



# Office of Students' Welfare

Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore

## Newsletter July' 22



*"Don't see others doing better than you beat your own records everyday, because success is a fight between you and yourself"*

- Chandra Shekhar Azad

5:00PM, VIT Vellore, Main Gate

**I have come to the personal conclusion that while all artists are not chess players, all chess players are artists.**

- Marcel Duchamp



### Highlights

- **Kargil Diwas**
- **Saturday Stage**
- **Eminent Talks**
- **200+ Events**

# Kargil Vijay Diwas Talent Hunt !!



The Office of Students' Welfare conducted a Talent Hunt on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas (26th July) to pay tributes to the martyrs who lost their lives but emerged victoriously from the war.

The talent hunt showcased various dance and music performances by solo and band artists.

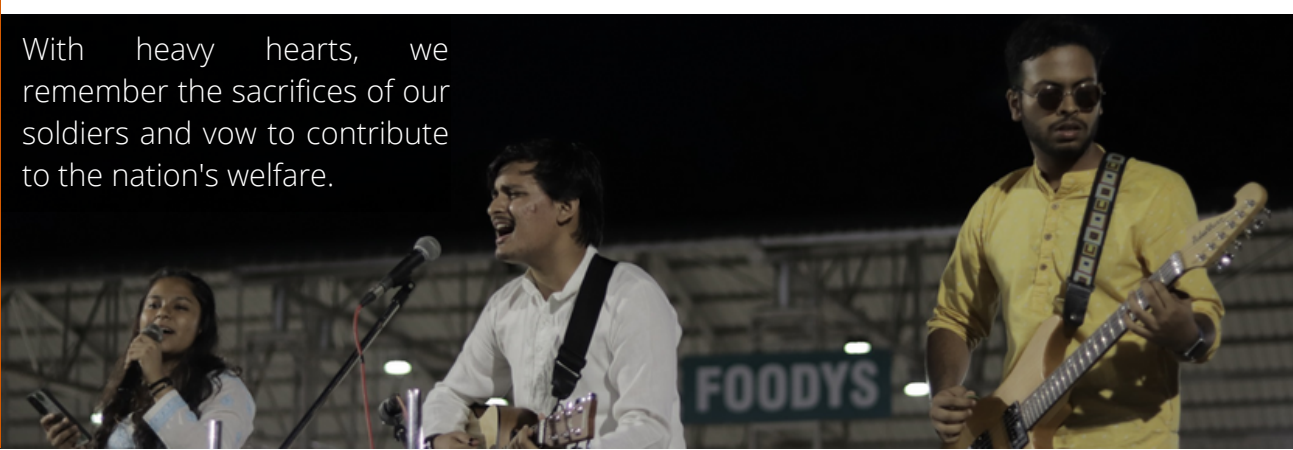


Talents like calisthenics truly stunned the audience.



The event successfully incited patriotic feelings among the audience through the heartfelt poetries of legendary poets and the inspiring stories of martyrs.

With heavy hearts, we remember the sacrifices of our soldiers and vow to contribute to the nation's welfare.







23 July



The Office of Students' Welfare conducted the Saturday Stage event on 23rd July to welcome back the students from vacations. While the literary clubs such as THEPC, ELA and HLA presented some invigorating poetries, Music club showcased solos, duets, raps as well as some electrifying band performances which charged up the audience. Teams like Maya, Mirage, Chargers and Unitrix presented a mix of mind blowing solo and group dances that left the audience spellbound. With such a graceful and youthful start, we look forward to this exciting new academic year.



# Saturday Stage



# VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION CAMP

29 July



The voluntary blood donation camp was organized by YRC VIT and the Office of Students' Welfare on 29th July, 2022 in commemoration of the 75th birth anniversary of Smt. Rajeswari Viswanathan. The main objective of the blood donation camp was to create awareness and motivate students for blood donation. A total of 578 units of blood was collected in the camp with 105 volunteers from YRC working on the back end. The event saw the participation of many enthusiastic students who dedicated their time to donate blood for a good cause that would help the needy.

The event was inaugurated by our honorable chancellor Dr. G. Viswanathan, along with Mr. Sankar Viswanathan, Vice President, Dr. Sekar Viswanathan, Vice President, Dr. S. Narayanan, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dr. CD Naiju, Director of Students' Welfare. The members of the Youth Red Cross Association, VIT along with faculty members, team of doctors and staff from CMC hospital, Masonic blood bank, Sri Narayani hospital and Government Vellore Medical College successfully organized a voluntary blood donation camp.



A total of 675 individuals registered as voluntary donors from VIT participated in the blood donation camp. 177 units of blood were donated to CMC hospital, 134 units to Sri Narayani hospital, 115 units to Masonic blood bank and 152 units to Government Vellore Medical College.







30 July



The Office of Students' Welfare conducted Saturday Stage in collaboration with the Music Club on Saturday, 30th July 2022 at Greenos. There were many performers who sang a plethora of songs in various languages. The energy in the crowd could be felt in the air as back-back ecstatic performances kept them entertained. The combination of incredible technique and astonishing stage presence by the music club members left the crowd wanting for more. The weekend was successfully celebrated, and the musicians took their bows.

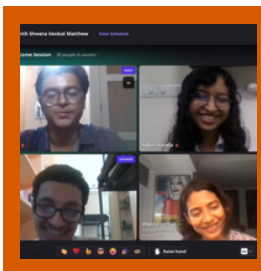


# Saturday Stage

# Eminent Talks



**Dr Abdur Rub** engaged in a QnA session with the Alpha Bio Cell as a prestigious organisation with his quick-witted and well-informed responses managed to keep the audience absorbed. He mentioned how most of his career decision were fuelled by a novelty-seeking mindset (to the point of gaining an aversion to crowd-choices) and the fundamental process of elimination.



**Shweta Venkat** **Matthew** is an acclaimed editor in the Indian Film Industry boasting films such as; Hasee toh Phasee, Newton, Bhosle, Gangs of Wasseypur, That Girl in

Yellow Boots and many more. As a part of VIT Film Society's popular event series, VFS Talks : Mega Weekend, She graced the event talking about her journey as an editor and as a woman in the film industry.

## **Ret. Col. Tushar Bhakay**

is one among the many brave soldiers of the Indian Army having retired after 33 years of dedicated service to the nation.



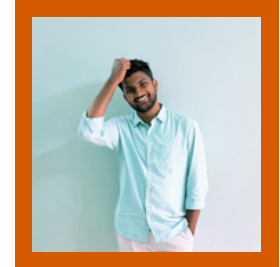
With the knowledge, skills, and leadership abilities gained from the Indian Army, he currently pursues security and supply chain management. On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, FEPSI engaged in a dialogue with the Ret. Colonel enlightening the participants with his wisdom and experience.



**Abhishek Saini** gave an inspiring talk in Collaboration with Leo Club of VIT sharing his experience. He has secured AIR 327 in the civil services

services examination 2020 and is currently IAS officer. He watched several videos and consulted academicians from AIIMS having cleared the exam.

**Riyaz Rafi Ahmed** was invited by Soft Computing Research Society for TechHunt: CyberBuzz. He is a Cybersecurity professional & public speaker with 4 years of



experience in Architecting defensive solutions, DevSecOps, and Managing Information Security with a wide skill base include working in, but not limited to, AWS – Security, Architecture, DevOps, DevSecOps, Ruby on Rails - Programming etc. He also possesses experience in handling security for start-ups.



**nuradha Sawhney**, had an inspiring talk with Leo Club in their event “Leo-Talks”. Being the ex- Chief Functionary and head of Indian operations of People for the Ethical

Treatment of Animals (PETA), Anuradha is an animal rights activist and was the Editor of the Indian edition of the animal rights magazine Animal Times. She is also the author of one of the first vegan cookbooks out of India called The Vegan Kitchen: Bollywood Style!

**Dr. Monalisa** leading the biodiversity team at ICLEI South Asia had an inspiring talk with the Leo Club. She has over 20 years of experience working with the



development sector on issues related to biodiversity conservation, mainstreaming biodiversity, climate change adaptation etc. She has also been instrumental in developing the state strategy for conservation and sustainable utilization of medicinal plants in a state in India.



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# Events Of The Month

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## 1 July National Doctor's Day

### **Dermatoid**

**IICHE-VIT**

An exciting quiz on various types of Skin Surgeries and chemicals used in the surgeries.

## 6 July World Zoonoses Day

### **The Zoonoses Quiz**

**Youth Red Cross Association**

A quiz to highlight the various aspects of zoonotic diseases.

### **Anti-Zoonoses**

**IICHE-VIT**

An interactive series of riddles to test one's knowledge about the control and prevention of Zoonoses. The questions were single-scenario based and continued in a storyline as participants submitted accurate one-word answers.

## 7 July Forest Festival

### **Adavi Thalli**

**Sahiti Telugu Literary Association**

An event where participants were given time and they had to come up with a presentation, case study or stories regarding child abuse, its effects and what we can do to stop it.

## 12 July International Malala Day

### **Edubuzz**

**Ayuda**

A quiz to understand more on women's education in various aspects.

## **Together we will be heard**

**FEPSI**

2-day submission-based events, where entries were invited to showcase creativity with poster designing or writing to show the overview of Malala's Life from a suppressed victim of terrorism to fighting for girls' education.

## 17 July World Day for International Justice

### **The Justice Quest**

**Ayuda**

A quiz to test knowledge of participant's on the importance of fighting against impunity and bringing justice to the victims of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

## 26 July Kargil Vijay Diwas

### **Safed Sagar: Parakramo Vijayate**

**FEPSI**

Capt. Shashank Shandilya, a veteran of the Indian Army, who enlightened us with his presence on the special occasion.

## 28 July World Nature Conservation Day

### **World Nature conservation day quiz competition**

**HEARTS-UHET**

A quiz competition to make the world about nature and its preservation methods.

## 28 July World Hepatitis Day

### **Hepatitis can't wait**

**FEPSI**

Online event on Instagram stories to spread awareness about viral Hepatitis, the causes, consequences, and preventions of Hepatitis.

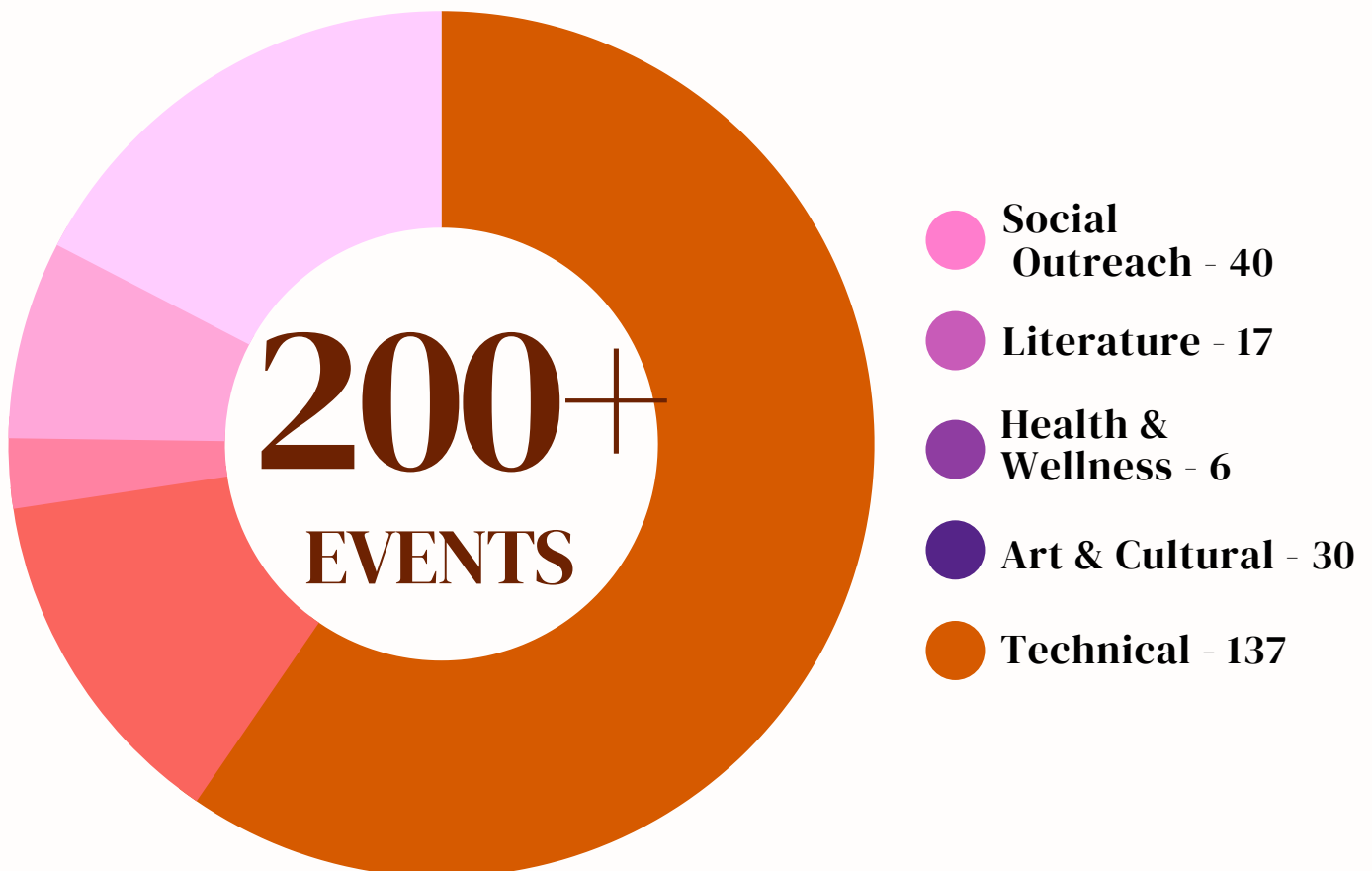
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# July Events

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 230 events, that were conducted by Clubs & Chapters in the month of July, 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.





# Talent Forage

## A Poem On Chess

Being with you  
was like a game of chess  
one wrong move  
and the game was lost

I planned my movements  
Structured my defence  
castled my king  
behind a line of pawns

The thrill was exhilarating and  
Taking a piece  
Getting closer  
And closer  
To your heart

Sometimes, a piece would get in the way  
Like your horses  
or the castles  
They were able wipe out  
So many of my pieces  
In such little time

I thought I would got a checkmate  
When my bishop  
Left you no room to escape  
but i'd missed  
The most important attacker  
Your queen

She wiped the chessboard  
clean of my pieces  
Except my king and  
a lonely pawn

Surely the battle was lost  
though you emerged

And sacrificed the wall  
of defence you'd built  
In favour for standing  
Next to my king  
Regardless what the queen thought

The game was never truly finished  
Neither wanted to lose  
So the kings stood in solitude  
Amongst a bloodbath  
Of scattered defenders  
desperate to protect our hearts

- **Aashish**

## Chess Day: LIFE Lessons form the characters in Chess Board



**Fact:** The Pawn when it makes it all the way to the opposite side of the chess board, it may be promoted into any other piece, except the king.

**Life Lesson:** You may be a pawn so small you may feel in your life today but remember that you are promoted higher even as a king when you cross the challenges in the chess board of life.



**Fact:** The Knight is the only piece that can skip over other pieces as part of its normal move.

**Life Lesson:** You may be a knight today but remember that you are the person that can skip the negatives in your chess board of life.

# Talent Forage



**Fact:** The Bishop may move any number of spaces diagonally in any direction.

**Life Lesson:** You may be a

Bishop today but remember that you are the person that can move diagonally in any direction, but choose to move diagonally in the positive direction in your chess board of life.



**Fact:** The Rook like other non-knight pieces, the rook moves through unoccupied spaces and captures an opposing piece by occupying its space.

**Life Lesson:** You may be a Rook today but remember that you move into unoccupied spaces out of your comfort zone to beat the negative spaces in your chess board of life.



**Fact:** The Queen is the most valuable piece in the game of chess, and a key component that may move through an unlimited of

unoccupied squares in any direction—horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

**Life Lesson:** You may be a Queen today but remember to share the power in life you have got, be it money, be it love, be it power, now when you are a queen impact the lives of people and protect those who depend on you in your chess board of life.



**Fact:** Technically, the King is the only piece that is never captured in a game of chess, as the game ends the moment checkmate is declared.

**Life Lesson:** You may be a King today, but remember to be humble always in the chess board of life and thankful for the life you live today.

**- Jetson Satya GOSPEL**

## International Chess day

A game which has journeyed its way past the ancient times and continues to be one of the most glorified and elite board games in the world with approximately 605 million regular players around the globe.

We celebrate the International Chess Day on 20th of July every year, the day International Chess Federation (FIDE) was founded. A game which strides across barriers of language, age, gender, physical ability, or social status and imbibes sheer genius, strategy and mutual respect has emerged as an engaging alternative in the time of the COVID pandemic.

Now more than ever, people have started engaging in online competitions reaching far and wide, gathering enthusiasts across the world of all ages. Never it was anticipated that chess would find a spot among teenagers. With the rise of Online Streaming Community, there is an ever-increasing attraction and interest towards the game with students competing in tournaments and championships. Invented in India in the fifth century, this board game was originally named "Chaturanga". Chess is likely one of the oldest games of this era. After the development of the game in India, it eventually spread to Persia. Even then, our representation at the global level doesn't match our heritage.

Not many have reached the epitome and we still have a long way to go.

We need to ensure that enough attention is paid on empowering this sport and people come out actively and pursue it as their career. We encourage everyone to start today with a little game of chess, sit with passion and enjoy every moment of it.

**- Raghavesh Mishra  
(21BC10094)**



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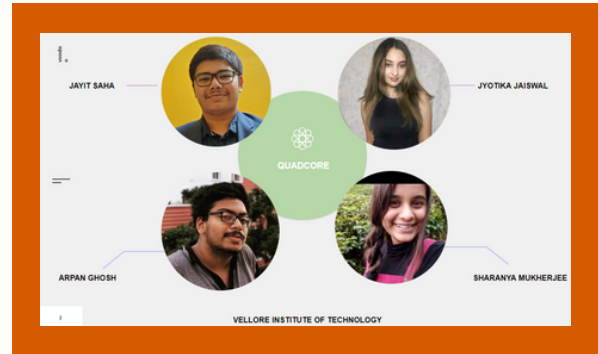
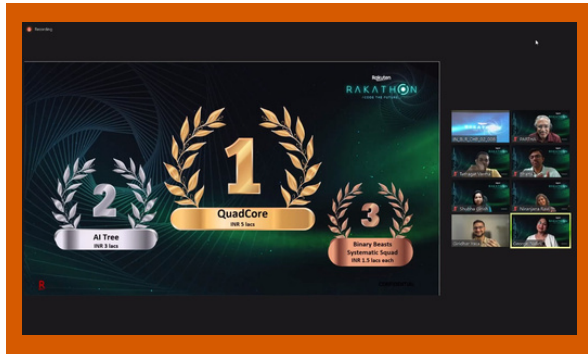
# Student Achievements

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## *Congratulations!!*

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### TEAM QUADCORE



After grueling rounds of competing with over 15,000+ participants **at Rakathon 2022 Global Hackathon**, the Top 100 finalist teams were shortlisted from the Ideation Phase. The Grand Finale saw two rounds, first was presenting to the National jury from where the Top 10 teams were selected, followed by a presentation to the Global Jury composed of Leaders, **CEO's and Vice Presidents of eminent MNCs** post which they were announced as the **Global Winners**.

Team Members:

**Jayit Saha - 18BCE1071,**

**Jyotika Jaiswal - 19BPS1034,**

**Arpan Ghosh - 19BCE1009,**

**Sharanya Mukherjee - 19BCE2676**

## 2022 AEE Student Chapter Recognition Award Winners

VIT Student Chapter of the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), under the Office of Students' Welfare has won the **International Division: Best Chapter Newsletter**, extending its winning run by being one of the renowned AEE Student Chapters worldwide.

The Chapter Recognition Awards will be presented in-person at the **AEE Chapter Leadership Meeting on Tuesday, September 20th**, in conjunction with AEE World, all being held at the **Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA**.

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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 30th August: designs/articles  
/artworks or poems- based on the themes :  
**Friendship, Renewable Energy, Women Equality,**



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







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