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In order to avoid the communication gap among the various stakeholders of the institute on all academic and administrative matters and also to facilitate the achievement of the intended student learning outcomes, the 'Faculty Council' of the college resolved to bring out a quarterly e-newsletter. The various activities organized from time to time, be it co-curricular or extracurricular will be a part of this newsletter. All important events planned will also be covered.

Besides mailing online to all the concerned, this will also be kept on our website. We earnestly seek suggestions for improvement.

- Dr. D. Vijaya Prasad  
Director

### LECTURE BY Dr. D. N. Rao:

A scintillating, captivating, inspiring and thought-provoking talk on 'Happiness and Success' was delivered by **Dr. D. N. Rao**, President, VJ, on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Students and faculty of our college listened to the lecture in rapt attention. Dr. Rao started the session with the Shanthi Mantra and he focused on the importance of chanting our Vedic mantras for peace of mind. He spoke about, the uniqueness of our lives, and the seven habits of highly effective people. He spoke about the importance of time and how to utilize it effectively. Finally, he emphasised that perseverance along with adopting ancient knowledge and wisdom is the only way to achieve and retain success. It was a great learning experience for the students and faculty. **Dr. Aruna Kumari** from VNR VJIET assisted him in delivering the talk. The Director, **Dr. Vijaya Prasad**, addressed the gathering and announced that a new certificate course on 'Happiness and Success' will be started in the college in the next academic year.



A talk on "Happiness and Success"

In the course of the lecture, Dr. Rao challenged all present, to add another unique thing to his list of unique things: self, parents, time & place, truth etc., and promised a cash prize of Rs.5000 to whoever succeeds in suggesting one. Ms. Likitha, B. Com Computers, first year student suggested 'Birth & Death' as unique. This was accepted by Dr. Rao and the cash prize was given to her personally by him on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020, in front of members VJ, students, faculty, guests and participants of the seminar on ICT, conducted on that day at college.



Interactive session with students and faculty

## State level Seminar on “ICT for Enhanced Teaching and Learning”:



Dignitaries Lighting the Lamp



Group Picture Dignitaries

A Seminar on the theme “ICT for Enhanced Teaching and Learning” was held on 7th February, 2020. Several Industrialists, academia from various universities, faculty and students from different colleges participated and presented their points of view on the theme of the seminar. Our chief guest Dr. D. N. Rao garu spoke about ancient wisdom. He stressed on four points, happiness, success, fulfilment and peace to all. He also showed, through some videos, how technological innovation has led to Artificial Intelligence being prevalent in many fields like medicine, 3D Printing, manufacturing etc. He spoke about the VJ Philosophy –Transcend with “Knowledge and Enlightenment”.

Guest of Honour, **Prof. D. Ravinder**, Principal, Arts College, Osmania University gave a message regarding the changing times where the traditional chalk based teaching has shifted to ICT enabled teaching. **Shri. K. Harishchandra Prasad**, General Secretary, VJ, advised faculty to update themselves with the latest technologies, for effective teaching. The Director, **Dr. D. Vijaya Prasad**, seminar advisor, spoke about technological innovations and also mentioned that most of the innovations in the world are due to the crazy ideas of people. He advised students to re-invent technology by pooling their ideas. **Dr. N. Aruna**, Principal, Seminar Director, spoke on ICT and its importance in the present day, and also presented the theme of the seminar. **Dr. T. Rama**, Vice Principal gave the welcome address and anchored the inaugural session.

The Plenary session was chaired by **Dr. Sandhya Kode**, Mentor, IIIT (Hyderabad) & Director, Vignana Jyothi. She gave the opening message on Knowledge-Ownership-Doing-Empowerment. (KODE MODEL). She pointed out how knowledge can lead to owner ship, which in turn can lead to one’s empowerment.



The speakers of the Plenary session, **Dr.C. Goverdhan**, Assoc.Prof, Dept of Mathematics, gave information on the tool “**wolfram alpha**” for solving mathematical solutions, **Dr. Jyothsna**, Assoc. Prof, H& S Dept. VNR VJIET, spoke on the uses of ICT in the Education Sector, especially in the classrooms to grab the attention of the students and **Dr.Yugandhar**, Assoc. Prof, VJIM, demonstrated an App, ‘Office 360’, a platform for students and faculty to disseminate academic information, respectively.



Speakers of the Plenary Session being Felicitated

### Technical sessions:

Three parallel technical sessions on, Computer science, Maths/Statistics and Management/ Commerce/ Languages, were conducted. **Dr. Siva Kumar**, faculty, Department of Computer Science, VNRVJIET, **Dr. Haragopal**, Asso.Prof., BITS PILANI, **Dr. Sudha**, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Management, OU, were the chairpersons for these sessions respectively. 72 faculty and students presented papers. Nearly 50 faculty and students participated in the seminar from various colleges like College of Engineering OU, Koti Women’s college, Vivekananda Govt. Degree college Mahabubnagar, Palamuru University, Little Flower Degree College, SP College, Nizam College, DBPM Degree and PG College, Kasturba Gandhi Degree and PG College, Avinash Degree College, Hindi Mahavidyalaya, Sujatha Degree and PG College for Women, and G.Narayanamma Institute of Technology and Science.



Chairpersons for the Technical Sessions

Ten teams participated in the Informatique Exhibit’IT’ and showcased different technologies and gadgets.



Visitors at INFORMATIQUE EXHIB’IT’-2020

Competitions in Paper Presentations and **Informatique Exhibit’IT’** – An Exhibition to showcase novel software and hardware technologies, were conducted. Cash prizes were awarded to the 6 winners of Paper presentation and 3 winners of **Informatique Exhibit’IT’** competitions.



Winners of Paper Presentations



**Winners of INFORMATIQUE EXHIB'IT'-2020**

The Valedictory Session saw **Mr. Seshagiri Rao**, Vice President, VJ, as the chief guest. It was presided by **Sri Y. J. Venkata Rao**, Chairman VJIAS. **Sri. Achyutha Rama Prasad**, Member VJ and Chairman of Vignana Jyothi Public School, graced the occasion. The report of the seminar was given by **Ms. T. Radhika**, Seminar Convener. **Dr. D. Vijaya Prasad**, Director of VJIAS gave his epilogue to the audience. **Dr. N. Aruna**, Principal, gave concluding remarks and thanked all the participants. All the dignitaries who were present for all the sessions were individually felicitated by the management. The vote of thanks was proposed by **Ms. Vijaya Lakshmi**, faculty. The Seminar concluded with the singing of the 'National Anthem'.

### **Commerce/Mathematics Talent Test:**

On the eve of Swamy Vivekananda's Birthday, 'National Youth Day', an intercollege event, Commerce/Mathematics Talent Test was conducted for the students of Intermediate colleges, on 10 Jan, 2020 in our college. Around 371 students from 21 different colleges participated in this event. The entire program was organized by our students with the support of faculty members. The Chief Guest for the inaugural session was **Sri G. Manohar Singh**, Director, Sujatha Degree and PG College, Abids.



113 students for Maths and 258 for Commerce took the test. After the test was administered, while the papers were being corrected, an entertainment program was organized for the participants, by our students, in the presence of our faculty members. Many participants exhibited their talent in singing, rap, telling jokes and dancing. An Ad-making competition was also held in which 11 teams with 31 students participated. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners of the talent test and Ad-Making contest.





### Talent Test winners:

Prize	Name of Students	College
I	B.Swapna	Sri Chaitanya Junior college
II	S.Sabitha	Govt. Junior college
III	N.Dharani	Kasturba Gandhi Junior college

### Ad-Making competition winners:

Prize	College
I	Kasturba Gandhi Junior college
II	Raghava Laxmi Devi Govt. Junior college
Consolation	Narayana Junior college
	St. Ann's Junior college
	Govt. Junior college



Winners with Certificates

### **‘WIT and WIL’**

*‘WIT’ and ‘WIL’ is an innovative process in Pedagogy developed by Vignana Jyothi. It is derived from two of the most fundamental questions in education – What and Why. WIT stands for “What I am teaching” and “Why I am teaching” while WIL’ stands for “What I am learning” and “Why I am learning”. The main objective of this philosophy is to let the students and teachers have a perfect clarity of the curriculum and beyond. ‘WIT’ is a question every teacher has to ask herself/himself before teaching in order to identify the core principle objectives and ideas of a particular topic. ‘WIL’ enables students to question themselves before learning anything new. The answer to WIL helps students to grasp new concepts and relate to new ideas easily. Students should be eager to implement classroom concepts in real life.*

*It is hoped that, surely, the WIT and WIL method will invigorate the Teaching Learning process and infuse vitality into the system. I strongly advocate that both faculty and students at VJIAS should follow this teaching-learning method.*

**–Dr. D. Vijaya Prasad**

## Training and Placement Cell Activities:

- On 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, a placement drive by the company, **Bluestar** was conducted at VNRVJIET. 11 of our students attended the drive, 9 from B. Com Computers and 2 from B. Com General final year. 4 students, Ms. Jyotsna, Mr. T. Rajesh, Mr. Dharma Teja and Mr. Y. S. Karthik qualified in the first round and attended the interview. **Mr. Y. S. Karthik** of B. Com General final year has been selected by the company and the offer letter has been given to him.
- TCS conducted an aptitude test for students on 18<sup>th</sup> January. 4 students from B.Sc final year and 7 students from B.Com Computers, final year, attended the test. 3 students from B.Sc and 3 from B.Com have qualified in the test and have been called for an interview to be held at Raja Bahadur Venkata Rama Reddy Women's College, Narayanguda, on 26<sup>th</sup> February. **Ms. Swetha** and **Mr. Tejaswin** from B.Sc Final year and **Mr. Revanth** and **Mr. Sumanth** from B.Com Final year have been selected.
- A pool placement drive was conducted at Swami Vivekananda Institute of Technology, Patny Centre, Secunderabad, where around 50 companies participated. 7 BBA final year students and 1 B.Sc final year student attended the drive.
- On 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 a campus recruitment training program was conducted for the final year students. **Mr. Indra Kumar**, a freelance trainer and trainer for TASK, conducted the program.
- Mr. Vijaya Saradhi**, AGM, T.I.M.E., addressed all the students on 1<sup>st</sup> February and spoke to them about career options and higher educational opportunities available to them after graduation. He also showed them how to solve some reasoning questions related to Time and Space.



Training program by Mr. Indra Kumar



Mr. Vijaya Saradhi addressing the students



- A training program on **Life Skills, Soft Skills and Employability Skills** was conducted for final year students, who registered with TASK, from 10<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> February. This program, Mahindra Pride Classroom, as it is called, is an initiative by Mahindra & Mahindra Company's CSR. This is conducted free of cost by TASK at our college.



Life Skills, Soft Skills and Employability Skills training program.

- Representatives of 'Reference Globe', a company that offers a digital portal for learning and training to students visited the college on 11<sup>th</sup> January and demonstrated the use of the portal and explained the benefits of using that to all the students and faculty.



## NSS Activities:

NSS Programme, Gandhian Youth Leadership Training Programme, was held at St. Francis College for Women Begumpet, on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January. 7 Students and 1 faculty attended the training Programme.



**Dr. Shashidhar and our Students at the Leadership Program**

On 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, ISKCON, Kukatpally conducted 5K Run, as part of an awareness programme called 'Kill Cancer' on the occasion of 'World Cancer Day'. 85 of our Students participated in the 5K run.



**Our students at the 5K Run**

On Sunday, 9 Feb 2020, our B. Com General first year students arranged lunch for 40 students at **Oral School for the Deaf** (Orphan School ) at East Marredpally.



**Our NSS Volunteers at the Orphanage Serving Food**

## Seminars/Conferences/Workshop

- Dr. T. Rama attended a Two Day International Conference on Writing, at EFLU on 13 and 14 of Dec 2019.
- Ms. Deepika attended a 2 Day FDP at OU on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
- Dr. B. Venkateshwarlu, attended, as a chairperson, a National Conference, Holistic Development through Language & Literature, conducted at Aurora's Degree & PG College on Jan 3 & 4 2020. He also presented a paper.
- Dr. Shashidhar, presented a paper at a National Conference, Holistic Development through Language & Literature, conducted at Aurora's Degree & PG College on Jan 3 & 4 2020.

## Saturday Seminars:

- Seminar committee organised a TALK on topics of general interest. Baruch Sharma of BBA II year spoke about 'Bikers Gang' while some students discussed generally about bikes on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

## News in Brief:

- We have applied for another Section of B. Com Computers.
- Dr. D.S.R. Rajender Singh, Principal, Government Degree College, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, visited our college and saw all the facilities.



Dr. Vijaya Prasad & Dr. N. Aruna with Dr. D.S.R. Rajender Singh, Principal, Govt. College, Khairatabad, Hyd

### Recreational Trip for Faculty

All the Faculty and staff went on a one-day trip to Warangal and visited, Inavolu Mallanna Temple, Paakal Lake, Warangal Fort, and Bhadrakali temple, on 14<sup>th</sup> December.



- Mr. Manish Kumar & Mr. Narsing Rao constables of West Marredpally Police Station briefed our students about Emergency Number & ERSS APP “112” on 19 December, 2019.



Policemen briefing the students

## Parent-Teacher Meeting:

- The Director, Dr. D. Vijaya Prasad held a meeting with the parents of students studying final year B. Sc Computer Science, on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2020 to review their performance in the V semester final exams and to assure the parents of the efforts taken by our faculty to help the students in succeeding in their forthcoming exams.



Dr. Vijaya Prasad & Faculty with Parents at the Meeting



An awareness program and Elocution competition on ‘kill Cancer’ in collaboration with ISKCON was conducted in the college on 20th Feb, 2020.

Prize	Name of the Student	course
I	K. Siddu Ram Reddy	BBA 1 <sup>st</sup> Year
II	P. PridhviYadav	BSC Final Year
III	Baruch Sharma	BBA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year

1<sup>st</sup> Prize winner, K. Siddu Ram Reddy will represent our college at the State Level Seminar to be held at Osmania University later.



**Kill Cancer Program**

### Visit of Dr. D. N. Rao, President VJ:

On 9<sup>th</sup>, January **Dr. D. N. Rao**, President, Vignana Jyothi, visited the college and addressed the students and faculty. He gave a lecture on the “7 Habits of Highly Effective People”. He advised the students to follow them. Later he interacted with the faculty for an hour.



**Interaction with Students during his Visit**

## Excerpts from the Book “Exam Warriors” by Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

### Examinations!

- *When it comes to Examinations, there is no need to worry excessively or view it as a life- and -death situation.*
- *Exams test your current preparation, not you.*
- *One particular test or exam cannot define a person.*
- *Be cheerful; there are no marks for looking worried.*
- *Smiling fosters relaxation. With great relaxation comes greater ability to recall.*
- *Have faith in your own method and style*
- *Technology is a great teacher. Embrace it. Get attracted to it, not addicted.*
- *The quality of sleep matters. Have a Sound sleep.*
- *Little things matter- Observe exam discipline*
- *Good presentation is like beautiful icing on your favourite cake- it enhances the taste and leaves a lasting impression.*
- *Presentation is key – Master it*
- *Be a Warrior, Not a Worrier!*





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9. Sri. N. Bhanu Prasad	--	Member
10. Sri. Narendra Paruchuri	--	Member
11. Sri. Vallurupalli Rajasekhar	--	Member
12. Sri. Ch. Achyuta Rama Prasad	--	Special Invitee

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7. Sri. Narendra Paruchuri	--	Member
8. Sri. G. Krishna Prasad	--	Member
9. Prof. D. Ravinder	--	Member, OU Representative
10. Dr. N.Aruna	--	Member

