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## Swaralankar @ Vidyankar: A Celebration of Classical Melodies

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.” Vidyankar Polytechnic initiated an attempt in the form of ‘Swaralankar-Solo Light Music Competition’, to foster and value music both as part of a universal education, and as an essential expression of the human experience and spirit.

With this intent, Vidyankar Polytechnic hosted Swaralankar-Solo Light Music Competition’. The event witnessed a warm response on 11 February 2019 by proudly hosting more than 100



singers from all over Maharashtra. To embellish the musical experience in a significant way, VP invited ace judges of the music fraternity. The Chief Guests Shri AnandBhate and Shri Kaushal Inamdar also enjoy a substantial stature in the field of classical music. The competition included four genres of

music: Abhang, Bhajan, Bhavgeet and Ghazal, either in Marathi or Hindi. The selection of the genres was a tribute to the rich musical heritage of India. The competition was planned in three phases - the preliminary session, mentoring session and final session.

As a conventional competition, the program was



not only based on elimination and selection process, but also mentored the shortlisted candidates and helped them to perform at their best. The grooming session encouraged and motivated the candidates to perform on stage with fervour.

The competition was graced by talented singers. They all were so

good and confident in their performance that selecting one among all became a herculean task for the judges. Finally, Ruchi Fonseca became the winner of the mega event. She performed remarkably fabulously and won the hearts of not only the audiences but also impressed the judges with her mellifluous

voice. The winner was awarded with 10000/- along with 2 Days 1 Night stay at Mahabaleshwar sponsored by Anandvan Bhuvan.

In today’s scenario, many educational institutes are engrossed in grade based learning, promoting mechanical education. This activity organised and accomplished by VP is a remarkable step that fosters opportunities for cultural and aesthetic experiences of participants through active participation in music, and helps to enhance their persona.

— Dr. Pooja Raj Srivastava, Lecturer, Vidyankar Polytechnic

## Factors that should be considered while shortlisting Universities

Selecting the right university can be a daunting task. It could stir a student’s mind from looking at the university’s profile to making the decision on accepting the admit. To streamline that, it is important to see if the university will cater to the specific academic and non-academic needs that a student has. Throughout this process, it is important to not lose sight of one’s final educational goals and find the best mix of academic advantages with supporting non-academic curricular activities.

**Factors to consider could be:**

**1 Accreditation and ranking**  
It is recommended, to check the program ranking of a particular program and see if the program is accredited.

**2 Alumni network**  
The strength of an Alumni network could land you your future job. It acts as a future gateway to the professional world from the academic world.

**3 Campus recruitments**  
Students’ academic success depends on the quality and quantity of hands on experience through projects, internships that they acquire during their studies. It is important to see what company

tie-ups does the university have and how becoming a part of such internships will enhance students’ profile.

**4 Class average profile**  
Getting an outlook on average class profile would help to understand if the course environment will be fit for a particular student and how it will enable the student to receive an enriching classroom experience.

**5 Location/Weather**  
Universities on the West coast tend to be liberal, and value community service, positive regard more as compared to those on East coast, where emphasis is on following the guidelines and analytical approach towards problem solving. Along with that on the West coast there are more programs related to software and IT, on the contrary, on the East coast, there are programs related to finance and management.

**6 Profile of professors and faculty** : It is a good step in the application process, to know the previous and current work of the professors that you plan to take your class with, to plan your coursework in term of research activities and projects better.

**7 Cultural ‘fit’**  
‘Diversity’ is a key word in to-

day’s educational world. Any program if it has the perfect mix of right people will foster necessary life skills into a student.

**8 Class size and student to faculty ratio:** The ideal student to faculty ratio is between 1:25-1:30. In this manner, the student would get required attention from the faculty member and work well with his academic advisor on his or her career goals.

**9 Financial aid:** Most certainly, as an international student scholarship and financial aid opportunities take away the extra burden of student loan and make the path of studies abroad smoother. Assistantships and on-campus jobs prove to be a help too.

**10 Content of the program:** The content of the program is equally important as by taking different electives and concentrations, program could be customized as per the academic goal.

To conclude, the most important factor while choosing a university is how well a university’s mission and vision aligns with the personal values that you own; the closer the match, the better the decision will prove to be.

—Shweta M Apte, Academic Advisor, Vidyankar Group of Educational Institutes

**Vidyankar students dominate JEE Main (Jan.) 2019 Result!**

Some of our students who secured above 99 Percentile in JEE Main 2019 (as per percentiles released by NTA)

Some of our JEE Main - January 2019 Toppers

<b>1st</b> In Thane	<b>Akshay Iyer</b> 99.99 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College					
<b>Peranjay Datta</b> 99.98 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Aryen Dolas</b> 99.95 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Dhruv Shah</b> 99.91 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Bishal Parida</b> 99.91 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College			
<b>Leandro Rodicio</b> 99.85 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Akhiljet Bodas</b> 99.83 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Sagarpal Singh</b> 99.80 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Sanket Ramde</b> 99.78 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Anvish Das</b> 99.77 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Pratham Dhaive</b> 99.76 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Labhli Gaudhi</b> 99.70 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College
<b>Akhil Iyengar</b> 99.69 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Dhruv Chavan</b> 99.60 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Nirbhayraj B. M.</b> 99.60 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Rishi Bhatt</b> 99.58 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Dany Karthik</b> 99.50 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Pavitra Sharma</b> 99.50 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Anay Karthik</b> 99.45 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College
<b>Anand Kambli</b> 99.34 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Aditya Kambli</b> 99.31 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Debjit Bagchi</b> 99.27 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Shruti Patel</b> 99.19 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Rishabh Ghosh</b> 99.14 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Omkar Gang</b> 99.12 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College	<b>Siddhant P.</b> 99.05 Percentile Vidyankar Jr. Science College

Heartiest Congratulations to all our Toppers !!!

## VSIT teams bag accolades at Inter-Collegiate Fests

**1 Aarambh fest:** This fest was held at Guru Nanak college during the month of September. Many students participated in the 15 events where VSIT bagged the best CL trophy



**2 Brouhaha Fest:** This was the annual fest of Sydenham College held in December 2018. VSIT participated in 45 events in the 5-day fest. VSIT won the best CL award.



**3 Technotsav:** It was the IT fest of Nirmala college (Kandivali) VSIT participated in 12 different events and won the best college and best CL award. Additionally, the participants of all events from VSIT won.

**4 Razmataazz:** It was the fest of SNDT College, Matunga. VSIT participated in 16 events and won best college trophy.



**5 Konflux fest:** It was the finance fest of International Business School [IBS] (Powai) VSIT participated in 20 events and won in 6 and bagged the best CL award.



**6 Zeal fest:** It was the annual fest of Guru Nanak college. VSIT won the Best College, best CL and best PR award



**7 Concord fest:** It was the BBI fest of Sydenham College. VSIT participated in 20 events and won in 13 events as well as bagged the best college trophy



**8 Elaan Fest:** It was the annual fest of Nirmala College at Kandivali. VSIT won best college runner's-up trophy.



## IEEE-VSIT Rocks at IEEE Bombay Section Congress, Nashik



In a congress with multidisciplinary events and dignitaries from across and outside India, IEEE-VSIT students returned with victory and glory bagging certificates, trophies and prize money in three categories: Activity Plan Competition, Poster Presentation and Innovative Photo Contest won by Dr. Sarika Chouhan (Branch Counselor, IEEE-VSIT), Arfhad Shaikh (Chairperson, IEEE-VSIT), and Student members of IEEE-VSIT, respectively.

IEEE Bombay Section Congress held at Sandip Foundation Nashik on 18th, 19th and 20th January '19 was attended by four faculty members and twenty-five students from the college. The congress had an enriching gathering of about four hundred attendees from all over India and revered speakers such as Padma Shri Deepak B. Phatak (Indian Computer Scientist and Pro-



fessor at IIT Bombay), Dr. Satyanarayan Bheesette (Scientific Officer, TIFR) who has published 200 research papers and has been part of CMS experiment on LHC at CERN, Geneva, Mr. Hussain Falih Mahdi (from Iraq, IEEE R-10 YP South-East Asia Coordinator & R-10 Humanitarian Activities Coordinator) and many more, from the industry, academia and IEEE fraternity. The event was conducted in

two separate tracks for students and faculty and the congress truly lived up to this year's theme 'Collaborate, Explore and Accelerate'. Attending the event enlightened and inspired the students to work towards their career and progress of IT, and the three days were enjoyed learning and networking at Nashik.

— **Karishma Bahl**  
(Vice-Chairperson, IEEE-VSIT STB & SY-F B.Sc.IT student)

## INTERIM BUDGET 2019

### A student's perspective

According to a student like me, the Budget of 2019, whether it is yeah-or-nah depends on different situations. As the Budget is mostly focused on the low to middle income group people and the marginal group farmers, so the government has taken good initiatives to do things for the for the lower/middle income group people. As these groups will get affected and due to which then they can save the amount of money which they were paying tax on upto the income of 5 lakh per year which was roughly going around 12000 rupees and now this money

can be saved and invested or any other needs which the people are having. This will help our economy grow faster and it may have an impact on the GDP of India as majority of our population are under lower/middle group and roughly, 70 to 80 percent of the people are in the lower/middle group income earning, including the farmers of our country, and the remaining 20 to 30 percent of the people are rich class people. Everything on the planet has two aspects: positive as well as negative. So does the Interim Budget 2019 of India. In the Budget the main focus was on the lower/middle

class. The government had declared that they will provide 6000 rupees to the Indian farmers every year but the question is that if this same party again comes into ruling power then this will be beneficial but if the government changes then this Budget won't be beneficial anymore. And according to me this decision was good to focus on our country's majority, but even some part should have focused on import and export as these are also a major part of any country's economic development.

— **Anjali Pandey**,  
SYBMS, VSIT

## Management Students at Bombay Management Association National Conclave



In line with its philosophy of providing good industry exposure to the students, VIT School of Management has partnered with eminent management body Bombay Management Association (BMA). BMA, established in 1954, is recognized as one of the best management associations of India and over 1.5 lakh managers have trained with them. VIT School of Management associated for BMA's National Conclave focused on Startups and Entrepreneurship. The 10X scale-up Conclave is an effort by BMA to connect the entrepreneurs of India with potential customers, funders and mentors. The event was lined up with eminent speakers including Padma Vibhushan Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, Mr. Nandan Nilekani, Dr. Murtaza Khorakiwala, MD Wockhardt Ltd, Dr. R. Gopalakrishnan, Ex-

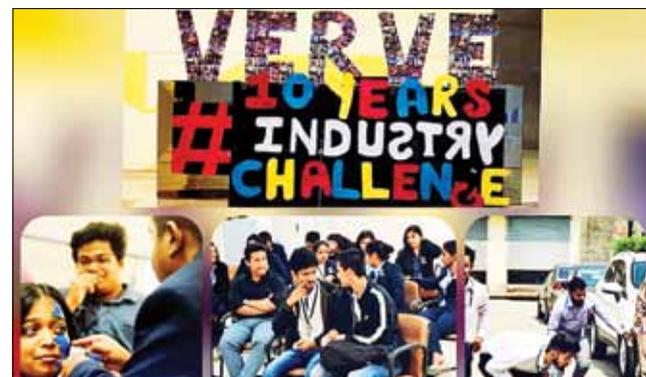
Chairman, Unilever, amongst many other CEOs and CIOs of companies who support the community and have helped them navigate all stages of their entrepreneurial journey. Students of VIT School of Management were chosen through rigorous selection procedure to work with BMA team in planning and organizing the high profile event. They worked extensively right from planning to execution on the final day of the event. Says First Year MMS student Tejaswita Tiwari, “I learnt various skills like organizing and managing an event, coordinating with a number of people, and dealing with unpredictable problems arising at an important event.” Adds Sidhant Worlikar, another MMS student, “I was given the critical responsibility of the entire IT set-up of the event. I understood the

importance of having a structured process of brainstorming and exchanging information.” Surya Menon, MMS Student adds, “We really enjoyed the session with Mr. Ashish Vidyarthi, well-known actor and motivational speaker, who conducted an inspirational session on leadership and positivity. We really appreciate this opportunity provided by VIT School of Management for a very hands-on exposure on management skills”.

VIT School of Management (VITSOM) believes in giving their students a well-rounded educational experience by giving them opportunities like these which help them in learning management skills and applying them in real life situations.

—Priyanka Gogawale  
First Year, MMS  
VIT School of Management

## Verve 2019 at VIT



## Management Students at CII Global Summit

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is the foremost Industry Body that works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the growth of industry in India, partnering industry and government alike through advisory and consultative processes. VIT School of Management has tied up with CII's student chapter CII Yi YUVA that aims at engaging students in leadership, personal development and nation building activities. It gives the students an opportunity to interact, network with professionals from diverse backgrounds and peers from across the country. It organises many events for students and corporates.

One such event was the 25th Edition of Partnership Summit 2019 organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). This event was organised in Mumbai



in J W Marriot, Sahar. The high profile event was lined up with who's who from government as well as the corporate. The key note addresses were made by Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India and Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Delegates from all over the world attended the session.

The audience included many industrialists and business class personalities along with students. All the sessions were very

interactive giving our students a very good opportunity to network with the delegates and clear their doubts from the experts of the industry.

There were many panels on a wide range of topics of discussion, including The Inclusion Dynamics – A Digital Wireframe for All, Shaping the Future of Manufacturing, Tourism and Hospitality as a new Growth Driver; Giving Food and Agro sector the much-needed Impe-



tus, Healthcare Development as a key component of a Growth Strategy, Defence and Aeronautics, Betting on Leadership roles in Renewables among others.

The two day event was enthusiastically attended by dozens of First Year MMS students of VIT School of Management. They got a plethora of insights and also developed plenty of confidence. First Year MMS student Abhishek Jambhale said, “It was like a once in a lifetime op-

portunity to see many Government officials and people discussing business under the same roof.”

We thank CII and its youth wing YUVA which encourages the youth to participate in such events essential for nation building, and Prof. Arijit Ghosal for organizing such events for the college and its students.

—Zainab Vora & Surya Menon  
CII Yi YUVA Coordinators VIT School of Management

# V-Talkies: Film Review of Pursuit of Happyness

It was the afternoon of a winter's day in a quaint room as students prepared for the first screening of V-Talkies. V-Talkies is a Movie club, an endeavour of the media students of Vidyalankar and the vision of their Head of Department Prof. Anindita Banerjee for the appreciation of good cinema. There was much eagerness since a heartfelt film was about to be screened. In the seats was also Chetan Mathur a Writer and Director from the telecommunication industry who has worked with media houses like T-series for more than a decade, a jury member of the International Film Federation of India, and also is a blessing as the professor to the Mass Media Department of Vidyalankar.

'Pursuit of Happyness': the very missable incorrect spelling in the title itself speaks how odd

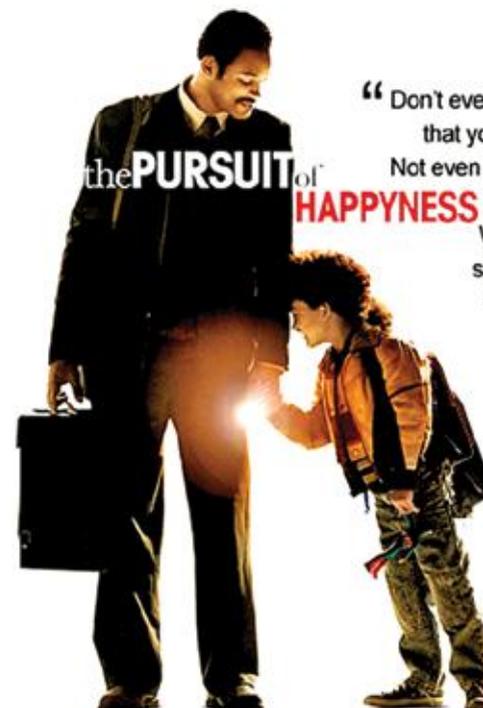
life works. The film asked the question many may ask in their lives: 'Why is it whatever I do is met with constant failure despite the fact I do it the right way with hard work?' The endearing performance of the real life Smith family father-son duo shares the suffering of all people who struggle for their families. The most memorable quote that stuck onto many was Chris Gardner (Will Smith) telling his son Christopher (Jaden Smith), "Don't ever let somebody tell you... You can't do something. Not even me. All right? You got a dream... You gotta protect it." These words echoed through the minds of the otherwise distracted students like me. The beautiful cinematography enhances every scene which has layers of hope, desperation, love and even heartbreak.

Prof. Chetan Mathur shared

with us his experienced insights that let us understand the technical aspects that built the emotions required for a film as such. Apart from all the accolades the film received, it relied heavily on its star actor to give it its 'serious issue'. It is a superficially layered melodrama that saves itself by allowing people to appreciate their own shortcomings.

Every turn in events which got us hooked onto the screen with hope that happiness was finally here, was in turn faced with a dreaded event that took us back to the ground with nowhere to go but above. The lessons we can take back from the film are 'Yes, life will get dark, relax! Do everything you can and you will receive what you worked for in the end!'

—Ashwin D'Souza, SYBMM, VSIT



“Don't ever let someone tell you that you can't do something. Not even me. You got a dream, you gotta protect it. When people can't do something themselves, they're gonna tell you that you can't do it. You want something, go get it. Period.”

— Will Smith  
(The Pursuit of Happyness, film)

## Dream Big - Achieve Big



### VIT Student Entrepreneur Shares...

I am currently a First Year student of Electronics Engineering branch at Vidyalankar Institute of Technology. I started my actual work career after 10th Standard, I was working in Cloud Counsellage Pvt. Ltd. which is start-up by a Vidyalankar Alumnus. I worked there for about one and a half years till December 2017 when I finally decided to start my own startup in Ed-tech sector. I met a few people through Twitter and worked in stealth mode for 10 months before we finally got our company registered on 22nd January 2019. My motivation has always been to do something instead of becoming something. I saw a lot of problems around me in the education sector which I thought could be solved if the correct approach was taken. We at Shaalastic LLP finally have our product ready and now we are also nearly operational in 2 classes. We have 4 partners in our company including my mother, 2 of them are MBAs from SP Jain and one is a teacher in engineering



degree classes.

Our product aims to be a collaboration of LMS+ERP solution for coaching classes/ educational institutes. We have competitors in the market but our product has all the features others are missing out on. My parents have also been a source of motivation for me. I had all the freedom I could ask for, but my parents also ensured that freedom comes with responsibilities. I remember when I left the previous company in December 2017 and decided to start my own, everyone close to me was telling me that doing it when board exams are so near is not a good idea and that I could work on it after boards/CET. But my parents backed my decision completely and stood by me through the entire process. My experience in Vidyalankar has been amazing as well. I have been able to learn a lot in Vidyalankar which has been able to help me in my work. I hope this continues and I am able to do a lot more for Vidyalankar and for our nation.

— Shubh Jangam, FE ETRX B, VIT

## Sports Achievements of VP Students

Winter Engineering Diploma Students' Sports Association (IEDSSA) Maharashtra State Zone A2 organized Intercollegiate Volleyball tournament in 2018-19 in which 20 polytechnic colleges had participated. All matches were played in K.J. Somaiya Polytechnic. Our college Vidyalankar Polytechnic was one of them, participating in the tournament.

Vidyalankar Polytechnic had a perfect combination of players, but the victory in finals was not on cards. Draws of zonal cricket were out, and not at all of them were pleasing. All the teams were phenomenal but our boys played with team spirit and confidence of the players and training

made this victory come true. The game was played with full enthusiasm by team to tribute this victory to college and our inspirational Team Manager Prakash Shelke with high respect.

### Heroes of this phenomenal effort

- 1 Sanchit Bhosale
- 2 Neel Chedda
- 3 Prathamesh Shirke
- 4 Neel Kore
- 5 Samarth Sawant
- 6 Avinash Singh
- 7 Bharath Chippa
- 8 Viraj Shinde
- 9 Imamjaffaralli Maddi

## Why to fight?

**Why to fight?  
Every darkest night,  
When there is no light,  
I see a dreadful sight,  
The huge crowd of people fight,  
Is this all right?  
Fighting just creates illusion,  
These punches, those kicks, there is no conclusion,  
Oh please! So please! Stop it,  
To settle all your complications,  
Try to conduct a peaceful conversation.**

— By Jainil Sampat  
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Vidyalankar Polytechnic

