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Values and Vision

Vidyalankar believes that character-building is an important step towards nation-building. Nurturing young minds is a vital responsibility. Vidyalankar Values are the set of ideals which guide the attitudes and behaviour of the members of the Vidyalankar family.

Honesty: Being true to oneself and others; being trustworthy and straightforward in all our professional and personal dealings. To walk on the path of honesty and fairness, irrespective of the consequences that may ensue.

Excellence: Setting high standards and quality benchmarks for one self and endeavouring to reach them. Doing the very best one can in every task that one accomplishes. Aiming for personal, academic and professional excellence and never compromising with mediocrity

Commitment: Complete dedication and thorough engagement towards work. Inculcating loyalty and developing a sense of ownership. To be sincere in approach, adhere to deadlines and have a result-oriented approach.

This Newsletter includes various activities conducted from March 2016 to July 2016. It also includes achievements of students in various co-curricular and extracurricular activities

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

- Aristotle

FIRST YEAR ORIENTATION PROGRAMME



VSIT organised an Orientation programme for the newly admitted students of all streams at the Institute. The objective of this program was to make the students and their parents aware of the Course-rules and regulations and other activities carried out at the Institute.

The Programme began by invoking the blessings of Goddess Saraswati by lighting of lamp and Sarawati-Vandana. This was followed by the address of the Principal, VSIT, Dr. Rohini Kelkar.

Dr. Rohini Kelkar expressed her gratitude to the parents and the students for having faith and confidence in the Institute. She explained the rules, regulations and discipline to be observed by the students. Besides this she urged parental participation in monitoring the performance and progress of the students.

Academics is a part and parcel of any educational Institute. The academic part included the introduction of the subject teachers; Teaching Learning Plan for the semester, Credit based system of the examination along with the academic schedule and the concept of the office hours.

Apart from the curriculum, the Institute is keen on the co-curricular activities, which enable the overall development of the personality of the students. The co-curricular activities include research based activities, such as: VCMT-National Interdisciplinary Conference, V-SEARCH-Research Magazine, Vijnanan-Students'

Research Journal. Apart from this the institute provides Add-on courses, Membership of Computer Society of India, Guest Lectures and Industrial Visits (to bridge the gap between the college and the Industry)

All studies and no play made Jack a dull boy. Therefore the institute gives due importance to extracurricular activities such as: VERVE (annual cultural programme), VIGOUR (Inter-collegiate cultural programme), MAAY MARATHI (A platform to showcase various insights in Marathi Culture) and Shanivar Manch (Recreational and entertainment programme). Apart from this Sports activities are given due importance.

To make students socially sensitive, the college has a strong unit of N.S.S. and Life-long Extension Programme. It not only makes our students socially sensitive but helps to earn extra credit points

The Institute has a full-fledge Library. Apart from the regular services such as: circulation service, reference service, news-paper cutting clips, It offers OPAC Service which enables online public access to the Library.

VSIT being one of the biggest undergraduate IT Institute, it takes pride in being technically advanced. “WE ARE WITH YOU” is a special attraction of the college. VSIT LIVE is an interactive forum of the students where students can connect with their teachers as well as their fellow-mates.

The ultimate of all education is to earn for living. VSIT provides good placements to its students. The cell carries out various activities as: Mock interview, Mock aptitude, Mock G.D. etc. to prepare students for the best.

Continuing the legacy of providing quality education, Vidyalankar has collaborated with prestigious Universities in the U.K and U.S. The objective of this collaboration is to provide to students the Bachelor’s Degree that would be accepted internationally. This alliance will facilitate the most meaningful educational experience in Engineering & Management to Indian students interested in experiencing the Global Education & Culture. This programme provides a unique opportunity to Indian students to benefit from both the systems of education at the undergraduate level itself and thus acquire the skills necessary to meet the challenges of tomorrow’s globally competitive world. The Orientation programme was concluded with refreshments and a guided tour of the students and their parents through the entire campus of Vidyalankar.

“College isn’t about getting high scores. It’s about having principles that you will always hold, even after you graduate”

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PPROF. C.S. DESHPANDE MEMORIAL LECTURE



Vidyalankar organised a Lecture series in the memory of Prof. C.S. Deshpande, founder, Vidyalankar Group on 19th May 2016. Prof. Deshpande, a thorough academician gave up his job as he found his passion in teaching. He was a born teacher and was inspired by the zeal of moulding young India, who wished to provide quality education to each and every student i.e., No child must be left behind..... the policy which has been recently adopted by Mr. Obama, U.S. President. He genuinely felt that each teacher must be a model teacher. Prof. C.S. Deshpande was an Eternal Teacher, with a passion for Mathematics. What could be more befitting than the fact that 19 May, his birthday is celebrated as the International Math Day.

Prof. Asif Rampurawala, Vice Principal, VSIT welcomed the gathering with a clip of the journey of Vidyalankar—it's history, growth and most important it's values..... "Passion to mould to young India"

Dr. Gupchup welcomed the gathering and expressed the purpose of these lecture series. He further added that these lecture series will motivate the teachers at Vidyalankar campus to uphold his ideals, they will provide to remember perfection and reverence to motivate students what they dream of.

The Chief Guest of the Inaugural Memorial Lecture Series was a speaker par excellence, Dr. Narendra Jadhav, Educationist, Ex. Chairman, Advisory council of RBI, V.C. Pune University and member of Rajya Sabha & Planning Commission. Dr. Jadhav's compassion for education came from a very modest beginning and he followed his passion with a missionary zeal. He addressed the issue of the importance of skill development in the most eloquent manner. He believes that it helps to improve the analytical aspect of the brain and thereby improve the functional aspect. It would also provide greater access to employment, generate new knowledge and help perform better .He gave a formula of "4E" to all the educational Institutions. This "4E" stands for - Expansion, Equity, Excellence and Employability.

According to Dr. Jadhav, flexibility in education is the need of the hour. He further emphasised on the research related activities to reach a greater high than it is today. He went on to emphasise that these research activities must be funded by larger bodies like the Universities. He enlightened the audience by underlining the fact that India is blessed with young population. Youth he said must be educated to make a speedy progress towards knowledge. To achieve this he appealed our politicians to work with integrity on the Government policies without their personal interest and provide maximum monetary funds from our GDP.

Dr. Jadhav professed that by 2022, there would be an acute shortage of man power and India will be a major provider of trained man power. This is a window of opportunity that must be harnessed. To further augment this, Dr. Jadhav spoke of foreign collaborations with Indian Universities and institutes which can fulfil the shortcomings of the Indian Education system.

Prof. C.S. Deshpande was an Eternal Teacher, with a passion for Math. What could be more befitting than the fact that 19th May, his birthday is celebrated as the International Math Day.

This program was organized under the guidance of Dr. Rohini Kelkar - Principal, VSIT, Dean Administration Prof. Ashok Seth and Dr. Chandrahas Deshpande – Adjunct faculty, VSIT.

*“Originality is the essence of true scholarship.
Creativity is the soul of the true scholar”*

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ALUMI MEET



Alumni Committee organized, V-Meet on 27th February, 2016. This meet started with the registration. The in charge for the registration was Mr. Harish Noula & NSS-Extension Volunteers.

The meet began with the welcome speech by the principal, VSIT, Dr. Rohini Kelkar. She enlightened the students on the importance of alumni meet and its association.

It was followed by a brief lecture session conducted by Prof. Sandip Khandekar and Prof. Vivek Gupta termed “VSIT at Glance”. Alumni students were briefed about the new department, courses, various departmental and research activities that were carried out during the academic year 2015-16.

It was followed by The Talk Show – (VSIT placed Alumnus Share own Professional experience to final year Students). The show was the most high-lighted activity of the evening, where alumnus from various field shared their experience in their respective domain. They shared various struggle faced, and how they overcame from those to achieve professional growth. They also explained current scenario and technologies used within the industry and its importance.

The alumni student Mr. Aniket Singh was the monitor for the chat show program, where he showed all the talent to coordinate with other alumni students to make the chat show a grand success.

It was followed by musical program, as an entertainment to all the viewers. Current VSIT students performed various musical programmes. The formal meet ended with vote of thanks, given by Prof. Shajil Kumar, convener of the committee.

Various Fun Games were arranged for Alumni students as part of entertainment like Musical Chair, Blow the Balloon, Snake and Ladder, Housie Game.

The programme ended with refreshment.

“Many a witty inspiration is like the surprising reunion of befriended thoughts after a long separation”

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SNEH BHOJAN



Food and Beverage Committee organized “SNEH BHOJAN”- Pot Lunch activity for teaching and non-teaching staff on 4th May 2016, between 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm at V-Lounge. The aim of this activity is to have informal gathering and informal get together of all the staff members from both IT and Management department.

The committee had arranged for both Veg and Non-Veg food items and were served in a very systematic manner in the Pot lunch. The menu for Veg food items were prepared by the staff members. Non-Veg items were ordered from outside vendor. In veg Pulav, wada, puri, dhokla and paratha were brought by our staff members. In Non-veg Chicken gravy, Bhakri, Chicken Biryani and chicken fried rice were served.

Many sweet items like puran poli, kheer , jilebi and rasmalai were enjoyed by everyone. The committee members managed the event in a very effective manner. No food was wasted and all the members received appreciation for their food and contribution to the event.

The event was attended by the Principal Dr. Rohini Kelkar, Vice Principal, Mr. Asif Rampurawala, Dean Administration Mr. Ashok Seth and Dr. Chandrahas Deshpande, Adjunct Faculty, VSIT

Overall, it was a very enriching and enjoyable experience for all and received appreciation from all

“Individual success comes from team success”

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INAUGURATION SHANIVAR MANCH 2016-17



The Shanivar Manch for the academic year 2016-17 headed off with a great start at 12:30 pm with the arrival of Dr. Rohini Kelkar, Principal, VSIT and the faculty members. The event started with a flash mob which attracted the crowd.

The event was inaugurated by Saraswati Vandana and a few motivational words by Principal ma'am. The anchor for the event was Sanika Sawant welcomed the fresher's VSIT and introduced them to Shanivar Manch event. The event headed off with an interesting musical skit on college life and was a great hit among the students and teachers. The anchor then declared OPEN STAGE for the students to show off their talent. The participants of open stage were given gifts as a token of appreciation.

The last part of the event was singing and instrument playing. The event concluded with a teaser of college's annual events – VIGOUR and VERVE, MAAY MARATHI, FRESHERS' DAY.

The event started and ended successfully as per scheduled time and was carried out with utmost discipline with the valuable contribution of Council Members and NSS volunteers.

"We believe India is an epicentre of innovation"

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A GRAND SEND OFF TO VIIE STUDENTS

The students of the International Collaborations, who are to embark on the 2nd phase of their education overseas, were given a grand send off on 23rd July 2016.

The programme began with a welcome speech by Dr. Rohini Kelkar, Principal, VSIT. There was a run through of basic do's and don'ts for the students that followed.

Each student was given a memento from Vidyalankar, as fond remembrance of their association with the Institute. It ended with a gala dinner, where parents and students interacted with the faculty and members of the management.

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

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DALE CARNEGIE



As the transition from high school, to college, to the workplace becomes more competitive than ever, it's important for young adults to balance the demands of school work and relationships, while their future goals in sight. For this very reason, VSIT had arranged a two day workshop with Dale Carnegie Academy for the First Year Commerce and Management Department students.

Vidyalankar believes in spreading energies in terms of knowledge and giving education globally. So such a workshop is a great start for Generation Next to build up confidence to face any challenges with grace and poise.

Vidyalankar nurtures a progressive student-centric learning environment as well as believes in a holistic methodology towards knowledge and education. The Institute imparts workshops by Dale Carnegie Training Institute (US) on Interpersonal Skills.

The syllabus of the Dale Carnegie program is set keeping the core objectives which helps the student to have an easy transfer from education world to corporate world. The students in this program are also trained to deal with Group Discussions & Personal Interviews. This workshop was conducted free of cost for First Year Student at VSIT.

It gave them the skills and confidence they need to authentically distinguish themselves from their peers, and discover their full potential. Many young people lack the social relationship skills needed to interact with adults in the business world. Trainers helped the teens to develop communication skills beyond their device, and start engaging with others in a meaningful way. Students also discovered how to handle and even seek out new responsibilities while becoming better able to cope with the pressures that adolescents face.

“After the conversations about Indian philosophy, some of the ideas of Quantum Physics that had seemed crazy suddenly made much more sense”

- W. Heisenberg

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UNDERGRADUATE PLACEMENT HIT A NEW HIGH



It has been a Legacy of Vidyalkar to provide placements for the maximum number of students.

Vidyalkar really strives hard to achieve this result. The Placement Officer Ms. Vandana Shrivastav informed that the Cell conducts various activities to prepare students to crack the Interviews. These activities include: Mock- Aptitude, Mock-Interview, Mock-G.D along with the soft-skills programming held by Dale Carnegie.

This year VSIT received 160 offers (Department of Information technology and Commerce & Management Department) from the Giant Companies which came on Board. These Companies include: TCS, Wipro, L&T, Atos, Accenture, and Deliottee. The package offered ranges between Rs. Two Lakhs to Rs. Three Lakhs.

“That when I first learned that it wasn’t enough to just do your job you had to have an interest in it. Even a passion for it”

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FDP / STTP ATTENDED BY FACULTY

Faculty Development Programme by IIT Bombay



IIT Mumbai has taken the task of Faculty Development Programme for the proper and effective use of ICT in education. It has been done as most of our teachers lack skills and competencies for proper and effective use of ICT in education. It is thus an urgent national requirement that all our teachers, at least those teaching in our professional colleges, are empowered to use technology effectively, to enhance the quality of education.

To meet this requirement IIT Bombay has specially designed a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on "Use of ICT in Education for Online and Blended Learning ". This FDP is designed as a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course), with some face-to-face sessions at Remote Centres. It will be conducted beginning from 2 May 2016. Up to 5th August 2016. Completion Certificates will be awarded by IIT Bombay to those participants, who successfully complete all online assessments, meaningfully participate in face-to-face sessions, and submit the prescribed team- assignment. This training will surely help our teachers for the effective teaching and learning.

- **Teaching Faculty**

Prof. Deepak B. Phatak, Dept. of CSE, IIT Bombay

Prof. Sridhar Iyer, Dept. of CSE, IIT Bombay

Prof. Uday N. Gaitonde, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Bombay

Prof. Sahana Murthy, Education Technology, IIT Bombay

- **Course content**

Module 1: Devices for information capture, storage, and display

Module 2: The world of Internet and Web

Module 3: Evolution and Spread of ICT in Education

Module 4: Using ICT for Effective Educational Communication

Module 5: Online Courses

Module 6: Blended/Hybrid Education

Module 7: Adopting online/blended education in teaching-learning process

Module 8: Building and Nurturing Collaborative Communities

- **Name of the faculty attending the programme**

Mrs. Ujwala Sav

Mr. Laxmikant Manchekar

Ms. Amraja Shivkar

Mrs. Mithila Satam

Mrs. Vishakha Domal

Mr. Rajendra Patole

“Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is most important”

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FDP / STTP ATTENDED BY FACULTY

Short Term Training Programme By VIT



The workshop was for the use of following open source software.

- a) Python and Octave: These soft- wares can be effectively used in signal processing, networking, image processing, neural networks, web designing etc.
- b) Latex : To prepare Reports, Project reports, Research papers, Letters, Certificates and many more professional documents, certificates and many more professional documents.
- c) “R”----For statistical and data analysis.

It was attended by the following faculty members:

- 1) Ms. Leena Jadhav
- 2) Ms. Ashwini Koyande
- 3) Ms. Maitreyi Ketkar
- 3) Mr. Siddesh Patil

“Practice is the hardest part of learning, and training is the essence of transformation.”

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WORKSHOP FOR REVISED SYLLABUS

Ms. Sanjeela Sagar and Mr. Umesh Koyande attended “First Year B.Sc. IT Semester I workshop” in S. K. Somaiya College, Vidyavihar, Mumbai on 27th July 2016. Prof. R. Srivaramangai and Prof. Hiren Dand, Adhoc Board of Studies, Information Technology, Prof. Rajendra Patil, Convenor, Board of Syllabus Information Technology were present on the dias.

The workshop was conducted for following subjects:

- 1) Discrete Mathematics – Prof. Hiren Dand
- 2) Operating System – Prof. Mandar Bhave
- 3) Imperative Programming – Prof. Rajendra B. Patil
- 4) Communication Skills – Prof Asif Rampurwala, Mr. Sameer Sahastabuddhe
- 5) Digital Electronics – Dr. Santosh Singh

“Real education is about genuine understanding and the ability to figure things out on your own, not about memorisation”

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FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT

Achievement of the faculty members ultimately contribute to the achievement of the organisation they are working with. It throws light on the conducive atmosphere and various opportunities provided in the institute to help achieve different horizons.



Prof. Asif Rampurawala, Vice Principal, IT Department has set a new record by being the first faculty member to be appointed as the member of the syllabus committee, University of Mumbai. He has been a resource person of the workshops for syllabus revision held at:

- 1) K.J. Somaiya College, Vidyavihar
- 2) Valia College, Andheri.



Prof. Vijay Gawde, newly appointed Vice Principal for Commerce and Management Department has added a new feather to the VSIT cap as he has been chief guest at NSS orientation programme at Patuck Gala College of Commerce and Economics, Santacruz. Prof. Gawde was also invited as speaker for the guest lecture on ‘Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management’ at G.N. Khalsa College of Arts, Commerce and Science. He was also got the honour to be a guest speaker at D.G. Ruparel College, Matunga for ‘Interactive Session For Projects Of Third Year BMS Students’.

“Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.”

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CELEBRATIONS IN VSIT

BFN activity is a part of staff-welfare committee. BFN stands for Birthday, Farewell and new joiners.

This activity celebrates the birthdays of all the faculty members (teaching & non-teaching) on the last day of every month, whose birthday falls in that particular month. Generally, this celebration takes place in the long-break of the college-schedule. A cake is cut on this occasion and is followed by a small treat. This celebration brings all the faculty-members together and mingles informally. The faculty members can also sponsor for this activity voluntarily.

It also celebrates the farewell of the faculty members who are leaving the job. This fare-well is given on the last working-day of that employee. This activity is conducted in the presence of the Principal, Vice-principal, Dean Administration and staff-members. The employee who is leaving job is made to express their experience in this Institution. It is followed by the Principal Madam's address for that employee. This activity gives a sense of respect on either part.

The New-joiners are welcomed with warm wishes. This welcome to new-joiners is given during the birthday celebration activity. This activity aims to give a sense of absorption to create congenial atmosphere at the work-place.

All these activities are well planned and well executed by Mr. Abhijit Rane, Convener, Staff-Welfare committee.

“Celebrate who you are in your deepest heart. Love yourself and the world will love you.”

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COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Sr. no	Name of the committee	Members	Activity	Date	Outcome
1	NSS	Vijay Gawade, Vinayak karande	World Environment Day	5 th June 2016	To create awareness about eco-friendly products
	Food and Beverage	Maitreyi Ketkar, Sunita Koli, Seema Bhatkar	Pot Lunch		Informal interaction for team building
3	Alumni Meet	Shajil Kumar	Alumni Meet	27 th Feb 2016	Motivation from Alumni for the current Ty batches
4	Parent Interaction	Pallavi Tawde	Orientation for Third Year Students	14 th May 2016	To prepare the students for the university examination
			Orientation for First Year Students	9 th July 2016	

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