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VSIT Team visits US and Canadian Universities



Continuing the legacy of providing quality education, Vidyankar School of Information Technology (VSIT) has collaborated with prestigious Universities in the USA, UK & Canada. The objective of these collaborations is to provide to students the Bachelors and Masters Degree that would be

accepted internationally.

To further strengthen the current relationships with Universities in USA & Canada, a team comprising the Principal Dr. Rohini Kelkar, Vice Principal Asif Rampurawala and Advisor International Programmes and Development Shweta Apte visited various Universities in USA

and Canada. These included prestigious institutions like Penn State University, Rutgers University, University of Toledo, University of South Carolina and California State University, all of which are in USA. The Canadian Universities visited include University of Fraser Valley, Royal Roads University, Van-

couver Island University and Vancouver Film School.

It gave an opportunity to interact with the senior administrative staff and faculty of these Universities and also to catch up with many of VSIT students who have transferred to these universities in the past. These programmes provide a unique

opportunity to Indian students to benefit from both the systems of education at the undergraduate level itself and thus acquire the skills necessary to meet the challenges of tomorrow's globally competitive world.

—Asif K. Rampurawala
 Vice Principal, Vidyankar School of Information Technology

Vidyankar launches India's First Education Change Management Company

Millions of people are out of work or underemployed, yet almost half of the employers have open positions because they can't find qualified candidates. Institutions, Industry and Government are aware of the possible consequences, in the form of social and economic distress, when too many young people believe that their future is compromised.

The structure of the world economy is undergoing a change and a powerful combination of forces is bearing down on education, from a rapid increase in competition to technology-driven changes in course delivery methods, to significant decreases in funding. All this impacts the quality of education and the learning outcomes.

A \$ 2.3 trillion Indian economy with over 7% GDP growth rate is in desperate need of skilled manpower. Indian Education System needs reform. The change is inevitable and leaders of educational institutions must identify how to make change happen in an intentional, strategic manner. What are the unique challenges, opportunities, and approaches to managing this change in the context of their institution? This change has to impact all the six stakeholders for the Education Ecosystem namely; Student, Institution, Faculty, Industry, Government

and Society.

To this end, Vidyankar has partnered with the Valuable Edutainment Group to create India's first and only Education Change Management Company. The venture's name is Kenect. The name is derived from the words "Ken" which means "range of knowledge" and "Connect". Thus, Kenect, will connect various stakeholders in the education ecosystem to a range of knowledge. Its products and services will improve the quality of learning outcomes by the way of innovation and allow both for-profit and traditional not-for-profit institutions to rethink the entire traditional higher education model.

Kenect has a vision of linking diverse institutional improvement methods into a cohesive model for achieving significant and lasting results. We will facilitate the change management process not just by creating a platform for the stakeholders to interact but also by actively participating by the way of a Holistic & Progressive Education Partnership.

Where some people see a problem, Kenect sees an opportunity to break through the stagnation of the past and march towards the horizon. Changing the DNA of the education ecosystem from the inside out is the need of the hour. Disruptive technology, online



learning to redefine pedagogy can be the first step.

Within a short span Kenect has partnered with about 50 engineering institutions across Maharashtra through a Holistic & Progressive Education Partnership. It has installed VSAT based training facilities across these institutions to provide GATE, Aptitude and Soft Skills training. Over 1000 students across 30 Engineering institutions have already experienced online based live teaching sessions for GATE and their feedback is extremely positive and promising. All this, within the first 3 months of operations! This goes to show both the demand and the scalability of Kenect's offering.

The company has also initiated an Industry Interface Program wherein it will have association with over 100 companies for 2018 recruitment across core engineering domains and not just the IT services sector. The secondary objective of this program is to bring industry guided secondary research projects to the engineering students. This will only strengthen the research backbone of India. Also offering domain specific indus-



try certified courses to campuses through the VSAT medium is also being explored.

The idea of employability, an agenda that every college and university has, is centered on 'education for a job', the object of education solely being that of making the students fit to serve. Kenect intends to break this very notion of Educational institution being merely a means to get a job. Employability undoubtedly is an extremely important aspect. However, entrepreneurship we believe holds the key to making India a great and self-sufficient economy. Also making the youth fit for life and making the youth socially responsible are also equally important aspects the institutions should focus on.

Kenect believes that building a better tomorrow is the responsibility of all six stakeholders of the Education Ecosystem and Kenect will actively participate and facilitate this transition. The company promises to provide 'quality that no one can match at a price no one can beat'.

Pankaj Tawde
 CEO, Kenect

India 2025 – A Vision for the next Decade



Since 2015, VSIT has been building its VCMT-Conference around the broad theme of “India 2025-Vision for the Next Decade”. The objective of the conference was to reflect on the unfinished tasks of Nation-building and the country’s future possibilities of being the next superpower. The Research and Development Committee of VSIT organised its 4th Multi-disciplinary National level Conference on 3rd & 4th February 2017.

Mr. Raghav Narsale MD, Accenture, Institute for High Performance, inaugurated the event. Mr. Narsale, touched the basics of innovation by defining the difference between “Discovery-invention and Innovation”. He proudly stated that India has become a “Global Innovation Hub” because of its radical innovation.

Mr. Ram Bhogale, the Guest of Honour also spoke about the

GDP of the country. He appreciated the Government’s initiatives- Startup India and Make In India, as very successful ventures and acknowledged the fearlessness of the younger generation who has made it possible. Talking about Digitalisation, Mr. Bhogale voiced that it has brought a radical change in all sectors. He envisioned India of 2025 as the country which will have Research Centres in Tier 2 & Tier 3 cities in the country.

Research papers were presented during the second session under four different tracks: Digital India, Innovative Applications of Emerging Technologies, Contemporary Global Issues in Business Management, Emerging challenges in Indian Accounting & Taxation Systems.

The second day of the conference began with the panel discussion in which the participants were Mr. Sandesh Kirkire

– Balgani Education Pvt. Ltd, Dr. Pradeep Pendse, Dean IT & Business Design, We School, Dr. Umesh Chandrashekhar, Professor, PSG Institute of Management, Coimbatore and Dr. Abhijeet Phadnis, Director, Gitedge Financial Counsel Pvt. Ltd. The tone of the panel discussion was set by Dr. Chandras Deshpande, Adjunct Faculty, VSIT. The panel discussion was followed by the valedictory Function. The best paper awards from each track were declared.

The second day of the conference was graced by the presence of Mr. Vishwas Deshpande, Mr. Milind Tadvalkar, and Prof. Makrand Deshpande, Adjunct Faculty, VSIT. The greatest take away of the conference was awakening young minds to take to research for the betterment of life.

Prof. Ashwini Joshi, Prof. Snehrabha Katti, VSIT

VSIT Students share views on Budget

Budget paves the way to long term boost to economy. According to the latest budget, I think the start-up sector holds a lot of hope for what yet to come. The existing number of start-ups need to double by 2020, to lead the economic growth India needs and “Make in India” is a good opportunity for Indian Start-ups

— Akash Poojari (SY BSc IT)

For the poor and underprivileged healthcare, the government has taken very good initiatives as per my opinion. Rs 500 crore allotted to Mahila Shakthi Kendra and Rs 6000 to be transferred for pregnant women. Farmers are given funds through NABARD Fund. These positive steps taken by the government in favour of women and farmers will help us lead to better India

— Vaishnavi Venugopal (SY BMS HR)

According to budget 2017-18, income tax rate for the tax slab of Rs 2,50,000 to Rs 5,00,000 has reduced from 10% to 5%. This is positive move in favour of middle class people and is expected to reduce the tax liability. This will bring more transparency in Tax payments of India

— Chaitali Luman (SY BMS HR)

The Budget also confirms that public-private partnership in all infrastructure sectors will be encouraged. According to me, Tier II city airport operations and Management will take off soon, thus improving services and connectivity, aided by the recent regional air connectivity program

— Fahad Malim (SY BFM)



Infra Status for affordable housing has increased funds flow as well as reduced cost. The real estate sector is hopeful that the infrastructure status for affordable housing has led to simplification in the approval process of higher projects and enhanced transparency

— Riddhi Jadhav (TY BSc IT)

The Budget proposes targeted reforms to Medicare and Medicaid that are projected to save more than \$400 billion over the next decade. These reforms will improve the long term sustainability of Medicare and Medicaid by increasing the efficiency of health care delivery while enhancing the quality of care for the elderly, children, low income families, and people with disabilities.

— Toral Chheda (SY BMS (Marketing))

With just two years left in Modi’s tenure, the budget’s cash handouts and tax breaks offer a glimpse into who he’s wooing—is it the middle-class woman this year or the poor farmer? It also lays out a road map for public finances, so tuning in to the roughly 90-minute speech can tell investors which stocks are likely to gain. Advisers to the finance minister Arun Jaitley recommended bold tax cuts.

— Umeeksha Sharma (SY BSC-IT)

A Landmark Event by VP

Vidyalankar Polytechnic in association with MSBTE (Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education) successfully organized Career Fair-2017. The event generated massive response from students as well as institutes offering conventional and non-conventional career options after SSC and HSC. This well-carved out programme aimed to connect aspirants with the institutions directly.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Vinod Mohitkar (Secretary MSBTE) and presided by Mr. Chetan Raikar, CMD, Structwel, Ms. Dipali Divekar (Institute of Vocational Guidance), Mr. B. N. Karhade (Assistant Secretary, MSBTE) along with Prof. Ashish

Career Fair-2017

Ukidve (Principal, Vidyalankar Polytechnic). The inaugural function was adorned by the esteemed presence of Mr. Vishwas Deshpande (Managing Trustee, VDT) and Mr. Milind Tadvalkar (Director, VDT). The inaugural function was followed by a short film by MSBTE showcasing various courses offered by MSBTE.

Ms. Dipali Divekar of the Institute of Vocational Guidance conducted the seminar on “Various Educational Options” after SSC and HSC. Students were given information on career options available in a spectrum of fields spanning from Engineering to

Environmental Studies.

The visitors thronged at the stalls set up by various organizations such as Government Polytechnic, VJTI, Armed Forces (Army, Navy & Airforce), IVGS, ITI Girls, Raheja School of Art, Maharashtra Institute of Medical Science etc. All together 30 stalls participated with various career options from Cosmetic & Fashion industry to Architecture & Engineering. Abhyudaya Bank also gave information about education loan and how to avail it.

More than 1100 students from various schools visited the fair. Another star attraction of the



Career Fair-2017 were the Projects from schools and polytechnic institutes which were exhibited under the category of Elementary level to Advanced Level. School students and polytechnic students participated in project exhibition enthusiastically.

The event was acknowledged by the Times Group and also covered by them in their Maharashtra Times Newspaper. Kudos to

Vidyalankar for reaching out to students from across various strata of the society and for providing them with a platform to plan their future according to their aptitude! This initiative was conceived and executed under the guidance of the Principal and faculty members of Vidyalankar Polytechnic with an aim to help students choose the right career path after SSC.

Reinforcing Bonds through VIT Alumni Meet



Vidyalankar Institute of Technology's Alumni Committee organized "Elite Winter Alumni Meet" on Saturday, 17 December 2016 in which alumni from the batches of 2003-2010 attended the session. CEO Dr. Sudhakar Gaonkar welcomed the alumni wherein he spoke as to how an institute is incomplete without its alumni. This was followed by motivational words by our alumna and Chief Guest Ms. Prachi Tawde. She emphasized on how Vidyalankar forms the pillar of success.

Alumni Application which would run on IOS, Android and Windows machines and mobile phones was launched. The Application is developed by a firm named Alma Shine Technologies, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The app developer Mr. Kapil Dev Advani explained its features. This

is for all the three institutes: VIT, VSIT and VP and is available in both web and mobile portals. The link for web portal is www.alumni.vidyalankar.edu.in. Available with the name "Vidyalankar Alumni", all alumni, present students and the faculty members will be a part of this app which can be downloaded on both Android and iOS. There are many features of the app which are beneficial for alumni and students, such as e-publishing, Events Planning & Ticketing, Database Builder, Absolute Responsive Interface, Alumni Authentication, Alumni Directory, Secure Encrypted Database, Job Portal etc.

VIT Alumni Association was formed with Mr. Jaideep Patel as its President, Ms. Prachi Tawde as Vice President and Mr. Daksh Pasbola as Secretary. Even year wise formation of sub-alumni

association appointment was done consisting of Mr. Nirav Goradia as Executive Member from BE INFT (2002 – 2006), Mr. Daksh Pasbola from BE CMPN (1999 – 2003) and Mr. Sachin Pai Executive Member from ETRX department from (2001 – 2005).

There was a session on sharing experiences by alumni wherein they described as to how college has nurtured them in their growing years and how each and every faculty member motivated them in being what they are now. Interactive games were organized for the students hosted so as to make the session a memorable one. Felicitation of alumnus Mr. Abhinav Mishra was done through a Skype call since he was recently awarded young entrepreneur award by Singapore government. The Alumni Meet was followed by a relishing dinner.



Campus Placement Tips

In the scenario of the current job market, employability is a serious concern and the key attitudinal change can only be achieved if students infuse aspirational competencies, adaptability and flexibility in their daily lives. Students should equip themselves with the required skills from their very first year itself, so that they can be nurtured to evolve as industry-ready professionals. The end objective of any industry is to get smart graduates who can start performing with bare minimal training and will get into billable projects at the earliest. So, the behavioural traits and overall grooming should be inbuilt by the time the students graduate. Some of those traits should be pro-activeness, ability to question and seek clarity, strong written and verbal communication with all stakeholders, adaptability and flexibility to change, team player, able to quickly focus on customer service and manage stress and time. Communication is the Number 1 priority in the industry as Clients look for fast results, extroverts, 'street smart' employees who clarify their queries.

Campus placements are the crux of the engineering course as students eagerly wait for the best. Prior to this finale, one should diligently prepare well without being overconfident and complacent. Punctuality should be given utmost importance. One should reach the venue 30 minutes before the scheduled time in professional attire. Students should always remember that they are the ambassadors for their Institutes and are expected to project a positive image of their Institute. During the pre-placement talk, students should switch off their mobile phones and be very attentive to any announcement be-

ing made. Silence is a mandatory dictum to be followed by all and at the same time should make a note of the important points mentioned. If the company speakers encourage asking questions at the end of the talk, one should communicate in a responsible and intelligent manner. Doubts (if any) should be clarified only at the end of pre-placement talk.

To adhere to the aforementioned facts, students should have adequate preparation from their perspective. Students should visit the website of the company and understand the company profile before sitting for campus placements by that company whilst remembering the names of the subjects that they have studied in different semesters. Students should also know the fundamentals of the subjects and applications in day to day life. Mini Projects in the lower semesters should be undertaken and experience gained as an intern during vacation period. Students should have substantial contribution in the final year project. CV should be very crisp and clear which tells the succinct information about the essentials of the students' personality. Proper non-verbal language and the verbal without any grammatical errors should be projected on the day of interview because in spite of having good technical skills; lack of communication skills acts as a deterrent in the selection process during the campus placements. Ultimately, there is no denying the fact that correct attitude matters a lot at the time of Interviews and also in their transition to the corporate world.

Prof. Micky Barua and Prof. D.N. Krishna
(TPO, VIT)



VIT CELEBRATES ANNUAL FEST VERVE 2017

VIT celebrates annual fest Verve 2017 in a 3-day extravaganza on 15, 16 & 17 February which saw spectacular stellar events such as singing sensation Armaan Malik performing in a live concert on Day 1, Group Dance & Gondhal on Day 2 and Fashion Show and DJ Night on Day 3!

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“People ask the difference between a leader and a boss.
 The leader leads, and the boss drives.”

— Theodore Roosevelt

Virat Kohli takes over mantle of captaincy from MS Dhoni

When a young and inexperienced Mahendra Singh Dhoni took over from Rahul Dravid as the captain of the Indian cricket team, Indian cricket was undergoing a rough patch after being eliminated from the World Cup 2007 in the group stages. But when Dhoni was handed the reins of the national team, it was not without predictions of the downfall of Indian cricket. But six years on, India has turned into a cricketing force to reckon with. As he often does, MS Dhoni has his own idea. A man who lives in the moment, his extraordinary ability to read the game has been crucial in many wins. Dhoni, who led India to victory in the 2011 World Cup as well as the 2007 World Twenty20, resigned from limited overs captaincy, but continues to play in the Indian cricket squad.



Virat Kohli was appointed India's limited overs skipper on Friday after the resignation of Mahendra Singh Dhoni. Since taking over the mantle from Dhoni as a Test skipper in early 2015, Kohli has been in scintillating form, leading India to five successive series victories. Kohli, apart from being an exceptionally talented batsman, is a passionate and youthful player who brings energy to the side. His attitude towards the

game, his hunger for runs, his passion of winning is infectious. He is currently one the best batsmen in the world. But being the best batsman and best captain are two different things.

Kohli is very expressive and doesn't believe in keeping his feelings to himself. Dhoni is a picture of composure, no matter what situation the team finds itself in. With Dhoni, always expect the unexpected. Never a man to stick by a single plan, Dhoni rode his luck to be the captain he is today. Kohli, on the other hand, appears to be a more conventional and traditional style of captain. While

that is not bad in itself, he might struggle as a captain in the future. Kohli has always made clear his high regard for Dhoni.

Dhoni is considered as one of the best in business when it comes to handling pressure. Kohli is yet to be tested under pressure at a high level, it will be interesting to see how he will deal with it. Dhoni has established himself as one of the best captains India has ever had, whereas Kohli will learn the art of captaincy and he will create his own legacy as a captain.

Sarvesh Belhekar,
 FE ETRX A, VIT

Free Seminar on



**How to Crack
 MHT-CET / JEE Main / NEET 2017
 (Engineering / Medical)**

Highlights of the seminar

- How to excel at MHT-CET / JEE Main / NEET
- Admission criteria for Engineering / Medical Colleges
- Cut offs of various Engineering / Medical Colleges

To provide answers to all such questions and many more, Vidyalankar is organising a seminar on "How to Crack MHT-CET / JEE Main / NEET" for the students of Std. XII and their parents.

Seminar Schedule for MHT-CET / JEE Main 2017 (Engg.) Aspirants

Date	Time	Venue (Vidyalankar Branches)
8 March (Wed.)	6 p.m.	Borivli, Thane, Vashi, Panvel
9 March (Thur.)	6 p.m.	Dadar, Ghatkopar, Kalyan, Nerul
10 March (Fri.)	6 p.m.	Fort, Andheri, Dombivli, Chembur

Seminar Schedule for NEET 2017 (Medical) Aspirants

Date	Time	Venue (Vidyalankar Branches)
11 March (Sat.)	6 p.m.	Dadar, Borivli, Dombivli, Nerul
12 March (Sun.)	11 a.m.	Thane, Andheri, Chembur, Fort
	3 p.m.	Panvel, Kalyan, Vashi, Ghatkopar

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