



# Office of Students' Welfare

Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore

## Newsletter Sept' 22



"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

8:00AM, view from mens' hostel, L-Block

**Educating the  
mind without  
educating the  
heart is no  
education at  
all.**

*Aristotle*



### Highlights

- **Freshers Induction Programme'22**
- **Thanima**
- **graVITas'22**

# Freshers Induction Programme'22

September 7 to 18

VIT welcomed more than 9000 freshers from 35+ countries and 34 states & UT's of India to VIT at the induction ceremony of graduate students. As our Chancellor pointed out the freshmen are now entering from a small family to a bigger family. No matter where they come from, they all come for academic pursuits & scientific breakthroughs. The event was attended by numerous dignitaries including our Chancellor, Dr. G. Viswanathan, Vice-Presidents, Mr. Sankar Viswanathan, Dr. Sekar Viswanathan, Mr. G.V. Selvam, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Rambabu Kodali, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. S. Narayanan, Registrar, Dr. T. Jayabarathi, Heads of academic and administrative wings & faculty members.

Each student first day started with inauguration followed by the school and student's welfare induction programme.

After the inaugural session, various Deans and Directors gave presentation on different academic and non-academic aspects as follows:

- Dean - About School
- Dean Academics - Academics at VIT
- Controller of Examination - Examination System at VIT
- Asst. Director-Software Development Center - VTOP - An Introduction
- Director - Career Development Center - Placements at VIT
- Director- Hostels (MH & LH) - Hostel life
- Director PE & Sports at VIT
- Students' Welfare Team - Campus life, SW activities, proctoring and counselling.

In Students' Welfare Induction, the session began with a video presentation on the activities of the Office of Students' Welfare, various Clubs & Chapters activities and details about "Event Registration and Achievements through VTOP Portal". Fun activities like cutting cake for freshers celebrating their birthday on that day, impromptu dance performance by the freshers, passing the message game etc. were conducted after that Director Library briefs about library and usage of library procedures. Student Counsellor narrated an incident from his personal life emphasizing the need to overcome procrastinating in life. This was followed by a short video presentation on delaying the gratification. In the end, a pledge on Suicide Prevention and Awareness was taken by the freshers along with the Students' Welfare Team and the Counselling Division.

The entire events were hosted by the office of students' welfare. All the sessions were conducted smoothly with the support of event management team, center for technical support team, estate team and security team.

SCHOOL	DATE
<i>SENSE &amp; SELECT</i>	07.09.2022
<i>SCOPE</i>	09.09.2022
<i>SCOPE SPECIALIZATION , SCE</i>	12.09.2022
<i>SMEC, SBST, SITE, SCHEME, VSIGN</i>	14.09.2022
<i>All 3 Years UG Programmes</i>	16.09.2022
<i>All 2 Years PG Programmes</i>	17.09.2022
<i>STARS Induction</i>	18.09.2022



# Inspirational Words for Freshers



Our ever energetic Vice President Mr. Sankar Viswanathan gave lot of tips to the students in attaining success.

He asked every student to attend the classes regularly, know each others as well as their teachers well, use a daily planner to manage time, use all campus resources to the full extent and also to take care of your health and keep learning a new skill everyday.

He unveiled 3T's that every student should religiously follow. 3T's are Try-True-Trust; Try for better future, true with your work & trust in GOD. If you follow this, success will be in your feet.

"He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; He who does not ask a question remains a fool forever," quoted our Vice



President Dr. Sekar Viswanathan during his welcome address as a part of the induction for the class of 2026. He encouraged the students to ask more questions to learn more. Dr. Sekar Viswanathan who is a proud alumni from VIT & Rochester Institute of Technology, USA gave a heads-up to the students on the paradigm shift from school to a

college education & urged the students to make use of the facilities and not only learn inside classrooms but also extend the learning and explore out of the classrooms. He also outlined briefly on goal setting that should be followed by every student in atleast one of the 3 arenas - Working for Top Companies or doing masters in a great institution or entrepreneurship.



Our beloved Vice President, Mr. G.V. Selvam delivered a galvanizing speech and started with a quote by Swami Vivekananda,

"The more we come out and do good to others, the more our hearts will be purified, and God will be in them." He addressed the freshers as the 'Future Leaders of India' and welcomed them to the big family of VIT. He steered the gathering to be adept in professional and communication skills. The importance of being safe, especially while driving and being healthy was reiterated. The speech included the history of introducing the STARS Scheme at VIT. He motivated the students to be confident and overcome any complexity that they have and encouraged them to learn new skills and languages. He appealed to the gathering to build the youth for the future and also keep the future ready for the youth by planting more trees. He ended his influential talk with his trademark H-H (Hardwork & Honesty)





# Stars Induction 2022

*STARS INDUCTION 2022 was scheduled on 18.09.22 (Sunday) between 4.00 P.M & 5.30 P.M at Dr. M. Channa Reddy Auditorium. The event was graced by cheif guest, Mr. C. Rajendran IAS (Retd) and Mr. Venkateswaran Ramaseshan - Global Head of Talent Acquisition as the Guest of Honour.*



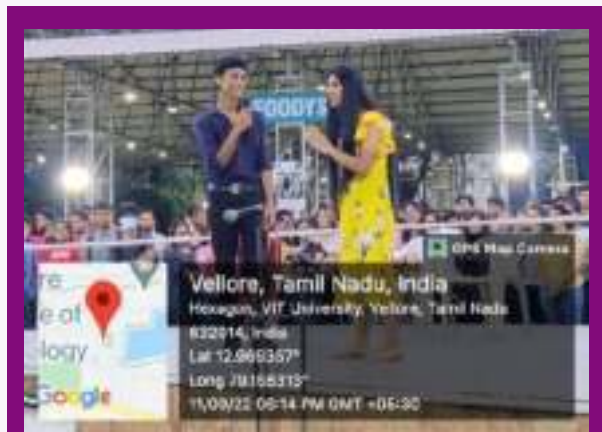
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**EXCLUSIVELY FOR FRESHERS 2022**





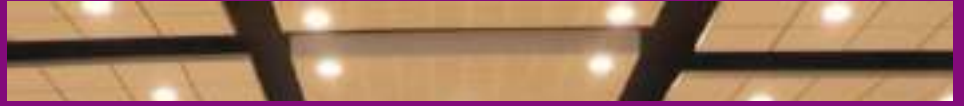
# Stage-it-up Sunday

On 11th of September, the Office of Students Welfare organized an event named as 'Stage-it-up Sunday' celebrating World Actors Day in collaboration with VIT Dramatics Club, showcasing wide varieties of plays including a stage play, a hybrid street play, a monologue and a duologue.



As Shakespeare has said that, "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players", the players of VIT Dramatics made it possible after a week of rehearsals. 5 mind boggling performances including stage plays, street plays and monologues were put up telling different stories and portraying different emotions. Greenos was filled with laughs, cheers and applause as the energetic audience were entertained by the high energy and enthusiasm of the performers. There was a rollercoaster of emotions and drama as the actors dived into their characters. As always, it was an evening full of entertainment that left the audience wanting more drama from the VIT Dramatics Club.





# Thanima



September 25



Thanima 2022 was conducted on September 25th, 2022 in Anna Auditorium. Thanima:the Onam celebration of VIT by all the faculties and students of VIT Vellore from Kerala in order to give them a feeling of Onam celebration away from home. This year marked the 21st edition of the grand event, which was special that the event switched to the usual offline mode after two unforgettable years due to the pandemic. The extravagant festive event had various cultural events which was preceded by Pre Thanima events comprising of various arts and sports competitions such as vadamvali, lemon spoon, musical chair, pookalam competition, football, throwball and volleyball.

Thanima 22 was inaugurated by our respected Registrar Dr. Jayabarathi T in the presence of chief guest Mr. James Thakara, lead singer of Thakara Band. The inaugural ceremony started at 10 AM with addition to faculty coordinator Prof. Jagadeesh Kumar M.S., faculty advisor and Director of Students' Welfare Prof. C.D. Naiju. In the absence of our honourable chancellor Dr. G Viswanathan we shared a memorable video. The ceremony was followed by a Welcome performance by the students which portray the cultural diversity and harmony of Kerala and highlighting the harvest festival Onam. Later, the chief guest Mr. James Thakara performed his famous and exhilarating musical albums which made the audience of more than 1500 go lively and energized.

The famous and delicious feast 'Onasadhya' was served in the afternoon in the CS hall and canteen to all the attendees and guests, followed by various cultural events of students from all years (both UG and PG), PhD scholars and faculties. The event concluded at 7PM.



# NCC DDG Report



On 14th September 2022, Cadets of 1B Coy VIT NCC, VIT Vellore were invited to meet with the Deputy Director General of NCC Directorate of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Andaman Nicobar, Commodore Atul Kumar Rastogi. VIT NCC, along with the other NCC Companies under the 10 TN Battalion were present at Voorhies College, Vellore where the interaction programme ensued. The interaction programme kicked off at 1000 Hours, following an introduction programme, a quick word from the headmaster of Voorhies college, the DDG's speech and a Q&A session, an award

ceremony and a photo op. During the speech, the DDG talked about his time in the forces, the selection procedures, his SSB attempts, and how the Naval SSB or NSB works. He also told us about his life in Sainik School Tiliya and the National Defence Academy, his commissioning into the Indian Navy, and the variety of ships he had served aboard. It was an useful interaction where the students were motivated on concentration on their goals and their contribution for the country.

## Street Play: Masaan



A story addressing social issues like drug abuse, acid-attack, mental health, and suicide prevention.



The 13th edition of graVITas powered by our title sponsor 'Autodesk' and Co-Sponsored by 'Schneider Electric' was conducted. We conducted a wide variety of innovative and enlightening events in every avenue of Engineering. Events like Megathons involving prototyping, coding, idea making competitions, insightful workshops, informative seminars, Hackathons, gaming, health care were all a part of the tech festival. The graVITas kicked off with the Pre-graVITas events conducted from 23rd to 25th of September. The footfall of graVITas was 9000+ with the overall footfall being over 15000. graVITas also hosted a Startup Fair on 24th September, a leading accelerator for technical startups that took place with great enthusiasm. Our Chief Guest Dr. Satheesh Reddy, Scientific advisor to Raksha Mantri and Guest of honor Mr. Deepankar Bhattacharya Head - India Education Experiences, Autodesk India and Ms. Chitra Sukumar, Vice President R&D, Schneider India came together and inspired the crowd with their insightful speeches during the inauguration ceremony. graVITas'22 witnessed participants from all over the country as we had participants from almost every state. Our fest even garnered international participants who came all the way from Singapore and Canada to attend the events. There were over 9500 male participants and 3300 female participants. This year events focussing on various genres as Astronomy, Management were also included in the graVITas. We conducted several flagship events like **SAEVIT GO-KARTING, Indian Drone Racing League, Aerodominator** which had a plethora of creativity coupled with a mind-boggling technical outlook. Other smaller events such as Robowars, Star Party, Laser Tag etc.. were also conducted.



# graVITas'22

30th Sept - 2nd Oct





# Events Of The Month

## 15 September Engineer's Day

### Engineer's Day

**FEPSI**

Exciting Instagram Quiz on the greatest engineers of all time and the discoveries and inventions made by them

## 15-16 September International Day of Democracy

### The Loktantra Quiz

**UDDESHYA VIT**

A questionnaire on democracy and national politics

## 16 September International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

### The Invisible Shield

**FEPSI**

A Instagram quiz to spread awareness about how ozone layer depletion can be prevented

### World Ozone Layer Day

**ASHRAE - VIT**

Instagram story quiz to share awareness about usage of ozone-damaging substances

## 22 September World Rose Day

### "The Hope Brigade

**FEPSI**

An event on awareness about early identification and treatment of cancer.

## 27 September World Tourism Day

### Wanderlust

**FEPSI**

Instagram quiz based on various tourist places, traveling benefits, history, and the future of travel

## September Events



- Social Outreach-21**
- Literature-12**
- Health & Wellness-15**
- Art & Cultural-23**
- Technical-36**

# Eminent Talks



**Mr. Abhishk Choudhary,**

Conceptualized and built internationally recognised / awarded telemedicine devices, blended reality autonomous vehicles

and cognitive robots. Accomplished innovator with multiple patent filings and publications. Multidisciplinary trained in Pre-clinical Medicine, Neural Engineering, Medical Devices Technology, Telemedicine, Remote Diagnostics, Augmented Reality, Robotics & AI.

**Mr. Abhinav Awasthi** is

a DSA Instructor at GeeksforGeeks and Coding Spoon. He is also working as Software Development Engineer



Intern at Zionn. He is also a 5 star coder on Codechef. He is a ICPC regionalist. He also has a YouTube channel named " CP with Abhinav " with 5k+ subscribers.



**Mr. Om Jee Pandey**

(Senior Member, IEEE) received the B.Tech. degree in electronics and communication engineering from Uttar Pradesh Technical

University, Lucknow, India, in 2008, the M.Tech. degree in digital communications from the ABV-Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior, India, in 2013, and the Ph.D. degree from the Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Kanpur, India, in 2019. He worked as a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Communications Theories Research Group, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Saskatchewan, Canada. Currently, he is working as an Assistant Professor with the Department of Electronics Engineering IIT BHU Varanasi.

**Dr. Ajay Varun Reddy**

T, Consultant Surgical Oncologist, Laparoscopic & Robotic Cancer Surgeon, has over 10 years of experience in surgical departments at



leading hospitals in India. Having completed his initial general surgical training, he pursued super specialization in advanced surgical oncology at Tata Memorial Hospital. Following that, he pursued his interest in Advanced Laparoscopy and Robotics through an RGUHS university sponsored one year fellowship in Minimal Access & Robotic Surgical Oncology (FMASO).



**Ms. Kasturi**

**Bhattacharya** is a proud alumni of VIT. She graduated in 2022. She pursued B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering with specialization in

Energy Engineering from VIT. She is currently working as a Graduate Trainee in the Products and Strategy Department of Vastu Housing Finance Corporations, Mumbai. She also has a blogging page on Wordpress named "Scarlet Stone" where she frequently post about books and different genres of blogs.

**Dr. Jan Storgårds** is

Course Leader, entrepreneur, Director of CADGI (Cambridge Academy of Games and Innovation), CEO of Cambridge



Gamechanger Ltd, and Expert Evaluator for technology funding proposals for European Commission. He has over 25 years of experience working in the industry and academia with high technology companies and technology cluster development, including video games and gamification.



# Student Achievements

## Congratulations!!



M. ARAVINDAN, set a **new World Record** on August 9, 2022 by **walking over 35 kilometers per day covering a total of 1200 kilometers in a month within the VIT campus**. The aim was to create awareness on Blood Donation. He was honored with a Kalam's World Record Medal and Certificate.



We are extremely happy to announce that the members of the **VIT MUN Society** who represented VIT, Vellore at the **SRMVMUN 2022, Vadapalani, Chennai**, have had the immense pleasure of sweeping the conference and **winning the Best Delegation Trophy**.

### **DISEC:**

**Raunak Chaudhuri** - Best Delegate

**Kirupakaran Arul** - High Commendation

**Aaron Mano Cherian** - Honourable Mention

**Ayush** - Honourable Mention

**Rajdeep Haldar** - Verbal Mention

### **UNSC:**

**Swastik Shukla** - Best Delegate

**Shubham Rathore** - High Commendation

**Avyukt Harsh Agrawal** - Special Mention

**Raghav Mittal** - Verbal Mention

### **UNHRC:**

**Arushi Tewari** - Special Mention

**Abhay Varma** - Honourable Mention

**Aayush Chaurasia** - Verbal Mention

**Manvi Aggarwal** - Verbal Mention

### **ECOSOC:**

**Shreyoshi Kamboj** - Special Mention 1

**Divyesh Sivakumar** - Honourable Mention

**Risa** - Verbal Mention

**Nidhi Bhat** - Verbal Mention

### **AIPPM:**

**Sagar Munshi** - Deputy Moderator

**Seralathan S** - High Commendation

**Tarun Malik** - High Commendation

**Akshat Singh** - Special Mention

**Aniket Periyar** - Special Mention

**Siddhant Chamoli** - Special Mention

**Rudrajyoti Dasgupta** - Verbal Mention

**Vishal Agarwal** - Verbal Mention

### **International Press:**

**Siddharth Srikanth** - Special Mention



Kavi Keerthana. G, VIT secured **THIRD PLACE** in the **NATIONAL LEVEL INTERCOLLEGIATE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION** ON 22nd September 2022 conducted by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Auxilium Students Quality Cell (ASQC), Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore.



We are extremely happy to announce that the following **VIT Student's teams** have brought laurels to VIT by **winning various medals in the PEGASUS 2022** a **National level tournament** organized by **Christian Medical College & Hospital, Vellore** from **19.09.2022 to 24.09.2022**.

## Sports

### **800 Mts Gold (Women):**

**MADHURA V SHETTY** 20BME0358

### **400 Mts Silver (Women):**

**MADHURA V SHETTY** 20BME0358

### **Javelin Throw Gold (Women):**

**S REEMA** 20BCC0104

### **Basketball(3\*3) Winners (Women):**

**PRANAVASRI R. MATAM** 21BCB0037

**SYEDA NABEEHA HAQUE** 20BCT0275

**ANANYA GUPTA** 21BCE3537

**DISHA JAIN** 22BCT0090

### **Futsal Winners (Women):**

**MALIKA CHIKARA** 19BCE2257

**DEDEEPIYA KOTHA** 19MIS0351

**FIONA THOMAS** 20BBA0125

**ANANYA U** 21BCE0164

**SUPREET KAUR THIND** 20BME0609

**JANE ANTO SIMPLICA** 21MSH0099

**STUTI HEDGE** 20BIT0433

**FEBA M. ABRAHAM** 20MID0098

### **Hockey Winners (Men):**

**KRISHNARAJ** 19BME0912

**NITHIN SAI** 20BME0293

**ABIN PHILIP** 20PHD0062

**NAVULURI SAI PRANAV** 20BEC0143

### **Basketball Runners-Up (Women):**

**SIMRAN GOEL** 20BEE0359

**KAVYA. S** 21MBE0017

**LOUKYA D G** 20BEC0366

**KHUSHI MITTAL** 21BKT0060

### **Throwball Runners-Up (Women):**

**KEERTHANA** 18MSI0047

**T.N.CHARISHMA** 21BBA0019

**V.B.MAITHRAYEE** 21BCC0063

**K.VINOTHINI** 21BCC0025

**HARIKA PITTAM** 21BCE3070

**S.SANJANA** 21BCE2700

**R.RAMILA** 21BCS0014

**ALEESHA T SAJU** 21BML0069

**K.GOKILAVANI** 21MIS0012

**A.SHREYA** 21BCE0584

**LAKSHMI** 20MIS0346

**G.VENNELA** 20BDS0146

## Dance

## Music & Others

### **Western Acoustics: First Place**

**SAHIL TANEJA** 20BME0427

**GAURI GIRISH NAIR** 20BML0012

**THARUN JAJI** 20BME0525

**ATHUL SALIL** 20BCE0065

**AMOG SURESH** 20BME0252

### **Eastern Music Competition**

**AMOG SURESH** 20BME0252

**MEDHA RAMASWAMY** 20BBT0250

**VARUN N.** 20BME0552

**PRANAV R** 20BCE2430

**KRISH CHATTERJEE** 20BCE0516

**MAYUR SETHIA** 20BCI0110

**THARUN JAJI** 20BME0525

### **Other Events:**

#### **90 Seconds**

3rd Place: Aaditya Natarajan & Tejasvni Dhir

#### **Shipwreck**

2nd Place: Nandhini Balamurugan

#### **JAM**

1st Place: Aaditya Natarajan

#### **Spin A Yarn**

3rd Place: Arkapriya Chakraborty

#### **Pictionary**

1st Place: Bhavya Sarna and Tanish Mukherji

#### **Turncoat**

1st Place: Mehul Parashar

2nd Place: Aadit Shah

3rd Place: Arkapriya Chakraborty

#### **Dumb-Charades**

1st Place: Abinaya Athmaraman, Arkapriya Chakraborty, and Shreya Senthilnathan

3rd Place: Ankush Mehta, Dheeraj Aripirala, and Mehul Parashar



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# *Entries Invited!!*



Scan the QR given  
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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 October: designs/articles /artworks or poems- based on the themes :

**Unity or Poverty**



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





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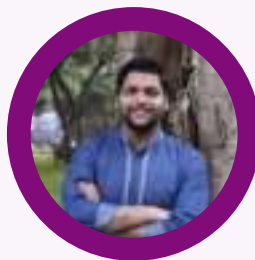


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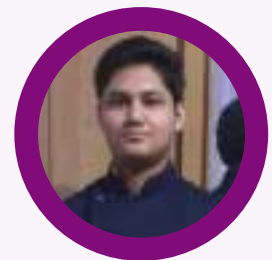
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