tradition of VSIT to conduct personality contest to choose MS FRESHER & MR FRESHER. This personality had three rounds viz: Introduction round, Talent round and third one is Question & Answer round. Altogether eight participants were selected across all the courses, out of them four were girl students and four boys. The first round was Introduction with Ramp Walk, where students showcased their confidence. During second round each participant performed their talent before the audience. The third round was the judges' round. In this round the judges asked two questions to each participant to judge their talent, general knowledge, presence of mind.

Today the concept of beauty is different than the age old concept. The different criterions are the new concept to determine the personality of a person. The honourable judges for this event were : Prof. Poonam Mirwani, Prof. Mangal Singh Rawat and Prof. Madhavi Amondkar of IT Dept.

"We've been there for world wars now it's time for world party"

NSS OUTSHINES!!



NSS has outshined its contribution towards society. Under the leadership of programme officer prof. Vijay Gawde and other faculty members, the unit participated in many activity-VIZ:

1. Volunteering at Wadala Station:

Vidyalankar has adopted Wadala Station to up-keep. NSS Volunteers along with extension students have whole heartedly associated with this adoption. Everyday 10-15 students visit the Station to direct the commuters with the help of placards with instructional messages such as” Don’t cross the track “

2. Visit to Shantivan Panvel:

The NSS unit along with Extension visited Shantivan old age home, Panvel. This home takes care of Leprosy patients. Our Volunteers had conversation with them, entertained them. This gave them a feeling of belongingness towards society, who are otherwise isolated and out caste from the society. This activity sensitized the students about the old age problem. This visit brought a noticeable change in the behaviour of students.

3. Raksha-Badhan Celebration:

NSS Volunteers visited Wadala station on Raksha-bandhan to tie Rakhi to the Railway employees and police station employees to create a bond and feeling of belongingness with the society. The railway employees and police station staff were touched by the sensitivity of our volunteers and were motivated towards their duty.

4. Mangrove Tree Plantation:

Plantation of Mangroves helps prevent flood and helps to reduce global warming. Our volunteers along with other colleges units participated in this activity at Airoli on 17th July, 2015. It was a great activity towards Green Revolution.

5. Polio Drive and Hepatitis B Rally:

The objective of these activities was to create awareness among the society about the importance of its vaccination to prevent these dreaded diseases. It aims to eradicate polio and Hepatitis from the society. The volunteers performed street play to educate the audience about the Do's and Don'ts for the prevention of Hepatitis B. They even displayed posters and used slogans to bring noticeable changes.

6. Beach cleaning:

The volunteers participated at Beach Cleaning activity at Dadar Choupathy and Juhu Chaupathy after Ganesha Immersion. This activity was carried out in collaboration with united way of Mumbai. This activity cleaned the shores to minimise pollution.

The greatest take away of all these activities is AWARENESS ABOUT SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, SENSITIVITY ABOUT HUMANITY AND SENSIBILITY ABOUT ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION.

"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value"