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Team Photo

About VESLit Circle

The VESLit Circle is a vibrant and dynamic community where the worlds of language, literature, and debate converge to ignite intellectual exploration and meaningful discourse. Rooted in a shared passion for literary art and critical thinking, the Circle offers an inspiring space for individuals to delve deeply into the timeless masterpieces of literature, unravel their intricate layers of meaning, and engage with profound insights that resonate across cultures and generations.

At the heart of **The VESLit Circle** lies an unwavering commitment to rigorous analysis and stimulating dialogue. Members come together to participate in thoughtful discussions, exploring complex themes, interpreting nuanced narratives, and appreciating the craftsmanship behind each literary work. Through collective exploration, the Circle fosters an enriching intellectual environment where diverse ideas are not only exchanged but thoughtfully examined and refined, broadening perspectives and enhancing understanding.

What sets **The VESLit Circle** apart is its emphasis on the art of reflection. Members are encouraged to connect literature with broader contexts - be it cultural, philosophical, historical, or personal. This holistic approach deepens the appreciation of texts while fostering a profound sense of shared discovery. It is through these conversations that participants gain unique insights, often inspired by the diverse viewpoints within the Circle.

The VESLit Circle thrives on inclusivity, celebrating the unique voices and perspectives each member brings. Whether you are an avid reader captivated by literary artistry, a seasoned debater drawn to the challenge of intellectual sparring, or simply someone who cherishes the beauty of language, the Circle welcomes you. It transforms the study of literature into a collaborative journey, where words inspire thought and dialogue leads to discovery.

In this community, language, ideas, and creativity flourish. Every discussion becomes an opportunity to grow, inspire, and be inspired. **The VESLit Circle** inspires students to join this transformative literary adventure, to explore the endless possibilities of thought and imagination, and to celebrate the power of words in shaping our understanding of the world.

Collaborations

VESLit X Prarambh 2025

Debate Competition

The **VESLit Circle** judged the Prarambh 2025 Debate Competition. The debate competition centered on the art of persuasion and critical discourse, challenging participants to analyze complex topics from multiple perspectives. Teams were tasked with constructing logical arguments, anticipating counterpoints, and delivering articulate rebuttals to substantiate their stance on the assigned motions. The event witnessed a spirited display of intellectual rigor and oratorical flair, as speakers engaged in dynamic exchanges of ideas. The rounds highlighted the participants' ingenuity in deconstructing opposition arguments and their ability to maintain poise under pressure while navigating the nuances of the topics.

Building on this foundation, the competition further showcased how debate functions as a transformative exercise in critical thinking and articulate expression. Participants demonstrated remarkable presence of mind, seamlessly blending rigorous research with quick, strategic reasoning to strengthen their arguments. Their speeches reflected not only clarity and depth but also the confidence to engage with challenging questions and adapt their stance in real time. The energy in the room was a testament to the passion and preparation of each team, as they elevated the discourse with compelling narratives and sharp rebuttals.

Ultimately, the Prarambh 2025 Debate Competition proved to be more than just a contest of words; it was a platform for cultivating analytical acuity, public speaking prowess, and respect for informed dialogue. The articulate speeches and strategic depth displayed by the participants made the event a resounding success, reinforcing a culture of critical inquiry and meaningful discourse within the student community.

Photos from the event:

VESLit X UBI 2025

National Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 at VESIT

As part of the commitment to fostering ethical values and promoting integrity, **VESLit Circle**, in collaboration with **Union Bank of India**, organized a series of events to celebrate Vigilance Awareness Week. The objective of this initiative was to raise awareness about the significance of vigilance in all aspects of life, both in personal and professional spheres - and to encourage students to engage with important values such as honesty, transparency, and ethical conduct. The event aimed to inspire young minds to become more vigilant citizens, fostering a culture of integrity and responsibility in the future.

Inauguration of the Event:

The grand opening of **Vigilance Awareness Week** was marked by a formal inauguration ceremony. The event was graced by the esteemed Principal, Dr. J.M. Nair, whose unwavering support and leadership set the tone for the week's activities. Dr. Nair, in his opening remarks, emphasized the importance of integrity, ethical behavior, and vigilance in all spheres of life. He highlighted how these values are essential not only for individual growth but also for fostering a responsible and transparent society.

The ceremony was also attended by distinguished officials from Union Bank of India (UBI), who played a key role in supporting and guiding the event. The UBI officials expressed their commitment to promoting vigilance and integrity within both the corporate and social spheres, and their presence further strengthened the event's message of ethical conduct. Their contributions have been instrumental in bringing this initiative to life, ensuring its success and reach among the student community.

The inauguration was marked by a brief yet meaningful ceremony, which included the lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and awareness. This was followed by speeches from both the Principal and the UBI dignitaries, who addressed the importance of staying vigilant in the fight against corruption and fostering a culture of integrity in society. Their words set a powerful precedent for the events that followed, inspiring participants to actively engage with the competitions and discussions throughout the week.

The 5 main events in the Vigilance Week were as follows:

1. Blind Reality:

The "Blind Reality" competition centered on the themes of interpersonal trust and effective communication, challenging participants to navigate barriers without the aid of sight. Teams were tasked with a dual-phase challenge that illustrated how reliance on non-verbal intuition and

precise articulation contributes to successful collaboration. The event emphasized the importance of maintaining composure under pressure and the necessity of adhering to strict rules while solving complex problems.

The event witnessed an enthusiastic display of teamwork, as groups uniquely tackled the transition from silent, physical guidance to restricted verbal cueing. The rounds highlighted the participants' ingenuity in circumventing linguistic prohibitions such as avoiding rhymes or direct spelling and their ability to convey powerful messages and decipher clues within the shortest possible time.

After a thorough evaluation based on timing and adherence to penalty constraints, the following teams were awarded for their outstanding coordination and mental agility:

First Prize: Ms. Asminka Sahoo (D5C – INFT), Ms. Samaira Deepak (D5A - INFT), Mr. Narain Dodechani (D5A - INFT) and Mr. Pawan Somani (D5A - INFT)

Second Prize: Mr. Anay Gurbaxani (D5A - INFT), Mr. Vishesh Bhat (D5A - INFT), Mr. Harshal Pawar (D5A - INFT)

Ultimately, Blind Reality served as more than just a recreational activity; it was a dynamic exercise in refining essential soft skills. By stripping away visual cues and imposing verbal constraints, the event underscored the profound impact of clarity and patience in team dynamics.

The enthusiastic participation and the strategic approaches adopted by the teams made the event a resounding success, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and leaving students with a renewed appreciation for the nuances of effective collaboration.

2. Debate

The Debate Competition was one of the most intellectually stimulating and engaging elements of Vigilance Awareness Week, drawing significant attention for its high level of discourse and spirited discussions with 30 teams, each team consisting of 2 members from all years of education. The competition centered on the topic of corruption, exploring various facets of this critical issue from its ethical implications to its wide-ranging socio-economic impact.

Participants were paired into teams and given the opportunity to debate the topic in a structured format. Each pair was tasked with defending their respective viewpoints on corruption, with some arguing for stronger anti-corruption measures, while others presented counter-arguments, highlighting the complexities surrounding the issue. The debates were marked by sharp arguments, quick thinking, and an impressive display of public speaking skills as students made

compelling points, rebutted opposing views, and delivered their arguments with clarity and conviction.

What set this debate apart was not just the quality of arguments but also the collaborative effort required in teamwork. Students worked together to research their topic, craft well-supported arguments, and fine-tune their speaking strategies. This process of research, teamwork, and persuasion provided participants with valuable skills beyond just public speaking. They developed the ability to critically analyze complex topics, think on their feet, and communicate their ideas in a compelling and coherent manner.

The Final Round was held in the Auditorium and adjudicated by Officials from Union Bank of India. The finalists were Ms. Dhvani Ghodeswar, Mr. Gautam Singh, Ms. Pragati Harchandani and Mr. Amogh Khataavkar. The debate was intense, featuring strong arguments and persuasive rhetoric from both teams. The round featured structured arguments supported by relevant evidence from both teams. Evaluation was carried out on parameters including depth of analysis, quality of rebuttals, and overall presentation. After due deliberation, the adjudicators declared the winning team based on consistency, clarity of argument, and effectiveness in sustaining their position.

Winners: Mr. Gautam Singh and Ms. Dhvani Ghodeswar

Runners up: Ms. Pragati Harchandani and Mr. Amogh Khataavkar

The discussions during the debate covered a wide range of perspectives, from examining the ethical dimensions of corruption such as its effects on trust and governance to exploring its deeper socio-economic impact, including how it undermines economic development, perpetuates inequality, and hampers public welfare. These debates were not only a platform for participants to express their opinions but also a space for the audience to engage with critical ideas and reflect on the broader implications of corruption in society.

The level of intellectual discourse displayed throughout the competition was truly impressive. The participants demonstrated deep research and insight, challenging conventional views and encouraging all those present to engage in thoughtful and reflective thinking about corruption and its consequences. The debates sparked discussions that extended beyond the competition, prompting attendees to consider how they could contribute to combating corruption in their own lives and communities.

Ultimately, the Debate Competition achieved more than just providing an avenue for competitive speech. It offered an opportunity for critical engagement with one of society's most pressing issues, encouraging participants to not only voice their opinions but also think deeply about the ethical, social, and economic dimensions of corruption. The event proved to be an enriching

experience for everyone involved, enhancing the overall objectives of Vigilance Awareness Week by promoting vigilance, ethical behavior, and informed decision-making.

3. Corporate Conclave:

The M&A Simulation competition centered on the complexities of corporate strategy and financial negotiation, challenging participants to navigate the high-stakes environment of Mergers and Acquisitions. Teams were tasked with assuming the roles of either the "Acquirer" or the "Target/Regulator," creating professional presentations that argued for or against a specific deal based on synergies, financial benefits, risks, and ethical considerations.

The competition witnessed a dynamic display of analytical rigor and professional composure, as teams executed a structured "Client Pitch" followed by "The Crucible" , a high-pressure Q&A session with the Board. The rounds highlighted the participants' ingenuity in defending financial assumptions under scrutiny and their ability to deliver unscripted closing statements that reinforced their strategic superiority.

After thorough evaluation of the strategic rationales and boardroom performance, the following teams were awarded for their outstanding contributions:

First Prize: TEAM FIGMA (Aditi, Shivansh, Kanishk)

Second Prize: TEAM MUSK'S ADVISORS (Palanssh, Sameeksha, Shalaka)

Ultimately, the M&A Simulation served as more than just an academic exercise; it was a rigorous simulation of real-world corporate dynamics. By placing students in the "Crucible" of board scrutiny and demanding on-the-spot defense of their analyses, the event underscored the critical importance of financial literacy, agility, and persuasive communication. The articulate presentations and the depth of research displayed by the teams made the event a resounding success, fostering a competitive spirit and providing invaluable insight into the professional world of finance.

4. Profess & Profound

This was a hybrid interactive event that uniquely combined the creative spontaneity of improvisational theatre with the strategic psychological elements of social deduction games like Mafia. The activity was designed to immerse participants in a high-stakes survival simulation, requiring them to utilize persuasion, acting, and critical thinking. The session opened with a "Flight Prep" round, where each participant was assigned a character on the spot. They were

given exactly one minute to dramatically introduce themselves, establishing who they were and arguing why their specific skills or traits - such as courage or leadership, made them indispensable in a shipwreck scenario.

Following the introductions, the event transitioned into the "Skyline Survival" phase, introducing hidden roles via sealed envelopes. While the group engaged in a heated debate over who deserved to secure a spot on a survival balloon, one participant was secretly designated as the traitor. This individual was tasked with acting innocent while covertly steering suspicion toward others, protecting allies, or completing specific twist missions to test the group's improvisation. The event culminated in the "Circle of Trust," a final round of open debate where participants formally accused suspects and provided proof. The session ended with a vote: if the traitor was successfully identified, the most effective loyal participant was declared the winner, but if the traitor evaded detection, they claimed the victory.

Winners: Medhansh Dhar

Runner up: Sarthak Kataria

The event successfully demonstrated the complexities of group dynamics under pressure. By merging performance art with strategic deception, the activity went beyond standard team-building exercises to test the participants' soft skills in real-time. It effectively highlighted the importance of building credibility and reading social cues, showing that leadership in crisis scenarios requires the ability to not only advocate for oneself but also to discern truth from manipulation within a team.

5. Jeopardy:

The Jeopardy competition was a lively and engaging quiz-style game that had participants buzzing with excitement. A total of 32 teams participated in this competition, with each team consisting of 2 members. The first round of the competition required participating teams to race against the clock and answer intriguing questions on Kahoot relating to India and its culture. Question categories spanned from historical facts to contemporary issues and gauged the awareness of participants on matters of national interest. Six teams were shortlisted on the metrics of accuracy and speed in this round. A climactic finish was given to the competition on the final day of the week when the selected teams competed against each other for a podium finish by answering trivia questions in six categories: politics, science, history, geography, culture, and economics.

Laughter, teamwork, and friendly rivalry filled the room as contestants eagerly sought to outsmart each other, all while deepening their understanding of the crucial role vigilance plays in society. It was a thrilling blend of learning and fun that left everyone eagerly anticipating the next question.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Union Bank of India for their unwavering support and invaluable contribution to the success of this initiative. Their partnership ensured the smooth execution of the event and their guidance played a pivotal role in the organization of the various competitions and activities.

We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to all the participants who brought their creativity, energy, and enthusiasm to the competitions. Your contributions made Vigilance Awareness Week a memorable experience, and we appreciate your commitment to promoting ethical values in society.

Vigilance Awareness Week, organized by the VESLit Circle in collaboration with Union Bank of India, successfully achieved its goal of promoting vigilance and integrity among students. Through engaging competitions such as poster making, essay writing, slogan writing, and the cultural event, the initiative not only raised awareness about the importance of ethical behavior but also inspired creativity and critical thinking.

This initiative serves as a reminder that integrity is not just a personal value but a collective responsibility that shapes the future of our society. By fostering a culture of vigilance and ethical conduct, we can contribute to a fairer, more prosperous world.

Winners: Mr. Omkar Karale and Mr. Parth Surve

Runner up: Mr. Gourish Naik and Mr. Krishna Gavali

Photos



Inauguration



Felicitation of dignitaries by principal



Winners of Debate competition with UBI officials



Runner up of Debate competition



Winner of Profess & Profound



Winners of Corporate Conclave competition



UBI dignitary addressing the crowd



Team of VESLit Circle 2025-26 with the UBI Officials

Innovations

Writer's Hub

Writer's Hub is a literary and creative initiative undertaken by the VESLit Circle, established on **28th July 2025** under the leadership of Aakarsh Sinha, Aditya Rege, Aditya Santosh, and Nupur Ghangarekar. The initiative was conceived with the objective of creating an **open, inclusive, and engaging platform** that nurtures creativity and encourages literary expression among students.

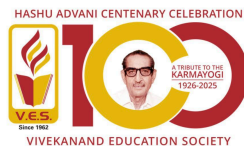
The platform operates as a WhatsApp-based community comprising approximately 450 active members, making it a diverse and vibrant space for creative exchange. Writer's Hub provides individuals with the freedom to express their ideas, thoughts, perspectives, and emotions without hesitation. Members are encouraged to share a wide range of literary works, including poems, short stories, articles, blogs, reflective pieces, and other forms of creative writing.

Writer's Hub functions as a collaborative field for creative discussion, where meaningful interaction is central to the learning process. Members actively engage with each other's work through discussions, feedback, and constructive criticism. This continuous exchange of ideas not only strengthens individual writing styles but also exposes participants to diverse viewpoints and creative approaches.

A key emphasis of Writer's Hub is on encouragement and skill development. Writers at all levels, beginners as well as experienced contributors are supported through positive reinforcement and thoughtful suggestions. The platform promotes collaboration, peer learning, and confidence-building, helping members to refine their writing abilities and explore new creative dimensions.

Through consistent participation and active collaboration, Writer's Hub has evolved into a thriving literary community that celebrates creativity, fosters intellectual growth, and strengthens the culture of writing within the VESLit Circle.

Flagship Event



TATVA 2026

Ancient Ideals. Modern Challenges. Timeless Answers.

TATVA 2026 was organized as part of the Hashu Advani Centenary Celebration (HACC) at Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology (VESIT), Chembur, commemorating the life and values of Karmayogi Shri Hashuji Advani. Aligned with the centenary theme, "Gen Z for Nation Building," the festival aimed to inspire young minds to reflect on ethical responsibility and social consciousness through intellectual and creative engagement.

TATVA was an inter-collegiate festival that celebrated thought, reflection, and creative expression through the lens of Indian philosophy.

The 2026 theme, "**Reimagining Dharma**", centered on interpreting and applying classical ideals to modern-day challenges, including mental health, digital dependency, ethical decision-making, and social transformation. Through dialogue, performance, and critical analysis, participants examined how the concept of dharma continues to guide human conduct in an increasingly complex and evolving society. TATVA 2026 successfully transformed philosophy into an experiential journey, moving beyond theoretical discourse to present it as a practice of lived wisdom.

Event Overview

TATVA 2026 was held on 23rd January 2026 (Friday). A total of 50 teams participated, among which 10 teams made it into the finals.

The festival featured two flagship events: Anveshana and The Modern Monk.

The event was graced by the presence of our Chief Guests, Principal Dr. (Mrs.) J. M. Nair and the Vice Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) M. Vijaylaxmi, whose guidance and encouragement added immense value to the proceedings.

The festival was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the entire Core Organising Committee, whose meticulous planning and coordination ensured the smooth execution of the event.

Event Day Proceedings

Participant registration commenced at 8:00 A.M. The formal proceedings of TATVA began at 10:00 A.M. with an introductory address by the hosts Saanjh Mandhani and Shiraj Dyaram. This was followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp and offering of prayers to Goddess Saraswati, conducted by Principal Dr.(Mrs.) J. M. Nair and the Vice Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) M. Vijaylaxmi, accompanied by the esteemed judges Dr. (Mrs.) Mahek Chhabria, Mr. Kaushal Jagasia and Mr. Mihir Pamnani.

The first event of the day was Anveshana, after which a one-hour break was observed.

The second event, The Modern Monk, commenced at 1:00 P.M.

The day concluded with the Prize Distribution Ceremony at 3:00 P.M., marking the successful culmination of TATVA 2026.

1. The Modern Monk

The Modern Monk was an engaging, multi-format event that invited participants to step into the role of modern strategists and creatively reimagine ancient teachings and philosophies for a contemporary audience. The event aimed to bridge the gap between scripture and strategy by transforming profound philosophical insights into accessible, digital, and performative expressions relevant to today's youth.

Structured across multiple phases, the event tested participants' ability to decode philosophy, apply it to real-world challenges, and communicate ideas effectively across different formats. Through digital content creation, creative presentations, and a live question-and-answer session, participants demonstrated originality, critical thinking, and a strong understanding of philosophical concepts.

The first round, conducted online, was an Ideation and Poster-Making Round. In the second round, conducted offline, participants were provided with 15 principles inspired by Swami Vivekananda and were given 30 minutes to select one principle and develop an idea around it. The focus of this round was to encourage creative thinking and assess how well participants

could connect ancient wisdom with modern-day issues. Based on their chosen principle, participants conceptualized digital content ideas such as posters, reels, or short-format media.

The second round was the Presentation and Question-and-Answer Round. In this round, participants presented the digital content they had ideated earlier and explained the concept, message, and relevance of their chosen principle. This was followed by a Q&A session where judges evaluated the clarity of thought, depth of understanding, and the participants' ability to justify their ideas and respond confidently under pressure.

The Modern Monk successfully demonstrated how ancient wisdom can be applied to modern challenges such as mental health, identity, and ethical decision-making, empowering students to navigate complexity with focus, confidence, and compassion.

The winners were determined through a cumulative evaluation of creativity, philosophical depth, presentation skills, and clarity of thought demonstrated across the rounds.

Hosts for The Modern Monk:

- Shriraj Dyaram (Junior Member, VESLit Circle, D10A / INFT)
- Saanjh Mandhani (Junior Member, VESLit Circle, D7B / CMPN)

The Winners of Modern Monk,

Team 'Coffee Hai Toh Mumkin Hai': Mr. Parth Gupta, Mr. Vedanth Ravinchandran, Mr. Ayush Thakur

The Runners-up of Modern Monk,

Team 'Diamonds': Ms. Rajas Kawthankar, Mr. Veer Jagwani, Mr. Manish Chandrakant Awari, Mr. Vedant Patil

2. Anveshana

Anveshana was an ethics-driven investigative journalism event that immersed participants in morally complex, realistic scenarios requiring careful analysis and balanced judgment. Rooted in Indian philosophical traditions and classical dharma theory, the event challenged teams to go beyond surface-level facts and uncover the deeper ethical tensions embedded within each case.

The event was distributed across multiple phases designed to test both ethical reasoning and expressive clarity. In the initial phase, conducted online, teams were asked to put forth their stance on a given ethical question, encouraging independent thought and principled argumentation.

In the subsequent phase, participants engaged with an in-depth case study featuring morally grey characters and layered ethical dilemmas. Teams were expected to critically examine the case, articulate their ethical position, and defend their reasoning during a discussion panel with the judges. This phase emphasized nuanced analysis, open dialogue, and the ability to justify ethical choices amid ambiguity.

By synthesizing evidence with philosophical frameworks such as dharma, karma, intention, and moral consequence, participants demonstrated how timeless wisdom can inform responsible decision-making in contemporary contexts. The winners were determined based on the clarity of investigation, depth of ethical reasoning, philosophical application, and effectiveness of presentation across all phases.

Hosts for Anveshana:

- Manas Jamwal (Junior Member, VESLit Circle, D9B / EXTC)
- Janhavi Kelkar (Junior Member, VESLit Circle, D6 / ETCS)

The Winners of Anveshana,

Team ‘Atom’: Mr. Atharva Gunde, Mr. Medhansh Dhar

The Runners-up of Anveshana,

Team ‘11:59’: Ms. Preetika Khilnaney, Ms. Nirmayee Toke

Panel of Judges

The event was evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges with expertise in philosophy, ethics, and critical analysis:

1. Mr. Mihir Pamnani

Mihir Pamnani is an AI Engineer at Nexla, working on intelligent systems for data engineering and integration. He is a Master’s graduate in Computer Science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where he researched large language model optimization and AI safety. He also holds a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Mumbai and has research experience, including internships at CERN.

2. Mr. Kaushal Jagasia

Kaushal Jagasia works in the Shipping and Logistics industry at Orchid Shipping Pvt. Ltd., where he focuses on business development and managing end-to-end shipment operations across air and ocean freight.

3. Dr.(Mrs.) Mahek Chhabria

Mahek Chhabria is a professor at Ghanshyamdas Saraf College, where she teaches marketing and business studies. She holds a PhD in Marketing and brings strong academic insight into consumer behavior and strategic management.

Impact and Engagement

Student Participation:

TATVA 2026 witnessed active participation from students across multiple institutions, reflecting a strong interest in philosophical inquiry and ethical discourse. With 50 teams competing across events, the festival brought together participants from diverse academic backgrounds, enabling a rich exchange of ideas and interpretations rooted in Indian philosophy.

Audience Involvement:

The audience, comprising students, faculty members, and invited dignitaries, remained actively engaged throughout the day. The events encouraged reflection and intellectual curiosity, with participants and attendees engaging in conversations on the relevance of dharma, ethics, and responsibility in contemporary society.

Effective Messaging:

Through its thoughtfully designed events, TATVA 2026 effectively conveyed the theme of “Reimagining Dharma.” By combining analytical, creative, and performative formats, the festival enabled participants to explore ancient philosophical principles in modern contexts, ensuring that the core message was communicated in a meaningful and impactful manner.

Reflections on the Event’s Success

TATVA 2026 stood as a meaningful confluence of philosophy, creativity, and critical inquiry. By engaging students in reflective discourse and applied ethics, the festival reinforced the relevance of Indian philosophical thought in addressing modern challenges and shaping socially conscious, thoughtful individuals.



Winners of The Modern Monk, Team ‘Coffee Hai Toh Mumkin Hai’ - Mr. Parth Gupta, Mr. Vedanth Ravinchandran, Mr. Ayush Thaku, awarded by Principal Dr. (Mrs.) J.M. Nair



Runner-ups of The Modern Monk - Team 'Diamonds': Ms Rajas Kawthankar, Mr. Veer Jagwani, Mr. Manish Chandrakant Awari, Mr. Vedant Patil, awarded by Principal Dr. (Mrs.) J.M. Nair



Winners of Anveshana, Team 'Atom' - Mr. Medhansh Dhar and Mr. Atharva Vikas Gunde, awarded by Principal Dr. (Mrs.) J.M. Nair



Runners-up of Anveshana - Team '11:59': Ms. Preetika Khilnaney and Ms. Nirmayee Toke, awarded by Dr. (Mrs.) Mahek Chhabria



Organising Committee of Tatva 2026 with Mr. Mihir Pamnani, Mr. Kaushal Jagasia (L to R), and Dr. Pooja Kundu (Center)

Intercollege Events

Arthanomics 2025

Arthanomics, the annual Business and Economics festival of Jai Hind College, is one of India's biggest student-led fests that brings together inspired youth to tackle contemporary issues with creativity and critical thinking. The 2025 edition was held under the theme "Alt Econ: Beyond the Curve", focusing on unconventional economic frameworks such as behavioral economics, digital currencies, sustainability-driven models, and the informal economy. Through a wide range of events, from policy labs and debates to stock market simulations and marketing challenges, the fest encouraged participants to question traditional economic models and explore alternative approaches to real-world challenges. With its transformative offline experience and diverse platforms for discussion, Arthanomics served as a hub for innovation, collaboration, and forward-looking economic thought. The objective of Arthanomics 2025 was to provide a dynamic platform for students to critically engage with contemporary economic issues, moving beyond conventional frameworks to explore alternative and innovative approaches. By blending academic rigor with creativity, the festival aimed to enhance participants' understanding of real-world challenges in economics and business, encourage strategic and analytical thinking, and foster collaborative problem-solving. Through its theme "Alt Econ: Beyond the Curve", the event sought to inspire youth to reimagine economic systems, challenge established models, and develop forward-looking solutions for a rapidly evolving global landscape.

Report on Arthanomics 2025 Event attended by VESLit Circle

The VESLit Circle, participated in the event Arthanomics 2025, curated by Jai Hindi College held on the 5th and 6th August 2025. The event aimed to instill the spirit of creative thinking and economic understanding among students, focusing on the theme "AltEcon - Beyond the Curve", an annual business and economics event. The event fostered awareness and encouraged active participation through various creative competitions and engaging activities.

Key Event Highlights:

Clash of Cartels:

In the first round, they conceptualized and presented an OTT app within 30 minutes under unique constraints that required it to simulate an educational environment and be set in an alternate world. Rising to the challenge, they created AI+Learn (Aliearn), a platform featuring AI-powered simulations, prompt-based videos, and audience-modelled scenarios for immersive learning.

In the second round, they tackled multiple-choice questions on hypothetical challenges to their platform, applying game theory, logic, and practicality while staying true to their company's vision. Their creativity, strategic thinking, and consistent alignment with their concept earned them this remarkable achievement.

Winners - 2nd position

Krish Salvi (D18 – AURO)

Preetika Khilnaney (D12B – CMPN)

Bullseye: A fast-paced stock market simulation, and showcased their financial acumen under dynamic market conditions. Starting with a virtual capital of ₹70 lakh and a diversified portfolio including companies like Reliance Infrastructure, Tesla, Airbnb, and Bharat Dynamics, they navigated four intense trading sessions.

Each round introduced real-time news flashes on economic developments, industry trends, and company-specific updates, requiring quick yet strategic decisions on whether to liquidate holdings, buy more shares, or diversify.

With brokers executing their trades and a $\pm 20\%$ price fluctuation cap reflecting real-world volatility, their portfolio was constantly updated to reflect profits, losses, and cash flow.

Participants -

Aakarsh Sinha (D18 – AURO)

Devika Ramkrishnani (D10A – INFT)

Dossier Exposé: An investigative journalism and problem-solving event that challenged their analytical, teamwork, and presentation skills.

In the first round, they tackled the Paper Pill Scandal, examining fake bills, GST documents, and fraudulent practices to prepare a professional report exposing the scam. The second round escalated into a murder mystery, where they analyzed evidence such as photos, location details, and profiles of suspects to identify the murderer, the weapon used, the crime location, and the protector of the victim.

They then presented their findings directly to the judges, defending their reasoning step by step. The event uniquely blended investigation, logic, and communication, allowing them to think like detectives, report like journalists, and present like debaters while honing their problem-solving skills.

Participants:

Saanjh Mandhani (D7B – CMPN)

Ashish Waghmare (D8 – AURO)

Consilio Stratagem: A policy-making event that tested analytical thinking and innovation under time pressure. Given 30 minutes to research and draft a comprehensive policy on migrants in India, they addressed the issue through social, economic, and technological dimensions. The

competition required not only presenting their solution to a panel of judges within 3 minutes but also critically reviewing and suggesting amendments to other teams' policies. Their well-rounded approach, sharp problem-solving, and awareness of key challenges enabled them to achieve this commendable placement.

Winners - 2nd position

Aditya Santosh (D11ADB – AIDS)

Janhavi Kelkar (D6EC – ECS)

Trackdown: A dynamic event that combined on-ground challenges with strategic financial decision-making.

The competition began with a campus-wide trivia round, where they showcased speed, accuracy, and a strong command of trading concepts by solving finance and stock market-related questions across multiple locations.

Advancing to the final stage, they were tasked with analyzing real investor portfolios and strategically allocating a virtual corpus across selected companies.

Their investment plan, built on thorough research, logical reasoning, and practical application of financial principles, stood out for its depth and clarity.

Winners - 1st position

Dnyanam Gala (D13 – AURO)

Yash Patil (D13 – AURO)

Ctrl Alt Escape: An intense escape-room style event blending economic concepts with quick mathematics and logical reasoning.

The competition comprised eight diverse tasks to be solved within an hour, each demanding speed, accuracy, and creativity. They swiftly cracked an encrypted message using reverse alphabet coding, solved four riddles to generate a numerical escape code, and decoded pictorial clues to form words whose letters revealed hidden codes.

They also identified inflated products and solved attached mathematical riddles to find their original prices, before taking on more financial challenges. With sharp problem-solving, strong financial trivia knowledge, and effective teamwork.

Participants -

Aditya Rege (D18 – AURO)

Sruti Baliga (D10C – INFT)

Ad Alchemy: Participants showcased their marketing skills by creating and pitching an advertisement for Min Mints, a chewable tablet with antioxidants and curcumin. They first conceptualized and shot a reel highlighting the product's benefits, targeting teens with short attention spans, and tracked its engagement online. This was followed by a live pitch to a distinguished judge, an entrepreneur with an MBA and Shark Tank experience, who also engaged them in a post-pitch discussion on their approach, concept, and strategy. The event provided valuable insights into real-world marketing, refining their creativity, pitching abilities, and practical understanding of consumer engagement.

Participants -

Deeksha Singh (D18 – AURO)

Anushree Keer (D9B – EXTC)

TouRhythm: An event that tested pitching, financing, risk management, and marketing skills through the concept of organizing a hypothetical music festival.

In the first round, they engaged in an auction-simulation with a budget of ₹100Cr, strategically selecting artists, managing costs for infrastructure, promotions, logistics, and contingency, and justifying their choices in a timed presentation.

In the second round, they marketed their festival through a prepared PPT, addressing challenges like ticket black marketing, crowd management, and labor issues, while also analyzing the festival's impact on the city and its industries. Their performance highlighted strong strategic planning, creativity, and persuasive presentation skills.

Participants -

Nupur Ghangarekar (D15C – INFT)

Shriraj Dyaram (D10A – INFT)

Conclusion : As the curtains fell on Arthanomics 2025, the festival proved to be a celebration of intellect, innovation, and youthful energy. With its central theme “Alt Econ: Beyond the Curve”, the fest encouraged participants to step outside conventional boundaries, question established models, and explore progressive approaches to modern economic challenges. Through a rich variety of events, from stock market simulations and policy debates to investigative case studies and marketing challenges, it created an ecosystem where theoretical knowledge met practical application.

What truly distinguished Arthanomics was its ability to combine competition with collaboration, fostering an environment where creativity and critical thinking thrived. Participants not only showcased individual brilliance but also demonstrated teamwork, adaptability, and resilience across dynamic challenges.

Ultimately, Arthanomics 2025 was more than just a fest, it was a transformative journey that empowered students to think boldly, act decisively, and embrace their potential as future leaders and innovators in the global economic landscape.

As a result, the VESLit Circle emerged as the 2nd place contingent overall, reflecting the collective strength, versatility, and competitive spirit of our participants

Photos from the Event :



Aditya Santosh accepting hamper and certificate for securing 2nd position in Consilio Stratagem Event (on behalf of his partner Janhavi Kelkar as well).



Angad Gill and Kartik Phadale accepting a hamper and certificate for securing 2nd position in The Grand Bid Prix Event.



Krish Salvi accepting hamper and certificate for securing 2nd position in Clash of Cartels Event (on behalf of his partner Preetika Khilnaney as well).



Yash Patil and Dnyanam Gala accepting hamper and certificate for securing 1st position in Trackdown Event.



Aditya Santosh (ACL), Nupur Ghangarekar (ACL) and Aakarsh Sinha (CL) accepting the trophy on behalf of The VESLit Circle for securing the Runner Up position as a contingent.



A group picture with members : Sruti Baliga, Nupur Ghangarekar (ACL), Ashish Waghmare, Dnyanam Gala, Aakarsh Sinha (CL), Aditya Santosh (ACL), Krish Salvi, Angad Gill, Kartik Phadale, Aditya Rege, Yash Patil and the trophy along with Sharanya Nambiar and Madhvi from Arthanomics OC.

Veritas: A Scandal in eXpression

The VESLit Circle had the privilege of participating in Veritas: A Scandal in eXpression, hosted by DJSCE eXpress on 13th and 14th August 2025. The intercollegiate event brought together students from various institutions and provided a vibrant platform that blended poetry, storytelling, debating, and parody performances into a truly dynamic cultural experience. More than just a competition, Veritas encouraged spontaneity, artistic expression, intellectual engagement, and meaningful dialogue among participants.

The event challenged participants to think on their feet, work collaboratively, and present ideas with confidence and creativity. For the members of VESLit Circle, it served as an enriching opportunity to grow not only as performers and communicators, but also as a team. The experience strengthened coordination, adaptability, and the ability to remain composed while responding to unexpected twists, skills that extend well beyond the stage.

Key Event Highlight - The Battle of Baskervilles

One of the standout segments of Veritas was The Battle of Baskervilles, an engaging and highly interactive debate event. The competition unfolded over two rounds, beginning with a uniquely entertaining Balloon Debate. In this round, each team was assigned a widely recognized internet personality and placed in a fictional scenario aboard a hot air balloon losing altitude. Participants had to argue why their persona deserved to survive and secure a place in the “Internet Hall of Fame.”

The VESLit team represented Cristiano Ronaldo, while other teams embodied figures such as MrBeast, Donald Trump, and Elon Musk. To ensure equal participation, the team divided responsibilities into opening statements, accusations, rebuttals, and closing remarks. This structured yet high-pressure format demanded not only preparation and clarity of thought, but also quick reflexes and strong coordination.

The debate itself was lively, chaotic, and immensely enjoyable. It featured sharp accusations, humorous exchanges, and creative arguments as each team defended their assigned persona. Representing Ronaldo, the team emphasized his global influence, athletic excellence, cultural impact, and inspirational legacy. At the same time, they countered arguments supporting the other participants with logic, wit, and composure. The experience proved both challenging and rewarding, reinforcing the importance of teamwork and adaptability in competitive speaking environments.

Overall Experience and Reflection

Veritas: A Scandal in eXpression proved to be far more than a routine intercollegiate competition. Over the course of two days, it successfully merged creativity, performance, intellect, and collaboration. Events like The Battle of Baskervilles showcased the power of structured yet imaginative formats that encourage participants to think boldly while responding spontaneously.

For the VESLit Circle, the event was a memorable learning journey. Stepping into the persona of Cristiano Ronaldo alongside contrasting figures such as MrBeast, Donald Trump, and Elon Musk created an exciting clash of perspectives. The team navigated unpredictable exchanges, built persuasive arguments, and demonstrated confidence under pressure, skills that remain valuable in academic, professional, and personal contexts.

What truly elevated the experience was the environment Veritas created. The event fostered openness, expression, camaraderie, and respect for diverse viewpoints. It brought together passionate students from different colleges, allowing them to share ideas, learn from one another, and push their creative boundaries. The spirit of collaboration and expression left a lasting impression on all who participated.

In essence, Veritas stayed true to its theme, a “scandal in expression,” not in controversy, but in the boldness of thought and authenticity of voice it inspired. It will be remembered for its energy, scale, and the confidence and creativity it nurtured among participants. For the VESLit Circle, the event was not only a platform for performance, but also a celebration of teamwork, imagination, and the power of words.

Photos from the Event:



Participants at VERITAS: A Scandal in Expression, SVKM's DJ Sanghvi College of Engineering, L-R Manas Jamwal (D9B – EXTC), Rohit Bhanushali (D15A - INFT), Devika Ramkrishnani (D10A - INFT), Anushree Keer (D9B – EXTC)

DJMUN

DJMUN 2025, hosted by SVKM's DJ Sanghvi College, provided an academic platform for intercollegiate engagement in international relations, diplomacy, and global policymaking. The conference brought together students from various institutions to participate in structured debates and negotiations within a simulated United Nations framework, encouraging critical thinking and collaborative problem-solving.

The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) committee convened to deliberate on the agenda "Safeguarding the Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Conflict Zones." The committee focused on humanitarian challenges arising from armed conflicts and examined the responsibilities of states, international organizations, and legal frameworks in ensuring the protection and dignity of displaced populations.

Agenda Focus and Committee Deliberations

The UNHRC committee engaged in comprehensive discussions on key issues affecting refugees in conflict zones. Major areas of deliberation included funding and resource mobilization for refugee support programs, the risks of arbitrary arrests and unlawful detention, and the implementation of the principle of non-refoulement. The committee also explored legal, political, and operational challenges associated with safeguarding refugee rights in volatile and high-risk regions.

Debates reflected diverse global perspectives, with members critically assessing existing international policies and humanitarian practices. Emphasis was placed on accountability, burden-sharing, and coordinated international responses to address the growing scale and complexity of forced displacement.

Bloc Coordination and Resolution Development

The committee proceedings involved active bloc consultations, negotiations, and the drafting of a comprehensive resolution aimed at strengthening international mechanisms for refugee protection. The draft resolution addressed areas such as humanitarian assistance, legal safeguards, international cooperation, and long-term rehabilitation and resettlement strategies. Although the committee proceedings were tabled prior to the voting stage, the resolution drafting process demonstrated effective collaboration and consensus-building among participating blocs.

Overall Experience and Reflection

Participation in the UNHRC committee at DJMUN 2025 offered valuable insight into the functioning of international human rights mechanisms and multilateral diplomacy. The

discussions highlighted the complexities of balancing state sovereignty with humanitarian obligations in conflict-driven displacement scenarios.

Overall, DJMUN 2025 served as a meaningful academic experience, reinforcing the importance of informed dialogue, cooperation, and policy-oriented debate in addressing global humanitarian and human rights challenges.

Photos from the Event:



**Participants at DJMUN 2025 : SVKM's DJ Sanghvi College
Ritam Chattopadhyay (D7A - CMPN) , Ashish Waghmare (D8 - AURO)**

Ritam Chattopadhyay received an Honourable Mention as the Delegate of China in the committee of the UNHRC.

Shastrarth 2025

The VESLit Circle participated in Shastrarth'25, the flagship debating fest organized by NMIMS SAMSOE, Mumbai, held on 27th September 2025. The event brought together participants from across the country, continuing its legacy of hosting over 450+ participants in previous editions. The fest centered around its theme “Convince. Confuse. Confute.” encouraging participants to challenge established norms and explore new perspectives through structured debate.

The participation provided an opportunity to engage in a national-level debating platform that emphasized critical thinking, public speaking, and intellectual exchange. Competing in teams of two, participants experienced a structured and competitive environment designed to test analytical ability and persuasive communication skills.

Committee Engagement and Learning Experience

The conference introduced participants to multiple internationally recognized debate formats, including Oxford, Douglas, Lincoln-Douglas, Parliamentary, German, British Parliamentary, and Asian formats. Exposure to these varied structures required adaptability in argumentation style, rebuttal technique, and presentation.

The event was structured into Preliminary Rounds, followed by Semi-Finals and Finals. This progressive format ensured systematic evaluation of participants based on clarity of thought, depth of content, engagement, and rebuttal strength.

A notable feature of Shastrarth'25 was its emphasis on high-quality debates judged by experienced professionals. The presence of expert adjudicators created a competitive yet educational atmosphere, encouraging participants to refine their reasoning and articulation throughout the event.

Committee Proceedings

The competition progressed through multiple rounds, beginning with preliminary debates and advancing toward elimination stages. Each round required teams to defend their stance effectively while responding to opposing arguments in real time.

The incorporation of different debating styles ensured dynamic discussions and intellectually stimulating exchanges. Participants were required to think critically, respond strategically, and maintain structured delivery under time constraints.

Beyond competition, the event also offered Shadow Mentorship opportunities, allowing participants to learn from experienced professionals through observation and guidance. This feature added a developmental dimension to the overall experience.

Key Takeaways and Reflection

Participation in Shastrarth'25 offered meaningful exposure to structured competitive debating at a national level. The experience strengthened understanding of various debate formats and enhanced skills in argument construction, rebuttal, and public speaking.

The structured rounds highlighted the importance of preparation, clarity, and adaptability. Engaging with diverse perspectives reinforced analytical thinking and encouraged confidence in defending positions in a formal setting.

The opportunity to compete and receive official certification from NMIMS further added professional value to the experience.

Overall Experience

Shastrarth'25 provided a rigorous and intellectually enriching debating platform. The multi-format structure, expert evaluation, and national participation created a competitive academic environment that fostered growth and confidence.

For the VESLit Circle, the event represented an important opportunity to engage with a prestigious debating fest and strengthen participation in national-level forums. The experience emphasized preparation, articulation, and critical engagement essential qualities for effective debating and academic excellence.

Photos from the Event:



Participants at Shastrarth: Apurva Gokhale (D7A – CMPN), Prativa Koturu (D11ADA – AIDS), Sruti Baliga (D10C – INFT), Saanjh Mandhani (D7B – CMPN), Riya Shigwan (D16ADA – AIDS), Shriraj Dyaram (D10A – INFT), Manas Jamwal (D9B – EXTC), Abhijay Das (D15C – INFT), Aakarsh Sinha (D18 – AURO), Aditya Rege (D18 – AURO), Krish Salvi (D18 – AURO)

National institute of Karnataka - Asian Parliamentary Debate

On 27th and 28th September, the VESLit Circle participated in the national-level Asian Parliamentary Debate hosted by NIT Surathkal. The tournament brought together participants from several premier institutes, including NITs and IITs, creating a competitive environment. The event offered students a platform to engage in structured argumentation, test their critical thinking, and debate contemporary issues in a high-pressure setting.

Debate Format: The tournament followed the Asian Parliamentary Debate format, modeled on a parliamentary structure. Each debate featured:

Government Bench: Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Government Whip

Opposition Bench: Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader of Opposition, Opposition Whip

Each role required speakers to build, defend, and summarize arguments within strict time limits, making teamwork and coordination essential. Motions spanned a range of themes, including feminism, political discourse, and Gen Z protests. These topics pushed participants to think beyond surface-level arguments and engage with real-world perspectives.

The VESLit Circle had three teams:

Team Nexus: Aditya Santosh, Kartik Phadale, Ashish Waghmare

Team Trailblazers: Nupur Ghangarekar, Anushree Keer, Janhvi Kelkar

Team Caelum: Preetika Khilnaney, Devika Ramkrishnani, Om Dinde

Across the two-day tournament, the VESLit teams navigated a variety of challenging motions. Rounds often demanded quick restructuring of arguments, sharp rebuttals, and the ability to stay composed when debates became intense. Team Nexus secured wins in 3 out of 4 rounds and achieved an overall rank of 6 in the tournament, marking a notable achievement for the contingent. Collectively, all three teams demonstrated adaptability and presence of mind. Many rounds highlighted how crucial clarity, framing, and timing are in competitive debating.

Conclusion:

Competing on a national stage allowed members to refine their skills through high-level rounds, gain exposure to a wide range of debating styles, and develop a deeper understanding of the rigor

and expectations of the parliamentary format. Engaging with experienced teams from across the country challenged participants to think more critically, adapt quickly, and communicate with greater clarity and confidence. Overall, the experience contributed significantly to VESLit's growing presence in the national debating circuit, while motivating members to continue striving for excellence and sustained improvement in future competitions.

Photos from the Event:



Participants at NIT Surathkal (L-R): Devika Ramkrishnani, Janhavi Kelkar, Om Dinde, Anushree keer, Nupur Ghangarekar, Aditya Santosh, Kartik Phadale, Preetika Khilnaney, Ashish Waghmare

Conceicao Rodrigues Memorial Debate at Father Agnel

On 22nd and 23rd August 2025, members of the VESLit Circle participated in the Conceicao Rodrigues Memorial Debate (CRMD) hosted by Father Agnel College, Bandra. Known within the Mumbai debating circuit for its scale and competitiveness, CRMD attracted participation from numerous colleges across various cities.

With a prize pool of ₹1,00,000, the tournament set a high-stakes and intellectually demanding environment, drawing experienced debaters and strong contingents from across the circuit.

Debate Format:

CRMD followed the Oxford-style debate format, where teams argue for or against a given motion. The format emphasizes persuasive speaking, logical structuring, and direct engagement with the opposing side's arguments. The tournament structure included two preliminary rounds in which all teams were required to debate, followed by knockout rounds for qualifying teams. Motions covered a broad spectrum of global and political themes, including immigration and emigration policies, questions of soft power, and other contemporary political issues. These topics demanded both awareness of current affairs and the ability to build balanced, well-reasoned arguments.

VESLit Circle was represented by: **Preetika Khilnaney, Nupur Ghangarekar**

Across the preliminary rounds, the VESLit team engaged with diverse and challenging motions that required quick preparation and structured delivery. Competing against seasoned teams from the Mumbai circuit and some from NITs, they demonstrated clarity in argumentation and responsiveness in rebuttals. Their performance across rounds earned them a place in the semi-finals. Progressing to the knockout stage reflected their ability to adapt to different motions and maintain persuasive consistency. The tournament highlighted the demands of Oxford-style debating, where audience persuasion, argument framing, and direct clash play a decisive role.

Conclusion:

Participation in CRMD 2025 added valuable circuit exposure for the VESLit representatives. Debating alongside some of the city's most active debaters provided both challenge and perspective. The experience contributed meaningfully to VESLit's continued growth in the debating space and reinforced the importance of preparation, presence of mind, and persuasive clarity in competitive debate.

PCGT MUN

The VESLit Circle was represented at the PCGT Model United Nations by a two-member delegation, marking an engaging and educational participation in an intercollegiate diplomatic simulation. One delegate represented the State of Kuwait, while the other represented the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), allowing the team to engage with diverse policy perspectives within the committee. For one delegate, the conference served as a first exposure to the Model United Nations format, while the other brought prior experience, creating a collaborative learning environment within the delegation itself.

The conference provided an opportunity to understand the mechanics of structured debate, negotiation, and diplomatic dialogue in a simulated United Nations setting. Participating as a delegation encouraged peer learning, strategic discussion, and shared reflection throughout the proceedings.

Committee Engagement and Learning Experience

The conference introduced delegates to key components of MUN procedure, including the General Speakers List, moderated caucuses, and unmoderated caucuses. Representing their respective countries, both delegates actively observed and engaged in committee discussions centered on international policy and humanitarian concerns. Exposure to these formats helped build familiarity with procedural flow, speaking etiquette, and diplomatic engagement.

A notable feature of the committee dynamic was the presence of experienced delegates who guided much of the discussion and decision-making. For newer participants, this created an environment that emphasized observation, adaptation, and learning through immersion. While first-time delegates had comparatively fewer opportunities to influence proceedings, observing seasoned participants provided valuable insight into argument structuring, negotiation techniques, and consensus-building.

Committee Proceedings

The session progressed through structured debate phases, with moderated discussions allowing delegates to present country positions and explore possible solutions. Unmoderated segments encouraged informal dialogue and collaboration among participants. Although the committee session concluded without drafting a formal resolution, delegates gained exposure to the practical realities of time-bound deliberation and the consensus-driven nature of MUN decision-making.

Representing Kuwait and the DRC required engaging with policy perspectives, adapting communication styles, and responding thoughtfully to the evolving committee environment. The experience highlighted the importance of preparation, clarity of articulation, and respectful engagement.

Key Takeaways and Reflection

Participation in the PCGT MUN offered meaningful insights into diplomatic simulation and procedural debate. Both delegates strengthened their understanding of how caucus structures operate, how formal discussion is navigated, and how collaborative decision-making unfolds within a competitive academic environment.

The experience reinforced the value of preparation, adaptability, and effective communication. Peer collaboration within the delegation further enhanced confidence and encouraged reflection on strategies for future participation.

Overall Experience

The PCGT Model United Nations provided a practical and informative introduction to the culture and mechanics of MUN participation. Despite the fast-paced and dynamic nature of proceedings, the conference served as a strong learning platform that deepened understanding of international dialogue and procedural diplomacy.

For the VESLit Circle delegation, the event represented an important step toward greater engagement in future simulations. The experience fostered observation skills, confidence, and teamwork essential qualities for effective participation in structured academic forums.

Photos from the Event:



Shriraj Dyaram- (D10A- INFT)

Alegria - The Festival of Joy (Pillai University)

The VESLit Circle marked its enthusiastic participation in Alegria 2026 - The Festival of Joy, a vibrant intercollegiate cultural celebration hosted by Pillai University. Spanning a week of artistic and intellectual engagement, the festival brought together students from numerous institutions and showcased a rich blend of cultural and creative portfolios, including dance, music, theatre, sports, and literary arts. Representing the literary arts segment, the VESLit Circle stepped into a dynamic space that celebrated expression, dialogue, and confident communication. The Literary Arts Festival formed an engaging intellectual segment of Alegria, comprising a variety of competitions such as debate, storytelling, word relay, and elocution. Each event encouraged participants to explore language and expression in distinctive ways. Representing this portfolio, the VESLit Circle participated in the impromptu elocution segment, a platform that highlighted spontaneity, presence of mind, and the power of structured expression under time constraints.

Key Event Highlights - Elocution Competition

A major highlight of the literary segment was the Elocution (extempore), where participants were invited to draw topics from a bowl of chits and transform them into structured speeches within moments. Each speaker received three minutes to prepare and two minutes to deliver, creating an engaging test of composure, clarity, and creativity. The format encouraged speakers to think swiftly while presenting ideas with confidence and coherence. The thematic canvas of the competition was both expansive and thought-provoking. Topics ranged across philosophical reflections and democratic discourse to contemporary technological concerns such as artificial intelligence, the evolving role of educators, psychological well-being, and youth-centric perspectives. From questions like “Can money buy happiness?” to discussions on civic awareness, time and purpose, mental health, and the digital age, the range of themes ensured a dynamic exchange of ideas and viewpoints.

Representing the VESLit Circle, the speakers delivered confident and engaging performances that resonated strongly with both audience and judges. Their structured expression, clarity of thought, and stage presence earned sincere appreciation from the esteemed panel of judges. The speakers connected effectively with the audience while representing the Circle with poise and enthusiasm, making their participation both impactful and commendable.

Overall Experience and Reflection

Alegria 2026 provided the VESLit Circle with a lively intercollegiate platform to interact with participants from various institutions and exchange diverse perspectives. Engaging with fellow speakers offered valuable exposure to different styles of thinking and expression, making the experience both intellectually stimulating and enjoyable.

The opportunity to converse with the judges and participants beyond the stage added depth to the experience. Meaningful discussions around the themes allowed for a sharing of viewpoints, reflections, and feedback, enriching the overall learning journey and broadening perspectives.

The event strengthened confidence, spontaneity, and stage presence while reinforcing the importance of articulate expression in unfamiliar settings.

In essence, Alegria served as a great platform that brought together great people, thoughtful conversations, and enriching experiences. It enabled participants to communicate, connect, and grow while celebrating the power of expression. For the VESLit Circle, the event stood as a fulfilling and inspiring experience that strengthened confidence and left lasting memories.

Photos from the Event:



Participants at Alegria 2026 : Pillai University, New Panvel

L-R: Aditya Santosh (D11ADB – AIDS) , Anushree Keer (D9B – EXTC), Preetika Khilnaney (D12B – CMPN)

KaChing X EJCON

Event Report

VESLit Contingent at Ka-Ching x EJCon 2026

Contingent Name: VESLit

Contingent Code: CC Franc

Event: Ka-Ching x EJCon 2026

Dates: 9–10 January 2026

Venue : NMIMS Sarla Anil Modi School of Economics

Introduction

The VESLit contingent (CC Franc) represented their institution at Ka-Ching x EJCon 2026, a nationally acclaimed economics and management festival organized by NMIMS Sarla Anil Modi School of Economics. Recognized for its academic rigor and real-world applicability, Ka-Ching x EJCon brings together students from leading institutions across the country to engage in simulations, policy deliberations, financial strategy exercises, and interdisciplinary competitions.

The 2026 theme, “The Tipping Point,” emphasized critical moments of transformation within economic systems, governance frameworks, financial markets, and societal structures. Events were carefully designed to mirror real-world uncertainty and decision-making environments, compelling participants to apply analytical reasoning, strategic foresight, and collaborative problem-solving.

The VESLit contingent demonstrated commendable participation across a wide range of events, reflecting intellectual curiosity, preparedness, and academic engagement.

Participation and Event Engagement

- Project Equilibrium – Global Economics Simulation

Finalists:

Nupur Ghangarekar

Anushree Keer

Aakarsh Sinha

Angad Gill

Sruti Baliga
Janhavi Kelkar

Devika Ramkrishnani
Saanjh Mandhani

Project Equilibrium was a flagship economics simulation that required participants to function as policymakers navigating global economic instability. Teams evaluated macroeconomic indicators, proposed fiscal and monetary responses, and anticipated the socio-economic consequences of their decisions.

The simulation emphasized systems thinking, where each policy choice influenced multiple economic variables such as inflation, employment, and international trade relations. The final round consisted of a structured economics-based group discussion, where participants debated policy priorities and defended their strategic choices before evaluators.

The advancement of VESLit participants to the final and semi-final stages reflected strong conceptual understanding, analytical depth, and effective articulation of economic reasoning.

- Capital Rush

Participants:

Team 1: Aditya Santosh and Manas Jamwal

Team 2: Shriraj Dyaram and Apurva Gokhale

Capital Rush was an engaging finance-focused competition designed to test strategic thinking, market awareness, and decision-making under pressure. The event was conducted in teams of two, encouraging collaboration and quick analysis.

Participants were given the opportunity to build and manage a portfolio by investing in stocks and commodities such as oil and other market instruments. The competition was structured across five rounds. In each round, a news flash was announced that impacted market conditions. Teams had to carefully interpret the news, anticipate its effect on prices, and make informed buying or selling decisions to maximize their profits.

Success in Capital Rush required strong analytical skills, an understanding of market trends, risk assessment, and the ability to adapt quickly to changing scenarios. The event effectively simulated real-world trading environments, where information, timing, and strategy determine profitability.

- Bull Run – Stock Market Simulation

Participants:

Team 1: Ritam Chattopadhyay & Kartik Phadale

Team 2: Ashish Waghmare & Krish Salvi

These simulations replicated real-time stock market environments characterized by volatility and information asymmetry. Participants constructed investment portfolios, interpreted economic cues, and responded to fluctuating market conditions triggered by simulated news and policy announcements.

The events required financial literacy, probability assessment, and emotional discipline. Participants had to balance risk and reward while making timely decisions under pressure. The experience offered practical insight into investor psychology and market behavior.

- Youth Conclave

Participant:

The Youth Conclave served as a structured forum for discourse on contemporary socio-economic and political issues. Participants analyzed policy frameworks, evaluated governance challenges, and presented reasoned perspectives.

The conclave emphasized respectful dialogue, critical evaluation of public policies, and the articulation of informed viewpoints. It fostered civic awareness and intellectual exchange among participants.

- Policy Challenge – Public Policy Deliberation

Participants:

Ritam Chattopadhyay

Janhavi Kelkar

Kartik Phadale

The Policy Challenge required participants to examine real-world policy issues and develop viable solutions grounded in research and socio-economic feasibility. Teams considered stakeholder impact, long-term sustainability, and governance implications.

The event evaluated participants' ability to integrate theoretical knowledge with practical policymaking considerations, reinforcing the importance of evidence-based reasoning.

- Politician's Gambit – Political Simulation

Participants:

Aditya Santosh

Saanjh Madnani

Shriraj Dyaram

Politician's Gambit was designed to simulate political leadership and public persuasion. Participants assumed the roles of political representatives, delivering speeches, defending policy positions, and responding to dynamic scenarios.

The event assessed rhetorical skill, presence of mind, and persuasive communication. It highlighted the role of narrative, diplomacy, and strategic positioning in political leadership.

- Buy the Lie – Marketing & Entrepreneurship

Participants:

Ritam Chattopadhyay

Janhavi Kelkar

Anushree Keer

Ojas Godambe

This event focused on creative marketing and consumer psychology. Participants marketed products without explicitly revealing their identity, relying instead on persuasive storytelling and branding strategies.

The competition concluded with a marketing showdown that tested creativity, adaptability, and audience engagement. It underscored how perception and communication shape consumer behavior.

- The Eureka Effect – Quiz Competition

Finalists:

Kartik Phadale

Medhansh Dhar

The quiz competition tested knowledge across economics, current affairs, and logical reasoning. Rapid-response rounds required strong recall, coordination, and composure under time constraints.

Advancing to the finals reflected the participants' strong general awareness and intellectual agility.

- Editor's Edge – Journalism and Media Ethics

Participants:

Kinnshuk Bhaduri

Manas Jamwal

Chaitanya Medidar

Editor's Edge was an immersive simulation of real-world journalism that challenged participants to investigate, create, and respond like professional media practitioners. The competition featured three dynamic rounds, each testing a different aspect of communication and ethical responsibility.

The first round involved a murder mystery investigation and report-making task in which participants followed clues in a treasure-hunt format to analyze evidence and craft a structured investigative report. The second round required contestants to choose a media domain such as a YouTube segment, radio presentation, flyer, or magazine feature and present a case study in that format, demonstrating creativity and platform-specific storytelling skills. The final round simulated a live newsroom environment where finalists read from a teleprompter in real time and adapted to evolving situations, showcasing confidence, clarity, and presence of mind.

Kinnshuk Bhaduri's first-place finish reflected excellence in analytical writing, adaptability, and ethical awareness across all three rounds. The achievement brought distinction to the VESLit contingent and highlighted their strength in communication-driven domains.

- Project Mind Flayer – Crisis Simulation

Finalist Team 1:

Nupur Ghangarekar

Sruti Baliga

Finalist Team 2:

Ashish Waghmare

Devika Ramkrishnani

Project Mind Flayer was an immersive crisis simulation centered on logical deduction and collaborative problem-solving. Participants solved complex puzzles, decoded clues, and traced a narrative to locate the “original portal.”

The simulation incorporated misinformation, time pressure, and hidden variables, requiring calm reasoning and teamwork. Both VESLit teams advancing to the finals demonstrated strong logical aptitude and coordination.

Conclusion:

Ka-Ching x EJCon 2026 served as a significant platform for academic enrichment and experiential learning. The VESLit contingent’s participation across diverse domains reflected intellectual versatility and preparedness.

The contingent conducted themselves with professionalism and enthusiasm, contributing positively to their institutional representation.

Participation in Ka-Ching x EJCon 2026 marked a noteworthy academic milestone for the VESLit contingent (CC Franc). With finalists across multiple events and a first-place victory in Editor’s Edge, the contingent demonstrated both scholarly depth and practical competence.

The experience reinforced the importance of critical thinking, structured reasoning, and collaborative engagement in addressing complex real-world challenges. Such exposure is invaluable in shaping future professionals in economics, policy, management, and related fields

Case Study Competitions

Prodyssy 2025 at IIM Indore

Event: Prodyssy (Case Study Competition)

Dates: 3rd November 2025 (Semi-finals), 5th November 2025 (Finals)

Venue: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Indore

Introduction

A representative from VESIT participated in Prodyssy, a national-level case study competition hosted by IIM Indore. The event attracted strong participation from premier management institutes across India, particularly multiple IIM teams, making it a highly competitive and intellectually demanding platform.

Prodyssy emphasized structured problem-solving, business analysis, and strategic decision-making through real-world case evaluation.

Representation

VESIT was represented by: Aditya Santosh

Competition Format

Prodyssy was conducted in multiple stages designed to test analytical and presentation skills.

Screening Round:

Teams were shortlisted based on PPT submissions and case analysis. Evaluation focused on clarity, feasibility of solutions, and depth of business understanding.

Semi-finals (3rd November 2025):

Shortlisted participants presented their case solutions before a judging panel, demonstrating structured thinking and strategic insight.

Finals (5th November 2025):

Finalists delivered detailed presentations and defended their recommendations through Q&A with judges.

Achievement

Aditya Santosh secured a National Rank of 5th among the Top 10 teams.

Notably, he was the only undergraduate and non-IIM participant among the top teams. All other finalists were from IIMs, making this accomplishment especially significant.

Conclusion

Participation in Prodyssy 2025 at IIM Indore provided valuable exposure to high-level case-solving and competitive business strategy. Competing alongside IIM teams highlighted strong analytical ability and presentation skills.

Achieving a Top-5 national rank as the only undergraduate participant reflects exceptional problem-solving capability and strategic thinking. The experience strengthened VESIT's presence in national-level business competitions and demonstrated the potential of undergraduate students in premier competitive spaces.

Photos from the event:



Aditya Santosh (D11ADB – AIDS)

SHAASTRA - IIT Madras

Members of VESLit participated in multiple national-level competitions hosted at IIT Madras, competing against teams from leading institutes across the country. The contests combined elements of business strategy, marketing, and data-driven problem solving, creating a highly competitive and intellectually engaging environment. The team successfully cleared multiple screening rounds and advanced to the finals in key events, demonstrating interdisciplinary skills across analytics, creativity, and strategic thinking.

The college was represented by: Nupur Ghangarekar, Aditya Santosh, Janhavi Kelkar, Dnyanam Gala. There were three main events - Launcher, Opsium, Finvent

Launcher

Launcher consisted of multiple stages designed to test marketing acumen and business creativity. Round 1 & 2 (Online): The team qualified through two preliminary online rounds. These included a business quiz and the creation of a marketing poster.

Final Round: Finalists were tasked with revamping the Tata Nano and creating a relaunch strategy. This required repositioning the product, defining a target audience, and building a compelling marketing narrative for the relaunch. The team's innovative approach and structured marketing plan earned them 5th place overall.

Opsium

Opsium focused on real-world data science applications. Participants were required to build a machine learning model addressing a FedEx supply chain problem. The model aimed to predict flight optimisation and utilization capacity. Teams had to incorporate variables such as sentiment analysis and promotion intensity, making the problem both technical and business-oriented. The team's strong analytical framework and implementation led them to secure First Runner-Up in Opsium.

Finvent

The team also participated in Finvent and successfully qualified for the first round, adding to their overall presence across multiple competitive domains. The competition was sponsored by IDFC First Bank. The team qualified through two preliminary online rounds. These included a business quiz and the creation of a financial assessment presentation.

Conclusion

Participation at IIT Madras provided valuable exposure to national-level competition and industry-relevant problem statements. The events demanded a blend of creativity, technical knowledge, and strategic execution. Securing top positions, particularly a First Runners-Up finish in Opsium and a Top-5 finish in Launcher, reflects the team's capability to perform under pressure and adapt to diverse challenges. The experience contributed meaningfully to the team's learning and showcased VESIT's growing presence in intercollegiate competitions across business and technology domains.

Photos from the event:



Participants at IIT Madras

L-R: Nupur Ghangarekar (D15C – INFT) , Dnyanam Gala (D13 – AURO), Aditya Santosh (D11ADB – AIDS), Janhavi Kelkar (D6EC – ECS)



Aditya Santosh and Nupur Ghangarekar

NationBuilding Case Study Competition 2026

The VESLit Circle proudly participated in the NationBuilding Case Study Competition 2026, a national-level case study and policy innovation competition hosted by Nation With Nammo on the Unstop platform. The event encouraged students to analyze real-world governance and socio-economic challenges and present practical, impactful solutions through structured case-solving and presentations.

Conducted across multiple competitive stages, the competition tested participants on analytical thinking, general awareness, teamwork, and communication skills. Representing the Circle, ten second years across five teams enthusiastically took part, demonstrating strong preparation and competitive spirit.

Participating Teams:

Apurva Gokhale (D7A-CMPN) and Ashish Waghmare (D8-AURO)

Ritam Chattopadhyay (D7A- CMPN) and Saanjh Mandhani (D7B-CMPN)

Anushree Keer (D9B-EXTC) and Kartik Phadale (D9A-EXTC)

Sruti Baliga (D10C-IT) and Manas Jamwal (D9B-EXTC) - **Team Elevate**

Janhavi Kelkar (D6EC-ECS) and Shriraj Dyaram (D10A-IT) - **Team Ideanauts**

Competition Structure

The competition was conducted in multiple rounds:

Round 1 – Online Quiz

A time-bound MCQ-based assessment testing general awareness, current affairs, and analytical aptitude. Teams were scored based on both accuracy and speed.

Round 2 – Case Presentation Submission

Shortlisted teams submitted a 5-slide presentation outlining their solution to the given problem statement. Evaluation focused on clarity, feasibility, innovation, and structured thinking.

Round 3 – Zonal Finals

Qualified teams presented detailed solutions before a panel of judges. Assessment parameters included depth of analysis, practicality of the solution, presentation skills, and performance during the Q&A session.

Team Performance and Achievements

The VESLit Circle teams delivered commendable performances across all stages of the competition.

Teams 2 to 5 successfully advanced to Round 2.

Team Elevate and Team Ideonauts further qualified for the Zonal Finals.

Both teams achieved an impressive milestone by securing a position among the Top 10 teams in the West Zone at the national level.

Their progress reflected strong research, strategic thinking, and confident presentation skills, bringing recognition to the Circle.

Overall Experience and Learning

Participation in the competition provided valuable exposure to real-world problem-solving and national-level competition standards. The event helped students strengthen their critical and analytical thinking, Structured case-solving approach, Team collaboration, Presentation and communication skills, Confidence under competitive settings. The experience encouraged participants to think creatively, work efficiently under time constraints, and present ideas with clarity and conviction.

Conclusion

The NationBuilding Case Study Competition 2026 proved to be an enriching and rewarding experience for the VESLit Circle. The advancement of multiple teams and the outstanding Top 10 zonal finish by Team Elevate and Team Ideonauts highlight the Circle's growing excellence in analytical and strategic domains.

Overall, the event served as a meaningful platform for learning, collaboration, and achievement, reinforcing the Circle's commitment to intellectual growth and impactful thinking.

The Success and Impact of VESLit Circle's Activities

The VESLit Circle at Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology (VESIT) has continued to elevate its legacy this year, once again proving its strength as a vibrant centre for intellectual development, creativity, and community building. With initiatives that transcend academic disciplines, the Circle has further cemented its place as one of VESIT's most dynamic cultural and academic bodies.

This year, VESLit has expanded its horizons beyond the campus, showcasing the talent and capability of VESIT students on **national platforms**. Our members represented the institute at **prestigious case study competitions hosted by leading national institutes**, where they not only competed with some of the brightest minds across the country but also delivered strong, well-researched, and innovative analyses. These performances highlighted the Circle's commitment to academic excellence, analytical rigour, and real-world problem-solving qualities that continue to define our ethos.

Alongside these milestone achievements, the Circle hosted a diverse spectrum of in-house events, including thought-provoking debates, interactive workshops, quizzes, literary showcases, and socially driven initiatives. Each event was designed to sharpen critical thinking, strengthen communication skills, and encourage students to engage with contemporary global and societal challenges.

The true impact of VESLit's work this year is reflected not just in the success of individual events or national-level achievements but in the holistic growth it has fostered within the student community. By seamlessly blending academia, creativity, and social consciousness, the VESLit Circle continues to be a driving force in shaping confident, thoughtful, and socially aware individuals at VESIT.

Fostering Intellectual Growth and Critical Dialogue

At the heart of VESLit Circle's initiatives this year lies a renewed commitment to fostering intellectual growth, critical expression, and meaningful student engagement. A defining highlight of the year was the successful revival of an intercollegiate tradition after **eight long years** - the launch of **TATVA**, an event that marked a major milestone in the Circle's journey.

TATVA, introduced for the very first time in nearly a decade, brought together participants from various colleges, creating a highly energetic space for academic dialogue, structured competition, and cross-college collaboration. The event challenged students to think deeply, analyse real-world issues, and express their perspectives with clarity and conviction. The enthusiasm and diversity of participants not only elevated the quality of discussions but also reaffirmed VESLit's reputation as a platform capable of hosting large-scale, intellectually rigorous competitions.

Throughout the year, VESLit Circle continued to provide students with opportunities to engage in discussions surrounding contemporary issues, leadership challenges, and socio-political themes. The nature of conversations grew increasingly sophisticated as students examined how technology influences governance, how societal values shape policy, and how national development is hindered by systemic challenges such as corruption. These discussions encouraged students to think beyond the surface and approach issues with depth, empathy, and awareness.

The competitive structure of the events held this year ensured that participants operated under time-bound, high-pressure environments—sharpening essential skills such as quick thinking, clarity of expression, teamwork, and collaborative problem-solving. These experiences proved invaluable, helping students develop confidence, intellectual flexibility, and the ability to articulate nuanced arguments - skills that hold immense value both academically and professionally.

This year's shift toward broader, more inclusive, and cross-institutional engagement marks an important step forward for the VESLit Circle, reflecting its evolving role as a centre of academic excellence and student-driven intellectual culture at VESIT.

Creating a Platform for Interdisciplinary Collaboration

This year, the VESLit Circle continued to deepen its role as a centre for interdisciplinary engagement by bringing together students from diverse academic backgrounds and encouraging them to think beyond traditional subject boundaries. The Circle's initiatives reflected a vibrant blend of engineering, management, humanities, and social sciences, resulting in events that challenged students to analyse, innovate, and collaborate effectively.

A key highlight of the year was the VESLit x UBI Debate, an intercollegiate collaborative debate that united students from multiple disciplines and institutions. The event showcased the strength of intellectual dialogue as participants engaged with socio-economic, political, and technological themes. The combination of engineering logic, managerial reasoning, and humanities-based critical thinking enriched the debate and established it as one of the most dynamic platforms of the year.

VESLit Week further strengthened this spirit of collaboration through events such as Blind Reality, Profess and Profound, and Corporate Conclave. Each event encouraged participants to draw from varied fields of knowledge, which elevated both the intellectual depth and the creativity on display.

Among the most distinctive events of the year was Modern Monk. This event encouraged students to connect contemporary challenges with ancient philosophical teachings. Participants explored ideas from Indic and global philosophical traditions and applied them to modern topics related to leadership, ethics, emotional intelligence, and decision-making. The experience helped students appreciate how traditional wisdom continues to influence modern thinking.

Another major interdisciplinary initiative was Anveshana. This investigative case study competition required participants to examine complex real-world scenarios through analytical reasoning, critical thinking, behavioural insights, and data interpretation. Students from CSE, IT, management, finance, psychology, and policy backgrounds contributed to a rich exchange of ideas, making the event a true blend of diverse problem-solving approaches.

Corporate Conclave was one of the most high-stakes events of the year. Participants explored themes related to mergers, acquisitions, company strategy, risk evaluation, and corporate ethics. The event required a strong understanding of finance, business analytics, leadership psychology, and market behaviour, which made it one of the most comprehensive and interdisciplinary competitions of the academic year.

By creating spaces where technical disciplines meet fields such as philosophy, economics, behavioural science, and public discourse, the VESLit Circle successfully nurtured a culture of holistic learning. This environment helped students think more expansively, analyse more deeply, and approach real-world challenges with confidence and creativity.

Community Engagement and Social Impact

What truly sets the VESLit Circle apart this year is its dedication to pairing intellectual engagement with a strong sense of social responsibility. The Circle ensured that its events did more than challenge students academically. They encouraged participants to think about ethics, integrity, teamwork, and community awareness.

A major highlight of this commitment was the VESLit x UBI collaboration held during **Vigilance Week**. The theme for the initiative was Say No to Corruption. The Commit to the Nation. Instead of traditional formats, the Circle integrated the message of vigilance and ethical conduct into its signature events. Activities such as debates, Corporate Conclave, Profess and Profound, and Blind Reality became platforms through which students explored ideas related to honesty, decision making, and the moral responsibilities of individuals within a society.

Corporate Conclave encouraged participants to examine corporate behaviour, accountability, and ethical decision making within business environments. Profess and Profound required students to step into the shoes of different personalities and navigate thoughtful discussions, which helped them reflect on character, values, and personal integrity. Blind Reality introduced a creative team-based challenge where communication, trust, and guidance were central. This format naturally aligned with themes of clarity, awareness, and collective responsibility. The debate event further provided space for students to critically examine corruption, governance, and ethical leadership.

By embedding the ideas of vigilance and civic responsibility into its existing event formats, the VESLit Circle created an accessible and engaging way for students to reflect on societal issues. It offered a refreshing approach that was intellectually stimulating without losing sight of the core message of the week.

Through these initiatives, the Circle reinforced its identity as more than an academic body. It acted as a cultural, ethical, and social influence within the VESIT community. Students were encouraged to pair knowledge with awareness and to recognise the importance of integrity in both personal and professional spheres. This year's activities helped develop thoughtful, reflective, and socially responsible individuals who understand their role in shaping a better future.

Strengthening VESIT's Cultural Fabric

This year, the **VESLit Circle** continued to play a defining role in shaping the cultural identity of VESIT. The Circle's events and initiatives contributed to an atmosphere where intellectual growth, creativity, and community involvement came together seamlessly. Through carefully curated flagship events such as VESLit Week, along with collaborative platforms like the VESLit x UBI Debate and newly introduced competitions, the Circle strengthened the shared culture of learning, dialogue, and participation on campus.

By bringing together students from engineering, management, humanities, and other disciplines, the Circle created spaces where collaboration and healthy competition flourished. Events such as Corporate Conclave, Modern Monk, Profess and Profound, Blind Reality, and Anveshana allowed students to step outside their comfort zones and engage with ideas and people they might not otherwise encounter. These experiences helped build a sense of unity and belonging across the student community.

The Circle's commitment to fostering meaningful conversations also played a significant role in enhancing campus culture. Whether students were debating real-world issues, analysing investigative case studies, exploring ancient philosophies, or navigating team-based challenges, they participated in interactions that stretched their thinking and encouraged personal growth. This helped establish VESLit Circle as a central component of the VESIT experience, a place where students could explore their interests, discover their strengths, and connect with peers on a deeper level.

Through its diverse and inclusive initiatives, the **VESLit Circle** contributed significantly to making VESIT a more vibrant, supportive, and intellectually engaging environment. The Circle not only provided platforms for expression and learning but also instilled a sense of pride and community spirit among students. This year's activities reinforced VESLit Circle's position as a cultural anchor within the institute, one that continues to inspire students to grow, engage, and contribute meaningfully to their personal and professional journeys.

Looking Ahead: The Future of VESLit Circle

As the VESLit Circle looks to the future, it envisions a path of continuous growth, deeper engagement, and an even more significant presence within VESIT. Building upon its solid foundation of intellectual debate, creative expression, and community-building, VESLit Circle has a clear vision for the years ahead. The future will see an expansion of its scope, an increase in participation, and an even stronger connection with various academic departments and student groups across the college.

Expanding the Scope of Events: New Themes, Global Issues, and External Engagement

The **VESLit Circle** is committed to evolving its events to reflect the changing global landscape and the intellectual interests of students. Looking ahead, the Circle plans to broaden the themes explored through its flagship events, such as ‘**Tatva**’ and ‘**VESLit x UBI**’ debate competitions, and workshops, to cover an even wider array of topics. In addition to the intellectual and cultural themes already explored, such as technology and corruption, the Circle aims to address a variety of pressing global and local issues.

Themes such as sustainability, mental health, climate change, and the future of work will form a core part of upcoming events. These themes not only resonate with the contemporary challenges students face but also provide opportunities for critical analysis and creative problem-solving. For example, debates and discussions could explore the ethical implications of environmental policies, the intersection of technology and privacy, or the role of youth in shaping political landscapes. Through this approach, students will be encouraged to engage with complex, multidimensional issues, developing their ability to think critically and articulate well-rounded, informed arguments.

Alongside strengthening internal programs, the **VESLit Circle** also aims to expand its engagement beyond the campus by actively encouraging participation in inter-college literary, debating, and cultural events. By representing **VESIT** at regional, national, and international platforms, students will gain exposure to diverse viewpoints, competitive environments, and higher standards of excellence. Participation in debates, Model United Nations conferences, literary festivals, and creative writing competitions will help members refine their skills and bring back valuable insights to enhance internal activities.

Furthermore, the Circle plans to establish collaborations and partnerships with literary and debating societies from other institutions through joint events, exchange programs, and collaborative workshops. These initiatives will foster healthy competition, peer learning, and academic camaraderie, while strengthening the organization’s reputation and visibility.

The **VESLit Circle** will continue to ensure that its events align with global trends while also encouraging a deep connection with local issues. Events will highlight the importance of community-driven solutions, while also addressing how students, as future leaders, can contribute to global discourse. This expansion will allow the Circle to be an even more relevant and vibrant platform for engaging with the real world.

Fostering Greater Interdisciplinary Collaboration

One of the key aspirations for the **VESLit Circle** in the coming years is to foster greater interdisciplinary collaboration among students from diverse academic backgrounds. The future of the Circle lies in creating more cross-departmental events, where students from engineering, management, arts, and other fields come together to collaborate on shared themes.

The **VESLit Circle's** events will continue to encourage cross-pollination of ideas, ensuring that students not only gain expertise in their chosen fields but also develop a broader understanding of how their academic discipline relates to others. For example, a debate on social policy could involve engineering students discussing technological solutions alongside humanities students exploring the societal impacts of those technologies. Similarly, events like Corporate Conclave could integrate perspectives from business students and those pursuing creative writing or design, creating a more holistic learning experience.

In addition to thematic events, the Circle plans to create more collaborative spaces within VESIT through inter-departmental competitions and joint projects, where teams of students from various departments work together to solve problems, pitch ideas, or analyze issues. By promoting this interdisciplinary approach, the **VESLit Circle** aims to create a more integrated academic environment that values diverse perspectives and collaborative problem-solving.

Increasing Student Participation and Engagement

The **VESLit Circle** will place a strong emphasis on increasing student involvement in the years to come. While the organization has already made significant strides in engaging students from different academic backgrounds, future efforts will focus on reaching those who have not traditionally participated in debates or creative activities.

By creating inclusive events such as introductory workshops, informal debates, and networking sessions, the Circle will ensure that all students, regardless of experience or background, feel welcome. This will be especially important for encouraging freshers to participate and helping them become familiar with the organization's activities.

Additionally, **VESLit Circle** plans to diversify its event formats by organizing smaller and more informal programs such as book clubs, short story contests, and casual discussion circles. These platforms will allow students to participate at their own pace, gradually building confidence and preparing them for larger, more competitive events.

Moreover, the Circle aims to expand student leadership opportunities by offering roles such as event coordinators, team captains, and marketing heads. These positions will help students develop organizational, management, and communication skills while fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility.

Strengthening Ties with Academic Departments and Faculty

Another important goal for **VESLit Circle** is to deepen its ties with academic departments and faculty members. The Circle will continue to collaborate closely with departments to ensure that its events complement academic learning and contribute meaningfully to the student experience.

Faculty-led workshops, panel discussions, and expert lectures will be introduced more frequently, allowing students to engage directly with professors and subject specialists. These interactions will enrich academic understanding while encouraging critical dialogue beyond the classroom.

Additionally, faculty members will be encouraged to mentor students involved in organizing and leading events, helping maintain high standards of academic rigor and fostering a culture of excellence.

Community Engagement and Social Responsibility

The **VESLit Circle's** activities extend beyond academics to promote social responsibility and community engagement. In the coming years, the Circle will focus on creating more opportunities for students to contribute positively to society through awareness campaigns, volunteer programs, and outreach initiatives.

The organization plans to organize charity drives, fundraisers, and community service projects that allow students to support meaningful causes at both local and global levels. These efforts will reinforce the idea that intellectual engagement should be linked with social impact and ethical responsibility.

By encouraging students to use their literary, debating, and creative talents for positive social change, the **VESLit Circle** aims to nurture socially conscious leaders who are committed to making a difference

Synthesis

The VESLit Circle has once again demonstrated its unparalleled ability to engage students in meaningful academic, intellectual, and cultural pursuits. By fostering a dynamic environment that encourages critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and active community engagement, the Circle has become an indispensable part of student life at VESIT. Over the past year, its diverse events and initiatives have not only enriched the academic experience of participants but also contributed significantly to their personal and professional growth.

Through events like debates, policy discussions, creative competitions, and collaborative activities, the Circle has provided students with a platform to explore diverse perspectives, challenge conventional ideas, and develop innovative solutions to complex problems. These experiences have helped participants refine essential skills such as analytical thinking, effective communication, teamwork, and leadership preparing them to navigate the challenges of an increasingly interconnected and competitive world.

Moreover, the Circle has played a pivotal role in nurturing a sense of community among students. Its events have brought together individuals from varied academic backgrounds, fostering a spirit of collaboration and mutual respect. This culture of inclusivity and shared learning has enabled students to build lasting connections while appreciating the value of diverse viewpoints and collective efforts.

Looking ahead, the VESLit Circle remains committed to its vision of intellectual and creative excellence. It aims to evolve further as a hub for innovation, offering students even more opportunities to hone their talents and expand their horizons. By continuously adapting to the changing needs of its community, the Circle ensures its relevance and impact in shaping the future of VESIT students.

As VESIT's students progress in their academic, professional, and personal journeys, the VESLit Circle will stand as a steadfast pillar of support, inspiring them to achieve their fullest potential. With each event, it reaffirms its mission to empower students and enrich their lives, ensuring its legacy as a cornerstone of the VESIT community for generations to come.

In its unwavering commitment to fostering intellectual growth, creativity, and collaboration, the VESLit Circle continues to shape not just the academic journey but also the character and aspirations of VESIT students. As it forges ahead with a clear vision for the future, the Circle reaffirms its role as a catalyst for excellence, a hub of inspiration, and a community where every student can thrive.