



# Office of Students' Welfare

Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore

## Newsletter Feb' 22



Cherry blossoms are symbolic of the spring – a time of renewal. Although the beauty of cherry blossoms will no doubt take your breath away, you'll find that these blossoms sadly die back after just two weeks.

- Periyar EVR Central Library, 7:00PM

**The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.**

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



### Highlights

- **Quality Week**
- **5 Eminent Talk Sessions**
- **315+ events**
- **Outstanding chapter award - VIT ACM-W**

50+  
events

Quality Assurance

Sustenance

Quality  
Week!!

Enrichment

21 - 28 Feb

VIT-IQAC strives to promote and ensure quality culture among all the stakeholders of the institute and earmarked a week as 'VIT Quality Week' for conducting various events and activities focusing on showcasing and learning Quality concepts, in collaboration with all the academic and administrative units of VIT.

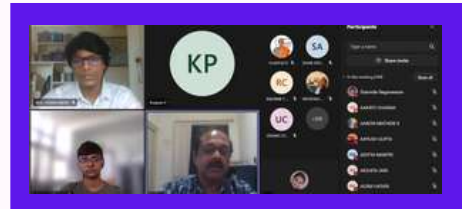
The various technical, cultural, outreach wings of the VIT student community organized events centered around Quality assurance. The Office of Students' Welfare organized over 50 events with the help of our clubs and chapters.

# Quality Week



VIT Quality week was held from February 21st to February 28th by the Office of Students' Welfare in tandem with the vision of the IQAC. Over 50 events were organized by the clubs and chapters of VIT on the occasion of Quality week focusing on key areas like :

1. Quality in Industry
2. Quality in Education
3. Quality in Healthcare
4. Quality in Technology
5. Quality in Policy



Ensuring quality in higher educational institution is a bottom-up approach wherein every stake holder should be conscious of their role in contributing towards quality in the teaching-learning process, research, innovation, extension and governance. 'VIT Quality Week' hosts various events and activities focusing on showcasing and learning Quality concepts, in collaboration with all the academic and administrative units of VIT. The main objective of the Quality Week celebration is to raise awareness on quality assurance / sustenance / enrichment initiatives among all the stakeholders and to adopt high-quality standards in education and research. It is also an opportunity for the institution to reflect on its quality practices and commit to a continuous quest for excellence.

## Panel Discussion on National Education Policy

A set of 6 panel discussions were conducted on the National Educational Policy hosting 5 members per panel were conducted on February 25th from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm. The topics for the discussion were :

### Panel 1

**Flexibilities in UG/PG program.**

### Panel 2

**Way forward to transform into a holistic multidisciplinary institution.**

### Panel 3

**Preparing well rounded learners with 21st century skills.**

### Panel 4

**Online and digital education: ensuring equitable use of technology.**

### Panel 5

**Integration of Indian Knowledge system in the curriculum.**

### Panel 6

**Optimal Learning Environments and Support for Students.**



VIT Quality week was a successful initiative by the Office of Students' Welfare. Quality is the primary requirement of the industry with companies looking to adopt innovative testing methods to ensure that they meet quality standards. Through Quality Week, we were able to organize student body organizations to conduct events focused around enabling valuable learning experiences. We are happy and proud that we were able to platform more than 50 diverse events on the occasion of Quality Week that saw immense participation and positive feedback from the student and teacher community.

# Eminent Talks



**Mrs. Karuna Kochar**, a well-renowned youth mentor, and public speaker was present at "The Happy Mind", conducted by Fitness

and Beyond Club. She presented her views and laid out the awareness around mental health. She also delivered ideas on practices promoting mental state and going through all dimensions of mental healthiness. The participants were interactive throughout the event.

**Dr. Matthew Greenhouse**,

Science Instrument Payload Project Scientist at NASA, has served on the James Webb Space Telescope.



"Exploring the Unknown" by SEDS VIT was an interactive session where Dr. Matthew discussed the principle behind a space telescope followed by a discussion on the history of JWST. During the whole event, he mentioned fun facts and asked questions to keep the audience engaged. The event ended with a brief Q&A session.



**Miss Haimanti Sen**, a TEDx speaker, winner of the Rex Karamveer award, and Teacher warrior award for her commendable work for the nation, was present for "Jazbaat-e-Junoon"

by VIT Anchoring Club.

On the occasion of World NGO Day, she elaborated how she had spent hours teaching poor children. It was an interactive session where she shared her story of making Junoon one of the successful NGOs.



**Deepak Goel**, the Chairman of Blood Connect Foundation, one of India's largest youth-led organisations, was present at "Blood Pure, Blood Sure"

by Youth Red Cross Society. The event addressed the issue of blood safety and focussed on the pertinent issues of blood safety, screening and blood donor eligibility. The speakers discussed blood donation and the challenges faced especially during the pandemic.

**Mayank Jha** is the Product Engineer and mentor at Coding Blocks. He was the guest speaker for "AlgoBytes" by IEEE-WIE.



Mayank provided attendees with a simple approach to evaluate problem-solving skills and coding skills. Furthermore, this session gave a great understanding of Data Structures applications, the need for algorithms, and data structures at a beginner's level.

# SW February



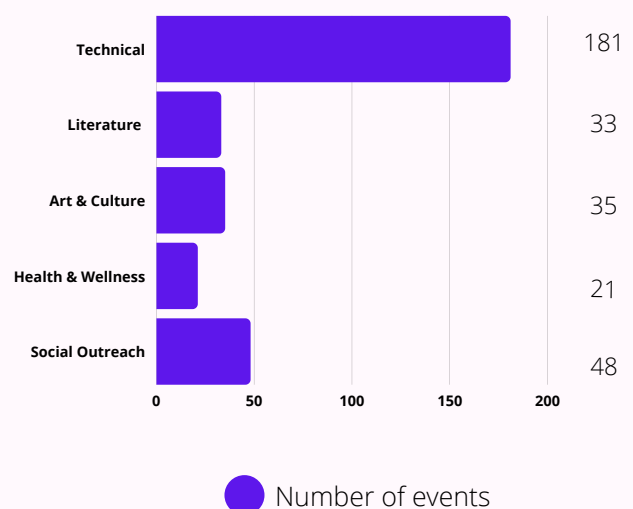
## Events of the month!!

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

A total of 318 events, that were conducted by Clubs & Chapters in the month of February, 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.

### 315+ Total Events!!



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# Events Of The Month

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**1 February**

## **Gennovation**

**Guest Speaker - Mr C Hariharan**

An event in collaboration with VITMAS, IEEE-EMBS, IEEE-SSIT, Hearts-UHET, and VIT-STELLAR, invited Mr C Hariharan for an enlightening lecture about psychology and technology.

**4 February  
World Cancer Day &  
International Day of Human  
Fraternity**

## **Honsla Rakh**

**VIT Community Radio**

Jayant Kandoi, cancer survivor and Tedx speaker, shared his story and spread awareness among people, inspiring them.

## **Athjeevanam**

**Malayalam Literary Association**

A talk show that invited a motivational trainer and cancer survivor Dr. YUHANON JOHN. to provide strength and courage to the students to tackle the situation and lead society with a new vision.

## **Colors and cancer**

**Health Club**

Event to raise awareness about how cancers are described through colors. Event hosts spoke about cancer, types, treatments, and origin. It involved a color spinner to pick colors.

## **Cancer-Consciousness**

**Nutrition Club**

Cancer awareness program to create consciousness on Cancer and provide important information about cancer, how it spreads, and about the nutritious food to be taken to prevent cancer and food taken during and after the Cancer.

## **Being Humane**

**Youth Red Cross Association**

A blog on the occasion of International day of Human Fraternity, to highlight the importance of solidarity and compassion.

**10 February  
World Pulses Day**

## **Bowl of Pulse**

**Health Club**

Participants had to upload a picture of any food with the pulse of their choice and give a small description mentioning the benefits of the pulse.

**11 February  
The International Day of  
Women and Girls in Science**

## **Women Centric Science**

**Gurutva-The Physics Club**

Inspiring stories of Indian women physicists were shared and activities that motivated and guided the women to achieve their goals in the field of science were conducted.

## **Unsung Heroines in Math**

**VITMAS**

The event was an act of celebration and acknowledgement of significant mathematical contributions by these Unsung Heroines of math, without which, the math won't be as glorious as it is.

## **Fly High**

**IChE-VIT**

It was an opportunity to talk with an esteemed faculty member, Dr. Aruna Singh, an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering, VIT and learn about her work and how a woman or a girl can excel in the field of chemical engineering.

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## 12 February Darwin Day

### Darwinism

#### IChE-VIT

An event that related the famous theory of survival of the fittest by Charles Darwin to a process flowsheet. Questions were related to faulty process equipment and their removal/upgradation.

## 13 February World Radio Day

### World Radio Day

#### VIT Community Radio

Through this event, VCR enlightened the participants with the significance that radio plays in our daily life.

## 14 February International Book Giving Day

### Essay Writing Competition

#### Students' Welfare

Every year on February 14th, International Book Giving Day strives to reach one goal. This goal is to get books into the hands of as many children as possible. To create awareness of this, the Students' Welfare hosted an Essay Writing Competition on the topic "The Book that changed my life"

## 15 February International Childhood Cancer Day

### Maliscript

#### IChE-VIT

IChE-VIT brought to us "Maliscript": an article writing competition based on the causes and treatments for cancer among children.

## 18 February Taj Mahotsav

### Math in Taj Mahal

#### VITMAS

An embankment of appreciation, for the underlying mathematical beauty of the Taj Mahal using Instagram.

## 20 February World Day of Social Justice

### Awareness of social justice

#### VIT Community Radio

Awareness campaign on social justice on Instagram and it enlightened people of its importance and morals.

## 21 February International Mother Language Day

### BIF Utash

#### Becoming I Foundation

Kids were invited from AshaDeep Home for Girls and a group discussion about the importance of mother tongue and traditions was done.

### Aaru malayalike nooru Malayalam

#### Malayalam Literary Association

An interactive session where one participant speaks a phrase in Malayali in his regional accent and another decodes it.

### Valluva Mozhi

#### Tamil Literary Association

Participants were given 5 Thirukkural, with jumbled words in the couplet and were asked to rearrange them in the correct order within 5 minutes.

### Linguistic Lusture

#### Anokha NGO

An essay competition on the topic- Power of Unity of Languages

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## Ah! Mori Bangla Bhasha

### Aikyataan VIT

A submission based event was conducted on the occasion of International Mother Language Day.

## Kalam-e-Tarang

### VIT Leo Club

Students were asked to make submissions on any form of written content in their native language.

## Matribhasha Divas- The Pictures says.....

### Youth Red Cross Society

Students were invited to caption the impactful images in maximum of 20 words on the occasion of International Mother Language Day.

## Adage To Language

### The Hindu Education Plus Club

Participants were asked to write on their favourite adage in their native language, and submit it along with its translation in English.

## Bhasha Sangam

### SPIC MACAY

Participants were asked to record a video reciting a folk song or poetry or perform a theatrical act. They could also make posters or paintings on the Matribhasha Divas either digitally or by hand.

## Matribhasha Divas: Lingo-Snap Oration

### Heritage Club

An event where participants were asked to present their piece of literature in their mother tongue, either in writing or by reciting them.

## Vernaculate

### Animation Club

A poster making competition where the participants were asked to submit a digital or handmade poster that throws light on the importance of their mother tongue.

## Matribhasha Divas - Aalap and Harmony

### VIT Music Club

An event inviting participants to perform songs in different languages.

## Verses

### FEPSI

Students were invited to share poems or folk songs in their mother tongue

## 27 February World NGO Day

## Panel Discussion

### Students' Welfare

VIT celebrated World NGO Day with all the NGOs/social awareness clubs of VIT as a gesture to honour them and boost their spirit of selfless service.

## Battle of Wits: Disaster Management

### Vriksh Club

A submission based event, where participants may come in individual or in pairs and provide creative and practical solutions to the given problem statements.

## 28 February National Science Day

## Chemica Significancia

### IChE-VIT

To commemorate this important occasion, IChE-VIT conducted "Chemica Significancia", an exciting article writing competition based on the significance of Chemical Engineering.

## Eco-lution

### E2PC VIT

E2PC VIT hosted a submission-based event "Eco-lution", where various ideas on development on energy and environment were shared by participants.

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# Talent Forage

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## A Deliberation on Dialect

**F**rom the day we are born, the most important skill we will ever acquire is communication.

For toddlers, this manifests in drawing attention through body language, expressions and, yes, crying. As we grow, we learn to add verbal communication to our repertoire. However, while we learn languages to better articulate our thoughts, language itself is a bit more nuanced. Most see language simply as a means to communicate information. While that is a worthy goal in and of itself, they tend to neglect the fact that each language has been created by a different group of people. See, the thing about these different groups is that they each arose from different initial conditions, different landforms, different vegetation, different climate. And what happens when the initial conditions of a system are different? That's right, it affects the end product. In our case, this manifests in having different things to talk about. Sea dwellers might have various distinct words for waves and shells, while landlocked people probably don't even have a word for sea. In other words, the history, geography and culture of a region affects the language of its people. That's why language death is so sad. That's the living, breathing remnant of an entire culture forgotten.

In a world of rapid globalization, more and more people feel drawn to the idea of a universal tongue, so that people of different cultures can commune with one another. However, because this phenomenon happens to coincide with a period of advancement, cultural and technological there are those who correlate holding on to their own mother tongue as a refusal to progress. They view such people as exclusionist, unwilling to mingle with those outside their circles. However, this is often not the case. Our mother tongue represents our familiarity, the words which are always at the tip of our tongues, the moments where you have to pause to find the right description, because there's no word for it in English. It's the product of our own unique upbringing, cuisine, history and lifestyle, the same things that make us as individuals unique. And uniqueness must always be celebrated. So cherish your mother tongues, be proud of it. Flaunt, speak it, write in it, make graffiti with it. Do whatever connects you to it. Because it is our identity, and nobody should hesitate to be themselves.

*Aparajita Bhattacharjee  
(21BBT0387)*

## Justice

How many bodies have to be sacrificed?  
Before a soul can live in peace?  
Is this what he fights for  
More dying and injustice?

Kids are learning and becoming  
What you set for them as role models  
Is this wrong what we're doing?  
No! Justice must be in these battles

Today one kid has laughed and played  
Another has seen his father asleep and cold  
Terror is here and a future is killed  
Don't cry mother your sons died brave and bold

Red is the colour of his long boots  
And the jacket wears itself without the soul  
The worms of ghosts are eating into his brains  
So that's the justice they stole

*Pasumarthi Aashish Babu  
(18BME0756)*

## Mother Tongue

I travelled all across the globe,  
I met people from different walks of life,  
Some spoke Spanish, some spoke Russian,  
Those experiences were great,  
But you always enjoy the anecdotes that you can  
relate(to),  
Which is why I talk of my mother tongue, Hindi,  
Hindi has always made me feel like home,  
No matter how much one may roam.  
Or may even visit the Rome,  
It is evident even on Chrome.  
The one who speaks one's mother tongue doesn't  
seem like unknown!

*Garima Srivastava  
(21BCE0513)*

# Talent Forage

## Mother Tongue - the unparalleled medium of communication

India is a rich country with a beautiful plethora of languages, cultures, food and more... spanning the 3000 (plus) kms from Jammu to Kanyakumari, and 1900 (plus) kms from Mumbai to Calcutta...Whats more. India is also the wonderful native to a number of spoken languages a whopping 400 plus (that sure will make you swell with pride)!

There are several individuals worldwide, who may be multilingual, however the single most beloved language to millions of hearts undoubtedly their **mother tongue**. Let me start with the basics of this word 'mother tongue - the spoken languages of one's mother. Typically a child utters his first speech in mother tongue. Though both parents equally shoulder all responsibilities of a child, as per our ancient Vedic culture the role of mother is primordial. Mother tongue is one of the basic connects a child has with its mother it's the magic of one's mother tongue that the same words if spoken in another language doesn't make the heartening impact on one's soul which one's mother tongue makes!! That's the charisma of mother tongue, all attributed to the unparalleled charisma of one's mother !!

Urbanization has led to millions of individuals travelling and settling away from motherland, many of them becoming permanent citizens However it's the aura of mother tongue that in several cases nurtures and maintains the bonding of younger generations with their piece of land, in native place, sometimes as far as billions of kms...

It's beauty, it's vocab, it's proverbs, it's songs, it's lullabies. all strike a different chord in one's heart. It's a world that's intangible, a treasure that can't be measured...

I think no artistic work can ever capture the charm of any mother tongue in its totality However each person will surely paint his own canvas in a beautiful way. The mother tongue is our strength, the mother tongue is our identity, the mother tongue is being oneself And who would not like to be oneself?

Let's take an oath to promote one's mother tongue, by baby steps like speaking purely in mother tongue at our homes let's read more books in our mother totallu,

let's participate/organize events/competitions in our mother tongue, let's promote more use of mother tongue on social media let's take the step ahead. and gift this invisible thread of strong bond to brethren and future generations.

**Mother, motherland and mother tongue - there can just be one, and that weaves a life of treasure for each of us shredding away all other barriers.**

*Suja Sreejith  
(17PHDO114)*

## Stuck With You

He was just a clout,  
It's not us,  
But the scenario  
She was just 17,  
Trying hard to find concord  
Still she tried hard.

She could hear your pain,  
More hard like decipher  
But, thy happiness  
Hit her like deception  
Memories do poke her, can you help it?  
Help me, she just replenish it.

Social disservice made her vulnerable;  
Moon isn't that dark, right?  
It's just about your thought,  
Was conveyed as stipulate  
I can't let it go,  
I can't keep it beside me.

She was helpless and got dumbstruck  
Changed her soul, was it a bit sceptic?  
It kept on coming to the head  
Maybe comparable to rouge  
Looked at the prairie,  
Yes, She was stuck with you.

*Kanishkaa Priyadarshi  
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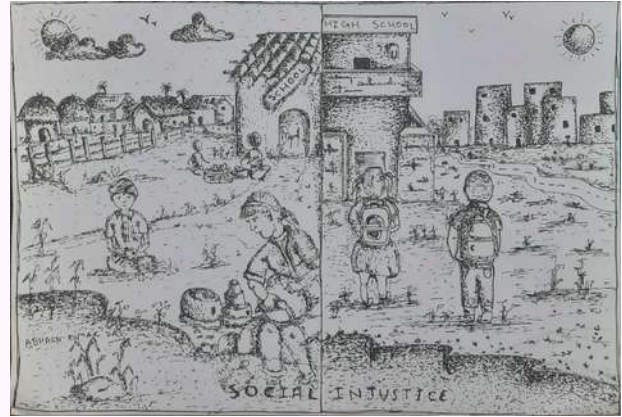
## The Power of Unity of Languages

India is a highly populated country and it comes after China. So, we can imagine how many people are living in the country. Since there are more than 100 crores of people living in our country, there are also many festivals, languages and types of individuals we come across. Today's topic is about language and the power that it has. There are more than 1d languages spoken by people from various states of India. Some of them are Hindi Telegu, Canada, Urdu, Malayalam etc. Now, we might think why there are so many languages instead one language can be spoken by everyone. The theory of one language does not work over here as there are many people who are attached to their native language is not only a medium of communication, it is also a way of expressing one's emotions and actions. Hindi is referred as the national language along with English as it is spoken by most of the people learning language must come from the individual itself, it is like an oxygen to them. One must breathe it to live language is the basis of both unity and conflict. There are many types of languages in our country, so how can we be united through this? Many conflicts might occur through fighting and exposing we must create awareness programmes, workshops and other sessions to spread about the languages of India Sanskrit is one of the oldest and ancient language in our country. There are people who still speak and even teach Sanskrit in many colleges and universities many people were divided into states post-independence and this was considered as a positive way. Language plays an important role in unity in diversity great leaders like mahatma Gandhi also stated that language is an integral part of a child's education language was a symbol of unity but at the same time it became one of the reasons for the conflicts that happened in the past economy and technological growth is not the only factor for the country. The diversity in India is greater than most of the European countries.

Let us celebrate the diversity and power of language we have in our country and at the same time we need to give importance to growth of small regions and communities to ensure equality of languages.

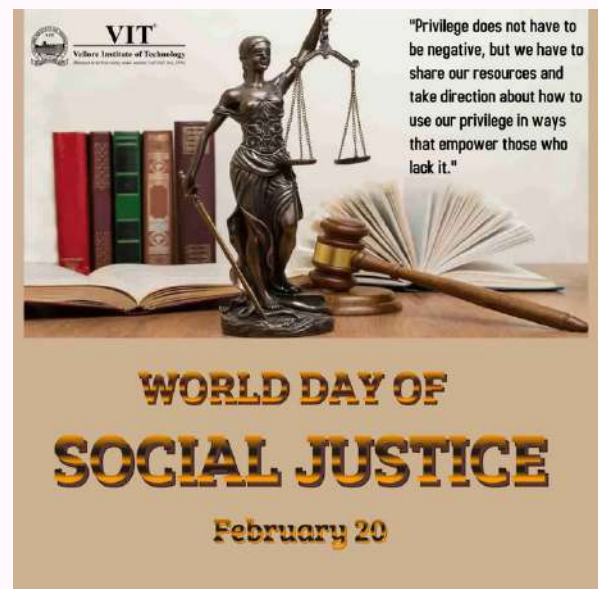
*Shashank Kota*  
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## Social Injustice



*Abhash Kumar Das*  
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## World Day of Social Justice



*Ayush Goswami*  
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# Talent Forage

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## The Treasure

Having kept my Coffee Mug aside,  
As I reached over to turn off the bedside light,  
A quirky object in my bookcase piqued my curiosity.  
With a smudged grubby ancient cover,  
That creaky book seemed to hold world's most  
precious treasures.  
'Twas a chronicle of a little girl who has diffused all  
her pain in the form of literature.

As I read, I could feel her bruises,  
I could imagine her teary eyes, pleading someone to  
listen to her broken pieces.

Her dreams and aspirations don't let her sleep,  
It kills her, when she realises no matter how hard  
she tries, she can't achieve.  
And it's not because she is inferior or incapable to  
compete,  
Its just the society which doesn't let her who she  
wants to be.

She is there ready to spread her wings,  
She is all ready to be set free,  
Little did she know in this male biased society no one  
would even let her breathe.

She is stuck in those four walls,  
When all she wanted was to see the world,

She wants to listen to the music of oceans and watch  
the birds going back to home.

She wants to feel the stars and soar new heights,  
She wants to embrace every adventure and dance in  
the moonlight.

She wants to flow like water and watch the sea tides,

She wants to live her life to the fullest and explore  
the theories of space and time.

Her heart wants to sing and feet wants to dance,  
But all she does is sit in a dark room to complete the  
household tasks.

She wants to be as free as the wind and fierce as the  
ocean,  
But ultimately finds herself trapped sitting silently with  
absolutely no motion,  
She wants to feel the rain and see the flowers bloom,  
She is the little girl who with every passing day sees  
her life being doomed,

She is smart, she is talented, but the world never let  
her explore,  
Everywhere to see is male dominance and society has  
become her foe.  
Her eyes had a vision, and soul sparky, All she is stuck  
in is patriarchy.

She screams too loud, yet no one hears,  
All she is left with at the end of day is her sweet tears,  
Her tears soft as ice fall like rain.  
There's nothing she can do nor even complain.

She doesn't understand why this happens, when she  
sees her brother achieving milestones,  
while all she is asked to do is cleaning clothes.  
She sees herself in the mirror, and finds everything  
completely fine,  
Her soul glimmers and face shines bright,  
Little did she know, its not about her but the world  
she lives in is not right.

Pleading the world to let her live,  
Its her life and she has complete right to do anything.

She still has hope that she will win,  
Don't make her regret, of the world she is in.  
She still has hope one day she will complete all her  
broken dreams,  
And show the world what girls like her have the  
potential to achieve.

And it's not about making girls strong... They already  
are...It's all about changing the way world perceives  
that strength.....

So to all the women out there,  
**History won't be written for you,  
Nobody's gonna give you Power,  
YOU have to make it,  
YOU, have to take it.**

Manya Garg  
(20BCE2654)

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# Talent Forage

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## The Right Hand of Justice

The right hand of justice  
As superficial its raised  
Power and just, order and fairness  
Smite the foe of the law  
Cases of abuses are taboos  
Infringement on the human rights  
Halt at the upliftment of a strong hand  
No more talks after the finale of wins and losses

The right hand of justice  
Sits on the throne of our conscience  
His work would be quite easy  
If all individuals who contradict the law  
Seeks for the suggestions of the moral fist  
Peace and love would still be washing our feet  
Joy and excitement tickling like honey on a tree  
The world would be free of incarnate thoughts

The right hand of justice  
Looks out for the hidden  
What men do without our intelligence  
It should be more firm

Evil is prevailing  
Enjoying their filthy handiworks  
While the righteous faces contempt of murder  
The innocent is imprisoned  
Thirsting for a drop of water

The right hand of justice  
Has been soiled with corruption  
Politicians buy their way out  
Drug lords have police officers under the influence  
It's been stained with dark blood  
People kill and others are blamed  
Meager offenses are published highly  
Rather than recalcitrant offenders  
They are bribing their way out  
Judges sit under air conditions  
With ropes fastened on their necks recurring the law  
To suit criminals and political interest

The right hand of justice  
Needs abrupt cleansing  
The fingers should be removed  
And be replaced with bright ones

The palms should be shed off  
It's stained with too much blood

We need patriotic flesh who'll defend the integrity of  
our nation  
Rising up to expectations  
To make our nation a sovereign one

*Pasumarthi Aashish Babu  
(18BME0756)*

## Late night conversation with moon

I was awake late night bygone  
Had a conversation with moon,  
She told me about her sun  
Whom she goggles morning to noon.

I too had a lot to say about you,  
But couldn't even utter a word  
Choices weren't there any with  
I was feeling absolutely absurd.

With so much of throb inside  
Tears in my eyes willing to flee,  
I divulged with weary smile  
Does she want someone like me ?

Sheds of cloud enfolded moon around  
As if she was frowned of my word.  
I gasped a bit and then realized  
Slowly the things were getting blurred.

*Siddharth Yadav  
(18BME0756)*

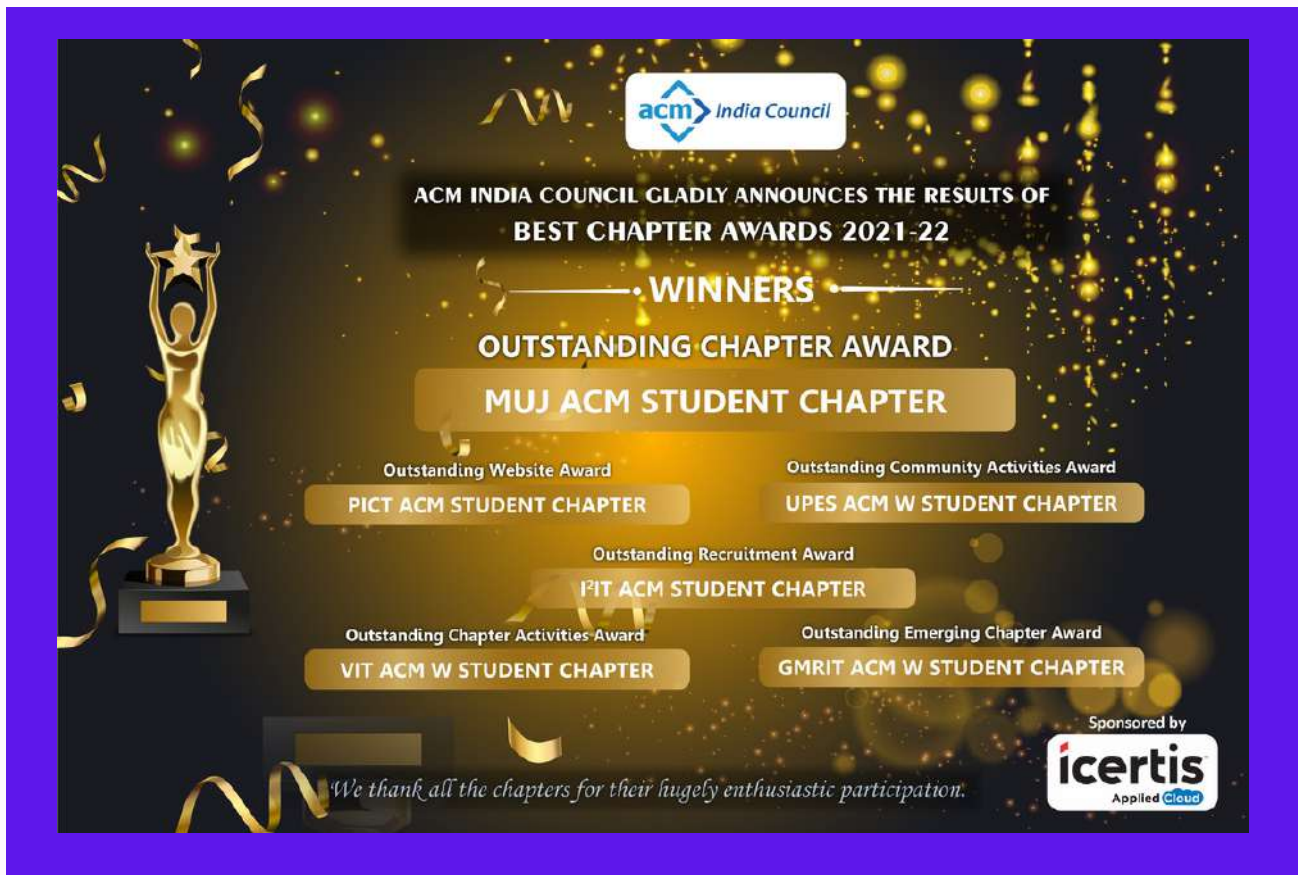
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***Thank You  
For Your  
Submissions!***

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# Student Achievements

## Congratulations!!



**A**ssociation of Computing Machinery (ACM), VIT Student Chapter under Office of Students' Welfare, has received the Outstanding Chapter activities award from ACM India for their Women in Computing (ACM-W) community. ACM W was one of the 6 chapters shortlisted for the student awards out of 195 ACM student chapters across India. Their monthly podcast Inspirer, with the motive to empower women in the tech space, was specifically appreciated by the jury for innovative ideas and consistency. The award also comes with a cash prize of Rs. 20,000/-.

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# *Entries Invited!!*



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

We invite all our students to showcase their masterpiece with talent and skills. Submit your entries by 31st March: designs /articles / photos/ artworks or poems- based on the themes :

**Happiness or Women's Attire**





Technology Tower, 2:00PM

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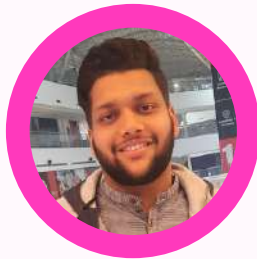


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