



VIT VELLORE

OFFICE OF STUDENTS' WELFARE



*"There is no failure;
You either win or
learn"*

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JANUARY' 22

As the sparkling fireworks paved the way to the dawn of a new year, there is a rekindled hope in our hearts to start without fear.

Just like the warm sun on a chilly winter morning, a new beginning brings with it energy and comfort for all. It is the month of reflection, retrospection, and promises. As we hoist our flag with our heads held high, we pay homage to the soldiers who have made our country proud.

Holding onto our memories both sweet and sour, we keep moving forward until we meet.

Republic Day Fervour

HAPPY REPUBLIC DAY
INDIA
26 TH OF JANUARY

India observed its 73rd Republic Day on the 26th of January, 2022. The day marks the declaration of Purna Swaraj, back in 1930. It was also on this day that the Indian Constitution came into effect, under the leadership of Dr. B R Ambedkar. Proud to celebrate the anniversary of this event, VIT Vellore held a Republic Day ceremony coordinated by the Office of Students' Welfare, Events Management, Physical Education Department and Security Office, in the early hours of the day, while following social distancing norms.

This milestone beheld VIT's honorable Chancellor, G Viswanathan, Vice Presidents, Sankar Viswanathan and GV Selvam, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr. S Narayanan, and Registrar K Sathiyarayanan in attendance as the Chief Guests of Honour and consisted of a small gathering of the university's staff members. Hon'ble Chancellor inaugurated the ceremony by hoisting the national flag high, following which the harmonious tunes of the National Anthem were sung by all while saluting the Tricolour and those in uniform paid tribute to it.

The gathering was addressed by our Chancellor who spoke about how far India as a country has come. He spoke of how we must prioritize education for all and poverty eradication.

He mentioned that by trying to make education more accessible, VIT aspires to be a model for society.

A stepping stone for the same is being recognised as an Institute of Eminence (IoE). He further added how the alumni of VIT have gone the extra mile to become leaders in their capacity and are exemplary citizens today. On an ending note, he gave his token of appreciation to all the teachers, staff members and students of VIT, wishing only more achievements and growth to follow. With this, the ceremony came to an end leaving everyone brimming with pride and devotion for the country.



Apart from this triumph, VIT NCC held recruitment to bring in another round of cadets to their contingent.

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Marking another proud achievement for VIT, two of our students received the privilege to be invited to the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi.



Ms. Haritha Ramann
19MSH0031
PG Topper(Class of 2021)



Mr. Sagnik Pal
17BCE0847
UG Topper(Class of 2021)

As a part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India had invited one PG topper and UG year topper each from the last graduated batch, to witness the Republic Day Parade, 2022. The students have also been given a Certificate of Participation by the Govt. of India.

EMINENT TALKS



Mrs. Harichandana Dasari, the dynamic IAS officer, is an exemplary role model for the. In the latest edition of LEO TALKS on January 4, VIT Leo had the honour of having Mrs. Harichandana give her valuable insight on success and leadership. In a riveting session thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, Mrs. Harichandana inspired the youth as she gave her insights and answered questions gracefully.

Dr. Waalid Saad (Ph.D.), has been honored with IEEE fellowship for his contribution to distributed optimization in cooperative and heterogeneous wireless systems. In "Into the ML VERSE", conducted by IEEE-PCS on January 26, he highlighted the use of ML in wireless communication. Participants learnt how ML in wireless communication helps in communication and making better networks.



Mr. Prashant Pal, CEO of Pure India Trust, is a highly experienced and passionate personality. He was present for the Benevolence workshop held on January 23 by Rotaract Club of VIT. The workshop started with Mr. Pal talking about of society- be it education or general social reform. The session ended with every participant inspired to build a better future taking away important life lessons.

Ms. Hina Saifi is one of 17 Climate Change leaders of UN India's WeTheChangeNow campaign. She was present for LEO Talks on the January 24, held by VIT LEO Club. The event was aimed to spread awareness about the difficulties girl children face when trying to gain an education. Ms. Saifi inspired everyone with the story of her struggles and her efforts at overcoming them.



Mr. M P Sinha, Group Captain of Indian Air Force, was invited on January 26 at Flavours of the Frontier by Culinary Club VIT. He worked on various aircrafts for more than 18 years in different capacities such as Engineering Officer, Senior Engr officer, Chief Engr Officer etc. The session was an awe-inspiring one. All the participants were motivated by his work and legacy.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH

World Hindi Day 10th January

The purpose of World Hindi Day was to enhance awareness of Hindi's global importance, foster love for the language, and increase understanding of Hindi's current predicament. An essay writing competition was conducted by the Students' Welfare to commemorate the day.

National Youth Day 12th January

The YOU in YOUTH - Youth Red Cross Association

The event aimed at conveying the message of the self-development of the youth through yoga and meditation. The speaker, Ms Priya Subramanian, addressed the students on how to cope with the daily stresses of living in today's fast-paced life.

Quimica Magnate - IChE-VIT

IChE-VIT attempted to encourage the students through their quiz event by sharing the experiences of notable industrial entrepreneurs who have worked hard to earn their place in the spotlight.

Lohri, Makarsankranti, Pongal, Bihu 14th -16th January

Pongal Thirunaal - VIT Community Radio

A three-day event, Pongal Thirunaal, commemorating the festive spirit of Pongal was organized by VIT Community Radio. Pongal Thirunaal reminded people of the significance of this auspicious day.

Quest for Harvest - SOLAI

To revere the Harvest Festivals and to better understand their purpose, a word hunt was organized by SOLAI.

Kolakkalai - Tamil Literary Association (TLA)

The Tamil Literary Association used Art as their medium of appreciation for the festival of Pongal. A Rangoli competition was organized wherein participants were awarded based on their creativity.

Enna Solla Pogirai-10 - Tamil Literary Association (TLA)

To test the participant's knowledge about the Pongal practices and traditions, the Tamil Literary Association organized a quiz competition.

Indian Army Day 15th January

Pride of India - VIT Community Radio

To celebrate the 74th Indian Army Day, and pay homage to the Indian Army, the VIT Community Radio organized Pride of India. A mashup of Tamil songs that conveyed the struggles of an Indian soldier was played.

Munitioned! - IChE-VIT

IChE VIT celebrated Indian Army Day in its own unique way. By organizing a quiz on the chemistry of military ammunitions, they paid their respects to the Indian army.

Unfiltered - FEP-SI

A podcast showcasing the unconditional love Indian soldiers have for their motherland, their fighting spirit in the face of all difficulties, and their selfless spirit to sacrifice, was organized and presented by VIT FEP-SI.

International Flower Day-19th January

Pushpa Viharam - VIT Community Radio

VIT Community Radio committed itself to reminding people to not just value flowers in the form of bouquets and decorations but also understand the importance of flower-based plants. They also threw light on the rare and endangered species of flowers.

Dedicate a flower - Nature club

In the spirit of awareness and gratitude, the nature club organized an event wherein the participants had to choose an endangered flower, mention its features and the reason why it is endangered. They could also dedicate the flower to their loved ones as a token of their gratitude.

National Girl Child Day- 24th January

National Girl Child Day Blog - LEO Club

An event for students to voice their opinions through a blog on various experiences that young girls face in India, and how they can uplift and battle the issues.

National Tourism Day- 25th January

Environment matters - Energy and Environment Protection Club

A competition where participants had to capture the beauty and pollution brought by the tourists at various sightseeing sites, through photography.

T. R. A. V. E. L: Explore nature as it is - Zero Waste Management

A series of poster threads on social media to spread awareness on ecotourism and emphasizing on how to travel responsibly.

Math and Tourism - VITMAS

The math wizards have found a way to amalgamate the rich mathematical history of India with monuments through a blog "Math and Tourism".

Paryaataka Vihaaram - Telugu Literary Association

A short quiz event to test your knowledge and commemorate numerous historical sites in India.

Expeduzzles - IICHe-VIT

This event was a crossword puzzle related to chemicals produced in various states of India, raising awareness about how diverse it is, not only in culture but also in chemicals as well.

The Blog Excursion - Ayuda NGO

A blog writing competition on the theme "Favourite tourist spot in India" to relive the best memories of traveling and exploring the various Indian tourist spots.

National Tourism Day - FEPSI

FEPSI wanted to collect the beautiful memories students captured during their traveling expeditions and showcase them in their stories on Instagram, allowing them to travel back and relive those memories.

INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY - 26th January

Trad-O-Chem - IICHe-VIT

An intriguing quizzing event based on the agencies and their regulations on various chemicals.

Shedding importance on custom officials and various agencies involved in the trade.

World Leprosy Day 30th January (last Sunday of January)

The Healing Hand - YRC

A blog "The Healing Hand" to spread awareness about leprosy and its repercussions. It also highlights alleviation measures taken by Mahatma Gandhi and Mother Teresa and recent government and NGO initiatives.

Lepro-Check - IICHe-VIT

A mind-boggling quiz on the chemistry behind the vaccines and medicines used for the treatment of Leprosy.

Martyrs' Day- 30th January

Martyr Day Blog - Leo Club

An opportunity as a nation to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi. In his remembrance to pay respects and share the essence of a martyr's spirit through the blog "The Legacies of Those Gone By".

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



MUSKAAN KOTHARI

Nominated as the student representative from VIT's Vellore Campus in the IQAC.

Her role is to ensure that student opinions are raised and represented at higher levels of administration to facilitate the rising quality of education at VIT. Also, aids to develop a culturally inclusive and fostering environment at VIT.

TEAM SHANGHAI

Aditya Tiwari, Aritro Sinha, Rishabh Mehta of Team Shanghai secured **2nd place** in **EauMega Innovation Challenge 2022** at **UNESCO headquarters** in Paris, France.

TEAM KARACHI

Ishita Sarkar, Ahana Ghosh and Bidisha Mondal of Karachi team secured **3rd place** in **EauMega Innovation Challenge 2022** at **UNESCO headquarters** in Paris, France.



WATER,
MEGACITIES
& GLOBAL
CHANGE

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Pharma Challenge - Biogen

Team BIOGENZ

Nidhi Shakhapur, Vishal Agrawal, Hayfa F, Shreya Gupta of Team **BIOGENZ** have secured **2nd place** with cash prize of five thousand rupees at **PHARMA CHALLENGE, Shaastra 2022**, the annual tech fest organised by IIT Madras.



Pallavi Chauhan, Aniruddha Sharma, Hartej Singh

Pallavi Chauhan, Aniruddha Sharma, Hartej Singh of team secure **1st place** in **REIGN - REImaGiNe the way we bank!** A hackathon organized by **Kotak Mahindra Bank**.

TALENT FORAGE

Those Men in Power

The strong ought to bear,
The responsibility of the weak, they say
Power is humane, they say
To stand between the tyrant and slave
Is their work they say
They say, they say and they say.

But their work robs us of courage,
We need through the day;
They parent terror and orphan
The efforts of our feeble endeavour
For their greed and lust,
Is our shame, our shame and our shame

Roll the dice, I say;
Freeze the hatred they spill, I say
Eat the mockery and stand up, I say;
Flame their conscience, I say
Straighten their wrong, I say
Win the battle of responsibility, I say
'VOTE', I SAY, 'VOTE', I SAY, 'VOTE', I SAY.

~ **GOPIKA ATUL**
21BCL0039



~ **SHRUTI MOOKHERJEE**
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A Path Towards Temperance

In modern society, the Greek capital Athens is perhaps best known for being the birthplace of both democracy and western philosophy. Yet, the idea of free men (DEFINITELY no other gender) all equally involved in city happenings seemed to face opposition from those of intellectual inclination (sibling rivalry, anyone?). Philosophers were of the opinion that the common man should not be in charge of running a city. Indeed, the Athenian democratic rule tended to be swayed by a sufficiently skilled orator. While the days of direct rule are behind us, one must wonder whether the point still stands.

In a system where the average person views themselves as a passive observer, or at worst, a victim of modern governance, the path of least resistance is often apathy. Apathy towards the choice to vote, apathy towards the amount of misinformation surrounding elections, apathy towards the government, all stemming from a desire to not get involved. True apathy, however, is hard to maintain. So, the majority project an image of perpetual annoyance. Forever contemptuous towards the people in power. These are the perpetrators, nay, the torchbearers, of the pseudo-intellectual view that the only path left for the human race is that of despair, delinquency and dystopia.

Then there are those who follow the path of instant gratification. Those who listen to the call of their heart, the call for screaming, crying, perfect storms. They can make all the tables turn, or so they assure themselves if they stand up and fight. Sheer numbers are a force of nature in and of themselves. And how could anyone in this country possibly disagree with their individual opinions, which were based on their unique experiences and biases? Protests, riots, rage-fueled Instagram comments, these are the playthings of the incensed, oops sorry, the "emotionally driven".

Enclosed in a world of hyperactive activists and woo-woo "outliers of the Matrix", most children shove their fingers in their ears screaming LA LA LA the moment anyone breathes the word politics.

Then they grow up, form their own opinions, and feel ashamed of their passive attitude towards life during their formative years. They feel like they were enclosed in an echo-chamber labelled 'status quo'. Cue the extreme bitterness.

Funnily enough, if we examine our two factions closely, we see that they are not as different as they seem. One doesn't want to get cancelled on Twitter, the other doesn't want an empty Tumblr page. One is tired of speaking, the other is done with being spoken down to. One plays the role of a warner, the other, a warning. And if delve deep down into their psyche, we see that they are both fueled by fear; one, that nothing they do will ever make a difference, the other, that nothing will ever be the same if they don't do something.

With the globalisation of the right to vote, we seem to have forgotten the responsibility that comes with choosing our own representatives. Distancing oneself from duty might seem cool for a while, but to what end? At the same time, a decision that could potentially affect how our country is run requires level-headedness and critical thinking. A little subtlety wouldn't go amiss either.

Perhaps there exists a balance point. Perhaps an individual can exist without making their involvement in politics, or lack thereof, an integral part of their personality. After all, it must be possible to remain involved and aware of our governance without feeling the urge to participate in Every Single Debate online. We can all craft our own paths toward some semblance of temperance. Just saying.

~ APARAJITA D.B.
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We invite all our students to showcase their masterpiece with talent and skills. Submit your entries by March 1st -be it designs / articles / artworks or poems- based on the Theme **Mother Tongue** or **Social Justice**



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