



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



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- **Assam Bhawan Inauguration**
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- **G20 University Connect Finale**



graVITas'23

Inauguration

This 14th edition of graVITas has offered ample opportunities to its entrants to unleash their genius. It's been a gathering where technology and management enthusiasts came together to explore, learn, and push the boundaries of their knowledge and skills. This year's theme was Venture Inspire Transform, and it enabled us to venture into new skills, inspire like-minded talents and transform into techno-management experts! The inauguration of graVITas'23 started with a bang, with our Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. G. Viswanathan, declaring the fest open and wishing all the students a happy three days of technical gala. In addition, a tech-savvy robot also declared the festival open, giving a glimpse of VIT's contribution to the field of engineering and technical enhancement.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by the presence of our Hon'ble Chancellor Dr. G. Viswanathan, Vice President Dr. G. V. Selvam, Vice Chancellor Dr. Rambabu Kodali, Pro-vice Chancellor Dr. Partha Sharathi Mallick, Registrar Dr. Jayabarathi T and Convenor Dr. Sankar Ganesh S. Our Chief Guest Shri. Anuj Bhalla, Digital and Cloud Transformation Leader President & Global Head - Integrated Cloud and Delivery Excellence Tech Mahindra and Guest of honour Shri. Paras Parikh, GOTO India Operating Manager, UBS, came together and inspired the crowd with their insightful speeches.



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Over three days, the attendees witnessed a wide variety of events, including 20+ hackathons, 50+ workshops, 60+ competitions and 20+ informal events spread out in every nook and corner of the campus. The excitement in the student populace was palpable as they also bore witness to an electrifying slew of premium events like AeroDominator, Celestial Drive, Sow and Seek, Star Party and RoboWARs. Attendees also got to savour a wide variety of cuisines from various parts of the country and the world through the food outlets set up at Woodys, adding to the fest's vibrance. The fest was filled with copious amounts of gusto that even the brisk monsoon spells could not rain on the attendees' parade. This is testimony to the unmatched buzz and energy at the fest.





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Gravitas has always been an integral venture of the University where we embrace students from all over India and abroad! It is vital to acknowledge the zest and enthusiasm shown by our participants - with over 17,380 internal participants and 485 External participants. This graVITas 2023 witnessed participants from 21 Indian states and 14 other countries. Fest saw a record total of over 14250+ registrations, with footfalls clocking over 2,400+ for pre-graVITas events held from 19th September 2023-21st September 2023 and over 5,900+ across events during graVITas. We conducted several flagship events which had a plethora of creativity coupled with a mind-boggling technical outlook. Each of these events provided exciting cash prizes with an overall price pool of 20 Lakhs. Also, we cannot forget to mention those food stalls and the team display stalls which catered to everyone's attention and delight.



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Valedictory

Vice President Dr. G V Selvam, Vice Chancellor Dr Rambabu Kodali, Pro-vice Chancellor Dr. Partha Sharathi Mallick and Registrar, Dr Jayabarathi T presided over the valedictory ceremony of graVITas. Convenor Dr. Sankar Ganesh S delivered the closing report, summarising the new heights scaled by this edition of the fest.

Chief Guest, Dr. S K Varshney, Secretary Advisor/Scientist G, International Cooperation, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India stressed the power of innovation and the potential young minds possess to lead the country forward.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Manoj Krishna Suseela, Vice President, Compute Business, Site Lead-R&D India, Hewlett Packard Enterprises elaborated on the two mantras to always remember stepping out of one's comfort zone and cultivating a 'can-do, will-do' mentality.



AMRIT VIMARSH VIKASIT BHARATH 2047



On a day filled with anticipation and excitement, we had the privilege of hosting Mr. Mohanakumar S., Mission Director of LVM3-M4, Chandrayaan-3, for a captivating session that left all VITians spellbound. This remarkable event celebrated the successful soft landing at the moon's south pole, an achievement that has garnered global acclaim. Delivering a lecture, which was organised as part of Amrit Vimarsh Vikasit Bharath 2047, he said the country was yet to explore local manufacturing of passenger aircraft, and such an effort would yield a cost-effective and safe mode of transportation for many. "Among the three major modes of transportation, passenger aircraft remain the safest," he added.

The audience, comprising students, faculty, and esteemed guests, was treated to a comprehensive account of ISRO's ambitious Chandrayaan-3 mission. Mr. Mohanakumar skillfully guided us through the intricate details of this lunar expedition. He shared insights into the rover's remarkable journey and the myriad challenges it faced. The moon, it turns out, is a harsh mistress, with temperature fluctuations and complex chemical compositions posing formidable obstacles. The successful navigation of these challenges is a testament to the sheer determination and brilliance of the ISRO team.

The event's significance was further underscored by the presence of VIT's distinguished leadership, our Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. G. Viswanathan, whose vision has guided the institute to great heights. Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Partha Sharathi Mallick, Registrar, Dr. T. Jayabarathi, and numerous Deans, Directors, Faculty members, and staff were also in attendance, demonstrating the institute's unwavering support for pioneering ventures in science and technology.



CHANDRAYAN-3 MAHOTSAV



The Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) campus came alive with creativity and enthusiasm as the Office of Students' Welfare hosted the Chandrayan-3 Mahotsav on September 4, 2023, at the prestigious Anna Auditorium. This grand event was a collaborative effort between the Office of Students' Welfare and various student clubs, including the Dance Club, Music Club, Spic Macay, and the Dramatics Society. The Mahotsav attracted a record-breaking participation of more than 900 students, making it a resounding success.

The event was graced by the presence of esteemed dignitaries, including Director Students' Welfare, Prof. CD Naiju, and Associate Directors, Dr. Sharmila N, Dr. Aarthy SL, and Dr. Senthil Kumar, who served as the chief guests for the evening. Their presence added a touch of prestige and honour to the event, setting the stage for a memorable night of creativity and cultural excellence.

The event commenced at 6 pm with a warm welcome to all the participants and guests who expressed their delight at the overwhelming response to Chandrayan-3 Mahotsav. He emphasized the importance of cultural events in nurturing students' creativity and fostering a sense of unity among the diverse student community at VIT. The Mahotsav featured a spectacular showcase of talent and creativity, with various performances and presentations from the participating clubs. The Dance Club left the audience spellbound with their mesmerizing dance performances, while the Music Club filled the auditorium with melodious tunes that touched the hearts of all in attendance. Chandrayan-3 Mahotsav also recognized and celebrated outstanding talents and contributions within the student community. Awards were presented to exceptional performers, and certificates of appreciation were handed out to club members who had dedicated their time and effort to make the event a success.

The Office of Students' Welfare, along with the collaborating clubs, deserves commendation for organizing such a splendid event that left a lasting impression on all those who attended. Chandrayan-3 Mahotsav 2023 will undoubtedly be remembered as a highlight of the cultural calendar at VIT.



From 4th September at Anna Auditorium

G20 UNIVERSITY CONNECT FINALE



The Office of Students' Welfare arranged for the live telecast in Channa Reddy Auditorium of G20 University Connect Finale program that was scheduled at Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre. Following the conclusion of the two-day G20 summit in New Delhi on 10th September 2023, the PM addressed the G20 University Connect Finale on 26th September 2023. The G20 University Connect Finale roped in over 1 lakh students from over 101 universities in India to impart a better understanding of India's role in hosting this year's G20 amongst the youth. It addressed the youth in particular because of the tremendous power they possess to ideate and innovate. Illustrating this, the PM used the example of Chandrayaan 3's success to highlight the treasure trove of potential the youth harbours.



The PM stressed India's role as a global leader in trade and remarked about the all-important position India has come to assume in the world forum in recent years, bolstered by its presidency of the G20 and the New Delhi Declaration and its recent role in the inclusion of six new nations in BRICS at South Africa among several other International Relations milestones. Forging strong ties with other nations is the need of the hour and the way forward to facilitate smooth trade, partnerships, and burgeoning economies.

To truly realise this equitable and sustainable development, we have to move towards a heavily people-driven economy, ensuring that everyone gets a fair opportunity to contribute to and reap from the nation's economy. With several schemes in place to uplift vulnerable communities, it is highly required of us to be cognisant of unequitable situations to ameliorate them.

The PM also focused on the need to mobilise this youth power to be more vocal for local and promote the 'Make in India' initiatives, making room for and supporting local technologies and talents, deriving value out of them. Lastly, the PM emphasized stable governance and the way ahead.



ASSAM BHAWAN INAUGURATION



The collaborative efforts between the Office of Students' Welfare and the government of Assam reached a pinnacle with the inauguration of "Assam Bhawan" in Vellore. This exclusive multi-storied building, graced by the presence of the Honorable Chief Minister, Dr. Himanta Biswas Sarma, stands as a testament to their shared commitment to the welfare of individuals traveling from Assam to Vellore. The significance of the event is heightened by the purposeful design of the building, offering numerous accommodations tailored to the needs of the travelers.



The Ceremonial felicitation of the Chief Minister by Dr. G. Viswanathan, the Founder & Chancellor of VIT, adds a touch of honor and recognition to the occasion.



Beyond the formalities, the Chief Minister's interaction with the faculty and students of VIT hailing from Assam fosters a sense of connection and community. This exchange not only acknowledges the diverse backgrounds within the academic community but also strengthens the ties between Assam and VIT.



Overall, the inauguration of Assam Bhawan not only addresses the practical aspects of travel and accommodation but also signifies a broader collaboration promoting unity and well-being among the diverse student body.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH

BRSI's Chandrayaan 3: Life Beyond Earth-A Space Biology Challenge

Space Biology Challenge was an exciting quiz in groups of two participants and based on Astrobiology aimed to shed light on the unexplored domain of biology in space.

SME's Chandrayaan 3 : Manufacturing Indians Lunar Dream

An exciting blog writing competition specially curated for wordsmiths with a passion for space exploration and a dreamer who envisions the limitless possibilities beyond Earth's atmosphere to delve into one of India's most ambitious and awe-inspiring missions- Chandryan3

ISTE's Teach For Vellore

Teach for Vellore was an ISTE- VIT's (Indian Society for Technical Education) initiative aimed at spreading knowledge and awareness among young underprivileged minds, helping them chart their education and explore fields of interest.

HEARTS- UHET's Teachers' Day Quiz Competition

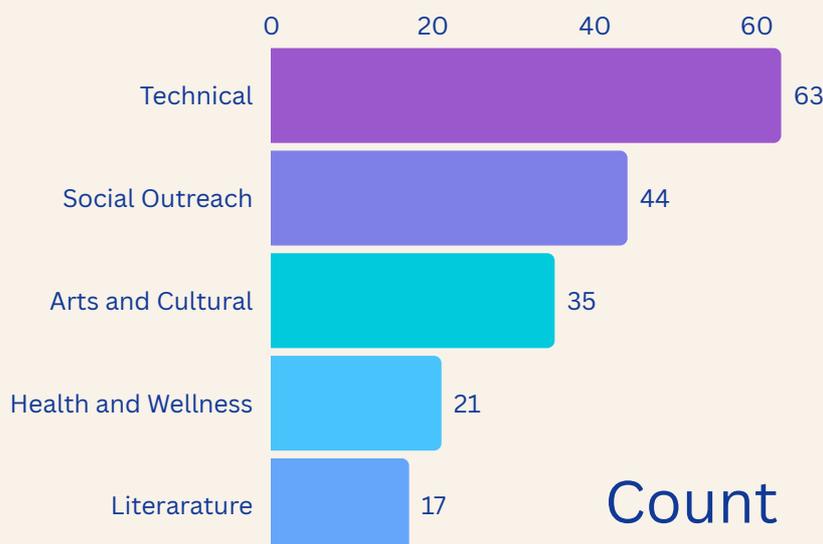
A quiz competition to create awareness around the world about the importance of teachers and their contribution to the society.

Yoga Club's YOGA : Stress Relief Session

The event was all about introducing yoga poses to young people by a skilled instructor who taught different yoga poses. There was also an informative discussion about the advantages and fundamentals of the yoga postures to help everyone grasp the concept better.

Peace Day Challenge

The Rotaract Club commemorated International Day of Peace with a thought-provoking quiz. Tested the knowledge and raised awareness to celebrate the ideals of peace that inspire individuals and nations across the world.



EMINENT TALKS



SHRI ROHAN JAGADEESH
»»» LEO CLUB

IPS officer from the Karnataka cadre, Shri Rohan Jagadeesh successfully attained his BA LLB degree from University Law College, Bangalore. Shri Jagadeesh achieved a remarkable 224th rank in the 2018 UPSC examination. He was invited to take up an invigorating session **Leo Talks** where he imparts insights drawn from his remarkable journey and personal experiences.

Ms. Rupsha Moitra is the founder of an all women's band called Kanya. Along with being a lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist in her band, she is the senior technical consultant at Adobe. She pursued her B.tech in Computer Science and has worked in various IT firms over the years. She was called-upon for an informative and motivation session **Leo Talks**.

»»» LEO CLUB
MS. RUPSHA MOITRA



MR. NAGARAJAN RAMESH IYER
»»» LEO CLUB

An active developer of Microsoft and Oracle databases and a University Rank Holder from Pondicherry University, Nagarajan Ramesh Iyer, a tech savvy and proficient personage is the perfect example of an ideal software developer. From his experience ranging from an SQL developer in Tata Consultancy to Senior Software Developer in IBM, he guided students in the event **Leo Talks**.



MS. BELUAH VALARMATHI
»»» FEPSI

Beluah Valarmathi, a psychologist and student counselor. Her words served as a reminder as she delivered a talk in the event **Voice of hope**, that people who are struggling with suicidal thoughts can find understanding, hope, and support.

Mr. Sujal Gera is a alumnus of VIT Vellore. He believes that Direction is more important than Speed. A person with keen interest in Web Development, Data Structures, DBMS and paving his way in Cloud Computing, Data Science and ML, was called upon in a tech savvy event **IE(I) Talks 2.0**

»»» IE(I)
MR. SUJAL GERA



MR. ARYAN GANGWAR
»»» IE(I)

Mr, Aryan Gangwar, an Electrical and Electronics Engineering graduate from VIT Vellore born and raised in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh. He is currently working as a Tech Consultant at PwC Kolkata. Despite having a non-coding background, he was always passionate about software development and made his way through self-learning. He was guest speaker at **IE(I) Talks 2.0**

SPORTS

September 2023



ACHIEVEMENTS



We are extremely happy to announce that the following Men and Women's teams have brought laurels to VIT by winning various medals in the PEGASUS - 2023 a National level tournament organized by Christian Medical College & Hospital, Vellore from 11.09.2023 to 16.09.2023.

Futsal – Winners

AAYUSHI BAIJAL	22BCT0222
ANANYA.U	21BCE0164
CATHERINE MARIA GEORGE	23MIS0137
FEBA MARYANN ABRAHAM	20MIDO098
VELPURU KRITIJA	23BCE2096
ANANYA KISHOR SHETTY	23BBT0169
PATIL TANISHKA PRADIP	22BCE3814

Throwball – Runners - Up

RAMILA.R	21BCS0014
POOJA.A	22MSI0173
SOWMIYA.K	22MIS0535
MONEKA.K	21BCS0003
NANDIHA.PS	23BCS0145
PRANAIYA.BA	22BBT0270
VINOTHINI.K	21BCC0025
BHUVANESHWARI.P	23MIDO230
ALINA ANJUM.F	22BBA0034
GOKILAVANI.K	21MIS0012
SRINIDHI.S	23MSH0069

Chess (Team Event) - Winners

SHRIMAN. K	20BCM0107
KALKI ESHWAR D	22BCE2133
ARYAN SHAH	22BCE2741

Chess (Individual Event) – First Place

ARYAN SHAH 22BCE2741

Athletics

BASKAR. P	21BBT0187	1500 Mts 
GOVINDARAJ.A	19MIS0215	Discus Throw 
GOVINDARAJ.A	19MIS0215	Shot put 

Hockey - Runners - Up

NITHIN SAI	20BME0293
THATIPAMULA NAVULURI SAI PRANAV	20BEC0143
ADITYA VARDHAN	19BEC0605
KAVIN	22BEE0361
DHRUV PONNANNA	21BEC0273
GOWTHAM. G	21BCM0106
ABIN PHILIP	20PHD0062
JAYAKUMAR	21PHD0107
NAVAMANIDASSAN	22BCE2267
SUGANTHAN N	22MSI0194
ASHISH KUMAR	21BCT0150
ARJUN SREEDHAR	22BCT0303
YUVRAJ DEORA	20MIS0198
KISLAY KRISHNAN	20BCE0897
VEERAYYA	20BEC0741
TANUJ D SOUZA	22BML0084

STUDENT



ACHIEVEMENTS



Mr. Pondala Prem Sai.(21BEC2070) has brought laurels to VIT by winning Gold Medal in District level Powerlifting competition organised by Visakha District Powerlifting Association Visakhapatnam, on September 24, 2023.

Mr. Arnav Jaggi (21BCT0040) emerged victorious in the Cluster 6 Finals of the Tata Crucible Campus Quiz 2023, India's most prestigious business quiz. Mr. Arnav Jaggi earned the winner position, won a cash prize of Rs.35,000/- and secured a spot in the Zonal Finals.



Mr. Swaraj Patil (21BCE0444) emerged victorious in the Cluster 6 Finals of the Tata Crucible Campus Quiz 2023, India's most prestigious business quiz. Mr. Swaraj Patil was declared the runner-up, winning a cash prize of Rs.18,000/-.

Students from VIT Dance Club and Music Club, under the Office of Students' Welfare, had participated in Revivals'23 organised by Madras Medical College, Chennai on the 26th September and won the following prizes:

Music Club : Second Prize

Event Name : Solo Vocals

Shreyoshi Deb Roy (22BCE0470)

Dance Club : Second Prize

Event Name : Traditional Dance Category

Team Name : MIRAGE

Shrey Patel (22BBS0027)

Aman Bohara (20BME0468)

Prakhar Chauhan (22BCT0038)

Karan P (22BML0108)

Samaja M S (20MIY0037)

Manasa Madhusoodanan (20BCM0028)

Jiya Jitheesh (22BAG0066)

Adwitiya Paul (22BCE0415)

Nidhi Suresh (22BEI0100)



Sunset View from Q block Men's Hostel by Jayesh Ramchandani (21BCE0960)



Talent Forage: We invite all our students to showcase their masterpieces with talent and skills. Submit participant entries by 31st October: designs /articles /artworks or poems- based on the themes: **Unity/Poverty**.



VIT Click: Click pictures inside/of the campus and mention date, time & location of the same to get a chance to be featured in the next SW Newsletter.



Jayesh Ramchandani
21BCE0960



Khushi Parashar
20MIS0308



Nitin Singh
20MID0232

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