



# Office of Students' Welfare

Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore

## Newsletter August' 22



But their time is come; and I fervently hope that the bell that tolled this morning in honor of this convention may be the death-knell of all fanaticism, of all persecutions with the sword or with the pen, and of all uncharitable feelings between persons wending their way to the same goal.

*-Swami Vivekananda, at the Parliament of Religion, Chicago*

**It is our duty  
to pay for  
our liberty  
with our  
own blood.**

*Netaji Subhas Chandra  
Bose*



### Highlights

- 75th Independence Day Celebration
- SAE-VIT Rally
- World Dance Day
- Farewell (23' Batch)
- Drive Against Drugs

Good quality education should reach all sections of the society to make the country an advanced nation, said Justice Doraiswamy Raju, former Judge of the Supreme Court, on Monday. Students should work hard to take the country to the next level and make India an advanced nation. They should also work hard to fulfil the dreams of freedom fighters, who took part in our country's struggle for freedom. "Educational institutions should play a significant role in taking education to all sections of the society," he said. After hoisting the national flag, G. Viswanathan, chancellor, VIT, said India has been one of the fastest growing economies in the world.



# 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration





"We have to increase productivity in all sectors so that India can compete with developed nations in the world. India has a demographic advantage of having a sizeable population of youngsters and to take advantage of it, the State and Centre should provide good quality education to all eligible youngsters," he said. Citing the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act which mandates free education to children from 6 to 14 years of age, the Chancellor suggested that the age of children eligible for free education should be revised as 3 to 18 years and he hoped that the Government will consider his appeal. VIT vice-presidents Sankar Viswanathan, Sekar Viswanathan and G.V. Selvam, vice-chancellor, Mr. Rambabu Kodali, pro-vice chancellor, S. Narayanan, registrar T. Jayabarathi, faculty, staff and students participated.



This Independence SAE-VIT had 8 teams present to celebrate the occasion. The core members along with their board members put together a fantastic show for all the fellow Vitians, that were there for the flag hoisting as well as to attend the SAE-VIT Rally.

Team Pravega Racing brought their test mule car for the upcoming FSG DV competition the team aims to take part in. Rotor FPV put together a wonderful show with smoke celebrations as well as a flower show for our beloved chancellor. The team showcased their skills in building and flying FPV drones. Team Kshatriya bring along their Baja car that has recently competed, and it made quite the noise. The rally was also graced with other team exhibitions such as team Infinix, Albatross, Rev Mechanics, and Jabaaz.

We thank everyone who was a part of the rally either by organizing it or coming over to check out the vehicles that our teams have made pouring their heart and soul into.



# SAE-VIT Independence Day Rally

# World Dance Day Celebration



*"Dill-Da-Ni-Mada...  
Tera Sidhu Moosewala"*  
A tribute to the unjust and tragic demise of the great Punjabi artist Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu.

On the 23rd of August, the office of Student welfare organized an event celebrating World Dance Day in collaboration with VIT Dance Club, showcasing wide varieties of dance styles across the world. The event was graced by the presence of the esteemed guests of honor Dr. Sekar sir and executive director Sandhya ma'am that took place at Anna Auditorium of VIT. To quote Colin Powell - "A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work." This is indeed true as after months of preparation, seven teams put forward a magnificent display of different dance forms from all around the world. Anna Auditorium was filled with zest as the audience were left mesmerized by the utter elegance and enthusiasm of the performers. There was a plethora of vibrant costumes all around and one could hear the amazing music and the cheer of the crowd even outside the auditorium. As always, all seven teams exceeded expectations and set new benchmarks of entertainment for the future leaving the audience eagerly waiting for the next dance event.

Over the second weekend of August, the 13th, 14th and 15th, the campus of VIT Vellore had geared up for the farewell of #BatchOf2023. The boys and girls elegantly dressed in suits and sarees were invited to a special dinner with our honourable chancellor at Greenos.



Farewells are a time of celebrating the sacrifices and hard work that students have put in at every step of their way throughout college. Keeping this in mind cultural performances in the form of songs and dance were presented for them after they had dined on delectable food and photobooth frames were set up around the campus.

To quote the author, Paulo Coelho — 'If you're brave enough to say goodbye, life will reward you with a new hello' and we eagerly look forward to the future of the graduating Batch of 2023 as they go out into the world to leave their mark on it.



As the event concluded with the passing of the Knowledge Lamp by our Chancellor sir and Our Pro Vice Chancellor sir, it was a time for the students to not only look forward to the myriad possibilities of the future but also to reflect back on the time they have spent in an institution that has crafted their foundation in such a manner that they can be upstanding, valuable members of society in the years to come.



# Drive Against Drugs (DAD) Pledge Against Drug Abuse

**Date:** 11-08-2022 (Thursday), **Time:** 10:30 AM  
**Venue:** Dr. Channa Reddy Auditorium, Dr.  
M.G.R. Block.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is launching a State Level Programme "Drive Against Drugs" (DAD) on 11.08.2022 at 10:30 AM at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai to create awareness against drug abuse amongst students.

Further, it has been planned to telecast the same LIVE in all educational institutes for taking the "Pledge Against Drug Abuse". We also join hands with the Government in this drive and extend our

full support in our fight against Drug Abuse.

Senior police officers from the Vellore District Police will be reading out the Pledge tomorrow after the Live Session. All are requested to actively participate in this awareness programme and join in taking the pledge against Drug Abuse.

# August Events

VIT Vellore boasts a total of 150 clubs and chapters, as part of the Office of Students' Welfare, led by the student and faculty community that organizes a wide array of events daily.

A total of 150 events, that were conducted by Clubs & Chapters in the month of August, ranged not only from technical but to art & cultural, literature, social outreach and health & wellness. There were numerous guest speakers - experts in their domains, who took sessions on various topics from all the domains and spread their knowledge to the participants.

We would like to thank all the student Clubs & Chapters for taking the initiative to conduct the events to spread knowledge, awareness and encourage leadership.



# Events Of The Month

**12 August**  
**International Youth Day**

## **Casaverse: Discovery and Recovery**

**Youth Red Cross Association & IEEE - Industry Applications Society**

Talk show about the dangers of substance abuse and the importance of mental well-being in the lives of the youth.

**15 August**  
**75th Independence Day**

## **India on Canvas**

**Smile Over Stress**

A poster making competition on the occasion of Azadi ka amrit mahotsav to bring out the creativity of individual

## **Jang-e-Azadi**

**Punjabi Literary Association (PLA)**

An online quiz to test the knowledge of participants on the life of freedom fighters of Punjab

## **Muktir Alo**

**Bengali Literary Association**

An Instagram live quiz in remembrance and to honour the journey of independence day, independence fighters, and the martyrs

## **Swatantra**

**Kannada Literary Association**

An essay writing competition over the ideas, innovations, resolve, actions and victory of our nation.

## **slogan@75**

**The German Literary association**

Slogan writing competition.

## **Liberty**

**Technology And Gaming Club**

A digital poster making competition on the theme using Canva, Figma, Photoshop etc.

## **Independence Quiz-a-thon**

**The Next Chapter (Book Club)**

A Instagram live quiz on literature revolving around patriotism, freedom, and the Indian struggle for Independence

## **Swathanthram**

**Malayalam Literary Association**

A slogan competition

## **Swatantrayotsav**

**Yuva Marathi**

A slogan writing competition on ideas, resolves, actions and achievements of our nation

**19-21 August**  
**World Photo Day**

## **Just Reel It**

**VIT Spartans**

A video editing competition wherein participants were to submit a video on recent trends

**23 August**  
**International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**

## **Abolishing the Slave Trade**

**FEPSI**

Instagram live quiz on the effect of tradition of the slave trade and its abolition.





# Talent Forage

## Friendship

When you are perplexed about life,

Or,

You're running out of advice,  
Just pick up your device,  
Your starred contacts should suffice.

They are the family we choose,

To,

Go on a world tour to see miraculous views,  
They're the cure to all the midnight blues,  
Oh, I feel like taking them to the world's longest cruise.

**GARIMA SRIVASTAVA**  
(21BCE0513)

## Women Empowerment

Women constitute nearly half of India's population. But their representation in legislatures and political organisations are far below the threshold levels. We do owe reparations to the country's women for denying them major leadership roles in public administration for decades.

Very often the solutions to women equality are defined in terms of education and financial independence. But does that really empower them? There were educated and economically well-off Indians even during the British Raj. They worked in government offices and met their daily needs. But they were neither free nor equal for they were working for their masters on their terms and conditions. On a different note, that situation can still manifest in today's India where women gaining education and still working on terms fixed by men. That's nothing but unconscious and guaranteed slavery.

In fact, there has been progress in women's political representation over the years. But the current growth of women's inclusion is very slow. The empowering image of Bharat Mata that illuminates pride in the citizen's soul is non-reflective of how women are treated in our society.

We have had one female prime minister and two female presidents since independence. That way maybe India has done far better than Western democracies but that doesn't solve the appalling condition of women in society at large. Mere sense of tokenism doesn't empower women in any manner.

It would be inappropriate to believe that the numbers point to the lack of interest among women in joining politics. That's not the case. There are many women working in NGOs and civil society groups. Many of them attribute social bias and neglect to be the main reason for their distance from active politics. They consider organisations such as NGOs to be safer and socially acceptable.

Research also points to the fact that women legislate differently when compared to men. Parliaments with comparatively higher number of women have made more laws related to women's rights. That's mainly because women legislators there have given greater focus and priority on women empowerment.

There are proofs of developments that reinstate the fact that women in politics matter more than any other point of time. The voter turnout of women has seen a sharp increase in the last decade. Some analysts have commented on the rise of 'women' as a new vote bank to be the most surprising development in current times. Till the last decade the women votes were fragmented in different ways. But recently, it has been found that women are voting more collectively in favour of a leader or party who takes up their issues and concerns. Women, the silent voter decides the fate of most elections in India today.

This opportunity should be used by women by taking up politics as a career. They should start working from grassroots level with a special focus on women's rights and issues. They could capitalise on the new women vote bank by connecting with women's issues. More women in the grassroots level would climb up the ladder if they are strengthened by public support and assurance.

Ultimately, it would create a system where we can find women at all levels of power, right from local bodies to national parliament. This rise of women oriented politics would also force other politicians to take up women's issues seriously. Legislations improving women's condition would rise in number and the elected representatives would be persuaded to execute them.

**MRIDHUL MANOJ M**  
(21BMM0060)

# Talent Forage

## Friendship

Where are you my friend?  
My heart is burning up  
In the furnace of loss.  
I lost myself in those crowds  
Of ingenuity and insanity,  
searching for your soul.  
Where are you my friend?

Alone in the crowd  
For months and years  
My mind chattered:  
"Was it a futile exercise  
Or a waste of time?"  
No, my friend, it wasn't.  
The heart desires more.

I missed my family  
My mother and brothers  
May be they missed me too  
It's finished  
I have settled the fealty,  
With utmost rigour  
Now 's time for you my friend  
Where are you?

I met an old man,  
sitting idle but gleeful  
I enquired 'Where's my friend'  
He replied: "I'm waiting  
for mine so long."  
May be he's lucky  
For he has found a shelter  
Amidst hopelessness  
I need one, dear friend  
But need you more than that  
Where are you, my friend?

Sorry my friend,  
It's time for my 'supper,  
The bread of my life  
As you know  
Being hungry is mad  
And being mad is hunger  
I need food to be crazy.  
I need love to be peaceful.  
Where are you my friend?

i thirst for the grape  
Let me go to the garden  
And ask the grow

I saw him asleep,  
I disturbed his nap

And asked for you  
"I'm not his guard  
Mind it", he shouted.  
I retreated slowly  
To roam in the faraway pastures.

Don't you hear?  
The rooster crowing  
It's been three times  
Since morning  
Are you awake  
Or still riveted  
on the lucre?  
Beware my friend  
The Field of Blood  
Aren't miles away.

I see two men  
On my both sides  
Unfortunate as am  
One blames his previous life  
For his fate of present  
The other repents his doings  
And hopes for the afterlife

What should I blame for?  
Me, my fate  
Or my making of life?  
But not you, my friend.  
I commit my spirit to you.

I wait for your help  
In the last moment  
Will that never come?  
I have nothing to offer  
Not even a buffer  
I am in harmony  
With you and your plans  
For now I realize  
what you have prepared for me.

My friend, my friend  
Why have you forsaken me?  
This cross is too hefty to bear.  
Still leave my passions to you  
May your pride win.

**MRIDHUL MANOJ M**  
**(21BMM0060)**

# Student Achievements

## Congratulations!!



**Team Webcrawlers.exe**



**Team Raamen**



**Team Craft 404**

3 teams from VIT Vellore Won the **Smart India Hackathon 2022 challenge** under the category of health care, student innovation and education a **Prize Money of Rs. 1 Lakh per team** conducted by the **Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell**.

### **Team Webcrawlers.exe**

1. **ALok Mathur** 20BCE2959
2. **Dhruvil Patel** 20BCE2957
3. **Nanduri Jayant Vishnu** 20BCE2946
4. **Prasoon Soni** 20BCE2960
5. **Vasundhara Polya** 20BCB0016
6. **Rishi Kaushal** 20BCB0035

### **Team Raamen**

1. **Rahul Gowlapalli** 19BEC0547
2. **Ayush Ranjan** 19BEC0220
3. **Arjun Sivaraman** 20BCE2955
4. **Mahera Furniturewala** 20BDS0023
5. **Eshika Shah** 19BCE0271
6. **Nishil Madhani** 19BBS0065

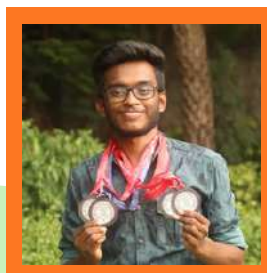
### **Team Craft 404**

1. **Deep Gandhi** 20BCE0127
2. **Yash Kasera** 20BCE0970
3. **Tanmay Biren Shah** 20BCE0745
4. **Mhd. Muazz Zuberi** 20BCE0489
5. **Suryakant Agrawal** 20BBS0054
6. **Dwijia Patel** 20BCE0917



### **Sneha Mahato**

SNEHA MAHATO 18BAR0019 been **selected as a millennium fellow for the year 2022**. **United Nations Academic Impact and MCN present the Millennium Fellowship to elevate undergraduate leaders**. She has been selected as a Millennium Fellow this year, **joining over 3,000 leading peers from 200+ campuses worldwide** - all committed to having bold social impact! **She will be representing VIT university** in this process and that **only 8% of the campuses worldwide were selected** for this cohort.



### **Mr. Praveen L K**

Mr. Praveen L K (19BAR0040) has participated in State level Rifle Shooting competition, and won 4 Bronze Medals in different categories, held at Tanjore on 15th August 2022.

# Student Achievements

## Congratulations!!



**Mrs. Kalaipriya R**  
(20PHD0895)



**Ms. Iswarya Shanmugam**  
(22PHD0163)

that two of our research scholars have recently received the prestigious award, **DST-INSPIRE "Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research"** fellowship offered by the **Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi** for a period of **5 years or completion of their Ph.D. program**, whichever is earlier.

VIT congratulate both the scholars for being the recipient of this prestigious award and **wish them more knowledge and laurels** during their tenure at our VIT.

VIT also congratulate both the faculty members **Dr. Arunkumar Palaniappan (16696)** & **Dr. Arunkumar Pitchaimani (18029)** for their support in helping to develop compelling proposals. Congratulations and good luck to both the mentor-awardee duo.



**Ms. Nithyasree. U**

Ms. Nithyasree. U (1st Year MSW) has represented **INDIA** and **won the Bronze Medal** (Team event) in the **ISTF World tour International Soft Tennis Championship 2022** held at **Thailand** from **23rd to 28th August 2022**. Her skill and passion for the sport have made the whole VIT proud.

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# *Entries Invited!!*



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We invite all our students to showcase their masterpiece with talent and skills. Submit your entries by 30th September: designs/articles /artworks or poems- based on the themes :  
**Literacy or Charity**



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**VIT Click** (Pictures of the campus)





Greenos, 07:00AM in the morning

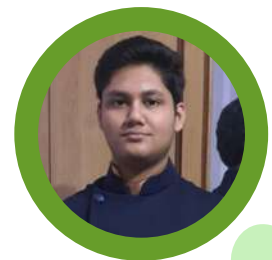
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