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VSIT students bag prizes at intercollegiate festival



For Victory, V for Vidyalankar! VSIT students proved to be not only skilled in achieving awards in their own college but also at other colleges. A group of students participated in "MoodFesta", an intercollegiate festival of the BAF, BBI and BFM Departments of Lala Lajpatrai College and bagged the first Runner's-up trophy. The festival was for 3 days, wherein the first day was all about fun-zoned section held at Smaash, Lower Parel. VSIT students Neehar Gaikwad, Sagar Amale, Akshay Rane, Shruti Maheshwari stood second in bowling as well as in Motor Race 3D (Shreeram Walke and Dhanashree Gharat).

The second day was the "Management Day" held at Lala Lajpatrai College. VSIT students Sagar Amale, Onkar Lad, Akshay Rane and Neehar Gaikwad bagged the first place in Crop the Bonus, and Sagar Amale won the second place in Fitness Shanky and Fantastic Four was clinched by Sagar Amale, Jitesh Chaudhary, Dhanashree Gharat and Anamika Singh. The last and final day was the Cultural day where VSIT left all the competitors behind by bagging the first position in Singing by Rudra Gupte and Street Play. VSIT was among the top Five colleges and with all their efforts and active participation bagged the "First Runner's-up Trophy".

Social worker Sindhutai Sapkal visits Vidyalankar Campus



Vidyalankar Polytechnic celebrated Human Rights Day on 10 December 2014. The VP Volunteering Committee took the initiative of inviting Smt. Sindhutai Sapkal, also known as the "Mother of Orphans" to the Vidyalankar campus. Her life story inspired many peo-

ple and gave them the courage to face challenges of life. VP takes great pride in celebrating such events which take us beyond academic purpose and guide us in becoming responsible citizens and doing something selflessly for the benefit of society. Vidyalankar always encourages us to broaden the horizon and push the limits both academically and personally so that every single day becomes a learning experience.



Vidyalankar Auditorium wins international design award!

A brand new addition to the Vidyalankar Campus at Wadala, the Vidyalankar auditorium already



has an international award to its credit. The Auditorium is a 6000 sq. ft. architectural masterpiece with a capacity of 264, and is equipped with state of the art audio-visual equipment. It won the award for the Top Institutional Theater Design in the world at the Interior Design Best of the Year Awards held on the 4 December 2014 at the famous IAC Building, Manhattan, New York City. This project has also been prominently featured in the December 2014 issue of Home Trends' magazine and in the international 'Professional Lighting Design' magazine.



VSIT celebrates Vigour and Verve

VIGOUR 2014

"Give me take 1, movie-Vigour aaaand LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!" When Principal Dr. Rohini Kelkar inaugurated the VSIT inter-collegiate fest-"VIGOUR" on 23 December '14 morning using the clapper we all stood there in an exuberant mood. With excitement in the heart and donning Vigour t-shirts and badges we waited for entries to come and within no time the campus of VSIT was packed with people flocking over to the online registration counters, filling forms, asking for directions and heading down to the respective classes for their competitions.

Lots of events related to "Fun, Entertainment, Performing Arts, Academics and Sports" were held during the fest, and students from various colleges participated. The fun zone events were as usual filled with an enthusiastic crowd wanting to make this fest as a memorable one in their college lives. Main stage events like "Street Dance" filled the VSIT campus with the hip-hop atmosphere with everyone freestyleing and shaking to the beats of hip-hop. Events like street play, dance off, melodies, etc. too witnessed a huge amount of entries. Definitely one cannot forget to mention the evening show with the "War of Electronic Dance Music", with the most insane beats while the crowd clamoured for more.

The campus never looked so decked up and pretty and so scintillating, thanks to our creative team who

made our campus full of Bollywood touch & dialogues, written all across the campus.

VERVE 2014

The next day on 24 December, VERVE 2014 opened with a bang. It started with "Ganesh Vandana" followed by Mr. and Ms. VSIT, the talent contest which looks for talent, originality and sense of humour. The winners were crowned reigning King and Queen of the festival. The inter-house dance competition then began and the dancers performed splendidly. With the theme being "Cultures of India" and the students conveying the message of Unity in Diversity, the show was a hit. The members of the Student Council walked the ramp and the Faculty members of VSIT were no less, they too walked the ramp with great enthusiasm.

The second half was another major event- MAAY MARATHI - an event that celebrates the authentic culture of Maharashtra and shows various forms of Marathi dance and folklore.

Both Verve and Vigour proved to be smash hits and everyone present had great moments of fun and enjoyment. The Core Committee Team of Student Council led by the Coordinators put in meticulous efforts to achieve this success.

Prof. Geeta Sahu & Malaika Oza,
TY-BMS, VSIT

Maximum Number of Selections at RMO & KVPY from VIDYALANKAR

Congratulations to all RMO & KVPY qualified students



Pranav Rao
(RMO & KVPY)



Avadhoot Sinker
(RMO & KVPY)



Prathmesh Divekar
(RMO & KVPY)



Sahil Shah
(RMO & KVPY)



Abhishek Singh
(RMO & KVPY)



Nitish Deshpande
(RMO)



Chinmay Karnik
(RMO)



Suraj Sudevan
(RMO)



Aditya Chaturvedi
(KVPY)



Mekhala Paranjpe
(KVPY)



Jaidev Ashok
(KVPY)



Viraj Nadkarni
(KVPY)

Bring it on! ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP 2015

The cricket carnival is back. The flagship event of the cricket calendar will be held this year from 14th February to 29th March. The tournament this year will feature 14 teams competing for the coveted crown of WORLD CHAMPIONS. Everyone still remembers the last six M S Dhoni hit off Kulasekara to bring home the World cup after 28 years. This time too, the event shall have many exciting moments in Australia and New Zealand.

Let's have a look at the contenders this year:

INDIA

"Lene nahi denge" "Won't give it back" The motto of the title defenders India. Under the captainship of Captain Cool MS Dhoni who undoubtedly would want to repeat the 2011 feat, India will kick off their campaign on February 15th as they take on arch rivals Pakistan at The Adelaide Oval. **Strengths** – Batting will be India's biggest strength in this tournament. A formidable lineup comprising Rohit, Virat, Raina and Dhoni is simply the best. In Raina, Jadeja, Kohli, Rohit, Rahane and Dhawan, India have got 6 brilliant fielders.

Weaknesses – India's bowling department looks lacklustre. Although the spin department is quite good, the pace department has not been able to impress Down Under. Also, the non-inclusion of experienced players could be a blow to the side

Opportunity – India has the opportunity to be among the few teams to win consecutive world cups. The young guns in the team will be vying to make history this year.

Threats – Lack of experience at crucial stages is a major threat. The conditions Down Under are also not that favourable for the Indian team. Captain Dhoni will also have to improve his form for the benefit of the team.

Key Players: Virat Kohli, Suresh Raina, R Ashwin, M S Dhoni



Opportunity – They have the team that can taste glory this year. Backing of cricketing greats and superb form on the field shall have them going.

Threats – The Proteas simply have to make sure they don't hand matches on a platter to their opponents.

Key Players: A B DeVilliers, Hashim Amla, Dale Steyn, David Miller

AUSTRALIA

Strengths – The men from down under have the best opening pair, the best all-rounder on potential in the world presently (Watson), one the best middle overs players (Clarke), the best lower order hitter (Maxwell) and most intimidating fast bowler currently in Mitchell Johnson. Other than that they are most dangerous in their home conditions.

Weaknesses – The team lacks a quality spinner.

Opportunity – The home conditions will suit them most. They never have to make a trip to New Zealand throughout the tournament. Good form in the tri-series will boost their confidence

Threats – The pressure of playing at home will affect them. Also there is slight inexperience in the side.

Key Players: Steve Smith, David Warner, Mitchell Johnson, Glen Maxwell



SRI LANKA

Strengths – The Sri Lankans have made it to the finals of 5 world cups in the last 7 years, showing consistency similar to the Aus-



tralians. They are the team of the big stage.

Weaknesses – The Lankans have some new players in their squad. Lack of depth can prove to be a weak point. Senanayake will be missed.

Opportunity – Sangakkara and Jayawardene will be playing their last World Cup. They will have it in their minds to make it big.

Threats – The Cup being held Down Under is a major disadvantage as their main bowlers i.e. spinners shall not be worth.

Key Players: Sangakkara, Jayawardene, Dilshan, Malinga

WEST INDIES

Strengths – The West Indies team is much more versatile than its counterparts. Big hitters like Gayle and Samuels will be the pillars of the contingent.

Weaknesses – Mystery bowler, Sunil Narine will not feature in the WORLD CUP due to chucking action. Player revolts in the Caribbean team will be a concern.

Opportunity – On their day, West Indies can beat any team in the tournament

Threats – They can cause upsets at the big stage. Their unpredictability can lead to their downfall. And unfortunately for the Caribbean squad, they more often than not fail to fire collectively.

Key Players: Chris Gayle, Marlon Samuels, Dwayne Bravo



ENGLAND

Strengths – Pace attack is their strength. Even though the English bowlers are better suited for the swinging pitches back home and in New Zealand, the fast bouncy Australian tracks won't bother them much either.

Weaknesses – Captaincy is an issue with the English. The team does not include many power hitters.

Opportunity – They have never won the World Cup. The potential presence of two decent all-rounders (Ben Stokes and Moeen Ali) may encourage them to tweak the current balance of the team.

Threats – The KP saga does not seem to get over yet. Hope it doesn't distract the players. The mind-set needs to change for the better.

Key Players: Eoin Morgan, James Anderson, Moeen Ali



PAKISTAN

Strengths – The fast as well as spin bowling department of the Pakistanis are their asset. This time a younger team will fight with full spirit for the coveted title.

Weaknesses – They need to make others realise that Pakistan is still a cricketing mega house. Fixing saga has troubled the team a lot in the last decade.

Opportunity – With Ajmal almost certain not to play the World Cup, it gives a chance to the plethora of spinners in the Pakistan camp to cement a permanent place in the side and go on to be one of the top spinners in the world.

Threats – Their inexplicable ability to implode; collapse when all seems to be going well. Time and again we have seen Pakistan lose from impossible positions.

Key Players: Misbah ul Haq, Ahmed Shehzad, Mohammed Hafeez, Umar Akmal



NEW ZEALAND

Strengths – They play well on the big occasions. They have world class players for every stage. Home condition will prove to be favourable. Watch out for the Black Caps!

Weaknesses – The Kiwis have a long history associated with their inability to play spin. Home pressure could have an adverse effect.

Opportunity – This year too the Kiwis will be the dark horses in the tournament. The roles played by Kane Williamson and McCullum will be key to their success.

Threats – They need to refrain from the habit of losing wickets at crucial intervals. With their excellent track record at home, they are probable semi-finalists

Key Players: Kane Williamson, Brendon McCullum, Martin Guptill, Tim Southee
The other six teams (Bangladesh, UAE, Ireland, Scotland, Zimbabwe and Afghanistan) are not expected to make a push for the title. However, each team can cause an upset on their day and will be looking to make the opportunity count, by putting on a big show on the grand stage.

The ICC Cricket WORLD CUP 2015 is surely going to be an event of much fanfare and may the best team win. It also marks the 40th anniversary of the biggest tournament of cricket. Will India retain the title? Can Australia manage it for the 5th time? Or could we see a new champion? We would know the answer by 29th March. Till then, let us enjoy 45 glorious days of the top class game that we all love.

– Suman Pandit
(SE ETRX 1) & Keyur Ketkar (BE ET2) VIT

VSIT faculty and students participate in Mumbai Marathon -2015

The Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon, abbreviated as SCMM, is an annual international marathon held in Mumbai, India, on the third Sunday of January every year. It is the largest marathon in Asia as well as the largest mass participation sporting event on the continent. The Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon has five different race categories: the Marathon (42.195 km/26.218 miles), the half marathon (21.097 km), the Dream Run (6 km), the Senior Citizens Race (4.3 km) and the Champions with

Disability category (2.4 km). The marathon is an event where people from all walks of life participate including Bollywood celebrities, sports personalities, business tycoons and amateur athletes. When it comes to attracting Bollywood personalities, the Mumbai marathon is in no way inferior to the Indian Premier league, a fact evident during the event. Prominent names from the glamour world that attended as well as participated in the event included brand ambassador John Abraham, Milind Soman, Rahul Bose, Kalki Koechlin, and Tara Sharma.

The SCMM was flagged off on Sunday with over 40,000 participants taking part in the event. 32 members (19 faculty members & 13 students) of Vidyankar School of Information Technology participated in "Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon - Dream Run" held on 18th January 2015 starting from CST Station through Churchgate -Nariman Point-Marine Lines which came to an end at Metro Cinema. One of our adjunct faculty members Mr. Makrand Deshpande participated in the full marathon and completed the same in 4 hours 38 minutes.

VSIT members went to the marathon with an objective to create awareness on the "importance of following local train rules". During the marathon a human train was formed by the Vidyankar participants to grab attention with their message: Shortcuts do not work and remember to follow local train rules such as – Do not board or alight from a running train, always use foot over bridges and subways available at the local railway stations. It was indeed a blend of health consciousness and social responsibility.