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A Home Away From Home



September 2017





The hostels at VIT University provide the best facilities and services to ensure that each student enjoys an ideal ambience to achieve personal, academic and professional success. I am glad that the Ladies' Hostel team is coming out with the Newsletter 2016-17, which is a representative compilation of the various events and activities carried out throughout the year. The students should utilize the facilities in the hostels and focus on academics, which would help them excel in their careers. The VIT Ladies' hostel has a good mix of students from different states of India and from around the world, exhibiting diverse cultures, which gives them the privilege and exposure to socialize with students from varied social and cultural backgrounds.

exhibiting their sense of social responsibility by visiting old age and children's homes in the nearby areas to support and care for the inmates of those homes. Let me take this opportunity to appreciate the ladies' hostel team for facilitating and inculcating good values among the students. The self-defense workshop organized for the benefit of students deserves a special mention.

I commend the hostel team for ably administering the ladies hostel, and also for bringing out the annual Newsletter. Ladies Hostel is truly A Home Away From Home. I wish them all the best.

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Dr. G. Viswanathan

Founder & Chancellor, VIT University
Former Member of Parliament
Former Minister, Govt. of Tamil Nadu
President, Education Promotion Society for India, New Delhi



Our Honorable Founder Chancellor Dr. G. Viswanathan has translated his visions into reality which is reflected through the various accolades achieved by VIT University since 1984. Under the able guidance of the Visionary Chancellor, Vice-Presidents, Vice Chancellor and Pro-Vice Chancellors, Ladies Hostel team proudly presents the Annual Newsletter for the academic year 2016-17, highlighting the glimpses of various activities carried out at the Hostel.

VIT University, recognized as the No. 1 Private Engineering Institution (MHRD, Govt. of India, NIRF 2017 Ranking), is the first University in India to get a 4-STAR rating from QS (International ranking agency) and is also the Winner of the prestigious national award from FICCI ('University of the year' for 2016) hosts six blocks of Ladies Hostel in its Vellore Campus, with an accommodation capacity of around 4500 students. The Ladies Hostel is governed by the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. S. Narayanan through the Deputy Director. Chief-Warden and Deputy Wardens aid in the efficient functioning of the hostels.

VIT ladies hostel stands reflecting it's caption " A Home Away from Home " and is one of the best in the country offering facilities such as well-equipped air conditioned gymnasium, indoor and outdoor sports facilities (Basket Ball, Table Tennis, Squash, Lawn Tennis etc.), swimming pool, mechanized laundry, pharmacy, first aid centre, Wi-Fi, general store, photocopy facility, study dormitories and a beauty salon within the hostel premises. Events like "Self-Defense Workshop", visits to old-age and children homes, various cultural programs, competitive events and counseling sessions for students are organized periodically at the ladies hostel. Music classes and driving classes are also arranged for the benefit of students.

Every block is facilitated with wardens and supervisors to take care of students' concerns. Multi-cuisines catering to vegetarian and non-vegetarian variety of Indian and International food items are made available to the students coming from diverse states and countries, within the hostel blocks. Student counselors, electrical maintenance staff and hostel office staff along with the full time female and male security guards help in the smooth functioning of the hostels.

"Wishing you a Blissful Reading Experience"



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Fresher's Day

Beauty of the smile of an aspiring fresher is always a treat to watch just like the fragrance of a fresh blossom which allures and provokes happiness in one's mind. It's a ritual every year for us to celebrate Freshers' Day at Ladies Hostel welcoming young buds to this prestigious University. This year the Freshers' meet blossomed on the 15th of September, 2016. This serves as an ideal ice-breaking session for the freshers giving them an opportunity to interact with their seniors.

The event started with the lighting of the lamp, followed by the devotional voice of our fresher, *Sahana* as a representation of wishing good health and prosperity to the gathered. The Hostel's Deputy Director, warm heartedly welcomed our Pro-Vice Chancellor, Assistant Directors - Students Welfare, Deputy Director - Physical Education, faculty members, our own hostel team, senior students and the *queens of the evening, the Freshers*.

Senior duo, *Akansha* and *Chesta* bewitched the audiences with their enchanting classical dance performance. *Swastika's* violin recital spread warmth to the hearts. *Rajdeepa's* semi-classical dance made us witness an elegant peacock enthralling the audience. *Githanjali's* energetic Hip Hop solo happened in the midst of cheers. Solo songs, poetry recitals, group dances made the audiences sing and dance along with the performers.

Lucky Dips and fun events conducted by the Chief Warden, Deputy Wardens and the hostel team, in between performances became an entertaining activity, surprising the audience with gifts for being well dressed, sporting beautiful arts on nails, having the oldest model mobile phone, etc., The event came to an end with a freak out DJ event organized for the students by our Hostel Student Counselors.

Memories of the beautiful evening are reflected through the trailing spectacular photographs. Treat yourselves.



















"You must be the change you wish to see in the world"

Mahatma Gandhi



Self Defense Workshop

Women, the fairer sex around the globe often become soft targets to offenders. Self-protection skills are becoming a necessity for better survival in this world for individuals. Considering the essentiality of training the students at our esteemed University, a Self Defense Workshop is organized for freshers every year. The workshop aims at introducing them to the art of "Krav Maga", a self-defense system developed for the Israel Defense forces that consists of a wide combination of techniques sourced from aikido, judo, boxing, wrestling, along with realistic fight training.

The objectives of the training program were as follows:

- **▶** How NOT to get into dangerous situations?
- What to do if one finds them in a dangerous situation?
- Information to combat sexual harassment and fitness....

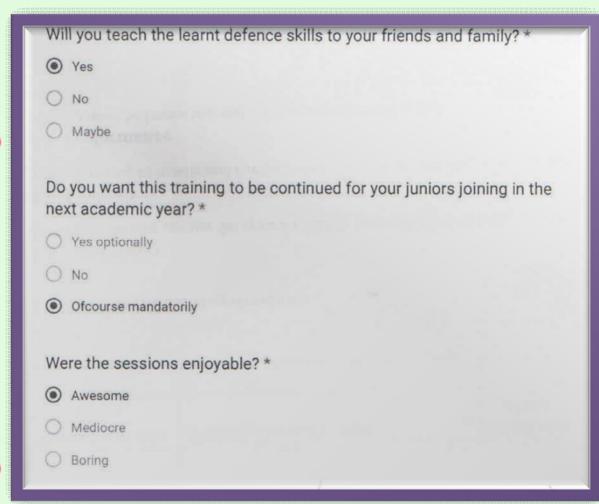
A total of ten sessions (20 hours) were organized by the hostel team for the under graduate freshers' batch of 2016-17 during weekends. A maximum of 854 Ladies Hostel students benefitted by attending the workshop organized between July to September, 2016. Krav Maga instructor Mr. Sriram and his team efficiently trained the students. During the final valedictory session, girls exhibited their trained skills and certificates were issued in appreciation of their enthusiastic participation.

Students have given excellent feedbacks on the training sessions and have expressed their aspirations to continue learning in future. A sample feedback is given below.



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•	Essential
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C	an the tips taught be practically applied in real life situations?*
C) Definitely
•	Possible with practice
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C	Skilled
C	Detached
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Following pictures are worth a thousand words, hence kindly glimpse through.









"Remember that the greatest crime is to compromise with injustice and wrong"

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose



Pooja Celebrations

Pooja is an annual ritual performed at Ladies Hostel and this year it was celebrated on the 7th of October, 2016 in an auspicious manner. It is a meaningful customary followed for thanksgiving to the divine force which guides us to perform well in our associated profession. The ceremony started with the recitals of slogas and devotional songs by students in the presence of our esteemed Core Group members along with the hostel working team, maintenance staff and the residents. This was followed by aarthi and prasad distribution to the gathered. The entire team prayed piously to the omnipresent seeking blessings.

Remembrance of the Divine moments













"You cannot believe in God until you believe in yourself"
-Swami Vivekananda



Inter-Block Tournament

Health is wealth. To encourage students' active participation in sports activities an "Inter Block Tournament" was organized on the 15th of October, 2016 by the Ladies Hostel Team along with the Department of Physical Education. Throw Ball and Shuttle Badminton (Doubles) competitive events were held between teams representing the various blocks of the ladies hostel. The participants enjoyed playing to the fullest with zeal amongst the cheers of their supporting audiences. The winners and runners were awarded with cash vouchers in appreciation of their participation.

Roll of Honor

Throw Ball

Winners - Rangers

Siri Chandhana, Sai Shruthi, Tejaswi,

Anisha, Sanviya, Neha, Srilatha,

Yagna, Keshu, Sharavanthi Sudharshini, Shreenidhi, Aparna,

Snighdha, Roopa,

Runners - Ida Scudder

Aishwarya, Hridya Rao, Sharmishtia

Kumar, Vidya Varshini

Shuttle Badminton (Doubles)

I place

Keerthana, Rishita Khandelwal

II place

Neha Beny Mathews, Tejaswi

III place

Padma Priya, Hima Varsha







"Losing is not my enemy.. fear of losing is my enemy"

Rafael Nadal



Deepavali Celebrations

Deepavali "the festival of lights", is the greatest Indian carnival celebrated across the country welcoming goodness into everyone's life. It symbolizes the victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. This festival was celebrated on the 30th of October, 2017. Students from different states and nationalities gathered in their colourful dresses and joyfully participated in the event by bursting crackers. The participants greeted each other "a very Happy Deepavali" and spent the day happily.

Crackling memories of the day follows.....







"A little bit of light pushes away a lot of darkness"



Housekeeping Staff Event

Managing household duties and chores is in itself an exhausting job for working women but our house keeping staffs diligently maintain our hostel blocks and the premises as well dutifully and ensure absolute cleanliness. To express our heartfelt appreciation for their meticulous work, a get-together for the staff was arranged on the 1st of December, 2016, in order to relax and enjoy the day by participating in various fun events organized. This paved way for them to articulate their unique and beautiful talents which was an absolute treat to watch.

The event started with the invocation song, followed by dance and various fun events *viz.*, passing the ball, musical chair and balloon blowing and bursting. Many staff expressed their singing and dancing talents. The event proved to be a true fun filled day for the participants. The entire hostel team had a thorough blast.

Glimpses of the glittering moments.....







"Cleanliness is next to Godliness"



Staff Training Program

Ladies Hostel becomes the abode for students who come to pursue their academic dreams from various parts of the country and across the globe. To nurture them we have wardens and supervisors who take care of them with motherly care throughout the day and night. Students approach them and feel free to express their personal grievances too. Wardens along with the student counselors guide students to overcome any such grievances.

Hostel staff further, guide students towards their bill payments, room and mess allotment activities, health issues, leave monitoring and approval (after parents' consent). To improve the relationship between the hostel staff and the students and at the same time to judiciously follow up on the hostel norms and disciplinary issues, periodical training sessions are organized by the Ladies Hostel team to the staff.

In this context, a training program related to "How to deal with students when approached" was organized by hostel authorities on the 22nd of December 2016, to our Hostel Staff, Maintenance in-charge, Wardens and Supervisors in coordination with the University's Counseling team headed by Professor, Paul Vedamuthu and Professor, Bhuvaneshwari. The session was constructive and was very much appreciated by the participants.







"A stitch in time saves nine"



Old Age Home Visit

As human beings, we are bound to undertake certain important responsibilities in our life term, such as raising young ones with good morale, to respect, support and take care of parents and elders. To inculcate good moral values among our hostel students and to understand their social responsibilities we organize regular visits to old age and children's home in and around Vellore. On the 7th of January, 2017 a trip was arranged to the "Vivekananda old age home", located near Sathuvachari. The home hosts 18 senior citizens (16 women and 2 men) apart from a 6 years old female child.

A total of 97 students, representing all the blocks of the Ladies Hostel along with few wardens, hostel staff and authorities participated in the visit. Students interacted with the inmates, entertained them with song recitals and spent a memorable time listening to their day to day happenings. The inmates also shared their experiences and nostalgic memories emotionally. The home was engulfed with happy smiles.

Students, staff and hostel authorities generously donated food items, toiletries and sponsored for their one day food expenses. Finally, the students sought their blessings and returned back to the campus with a take home message to be humane. Students requested the hostel authorities for many more such valuable visits.

Snapshots depicting the visit and sample feedbacks are included below for your observation.







Students Feedback

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"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one"

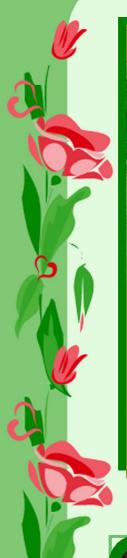
Mother Theresa

Holi Celebrations

Indian natives await for Spring's arrival to celebrate Holi, the "Festival of colours" welcoming the season, which signifies goodness, thankfulness and forgiveness. This festival of colours is celebrated every year by students at hostel. This year, we celebrated Holi on the 13th of March, 2017 and witnessed students having lots of fun and also greeting each other. It was a treat for the eyes to watch students enjoying with vibrant colours. Students shared their love for each other and sought blessings from wardens and elders. It was of course a cherishable moment for all. Let the colours of Holi spread the message of peace and happiness throughout.

Splendid memorable moments follow......









"Nature always wears the colours of the spirit"

Staff Event

A garden remains beautiful and colorful as long as it is carefully maintained by the gardener with love and care. Similar care and concern is demonstrated by the hostel team consisting of Wardens, Supervisors, Office and Housekeeping staff in taking care of the inmates. No effort is too small to make an impact. As a token of love and appreciation for their unrelenting and tireless efforts a "Ladies Hostel Staff Event" was conducted on the 6th of April, 2017 reflecting the Vietnamese saying "When you eat fruit, think of the person who planted the tree".

Hostel office staff, wardens, block supervisors, cleaning supervisors, maintenance in-charge and hostel student counselors participated in the various fun events and expressed their special talents. The first event hosted on the bright sunny day was a "Rangoli" competition using natural items depicting Indian culture. The following patterns won the hearts of all and were awarded with cash vouchers recognizing their involvement and efforts.









Snapshots of the brilliant fun events and sample feedbacks received from wardens are presented below.



Dance Drama



Ms. Padma and Ms. Nithya



Dancing Dolls



Ms. Anitha, Ms. Geetha and Ms. Dhanalakshmi

Nightingales



Ms. Kanimoli, Ms. P. Vijaya, Ms.Subbulakshmi, Ms. A.B. Vijaya, Ms. Jarina, Ms. Arularasi, Prof. Uma Devi, Ms. Shanthi, Ms. Meera, Ms. Vasantha & Ms. Dharani

Poets



Ms. Jayanthi and Ms. Thenmozhi

Cloth Art



Ms. Pompa Sen

Blindfolded Bindhi Sticking & Dumb Charades



Musical Chair & Tug of War



Staffs Feedback

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FROM:-

S. SENTHIL BELVI,

J.D. NO: 6766

NARDEN,

LADIES HOSTEL,

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To: -

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, LADIES HOSTEL. VIT, VELLORE-14.

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It is my immore pleasure to participate in the staff get together event on 6th April 2017. The date itself is rather asspectionally special to me as it was my builteday. On this very fine day of mine, I got to praticipate in this event where I had one of the best appostunities in my lifetime to sing in front of a highly isleemed andrence. I am grateful to the coordinaters of this wonderful event which has presented me a drame to taste the ducces of winning funct prize for singing my favoraite song on my birthday. It is a day to be remembered forever. The memoics a has gifted us all in to be cherished life long.

Yours faithfully

Volsantha Joseph +-block supreview



Respected Madam,

I am really happy and glad to say that get-together which was conducted in our ladies hostel, every year was very wonderful, because in my school days I used to not join any activities due to nerves ness. After conducting such events in Ladies Hostel. I used to join little by little. I am happy to say and share with you mam.

Thanks for conducting such events in Ladies Hostel.

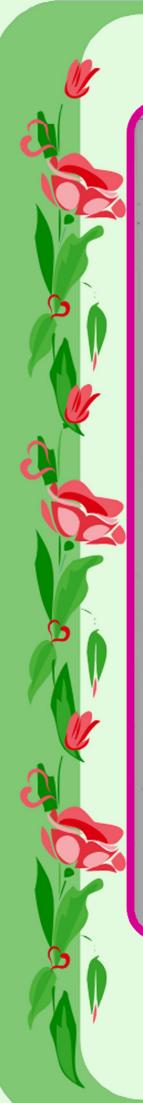
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Jo The QDH / C.W. Ladies Hostel, VIT.

Regarding the events Conducted on 6th April. feel back.

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with thanks. R. Padma 10-04-17.



Hostel Review Committee Meeting

Hostel review committee meetings are chaired by the Pro-Vice Chancellor, representing the Core Group of the University. Review Meeting is held fortnightly on a periodical basis across the hostel blocks, in a systematic cyclical manner, to address student grievances, remind students on the norms of the hostel and also to pass on any required information. Deputy Director and the Chief Warden convene the meeting and the Wardens, Supervisors, Hostel Student Counselors, Student Counselors, Electrical Maintenance In-charge, Office Staff and representatives from Physical Education and Wi-Fi internet provider participate regularly in the meeting. Student representatives from various blocks are invited to be the members of the Review Committee and they represent the students of the block to bring up the concerns if any to be addressed in the meetings. The minutes of the meeting is recorded and is brought to the notice of the core group along with the action taken report on the students' grievances. Hostel authorities and office staff meticulously follow up on the actions to be taken from time to time.



"All differences in this world are of degree, and not of kind, because oneness is the secret of everything"



Mess and Menu Committee Meeting

True hospitality lies in serving others. Ladies Hostel exclusively offers pure Vegetarian and Non-Vegetarian food in the form of South Indian, North Indian and a combo of South and North as Special Mess to the students and staff enrolled in various messes across the blocks. The mess menu is very carefully decided by the hostel authorities based on the feedback from the Mess Menu Committee members and is seen to that it is nutritionally balanced. Four different meals are served in the form of Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks and Dinner. Special Mess Menu is taken care such that it will cater to the need of the foreign students as well, by including fresh juice, cornflakes in the breakfast and salads, desserts and soup in the dinner. Beyond these messes there is also a "Food Park" facility available to the students where they can order and eat from the menu as per their interest. Night Canteens also operate across blocks to cater to the needs of students after 10.00 pm especially to help students supplement in case they skip to take their dinner in their respective messes.

Once in a month the provision for Mess Change is provided to the students through online mode. The menu prepared by the authorities in consultation with the student representatives is displayed in every mess along with the Mess Rules and Regulations. Colourful posters depicting the importance of "Not To Waste Food" is displayed on the walls of the dining space educating the students to avoid food waste. The caterers are instructed to follow "Healthy and Hygienic Practices" in serving and also to be courteous with students. A "Suggestion Note Book" is always available in the messes to record students' appreciation and grievances which gives scope to improve their services.



Once in every month a "Mess and Menu Committee Meeting" is convened by the hostel authorities to listen to the suggestions provided by the students in the presence of the respective Mess Supervisors. Students' suggestions are considered towards change of mess menu if requested by the majority of the students dining in the messes.

Complaints recorded in the suggestion note book as well as inputs received from the participants are recorded in the form of minutes and is circulated to the caterers for follow up. The "Mess and Menu Committee Meeting Minutes" are further escalated for the information of the higher authorities.





Weekly Students Entertainment Events

Change is as good as rest. Relaxation is a much needed route to refresh one's mind. Entertainment is a good technique which can aid in this process. Movies are screened during weekends in the hostel blocks to unwind the students' minds. Also, after every Continuous Assessment Test (CAT) a DJ is organized for their delight. Students consider these events as a part of their hostel life and anxiously await for them to turn out.







Student & Staff Talent Expressions

"All of us do not have equal talent. But, all of us have a equal opportunity to develop our talents"

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



Rachana, K. (14BCE0908)

As a Computer Science student I was always interested in App development. During my second year of hostel room counselling, my friend couldn't find a roommate until the time of counselling although



posts were put up in the hostel blocks. This gave me a food for thought; it was not possible to communicate one's requirements across hostel buildings. And this seemed as a bigger problem in the boy's hostel with the population 10 times larger. This gave me the idea to develop an app 'Finding Roommate' that could be used to communicate with larger number of people with lesser efforts and all at once.

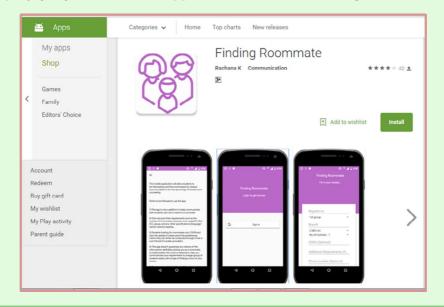
Finding Roommate is an android app that allows the user to post their requirements such as type of room required, number of roommates one is looking for and other special requirements if any. The requirements can be viewed by others using the app. If a suitable roommate is found they can further be contacted.

This app was launched a week before the senior hostel room counselling (2017-18) this year and was a huge success with over 1k+ downloads over night. This app received a 4.3 star rating with an excellent review. This proved to be helpful for a number of hostellers.

Hope this app serves the needs of hostellers over years :)

Link to the Play Store:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.findingroomie.findingroomie101

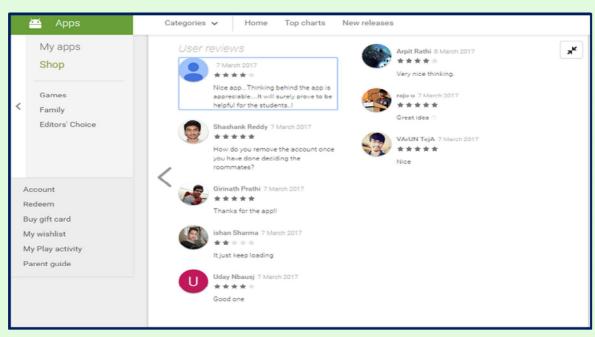


Certificate of Appreciation



This mobile application will allow people to list themselves and find roommates for the coming VIT hostel counseling. With a University as big as VIT it is the need of the hour to help those that struggle to find a roommate to share accommodation with and the application works to help such students.

User Reviews









Yugen

Aishwarya Hattiholi, (16MSB0065)



I can feel the breeze;
The gush of air,
Blowing past my hair.

I can see the dew; Like the prettiest pearl, You ever knew.

And I see the sun rise;

Above the horizon,

With colours light and new.

The tree stands free;
On the ground, With fruits on its branches,
And on its bark mildew.
And the river flows free;
Making its own path.

And each time it rains,
The river grows young and anew.

How would I experience these;
The sun, the rain, the wild breeze, if I were not born.

Cherish the nature, it will cherish you;
When you lose hope, it will encourage you,
To stay alive and live,

With it's beauty always fascinating you.

Description

Yugen is a Japanese word that means something deep and indescribable. Nature is something which cannot be described aptly, but has to be felt deeply.

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The Story

As the sun reached her through the window, she sat up on her bed. Her eyes were red and her head throbbed. She felt strange and thought "Why am I feeling as if my eyes are about to burst?" She got up and looked into the mirror. Her eyes were swollen. Then, she remembered what happened the previous night. She realized that she had been crying the whole night. Trying to forget about it, she went into the bathroom. She had a cool shower, after brushing her teeth and got ready to be in time for breakfast. Her mother was in the kitchen and her father had already left for his office. She then quietly had a slice of bread along with jam and went in to get her bag. She walked up to the kitchen door and said "Mom, I'm going to the library. I'll be back in two hours." Her mother didn't reply, but nodded her head. Riya knew that her mother was upset about the previous night. So, she left quietly. She had study holidays and so spent most of her time studying and borrowing books from the local library.

On the way to the library, Riya thought about the previous night. She had a fight with her parents. They wanted her to be a doctor, but Riya wanted to be a writer. She tried to convince them that writing was her passion and she loved literature. "I want to be friends with pens and not scalpels and surgical knives", she said. But her father slapped her and said, "Oh! Where did you learn to speak that gibberish? In which book did you read it? Go now and never say such foolish things again. You will be a doctor."

Just then, a small piece of paper slipped from her notebook that she was holding in her hand. She lifted it quickly and recognised her handwriting. She had written a few lines from her favorite poem by Keats. She read the lines, as she stood on the footpath.

"My heart aches, and a drowsy numbness pains My sense, as though of hemlock I had drunk...."

She folded the paper and continued walking. In the evening, Riya sat at her desk in her room, reading the book she had borrowed from the library. She was reading something about aquatic animals, but was not paying attention. She was instead thinking about the previous night. Then she closed the book and got up. She walked up to the small cupboard in the corner of her room and opened the door. Just as she did this, her lips tilted faintly, turning into a smile.



She looked at the pile of books in the cupboard. This was her treasure. She reached out for a small leather bound book, and smelled the pages. It was her favourite novel. She sat down on the edge of her bed and started reading it. After few moments, she saw her father standing near the door of her room. Her father was very furious. He yelled at the top of his voice, "Look at her. You are wasting your time reading that novel, instead of studying for your examinations? Listen to me very carefully, you will study hard and score well and become a doctor. If you won't, I will throw you out of this house. Do you understand?" Riya shuddered and said yes, for if she wouldn't have, her father would have left a mark on her other cheek.

She hurriedly kept the book back in the cupboard and sat at her desk to study, because she knew that her father really meant what he said. He was a short tempered man and was capable of anything when he was angry. Riya had experienced his wild punishments. He had hit her on her knuckles and had shut her in the dark store room for one whole day without food, when she was a school girl. So this time he threatened, she knew he would keep his words.

She was not bad at studies; in fact she was good at it. Biology was her favorite subject and she did well in other subjects too. She always scored above average. But her father wanted her to be excellent. He would tell her "Riya, it is good that you perform well in your exams, but this is not enough. You need to be the topper, only then you will get into a good medical school." To this, Riya would always reply "But Dad, I don't want to be a doctor. And it is not necessary to be a topper to have better chances. It is more important to have good knowledge rather than an excellent score. The topper of my class doesn't know anything. She mugs up for examinations and cannot even answer a question related to the lesson's concept. If someone asks her, she will say it is 'out of syllabus.' What is the use of a good score when we don't even understand the concept?" "Oh stop it Riya. Every time you give the same excuse. What's wrong if anyone manages to top the class even by mugging up things? At least they can secure a position in a good medical or engineering college, based on their merit. Their parents won't have to pay for the donations. Now stop arguing with me and go study."



Every time they talked of studies and scores, this would always be his verdict. That night, Riya couldn't sleep. She kept turning from one side to other, trying to forget her father's words. She sat up on her bed and covered her face with her palms and cried. She bit her lips to stop any voice coming out of her mouth. Then, she wiped her face and switched on the bed lamp. She winked for some time to accustom to the light and reached for the drawer at her bedside. She pulled out a book, which was a collection of poems. Riya loved this book. Her best friend had gifted this for her birthday. She opened a random page and started reading.

"Fade far away.....The weariness, the fever....."

Riya started reading the lines again and again. She cried as she read.

"I have been half in love with easeful Death...."

Suddenly, wild thoughts ran across her mind. "If I die, things would be easy. Mom and Dad will no longer be mad at me, and I will not have to bear the pressure anymore. Things will be better then." When she woke up, it was 7'o clock. "No one came in to wake me up." Her mom would always be there at 6.30 sharp to wake her up. But things had changed since their fight. Riya's parents didn't speak to her now. They didn't even call her in for breakfast or lunch or dinner. Riya brushed her teeth and washed her face and walked up to her room door. Then she stopped and turned back. She didn't feel like having her breakfast. So she turned and closed the door of her room and latched it from inside. Then she sat on her bed, thinking. "Once I'm gone, it will get better. Mom and Dad will not be sad anymore."

As Riya sat on the chair thinking about peace after death, her hands touched something on the table. She had kept her notebooks on the table, but this was different. It was soft, not hard like the notebooks. Then she looked at it. She touched it again and felt its softness. "How soft it is. Strange, I didn't notice it before". Then she lifted it and placed it on her lap. She opened the diary and touched her name written in blue ink on the first page. It was her diary. She had written her favorite quotes and lines from various poems and stories. Every time she read a new story or a new poem, she copied down her favorite lines. It was her prized possession. She flipped through the pages and began reading one of favorite poems by Frost.



"...Yet knowing how way leads on to way,

I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh

Somewhere ages and ages hence:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—

I took the one less traveled by,

And that has made all the difference."

She read more poems and lines from the greatest authors, right from Dickens to Shakespeare. Suddenly, she realized something. Then she made up her mind and got up and unlatched the door. Then she went to the drawing room and saw her parents sitting on the sofa. She said something with tears in her eyes and ran into her room. She sat on her bed, sobbing heavily. She was relieved and scared at the same time, relieved because she did what was right, but scared because her parents would be mad at her for doing so. She could hear her parents talk. She thought, "Oh! God, please help me. I don't know what dad will say. He may really throw me out of this house. He scorned me, when I was talking to him. I felt as if he would kill right there. Oh! What a foolish thing did I do? I will kill myself before he does."

Next morning, the sunrays stretched their arms to reach into Riya's room, to wake her up. But she did not. It was a silent morning. The birds did not chirrup but sat quietly on the window sill. Riya lay on her bed quietly, as though she was laid peacefully in her grave. Her mother had not bothered her for three days. But, she stepped in now. She found Riya on her bed. She had brought a small package for Riya, wrapped in colored paper, for it was Riya's birthday. But she did not disturb her, and left the package near Riya's pillow. After a few minutes, when the sunrays were trying hard to wake her up, Riya's father came in to check on her. He tried to wake her but in vain. He sat down on the bed as tears rolled down his strong manly cheek.



Suddenly, Riya blinked her eyes and finally opened them. She was alone in the room. "Thank God. It was only a dream." But then, she saw the package her mother had left. She got up immediately and started tearing the colored paper. When she finished, she found a brown diary. It was beautiful, rich chocolate brown and soft. It had a small buckle. As she opened it, she recognized her father's handwriting on the first page.

"Daughter, we didn't need your note - to tell us you'd done nothing wrong. We know the daughter we raised. We fear for your future, but never for your character. You take our love and our trust wherever you wander."

-Father

The lines were from a book that her father had gifted to her on her birthday, few years back. She broke into a smile and remembered what she had done the previous day. She had walked up the drawing room and found her parents on the sofa. She looked at them and talked to them calmly. At first, they were angry but Riya explained everything. She told them how desperately she wanted to be a writer. She knew her parents were worried for her and so they wanted her to do a 'real' job rather than waste her life penning down her imagination. But she explained how happy she would be and that writing is also a 'real job'. They talked for about an hour, and then Riya returned to her room. Her parents didn't say anything to her, but she could hear them talk, from her room. While she sat there with the diary in her hand, she realized how stupid and foolish she had been, to even think about dying. How could she read beautiful stories and poems if she died? How could she travel to the imaginary places created by the magic of poets and authors?

The sun was about to set and the sky had painted itself into red, pink, yellow and orange against the blue canvas that spread everywhere. Riya sat alone in the park. She smiled and looked at the flower bed as she finished reading THE STORY. "My story and every other student's story; the only difference is the way it ends." She remembered the lines written in her diary, as she slowly closed her eyes.

"Somewhere ages and ages hence:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—

I took the one less traveled by,

And that has made all the difference."



பெண்ணின் பெருமைகள்

பெண்ணியம், இந்த பெண்ணினம் இல்லையெனில்! இல்லநம் இனிக்காது, நல்லநமும் நடக்காது.

அம்மா என்றால் அருமை! மகள் என்றால் மகிமை! அக்காவின் பாசமோ அலாதி பிரியம்! தங்கையின் நேசமோர் அன்பின் வீரியம்! அண்ணியின் வருகையோ, அன்னையின் மறுஉருவம்! மானுட மரபுரிமை மொழி, தாய் மொழியென்போம்! நம் நாட்டிற்கே பாரத மாதா என்றழைப்போம்! மாதரின் பெயரிட்டு போற்றுவதற்போல, மாதவம் பெற்று மகளிரை போற்றுவோம்! மாசில்லா மாண்பு பலகோடி ஈட்டுவோம் எனக்கூறி,



பெண்ணே நீ பெருமையின் சின்னம் நீ அருமையின் சின்னம் பெண்ணே நீ பெருமையின் சின்னம் நீ அருமையின் சின்னம்

பூக்கவும், காய்க்கவும் நாம் சுவாசிக்க காற்றை சுத்திகரித்து ஆக்கவுந் தான் பெண்கள்,

உறவின் முறையார்! ஆதிக்க சக்தியார் இணையின் வழியாய் வரும் கவலைகளை கழிவுகளை சுத்தகரிக்கும் சாதனை பெண்ணே நீ! சரித்தர சித்தரமான கண்ணே! நாம் வசிக்க நாட்டையே பிரசவித்து காக்கவும் தான்!

வீட்டுக்கொரு மரம் வளர்த்தால் நாடே மழை பெறலாம்! வீட்டுக்கொரு மகள் ஈன்றெடுத்தால் நாடே நலம் பெறலாம்!!! நீரின்றி உலகமையாது – பெண்ணே நீயின்றி ஒர் அலகமும் அசையவே அசையாது!

மழை நீரை மானிடர் சேமித்தால், இவ்வுலகை – காக்கலாம்! மகளிரின் கண்ணீரை துடைத்தால், எவ்வுலகையும் காக்கலாம்.

மு. தேன்மொழி
 மகளிர் விடுதி காப்பாளர்





பயிர்களின் ஏக்கம்

தரணியெங்கும் தேடுகிறேன் எனக்காக ஓடிய நதிகளின் நடமாட்டத்தை வெள்ளை நிறச்சுடு மணல் சொல்கிறது - தண்ணீரை பார்த்து பல வருடமான கதையை.

வானத்தை நோக்கி கருமேகத்தை கேட்கிறேன் -கீழுருந்து வருகிற "கரும்புகையை" காரணம் சொல்கிறது.

எனக்காக, என்னோடு வாழும் விவசாயியைப் பார்க்கிறேன் -நாளை முதல் நானும் மந்திரிகள் நடமாடும் நடு ரோட்டில் - என அவனது பார்வை சொல்லமால் சொல்கிறது.

இனி என்னால் மட்டும் என்ன எதையும் தாங்கவும் தகர்க்கவுமா முடியும் இன்று என் தலைக் கவிழ்கிறேன் இளைய தலைமுறையாவது இதை மாற்றுமா என்ற கேள்வியோடு?....

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பாஞ்சாலியின் காலந்தொட்டு

பகுத்தறிவு வாழ்ந்த காலம் வரை - வஞ்சனை

என்னும் வார்த்தை வளர்ந்து கொண்டு தான் இருக்கிறது.

கொள்ளை கொள்ளும் பல பாடல்கள் படித்து

பல்லாயிரம் கரங்கள் சுமக்க வேண்டிய, பாரதியின்

சவ உடல் கூட சரித்திரமற்று தனிமையில் தான் நின்றதோ_

வழக்கின் மன்னன் அவன்

வையகமும் போற்றும் படி விட்ட கப்பலை கூட

சில்லறைக்கு திசை மாற்றிய பாரதமோ ...

முகத்தின் முன் சிரித்து

முதுகினில் குத்தும் கட்டப்பன் பாகுபலியின்

கதையாகத்தான் இன்றைய பூமியும் சுழல்கின்றதோ...

வா நண்பா வா புதியதோர் உலகம் செய்வோம்

கெட்டஉள்ளந்தனை புதைத்திடுவோம்

பிறர் வாழ வழி வகுப்போம்

நடிக்கும் திறந்தனை விட்டொழிப்போம்

நெஞ்சில் பட்டத்தை நேர் பட பேசுவோம் ...

நேரில் வருவதை நம்பிக்கையோடு எதிர் கொள்வோம்

உற்றோர் மட்டும் உண்டு வாழ மறுப்போம்

உழைக்கும் கரங்களை உருவாக்குவோம்

சோம்பல் அதை முறித்திடுவோம்

தவறெனில் தட்டி கேட்கும் திறன் படைப்போம்

வா நண்பா வா புதியதோர் உலகம் செய்வோம்

தொண்டை குழி இணைத்த நாக்கு அது நொறுங்கிட வேண்டும் - பிறரை புறம் பார்க்கும் போது

என் கூரான செவி அது செவிடாகிட வேண்டும் - பிறர் என்னை தாழ்த்தி பேசிடும் போது

மதிகெட்ட ஒழுக்கமது மடிந்தொழிய வேண்டும் - உயர்ந்தோரை மதியாமல் வாய் மொழியும் போது...

வா நண்பா வா புதியதோர் உலகம் செய்வோம் .

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Build it High!

When you spend your entire life,

Building your own ladder,

Step by step,

To reach the heights one day,

To reach to those sweet irresistible fruits,

And when you are about to place your last step,

The tree decides to bend,

To feed the lazy,

who wasn't even hungry.

For it is the tree's misfortune,

SHREYA SENGUPTA (13BCH0012)





The Painter (Holi)

Who painted the sky
At dawn with fire
Mid-day blue and dusk
With streaks of pink?

The clouds white, grey
With a silver lining
The night sky black
With silver moon, stars?

The luminous Sun shining
Over a sea turquoise
The woods, gardens green
Soil red to black?

Who painted twilight golden, Revealed the Sun's hidden Colours on the rainbow, Mixtures of them infinite?

Who squeezed colour drops
On to the flowers
Butterflies, beetles and beings
Gems, stones, diamonds glittering?

List of colors unending-Feast fit to behold Adding colours to Life Glorified today, on Holi!!



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Never Give Up

All are familiar with desire. We want things in our life, but they don't come to us as we wished. It's our task to reach for them, strive for them, and achieve them. During this process we face many hurdles and difficulties. We should try and try again. We fall sometimes, so we get up and get up again as Giving up doesn't make us successful.



"Never Give Up, Great Things and Time"

Isn't it?

All of us dream. Dreams are useless, unless we wake up from them and work on them. Let me share with you a small story. First, it goes in this way.

You see a toy and ask your dad for it.

If it's already taken, do you leave it?

I don't think so.

We get a similar one or the same one by convincing dad.

Later, we ask for a bike. It also goes the same way.

And further we do the same related to studies, work and partner.

But as our wants grow, the more complicated they become.

Let them, But why should we stop wanting them.

"If you feel like Giving up, just look back on how far you are already"

How true it is!!!

Why do we have to walk back when our future is in our own hands?

And all we have to do is to shape them.

We know very well, how hard it is to be rejected, to be thrown out and not to be loved back. But all of the above are temporary.

Show them your talent, spark. Never wait for your chance, take it.

Never, let a person criticize you.

And do tell them how you feel.

"Never give up on something you really want. It's difficult to wait, but more difficult to regret"

Regret is the most difficult situation you will face.

Sooner or later, you will achieve the things, you dreamt of.

You will get back thousands of tons of love back for your every single drop of tear.

You will be rewarded for your every bit of hard work.

After all, you are finally left with happiness and cherish it.

To all of you out there,

NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP

Kill Them with Success...

Success is something that every-body dreams about in their life. But very few are able to reach to the point where others can't travel. The bridge between reality and dream is work. Everybody has a "—to do" list in their life that they think they



should do.... "I should do this", "I should do that", "I should exercise", "I should go to work".... The impact is effectuated when "I should" transforms to "I must". Unless you adopt some strategies; Unless you start thinking of something new; Unless you have the guts to swipe off the things that are not working and install new rituals that will work; Nothing will change.

The only thing that can change your lives is raising your own standards. The most important thing that you need is self-discipline. As the name suggests, it is in your own self that the discipline emerges. It comes with you pushing yourself to make a decision, a decision to do more, to be more and to make some new choices. With these new choices you are going to get new results and with these new results you will obtain a transformation.

The road to success is through commitment and the strength to drive through that commitment. It will be hard and at times you would want to quit. But you have to have a very clear vision of where you want to go and what you want to achieve. You also need to be highly passionate about achieving your goals. If you want to be the best at what you do then obsession is a necessity. It is a bad boy that will make you the best in your field.

The strategy of success is very simple. People who don't have goals work for people who do. If the goal is easy, everybody is going to have that goal. The path to your unique goal will be undoubtedly filled with ups and downs. What matters is how you get back to the horse and keep moving forward. You are your biggest problem but you are also the simplest solution to this big problem.



No one is naturally talented. It is the quality of their rituals that make them stand out. If you don't have proper ideals, if you don't work on them, if you don't integrate them then nothing will work. Think big only then can you achieve big things. If you don't pay the price for the success you will eventually end up paying for the failure. If you are willing to work hard nothing can stop you. Even if you are at the top of your position you need to keep on making changes to stay in that position because there are other people who are working harder to set the threshold higher than yours.

There are people who will discourage you. Who will make your good days bad or your bad days even worse? Think of the biggest discourages in your life. They are not the biggest discourages, you are. So do you just quit? Don't let that happen. It has to be in you. You need to find it out and right the wrong. Don't let anybody steal your dream. don't allow distractions. Keep struggling and It's always our intentions that make things happen. Not a single thing has ever been accomplished without our intention. Logic will help you travel from one point to the other but imagination will help you conquer the galaxy. Your imagination should be such that you see it in your mind and hold it with your hands. In this life you have got to prove nothing to nobody but, yourself. Ideals without execution are dilution. Make excuses, or make it happen. It's your choice... You have to be relentless. Confidence and hope with a clear vision is the ultimate key to success.

You don't want your thoughts to begin on anything that you don't want to get manifested in your life. You always want to achieve what you dream of and once you set it as a goal, your hands, your legs and all the different parts of your body must start working in cognition towards achieving that goal.

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சத்தம் குறைகிறது சந்தோசம் தவழ்கிறது... தமிழ் பேச்சை கேட்கையிலே ...

என்னோ தமிழிசை என்னோ தமிழ்மொழி...

என் தமிழ் தாயே உன் பெயருக்கு தான் இவ்வளவு கரகோஷம் அதை சொல்ல தானேஎனக்கு அவ்வளவு சந்தோசம்...

ஆயிரம் மரங்கள் வி.ஐ.டியில் இருந்தாலும் அழகான பூக்களுக்கு இங்கு இடமில்லையே என என் மனம் அடிக்கடி ஏங்கும்..(உங்களை பார்த்த பின்பு)

அதானே எப்படி இருக்கும் அழகு பூக்கள் எல்லாம் அழகு தேவதைகளாய் இங்கு இருக்க...

புன்னகைப் பூக்களின் இளவரசிகளே புது சாதனை பல படைக்க இருக்கும் வல்லரசிகளே மனத்தை கொள்ளும் மங்கையர்களே

மண்ணை ஆளப்போகும் மகாராணிகளே...

உங்கள் பெருமைகளை நான் அடுக்கி சொல்ல எனக்கு ஆயிரம் நாவும் அல்ல நான் ஆதிசேசனும் அல்ல ..

சாதாரண பெண்ணாய் இருந்திருந்தால் வீட்டிலேயே இருந்திருப்போம் ... சாதனை பெண்களாய் இருப்பதால்தானே விஐ.டி இல் இருக்கிறோம்...

Hostel க்கு புதுசாவந்தேன் அழுதுக்கிட்டே தான மொத இருந்தேன் புதுசா ஒருத்தி வந்தா புத்திமதிய எடுத்து சொன்னா..

அம்மா முகத்த உன்னிடம் பார்த்தேன்... அடி தோழியே அங்க தானமா நம்ம நட்பு அகத்தையும் நாபார்த்தேன்



விஐடி –ல படிப்பெல்லா இங்க ஒரே advanced .. படு சுட்டி தானம்மா எங்க bonus.உ..

ID card கேட்கும் ஊurity அவர கலாய்குறது தான் எங்க ஒரே duty

5star hotel ல சாப்டா கூட கிடைக்காத சுகம் M 🍩 ல அரட்ட அடிச்சு சாப்ட்றது ஒரு வரம்

Leave outing க்கு இவங்க ரொம்ப strict ஆன ஆளு நாங்க பண்ற சேட்டைக்கு நீங்க தான correct ஆனா ஆளு நம்மள வழி நடத்தி செல்ற DON நம்ம வலிகள் எல்லாம் இவங்க முன்னாடி GONE

வெள்ளிக்கிழமை ஆனதும் போட்ற படம் நாங்க எல்லாம் கூத்தடிக்க சரியான இடம் 8.30 மணி ஆனாலும் வாழப்பழத்தோட நிப்போம் வரிசையில

எத்தன மணி ஆனாளும் படிச்சிட்டு தான படுப்போம் பரிட்ச்சையில

கோள்களும் இருக்கும் விண்கலம் 9 வது மாடி தான எங்களுக்கு ஆடுகளம்

W onderful மழை பேஞ்சா எங்களுக்கு ஒரே கொண்டாட்டம்

W ifi கிடைக்கலனா நாங்க ஆடுவோமே திண்டாட்டம்

விஐடிஇல் வசதிகளோ பல இருக்கவரப் போகும் சந்தோச நாட்கள் தான் இன்னும் நெறைய இருக்க 45வருடங்களும் 45நிமிடங்களாய் மாறி போகும் கண்ணீர் துளிகளும் கடலாய் மாறி போகும் இன்னும் நெருங்கிடுவோம் அன்பில் உறைந்திடுவோம்

நட்பின் ஆழம் சென்றிடுவோம் .. நன்றாய் தானே படித்திடுவோம் ...

கொண்டாட்டமும் கும்மாலமும் கைகள் கோர்த்து... கோடானு கோடி நட்பு தான் எங்கள் கொத்து

விஐடி girlsனா வெளிய காட்டுவோம் கெத்து வீரனே வந்தாலும் ஓரமா கொஞ்சம் ஒத்து... மொத்தத்துல எங்க மதிப்பெண் 10 க்கு 10

என்னைக்கும் அழியாதது எங்க நட்போடசொத்து...

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Events organized by Students ELLE 2K.16

Uddeshya, VIT University chapter, organized "Elle 2k16", an ice breaking session for Freshers' in the Ladies' Hostel on 14th August 2016. The event consisted of filler games, college hacks and a life skills session. It was conducted by the second year and third year girl students of Uddeshya. The event kicked off with the girls grooving to the latest songs. Games like rapid fire and wacky questions were an instant success and kept the girls engaged. This was followed by a college hacks session where the audiences were provided with useful information about the functioning of the University. The various questions put forth by the audiences were answered. The organizers also gave tips about the hostel life to the audience, followed by a life skills session explaining the relevant issues like peer pressure, substance abuse etc., Participants had a great time and at the same time gathered information about the functioning of the hostel and the University.







Epilogue

"Ladies Hostel Annual Newsletter" is aimed to serve as a window to the outside world to exhibit the various worthful and admirable happenings at the Ladies Hostel. We take this opportunity to thank our Honourable Chancellor, Vice-Presidents, Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice Chancellors for being the guiding light in handling the administrative Hostel responsibilities.

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Resident Student Counsellors' are a big support to us and we would like to specially thank them for their boundless support in handling the student grievances at any point of time.

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