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"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day"



Monthly Highlights



01. Pongal

Dr. G. Vishwanathan inaugurated the Pongal celebrations at the VIT, Vellore on 11th Jan 2023.



03. Republic Day We celebrated the 74th republic day of India with hearts full of joy and patriotism.





02. SPIC MACAY

VIT hosted Dr. Kiran Seth, Padma Shri awardee (fdr. SPIC-MACAY) from the 14th-18th Jan.

04. Riviera is here!!

Rivera is back and is better than ever with a total event count of 153 events.



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The Founder and Chancellor Dr. G. Vishwanathan formally kicked off the Pongal celebrations at the Vellore Institute of Technology in Vellore on Wednesday, Jan 11, 2023. The Paavendhar Bharathidaasan Tamil Literary Association, VIT School of Agricultural Innovations and Advanced Learning, Office of Student Welfare, and the Department of Physical Education organized a number of Pongal-related events.



Pongal Celebration

Students, faculties, management, and nonteaching staff all take part in the celebration at VIT each year. Wearing the traditional attire of Tamil Nadu (saree and veshti), students from various countries participated in the celebration.

Pongal was prepared in a traditional clay pot with navadhanya, jaggery, pulses, cardamom, and cashew nuts that symbolize the festival. Traditional art forms of Nayaandi melam, Karagattam, Poikkaal kuthiraiyaattam, Thappaatam, Devaraattam, and Periya melam, performed by troupes brought in from Thanjavur, Madurai, vilathikulam, Thiruvannamalai, stole the hearts of participating students and guests.

Addressing the gathering, our esteemed chancellor Dr. G. Vishwanathan remarked that among the seven ancient languages, including Hebrew, Sanskrit, Persian, and Mandarin, Tamil is the most beloved by people all over the world. The core of the Tamil language has remained mostly unchanged. We must come together and work for the growth of Tamil our language. Further, he claimed that he had a key role in launching Tamiliyakkam, an initiative that aims to advance Tamil and raise awareness of the language among people worldwide, in October 2018. The VIT and Tamiliyakam have also taken action to promote and preserve Tamil in a number of countries.

In the presence of vice presidents Mr. Sankar Vishwanathan and Mr. G.V. Selvam, our honorable chancellor Dr. G. Vishwanathan launched books on water management and agriculture at the occasion.









On January 8, 2023, Sadugudu Sanchaaram (kabaddi) was held. A total of 16 teams competed, and students, faculty, and staff cheered them on. On January 9, 2023, a slow cycle race and sack race were held, each with 100 participants. The event was successful with more than 500 audiences and winners. The kolazhagam or kolam contest was held on January 10th, 2023. 52 teams, each with three members, participated in the event. On January 11, 2023, organized the Karumbu udaithal event.













Pongal Games' Winners

Karumbu Udaithal

1st – Kaushik Sanjay (21MPl0014) 2nd – Kaarthik (21BEC2006) 3rd – Naveen (22MBA0014)

Sack Race (Girls)

- 1st Stuti (21BBT0345)
- 2nd Eyazhini KS (22BAG0121)
- 3rd Kashish Singh Gaharwar (21BEC0901)

Sack Race (Boys)

- 1st Jaya Rakesh (22BCS0072)
- 2nd Vishal Pokuri (22BKT0102)
- 3rd Prithak Gajurel (20BCE2921)

Slow Cycle Race

- 1st Addanki Dinesh (20BCl0211) 2nd – N.B.Mahil (21BAG0056)
- 3rd Richard L (21 MID0016)

Kabaddi

- 1st 7 STAR'S VIT
 - Kishore.S (20BCA0042), Sanjay Kumar (20BCA0021), Kishore. P (20BBA0204), Prasanna. B (20BEC0587), Sakthivel (20BCA0230), Arun Kumar . P (20BAM0031), Suriya. M (20BBA0208), Neeraj. S (20BCA0117), Praveen kumar (20BCA0219), Govindharaj (19MIS0215)

2nd - 7 STAR Team

Harish K (22BME0763), Kavin P (22BEE0361), Sarathkumar S (22BME0762), Kabilan K (22BCB0237), Suthakar B (22BEC0968), Puglarasu M (22BEC0962), Poothathan S (22BEC0963), Arumai S Milton (22BIT0677), Mathan G (22BEC0961), Karthik (22BEE0408)

3rd - Vaial Team 1

Azghar Basha, F. (20BAG0082), Mohanasundaram S C (20BAG0110), Ragul Ragavendar D (20BAG0118), Mugilan T (20BAG0119), Nishanth C (20BAG0120), Lokesh V (20BAG0124), Ezhil Vendhan S (20BAG0131), Ajeeth K (21BAG0009), Vamesh S (21BAG0057), Dhananchezhiyan (21BAG0074)

Kolam Making (Faculty)

- **1st** Swetha.R (18369), Jasmine Shirley . J (18369), Samatha G (18280)
- 2nd Nanthini Rajendran (16464), Priyanka V (18493), Swaathy.R (20PHD0192)

Kolam Making (Students)

- **1st** A SUGANYA (20PHD0938), B NIVETHA (20PHD0938), DIVYA SHREE M (18PHD0044)
- 2nd Vanaja S (19BCB0136), Gowthami (19BCl0250), Keerthika R (19BEE0413)
- 3rd Harshitha.G (20BCC0029), Ponni .V (20BCC0188) Lakshmi seghal.K (20BCC0158)

Pongal Making

- 1st Vijayarani A (12506), Nalini N (11293), Tamil priya (12572)
- 2nd Preethika Andal K (18780) Saranya S (18146), Sandhya K (18338)
- **3rd –** Ilanchezhiyan E (17245), Yuvaaraj J S (17221), Madhan Kumar A (17224)



SPIC MACAY

14th-18th January 2023 Dr Kiran Seth's Stay at VIT

VIT is proud to have hosted Dr. Kiran Seth, Padma Shri awardee and founder of the Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC-MACAY) from the 14th to 18th of January 2023.

SPIC-MACAY is a 45-year-old nationwide people's movement and a registered society that has been organizing programs of classical dance and music, folk dance and music, cinema classics screenings, meditation, yoga workshops, and heritage walks among its numerous activities. Volunteers across age groups help organize around 5000 events every year in several nooks and corners of India, taking forward this initiative to spread the beauty of Indian classical forms amongst the Indian youth.

73-year-old Dr. Kiran Seth is cycling from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. He started on 15th August 2022 from Srinagar and will continue cycling toward Kanyakumari where he is expected to arrive on 20th February 2023. Dr. Seth is doing so to take the SPIC-MACAY movement's objective of spreading awareness about Indian culture to every child throughout the country to the grassroots level.

Dr. Seth was welcomed on the morning of 14th January 2023 at the Guest House. To kickstart his stay at the campus, an interactive session titled "Samvada" was organized for the students at Ambedkar Auditorium, Technology Tower in the evening. Dr. Seth shared snippets from his journey so far and the road ahead for SPIC-MACAY, emphasizing the role of the youth in taking forward the movement.

As a follow-up to this session, an open forum titled "Vartalap" was held at Greeno's lawn on the evening of 16th January 2023 to enable students to engage personally with Dr. Seth, who conversed with them about their passions, hobbies, and affinity towards Indian classical art forms.

Principals from schools across Vellore and faculties from VIT interacted with Dr. Seth at Rajaji Hall, MGR Block on the afternoon of 17th January 2023 which culminated in the successful inception of the SPIC-MACAY Vellore chapter. Dr. Seth also encouraged us to take an active initiative in leading the SPIC-MACAY movement in Vellore through its student chapter in the university. To express VIT's gratitude, a small memento was presented to Dr. Seth, on behalf of the students and the faculties. As a concluding event, VIT organized "Sanskriti", a cultural evening filled with classical dance and song performances by students on the same day. The esteemed guest was elated to see the student's enthusiasm toward Indian classical forms and wished them success in all their future endeavors.

Dr. Seth made his way to Chennai, his next destination, on the morning of 18th January 2023.









74th Republic day of India

On the occasion of the 74th republic day of India, the Vellore institute of technology hosted its grand celebrations in the Kalpana Chawla ground. The chief guest of the event was Hon'ble Justice Fakkir Mohamed Ibrahim Kalifulla, Former Judge, of the Supreme court of India. During the event, the flag was unfurled by Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. G. Viswanathan along with active participation by Vice Presidents, Mr. Sankar Viswanathan and Mr. G.V. Selvam, Assistant Vice president, Kadhambari S. Viswanathan, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rambabu Kodali, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Partha Sharathi Mallick, Registrar, Dr. Jayabharathi T and wholehearted participation by the esteemed faculty, staff members and students. Patriotic songs were sung by the students of the VIT music club during the event followed by the national anthem. The event instilled a sense of pride and patriotism in everyone who attended it. Jai Hind!











SAE-VIT also joined the celebration with its 'REPUBLIC DAY RALLY' which observed the presence of student teams of VIT; Kshatriya, Infinix, RotorFPV, RevMechanics and Assailing Falcons. Showcasing their models, vehicles & Prototypes, the exhibition was visited by our honorable Chancellor DR. G. VISHWANATHAN, along with our honorable Vice-President MR. G.V. SELVAM.

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EXPO 1,2 was held after a two-year period of patient anticipation. Before 4:00 p.m., all the clubs and chapters had begun setting up shop at the designated tables. By 5:30 PM the MUSIC club had finished performing, and a gathering had begun to grow around the stalls they had set up. The official VIT RIVIERA website went live, and students quickly began signing up for events. Here is a schedule of upcoming pre-riviera and premium activities in Riviera. Expo 1.0 was considered to be successful as we had 10,000+ registrations and numbers started going well after Expo 2.0, Events that didn't get much boost also. Expo 2.0 was short but effective as we had a houseful for almost 40+ events. We are hoping that the craze and hype stays and will continue.

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Pre Riviera - 13 | Premium - 16 | Informal - 72 | Quiz Words Worth - 16 | Dance - 3 Music - 7 | Art Drama - 8 | Adventure Sports - 4 | Cyber Engage - 11 | Workshop - 3

Total Event Count – 153 | Total Free Events – 13

Premium Events

1) School-A-Coaster – School-A-Coaster is an annual event conducted by VIT Vellore for school students of standards from 6th to 10th from government and private schools In and around Vellore districts. As a part of this event, we are having Spell bee and Math bee competitions. There will be a prelim and final round. Winning School will be given a rolling trophy.

2) Aikya'23 - The third day of riviera showcases the cultural diversity of the college with the event - AlKYA. Aikya is a cultural parade by the students of VIT. We have people from different states all around India presenting their cultural form on an open stage. The event is a dazzling array of exotic-looking clothes, accessories, and cultural traditions. The event starts around 9 a.m. under the precedence of the chancellor - G Vishwanathan, vice-chancellors, faculties, and VIT staff. The event comprises 19* student groups representing the 19* different states of India- dressed up traditionally, showcasing their state's identity. Each state exhibits its cultural pride in front of a wide array of audiences those accounts for around 2000 students.

3) Infusion 5.0 - Infusion 5.0 is an event where students from all over the world get an opportunity to showcase their culture on one stage. It's all about meeting new people from different countries and experiencing a distinctive cultural phenomenon. It is where participants perform an energetic dance or music showcasing their talents and traditions which creates an amalgam of various cultures, overcoming the language barriers, forming unexpected friendships and learning to get along despite the cultural differences is what the true essence of Infusion is.

Expo 1.0 – 20th Jan – 4 to 7:30 PM Venue: Infront of Woodys Expo 2.0 – 25th Jan – 5 to 7:30 PM Venue: Infront of Woodys



PRE RIVIERA

SNO	Club/ Chapter/ Individual	Event Name
1	VIT Model United Nations Society	VITMUN '23: Policy Edition
2	Individual (Events)	Zumba Party 6.0
3	Dance Club	DANCE IT OUT
4	Individual (Events)	Agaaz 6.0
5	The Photography Club	PhotoSummit
6	INDIVIDUAL	JAAGRUTHI
7	AIESEC in VIT	Global Village
8	The Comedy club VIT	Sketchflix
9	Individual (R & R)	Sangamam
10	Individual (Events)	School-A-Coaster
11	Book Club	Book Fair

PREMIUM

SNO	Club/ Chapter/ Individual	Event Name
1	BLA, LEO, VCR, VITMAS, Stellar, MLA	Laugh with Aakash Gupta
2	Dramatics Club	THALIA AND MELPOMENE
3	DRAMATICS CLUB	KHALBALI
4	SAHITI	DAY 1 - ANTHYAKSHARI, DAY 2 - CHITRAM
5	Music Club	Resonance - Western Electric
6	Music club	Raaga reggae - Indian Fusion Band
7	Toastmasters International	IEYS (India Emerge Youth Summit)
8	DANCE CLUB	Frisk Factor
9	VIT Spartans	Silent Disco
10	SIAM	VIT's Got Talent (VGT)
11	MLA	Unarv 2,0
12	PB- Tamil Literary Association	Thamizhi
13	Events	Aikya'23
14	NGOs	VIT Marathon
15	PNMI	Infusion 5.0
16	PNMI	Desh Mei Videsh

5th Jan'23

VIT SPARTANS's Bird-o-mania

Conservation of birds should be one of the topmost priorities of our generation and knowing the reason for their species getting extinct is very important. On national bird's day, an Instagram quiz was conducted to spread awareness among youth. The goal of active participation from college youth was accomplished.

9th Jan'23

Tamil Literary Association (TLA)'s Slow Cycling Race

As part of Pongal celebrations, with much pleasure and pride, we welcome you all for slow cycling at 3:30 pm. The events are supported by physical education department and coordinated by the Tamil literary association.

9th Jan'23

Tamil Literary Association (TLA)'s Sack Race

As part of Pongal celebrations, with much pleasure and pride, we welcome you all for Sack Race at 4:30 pm. The events are supported by physical education department and coordinated by the Tamil literary association.

19th Jan'23

FEPSI's Sav-So

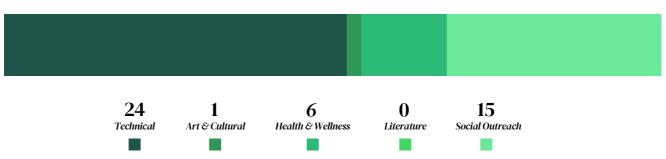
Every year National Voters Day is observed to honor the founding day of the Election Commission of India and to recognize the nation's democracy and electoral participation. FEPSI conducted an Instagram quiz to raise awareness of the importance of voting and giving voters a platform to express their ideas. The event aimed to inspire new voters, to register to vote.

20th Jan'23

FEPSI's Caged Bird

Human Trafficking is a crime against humanity and there is a need for us to unite and put our efforts to free victims and stop this crime that has become ever-aggressive and threatens not just individuals, but the foundational values of society. On the occasion of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, FEPSI organized an Instagram Quiz to raise awareness on this issue.

SW CCs Conducted a total of 46 number of successful events this month!!





Mr. Aniruddha Khandwe works with Aurionpro Solution Public Ltd, as a doud security expert. He is one of the founding members of TAPU Technoserves Pvt Ltd which recently showcased its products at DEFEXPO 2022. He has contributed to various platforms, supported state and central agencies in various cyber incidents and frauds, and helped secure many critical facilities. He has worked for Nagpur Police, AICTE, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. He already has 1 patent granted and another applied. He started Community culture in many cities like Nagpur, Amaravati, Aurangabad, etc. He is the Organiser of TensorFlow UserGroup Nagpur and Co-organizer of GDG Cloud Nagpur. He has delivered many sessions on ML, Al, Cloud & Security.



Mr. Rahul Maheshwari is a proficient public speaker, philanthropist, and founder of Linux Socials, apart from his other achievements. He is an exceptional speaker and has a high interest in Docker, DevOps, AWS, cloud computing, AI, and ML. He has also worked in the fields of Research and Development. His major projects include his own Linux cloud services-SAAS, CAAS, PAAS, IAAS, and SAAS. Voice detection and I/O in python, Python scripting, Firewall Setup, Hyper vision, and many more. He believes in the brilliance of all minds if guided over a correct path. He believes in putting efforts to help others grow and get bliss in their success.



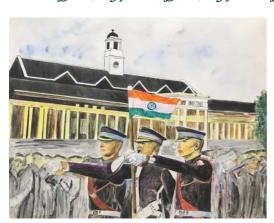
Mr. Vimal Tiwari is a software engineer working at Google. He graduated from Shri GS Institute of Science and Technology with a Bachelor of engineering in Information science. He is a certified Salesforce platform developer who is also certified in Java and python. He has written numerous blogs and has many publications associated with his name. He has been associated with many projects in his career. He has received multiple awards and recognitions and loves collaborating with beople on LinkedIn and various platforms.



Mr. Shaffath Hussain Shakir S is a Principal Tech Lead with eighteen years of experience in the software industry, specifically in the telecom and network domain. He has expertise in SDN, NFV, and Cloud computing and extensive experience in design, development, bug fixing, and writing architecture and specifications. Shaffath has experience working with various programming languages such as Golang, C, Intel Microcode, and Wintegra Assembly code. He has a strong understanding of LTE technology and experience designing and implementing Layer 2 and 3 protocols. He has also worked on-site in Stuttgart-Germany for two years, gaining hands-on experience with NEMO boards and hardware in building a WiMAX base station.



Dr. Yasmine Ayesha is a certified Practitioner by American Heart Association and Tamil Nadu Medical Council (TNMC) and an avid Researcher, who'll be able to educate us before addiction is allowed to fully grip our lives, as making an attempt to change anything requires a desire to do so!



- Ayushman Singh 21BIT0241



In conversation with a soldier soul

I asked the tale-teller time, AIL have is a blue blood-bathed mi Wrapped in my homeland's blanket Where is the innocent infant of mine? The Body was once a spotless shrine Is nothing but a casualty in a child's casket, You made her live a woeful war.

She never asked for it, What was the civilian's crime to get a grenade's doomed destiny? I asked my dead warrior, what was a war like?

To see only hostile heroes and a famine of feelings, Tam a character made out of, All of your belongings in the crate The turned scarps of your uniform And the letters you meant to send home.

> With a detailed guide on how to be On the next step of the journey. To stand alone in the funeral home, Listening to the coward's condolences, How to watch the true enemies Gift hoax as apologies. The battle in my musing mind So I asked the tale-teller time To tell the tales of the one who survived After buying her soldier soul in the soil.

- 21BEC0423 Kanishkaa Priyadarshi

Salute to Indian Army

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"If a man says he's not afraid of dying he's either lying or he's a Gorkha" – Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw. Indian army is not just a unit in the Indian armed force but without a doubt an emotion to every Indian out there. This established and esteemed part of the country was formed on 1st April,1895 alongside the East India company. Today Indian Army consists of 40 divisions and 14 corps under them. Their ranks are Field Marshal, General, Lieutenant, Colonel, Major and Captain to name a few of them. Irrespective of their ranks every solider in the contingent has the drive to safeguard the nation's territorial borders from any sort of threats and maintain peace within the country even if means to sacrifice their own.

Our country takes pride in acknowledging that we have the largest army force where more than 1,160,000 troops are available for deployment at a short notice. These are the facts and what Indian army is all about, but not very often does someone think about these soldiers. They like just everyone else have families, children, parents and a life apart from their work. Then what sets them apart from the rest? To this Captain Manoj Pandey had to say "If death strikes before I prove my blood I promise, I will kill death" This is the kind of passion that our soldiers have towards their work, for them it is never about what they get in return of their service but always the drive of how much more can they do for the nation. Salute to such brave Indian soldiers because they stay awake to protect those who are dreaming peacefully.

War never arrives with notice and attacks can occur at any time, which is why every solider must always be mentally and physically prepared to take up any challenge which comes there way whether it be ground work force department or soldiers posted in the borders of our country.

Every war is edged in each one's heart for the sacrifices made by them for the country, but one war which every Indian will remember our brave soldiers for is the Kargil war 1999 and the Indo Pak war 1947. Both these wars were fought between India and Pakistan. Indo-Pak war was the first war our country faced after independence, this was after the liberation of Pakistan and the dispute took place over partition of Kashmir. This war saw various causalities and many soldiers died brave, but the outcome did not disappoint as the long fought war was won by India.

Let's never forget the power of the vote, And never forgive the wrong that may befall.

So let's celebrate this day with pride, And wait for the counting to be done, For though it may have its flaws, Our democracy is second to none.

May the victor's triumph not spell disaster, For the nation and its kin to flourish forever after.

- Mridhul Manoj M 21BMM0060





- Priyanshu 21BBS0263



India has always been a victim of wars from an early period. However, the Indian army has always given its 100%.

Battle is not just the ones that are fought on field but also the ones fought by families of these daring soldiers. Every time there is a war announced these families wait long hours just to hear from there loved ones only to make sure wherever they are atleast they are there. These families make sacrifices every day, be it a wife of a solider who single handily takes care of house kids and family while working or parents who wait months just to meet their child once.

Awards like Vir Chakra, Ashoka Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, Shaurya Chakra and Param Vir Chakra are awarded to these soldiers for their bravery, while it's a very respectful honour no award can justify the bravery of our soldiers and the sacrifices they make for the country all with a smile on their face and satisfaction in their heart of serving the country.

- Harshitha V 21BCA0176



Celebrating Democracy

Today we celebrate democracy's trust, Where lines between classes disappear, Where hands are joined, smiles shining bright, Voters of all ranks standing in line with no fear.

Jobs are put aside, services left behind, For the future's promise we all uphold, Let our children see the ink on our fingers, And politicians' smiling faces, so bold.

Polling booths burst with diversity and life, A unique image of our great land, Evenings bring exit polls, predictions rife, A billion voices distilled to a single strand.

As final numbers come, hearts may break, Souls may soar, but through it all,



Team RoverX participated in the International Rover Challenge organized by the Space Robotics Society at Presidency University, Bangalore from 27 Jan - 31 Jan '23. The team bagged the Second Position among 18 different countries from across the globe. The competition involved building a Mars rover prototype and using it to remotely conduct various Astrobiology, Equipment Servicing, Extreme Reconnaissance and Delivery, and Autonomous traversal tasks.

Pravega Racing had one of the most amazing starts of this 23 season with Formula Bharat. The statics team outshined all, winning a **national first for Business Plan Presentation and an overall second in all of India for statics events**. They faced a few set-backs but still got the racecar sorted in time and **out competed over 40 reputed college teams from across the nation**, allowing Pravega to claim an **overall 7th Position at the Formula Bharat 2023 Competition**.



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We are delighted to announce that **Mr. Rajasozhaperumal. G (20PHD0623)** has represented Pondicherry, and the team has **bagged Bronze Medal** in the **16th South Zone Senior Tennis Ball Cricket Championship 2022**, held **at Palakkad**.





Our Student, Ms. Jessica Kartha (20BME0082) participated in the 13th International Conference on "Redefining Business Strategies: New Age Business Models" held at ABB School, Bengaluru on 5th January '23 and bagged the "Best Paper Award". We congratulate Ms. Jessica Kartha for this great achievement and wish her to receive many more accolades in the coming days too.





On Thai Thirunalam Pongal at the Vellore Fort Sri Jalakandeswarar Temple, Meenakshi MS (21BCM0054), a student of VIT University, continued to dance in the Bharatanatyam temple and people were stunned to see this.



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Talent Forage: We invite all our students to showcase their masterpieces with talent and skills. Submit your entries by 28th February: designs/articles /artworks or poems- based on the themes: Living in Harmony / Walking through Life



VIT Click: Click pictures inside/of the campus and mention date, time & location of the same to get a chance to be featured in the next SW Newsletter.



Evening time, MH Outdoor Stadium -By Soumen Basa 22BME0246



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