



## OFFICE OF STUDENTS' WELFARE

#### **WHAT'S NEW**

The Fresher's Orientation

Creating hope through actions

Student's Achievements

Talent Forage

#### **SEPTEMBER '21**

The month of September marks the beginning of the Autumn season. A season famous for its harvest times, turning leaves, cooling temperatures and darkening nights.

While autumn is loved for the changing colors of leaves. Trees that were once green explode into beautiful hues of gold, red, and orange, It also marks the beginning of various festive seasons.

This Autumn, we bring to you the seventh Edition of DSW's Newsletter: InVIT

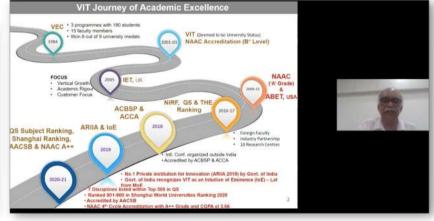
#### The Fresher's Orientation

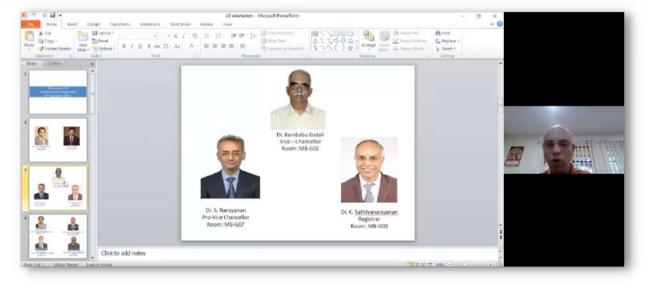
This makes us happy knowing that in the midst of the COVID pandemic, VIT has organized a series of exciting, informative, and holistic Students Induction Program part of AICTE through the Office of Students' Welfare and Fresher's Affair, which not only allows students to sample VIT life but also empowers them to navigate through the social and academic rigors!

Many events were conducted on September 6th, 2021 to know more about VITacademics and VTOP, an innovative program developed by VIT that provided a clear picture of the students' goals.

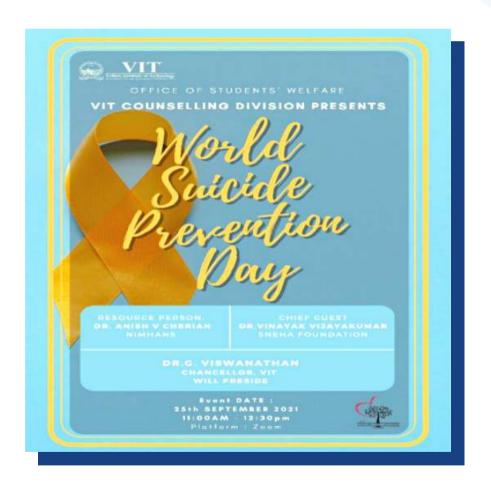
~The respected heads discussed VIT, academics at VIT, and VIT placements.







Suicide is one of the way that people choose to escape from their problems without actually knowing how to solve or without knowing where to get help from. To stop this in our society the counselling division of VIT has worked hard to spread the message to the VIT family stating that there is always a way to stop the problem and always people to help, thus empowering the theme for this World Suicide Prevention Day 2021 of Creating Hope through Action.



Counselling division in association with few clubs of VIT had run the show on 2 days with different fields (professional & cultural) but delivering the same message.

#### Day 1

#### 25th September'21

The program began with a welcome address by Dr. Rita and a dance event by VIT Dance Club.

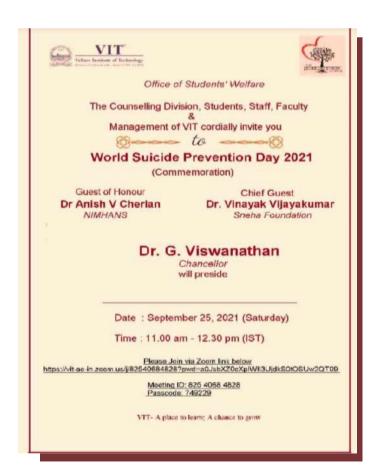
Dr Anish V Cherian, the Guest of Honor from NIMHANS, Bengaluru shared the positive message "ASK-LISTEN-REFER" supporting it with Research evidence. He also stressed on the importance of moving towards a hopeful future.

Oath-taking is a culture in practice and Mr Calvin, student Counsellor led the participants to join in this ceremonial act.

The Founder and Chancellor Dr. G. Viswanathan also graced the event by giving the Presidential address.

After this there was a wonderful song by Smriti Bose, a student of VIT emphasizing for being a warrior always.

The Chief Guest of the day Dr. Vinayak Vijayakumar from Sneha Foundation, Chennai also delivered the core facts on suicide and suicide prevention with case examples and statistics and give successful ways to prevent suicide.



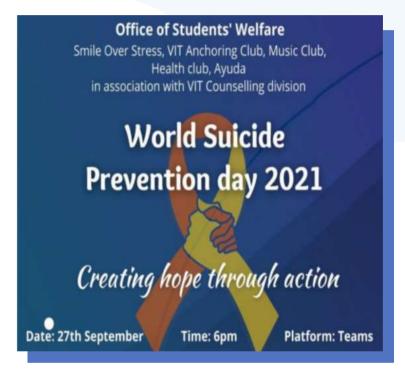
#### Day 2

#### 27th September'21

Students from 5 clubs participated together under the guidance of counselling division delivered the message of the day through cultural event.

#### **Clubs participated -**

- → Smile Over Stress
- → Health club
- → Ayuda Club
- → Music Club
- → VIT Anchoring club



Dr. Rita, Head of counselling division, gave the welcome address. three songs by students of Music club and two skits by Health club & Ayuda club delivering a beautiful message on the importance of life especially highlighting "suicide is not the way".

With the message from all these, a poll was conducted on the event with few questions to the students and two counsellors Mr. Muralidharan & Mr. Hariharan answering as field experts. Two students from the anchoring club did their role mindfully ensuring that the event was on track.

Events like poetry and poster making competition were also conducted where students were requested to submit their work on the World Suicide Prevention Day'21 under the same theme of Creating hope through actions.





The winners were declared on first day of the event ie 25th September'21 and the awards were rewarded by our honorable guests present in the event.

## **Events in September**

VIT - a place to learn, a chance to grow; a major role in this is played by various student Clubs & Chapters in VIT. A total of **275+ events** conducted in the past month ranged not only from technical but to cultural, literature, social outreach and health and wellness as well. We had about **30+ guest speakers** - experts in their domains, who took sessions on various topics from all the domains and spread their knowledge to the participants.

#### **Categories with Events**

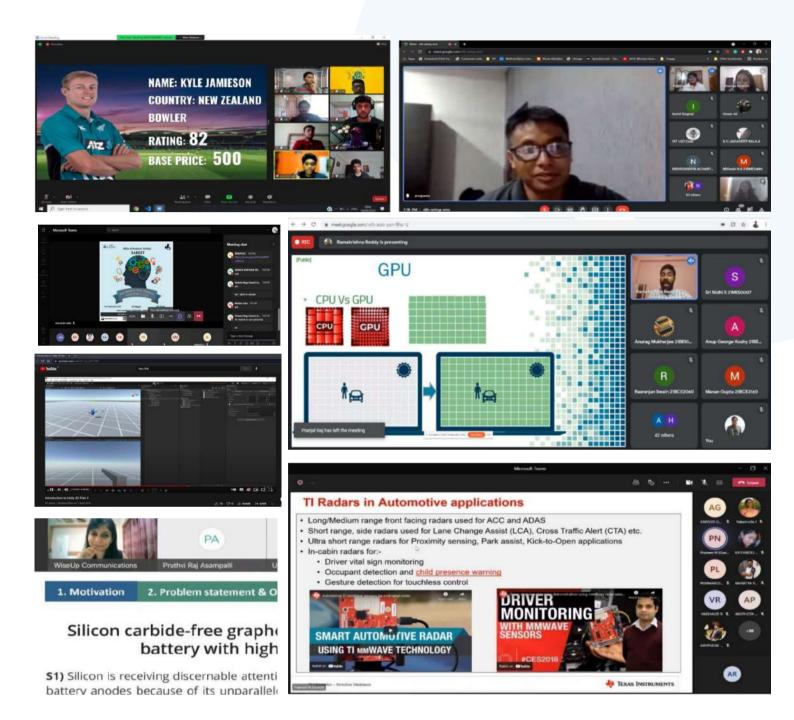
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	Literature	22
	Arts and Cultural	29
	Health and Wellness	33
	Social Outreach	57

#### **Guest Speaker Count**

Technical	Arts and Cultural	Health and Wellness	Literature	Social Outreach
15	3	1	2	13

The events conducted were of various types like - Skill Development, Technical knowledge, innovation, arts, career guidance, knowledge development, competitions, trivias, debates, discussions, social awareness, community development, personal growth and many more.

## **Events in September**



We would like to thank all the student Clubs & Chapters for taking the initiative to conduct the events to spread knowledge and encourage leadership during these difficult times.

#### **Students Achievements**

#### **Team RoverX**

Represented VIT in International Rover Design Challenge Organized by Mars Society South Asia





#### **Tender**

What would you tell me
if I asked you suddenly,
"What do you hide?
What's there behind your smile?"
Won't you tell me that you cried last
night,

Or let me see the scars that you hide
Or the poisonous words you scream in
your mind?

Won't you show me your sleepless eyes?
Or would you give me another smile
saying that you are fine?
Would you tell me again that you are
alright?

You do know that I choose not to believe you when you say that you always speak the truth.

I know that you lie too many times.
I know that you can heal only if you try.
So I'll be your pillar to hold if you ever call
for me.

And I'll listen, I promise and
I'll be kind every time
I'm by your side.
And I'll listen, I promise and
I'll be kind to every living being
I pass by.

Ayushi Sinha 21BCI0221

#### **Intrinsic Worth**

Keeping yourself aside,
From the spotlights and crowd of the world
You've shut yourself up
And decided to end your life.

Why? For failing to face the brunt?
Or for the tribulations all around?
Oh, my dear! Please try to see.
This is the test of life.

Just pause yourself for sometime
And recall those moments in past
You, lying sick on bed,
Your parent besides, only praying for your
health,

Leaving no stones unturned
To bring a beautiful smile on your face,
Today for this transient predicament time,
You're ready to bring endless grief to their
lives?

My dear, the world is full of pessimism So, ignore other's sordid attitudes and Love the praises you receive.

These trial will exist just for sometime

Trust yourself,

You can end these bad times.

Alorika Modak 21BCM0086

#### **Teachers**

When the moment you've been waiting for finally arrives,
It sure is reassuring to know, you can take people on amazing drives.
The smile on your face so bright,
It truly is an amazing sight.

Your first paycheck laying on a desk right in front of you,
And that's when you knew.
The reason behind it at all,
Was the teacher who would lift you up every time you were going to fall.

From A to Z,

Learning to buzz like a bee,

Numbers, colors, shapes and songs

Correcting you if you're wrong.

All those super long classes,
Helping out students with glasses,
Shouting and repeating instructions
every single day
So that they get good jobs and find their
way.

Ain't no other soul as patient as a teacher,
They are the key features.
They are like friends with wisdom,
And they teach children irrespective of
whether they are deaf, blind or dumb.

Punishments, projects and homework,
And if you behave well, they might even
give you a perk,
They'll make you a better person you will

They'll make you a better person you will no longer be a jerk.

A teacher is a well wisher, it can be anyone,

A friend, cousin, parent or literally anyone who helps you reach your goals and is super fun.

Behind every achievement is a reason,
The teacher who taught every day
irrespective of the season.
To all my teachers I'm eternally grateful,
and super glad,

I'm sure you did accept our apologies every time we misbehaved, hopefully we weren't all that bad.

> Vaishnavi 20MIC0014



#### **Benevolence**

On a solitary evening walk, The same as the last eighty days, A gentleman smiled at me and said, "Enjoy the last of the rays". That made my day, it did. I trodded to the Sunday market, On a day the sun didn't yet appear. A stallholder saw me waiting and said, "Have a free pot of jam, my dear". That made my day, it did. On a solitary evening walk, I passed a man sitting in the cold. I handed him a hot chocolate with marshmallows. Something warm to drink and hold. That made his day, I hope. A little light on a cloudy day, A warm touch on a winter's night, Kindness forms a ripple, A feeling not visible by sight. So throw a little kindness out. That stranger may be struggling, a soul in strife. Your kindness could make all the difference, Make their day, their week, or even save

> Antardeep Majumdar 21BCE0822

their life.

#### Be Benign

In wilderness of thoughts You may meander, you go astray Need a hand to hold on When you gasp in dismay My arms may feel short But the compassion will hold you along. I am doing no talking but being the listening ears I may confront, so you call out your tears You are momentarily weak To stand by your own A smile, a gesture, a tight hug Win certainly cotton on Leaping away forever Vida rob me of your memories. Leaving me in grief you rest in ease? Break the silence Narrate your whine Let's sad together Let's be the lifeboat to one another Take the leap of faith lust one at a time Holding one another Be benign.

> Ar. Zahra Yasmoon Assistant Prof. Sr. Gr 1 VSPARC

#### **Create Hope Through Action**

How often do we realize the value of something,

only after it takes to its wings?

Life is a precious, divine gift-

not something that can be bought for thrift.

Create hope through action.

Everyone has a battle to face.

Everyone has a dark side they don't want to embrace.

If a soul suffers from mental inanition, it would mean the world to them if someone would just listen. Create hope when you listen.

Even the loveliest of flowers cannot blossom in gloom,

without the sun and the rain, no flower would bloom.

Soft words are like the bright sun and gentle rain,

one can always count on them to ease hidden pain.

Create hope when you speak life.

Even the strongest boulders cannot stand forever.

There is a reason why we accomplish more together.

When someone you trust is there to support you,

there are few things in life that can overwhelm you.

Create hope when you are there for someone.

It is true that the light of knowledge is the brightest.

its flame is so clear, it can never be extinguished.

Too long has the word suffered from the darkness of ignorance, spread light where ever you go,

combat the indifference.

Create hope when you spread awareness.

There are few things in the world as strong as love.

tis no surprise then that we consider it a gift from above.

Love is patient and kind, love supports the rest above all,

it cares for others best.

Create hope when you love others.

There is a time for love and a time for reproof.

A time to press on alone, and a time to refuse;

a timely alerted and able helper, if met-can often save a soul from eternal regret.

Create hope when you alert those equipped.

Ashish Abraham Mathew 21BCT0213



#### Lean on Me

Are you okay?

Your silence seems to have found its way

To paths that one must never take.

But here you are.

Inches away from death that's staring straight at face.

What is it that makes you sad?

The one that keeps you awake in bed

Tell me about that raging storm;

The one you carrying in your head.

Please tell me what's on your mind?

All that suffering and hurting

That you have been hiding inside.

Sounds like you having a really bad day

Months or years or as long as you say;

But please remember you are not alone

Even I have felt this way before.

So tell me you plan to the

Cause all I want is to save a life;

Of a best friend that we can be

Only if you choose to survive.

I wish the knife,

You hold so tight;

Cut the ribbon of your fright,

Instead of the thread of life.

If you ever feel alone,

Just hold my hand.

When you feel the thoughts are too much

to stand,

I'll carry your thoughts until you can hold

them again.

When you feel the thoughts are too much

to stand,

I'll carry your thoughts until u can hold

them again.

I know how you feel

Alone in the dark sublime

Trying to find a way

Out of the endless night

But through the struggle

That you fail I'll always stay.

Though today might seem dark and pale

Tomorrow will be a better day.

Shubhi Paul 21BCT0011

#### **Broken But Fighting**

Down with the weight of expectations Yet brimming with aspiration She walks and walks In the boulevard of trepidation **Eves twinkle Smiles wrinkle** Dream high Can she fly? Leaden wings She tries to swing She free falls And bawls and howls Night passes Laughing masses You can't stop yet Her thoughts constant There's more to loss Less to gain All she feels is pain No A word foreign To let down is abhorrent Darkness and despair Surround her hair Distant voices In the air Shattered faith And beyond tired Is it meant to be? She questions time and again All this suffering Is it all in vain? **Knocking on doors** Pleading on the floors **Crying out loud** Wishing for an out

Peace is now a notion

She has a huge commotion

Is it really worth it? By Thames she sits She frets And throws a fit Ponders abstracted All she does is lose Her wit **Black nights** A nightmare now She fights An endless row White comes soon Hold to that moon **Blooming flowers Colorful hours** Rays of light Penetrating in sight A hand to help And to hold All she needs is her own soul Spiders crawl A thousand times Despite of losing A million miles Hope Smiles through the shadow She moves

And finds her meadow

Shatakshi Mohan 21BEC2168



#### H. A. L. O.

I am a sinner, Yet I am afraid I fear death but he intrigues me. He taunts me with his cold gaze, Beckons me to follow him. Smiles at me promisingly. I am greedy, But I don't know how to feed it. And so I follow him: My enigmatic Death. Because I am lacerated by guilt; Tortured by emptiness; Scarred by failures. It hurts, it bums, it bleeds-The pain is suffocating, And he alone can numb it all away. I am numb And so we waltzed around taking our sweet time: His dark robe flowing around like beauty

mist.

But then, he pushed me away!

Baffled and lost as I was.

I heard his voice,

"Not yet"

Warmth flooded on my skin

as rays of light binded me,

Pulling me away.

I fought until my bones hurt,
until my breath caught,
Until I lost consciousness

I am a fool.

I woke up to warm hands pulling a blade away from my sweaty palm.

I woke up to a hug

I woke up to a promise, "I am still here", it breathed.

I woke up to life I woke up to a halo, it seemed.

Kasturi Bhattacharya 18BEM0076

#### Maybe Alone, But Not Lonely

Even when shrouded by clouds, Dark and full of dreary rain. Life can be very beautiful. A tinkling laugh with a hint of pain. Because life is not a stream, That you row down alone. Rather its a road teeming with cars. With souls known and unknown. In a crowd when ways are lost. And it gets hard to breathe, A genial smile on a gentle face. Can be a comforting sheath. Or when the world is in cold pieces. Consequences of a passing storm. A helping hand on a shoulder. Can make hearts feel warm. When a path is too frightening, Less flower and more thorn. Steps mirroring one's own, Help courage be born. There is not much that soothes. A soul on the precipice of the end. But a lot can be changed. With the support of a clasped hand. Because hope blooms when dread wilts.

It does sound easier to just say.

But all of us holding each other up.

Really can bring about a braver day.

Life is a two-step journey.

With a path still too long.

But quitting shan't be made an option.

Because we can together be strong.

So feel with every person you see.

Try to turn their frowns upside down.

Look into everyone's eyes.

And convey with actions that you're around.

Medha Tripathi 19BCE2486



#### **Self Love and Smile**

Trapped in a long dark night,
the stars whispering many old tales. They
open our way into tomorrow,
they remind us to get back up every time
we fail.

Time passing faster that light,
often leaving us in the dark.
Smile and self-love are the small actions
in life,

they are the stars that ignite a tiny spark.

Making the sky more riveting, a more
beautiful piece of art.

The sky symbolises our life, and the stars, they are an endeavour for a new start.

Self-love is a necessity not just a trend, to build a wall against the agonizing feelings.

The hopes that fell like cascading dominoes, they are all once again rebuilding.

You can be a complete mess yet a creative masterpiece at the same time, even when others try to throw you in the dark,

Strive to be your own sunshine.

Everything will fall into place,
try taking you to you tonight,
don't let self-love be unrequited,
being your own happiness is a real
delight.

Lips like parched earth,
lips like rose petals blown apart,
not every smile is an epitome of bliss,
some are the boulevard towards a new
start.

Smile to hide the words you may regret, smile to hide the voice that is cracked, the hope one smile can bring is magnificent,

It's a confident way to bounce back intact.

Nidhi Gupta 21BBT0263



#### **Twig of Hope**

Yeah, I see you hanging in there through a twig of hope Trying to hold on with fists clenched; not letting go Pressure, darkness, anxiety want to take over you But that ship will sail with a beautiful scenery on the way to view. Yes, I know its easier said than done But do you want to be #somebody or just a mere someone? How would you know you are truly happy if you've never been sad? And get a chance to look back at all your memories and special moments you've had? There are about 10 million colors, then why to live black and white Know that there rainbows and tones of dark and bright So do our lives, each color; each shade will come by Just hold on to the twig of hope, don't let it die.

It's been years and we are still fighting on

this battle ground

In the end, the world is going to ask you what you did during the lockdown You can use it as an excuse to explain why you couldn't grow Or as an opportunity to expound your achievements and your glow. Being scared doesn't mean you aren't brave: it's okay to shed tears But you are weak when you don't even try to overcome your fears Life is an examiner who is going to test you in so many ways The only way to pass is to not leave the classroom even if you make mistakes. The choice is yours mate, who do you want to be in a world of misfits A coward who gave up or a hero who never quit

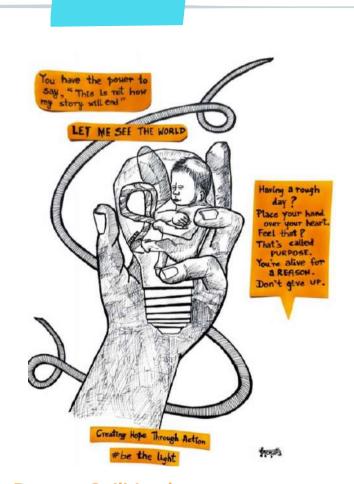
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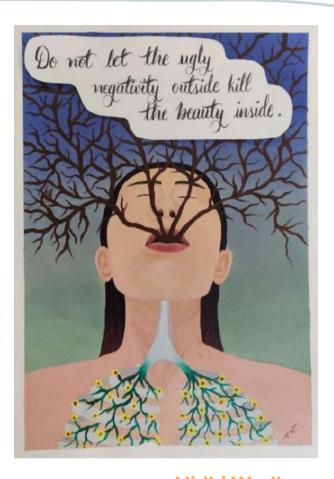
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Because if it isn't then it's not the end

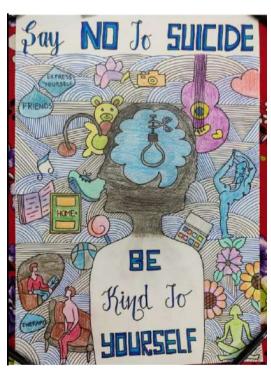
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## ANNOUNCEMENT!

# Entries Invited!

We invite all our students to showcase their masterpiece with talent and skills. Submit your entries - be it designs / articles / artworks or poems - based on the Theme of *Mental Health* 

Scan the QR given below and get a chance to be featured in the DSW Newsletter.

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