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Convocation 2022

On 14th September 2022, VIT-Bhopal university organized its **3RD Annual Convocation Ceremony**, where 840 graduands were conferred with a degree. The Honorable Chancellor of VIT-Bhopal, **Dr. G. Viswanathan**, preceded the function and declared the ceremony open with his address to the graduates. He congratulated the students for their best achievements during the placement time. He also appreciated the initiatives of the VIT-Bhopal community for introducing several future-ready programs in the academic curriculum such as cybersecurity, gaming technology, artificial intelligence, bioengineering, and health informatics to name a few.

On this occasion of the third convocation, the chief guest was **Dr. Loganathan Murugan**, the Honorable Minister of State for animal husbandry, dairying, and fisheries, and the Ministry of Information and broadcasting. The chief guest congratulated the graduates and appreciated the Caltech technology, one of the most innovative teaching methodologies followed at VIT-Bhopal.

The Guest of Honor, **Mr. Suresh Bethavandu**, Chief People of Officer, Mindtree Ltd., also appreciated the personalized attention given to the students during their studies and placements at VIT-Bhopal.

Our Honorable Assistant Vice President, **Ms. Kadambari S Viswanathan**, addressed everyone by praising the tremendous journey that VIT-Bhopal had since 2017, with 383 students and 32 faculties on board. Wherein, now it has reached more than 10,000 students with 100% doctoral faculties who have put their faith in VIT-Bhopal and participated in our commitment to transfer higher education.

For the current graduating B.Tech 2018 to 2022 batch, Microsoft offered the payoff of **45.03 LPA** to a VIT-Bhopal student, and another ten students bagged placements with offers above **20 LPA**. Overall, students received **1086 offers** with **286 super dream offers**, internship offers higher than **10 LPA**, and **175 dream offers** higher than **5 LPA** during this placement year.

VIT-Bhopal led the placement drive with three international offers from **Japan**, with the highest package of **59 LPA** from **Krypto**.

During her address, she also described the efforts made by VIT-Bhopal to uplift the marginalized section in Madhya Pradesh. VIT-Bhopal has launched the **STARS Scheme (Support Advancement of Rural Students)**, with **102 boys** and **68 girls** among the district toppers from the MP government schools who got free education and no-cost boarding facilities under this newly launched scheme. During this placement year drive, **8 out of 35** STAR students got placed, among which seven bagged super-dream offers. To conclude the ceremony, the Honorable Chancellor administered the pledge.

Convocation at VIT Bhopal A Timeline

The first convocation of VIT-Bhopal was held in 2020 when the Covid-19 pandemic was at its peak and threatened everyone.

The pandemic shook everyone. But VIT-Bhopal stood firm and battled through it. Reliability and dependability are the words ringing in one's ear when one hears the name VIT.

VIT Bhopal's first convocation added a new element to mediate the hitch and substantiate its factualness. A **Virtual Reality-based E-Convocation** developed in-house by the Department of Gaming Technology made the world witness the loftiest brilliance. It carved a memory that was and will always be with us during these challenging times. The **E-Convocation on 7th November 2021** began with the welcome speech of the former Vice-Chancellor of VIT-Bhopal University, **Dr. P.Gunasekaran**. Following his introduction **Dr. G. Viswanathan**, Honourable Chancellor of VIT-Bhopal University derived the Presidential address and declared the convocation ceremony open. He elaborated on the new future-ready programs introduced at VIT-Bhopal University and spoke about the student diversity on the campus.



VIT-Bhopal organized its **2nd Annual Convocation on 24th October 2021**. A total of 409 graduands were conferred the degree during this convocation. **Dr. G. Viswanathan**, Honorable Chancellor of VIT-Bhopal, presided over the function. In his presidential address, he congratulated the students for their achievements in the first placement drive, where **94%** of the placement registered B.Tech Students placed, out of which **150** students swayed Super Dream(>10 LPA)/ Dream(>5 LPA) offers.

VIT-Bhopal has been maintaining its exceptional standards and has excelled through every challenge the college has gone through. Assistant Vice President **Ms. Kadhambari S. Vishwanathan** and former Trustee **Mrs. Ramani Balasundaram** presented **7 Gold Medals** to Toppers from various programs and Rank Certificates to **21** meritorious students over the years.

Convocation 2022 At a Glance



Events & Webinars

Insights into Team AVITAR



Q: Hey Guys! So, everyone knows about Team Avitar, but why don't we begin the interview with a brief description of this team?

A: **Team Avitar** aims to streamline attention towards extracurriculars that differ from academics to boost the morale of the students to get used to real-life manufacturing experience and the basics of designing it.

Currently, we have **Manu Raghav** as Captain, **Pariket Mistry** as Vice-Captain, **Srushti Choksi** as Manager, and **Kenneth Linoj** as Manager.

There are six departments: **Powertrain, Roll cage, Steering, Suspension, Brakes**, and other **Non-Technical departments**.

This academic session marks 4-years of Team Avitar at our University. There were **30** recruitments from the first year, which is a great start.

Q: What is currently in work now at Avitar?

A: As you know, Avitar is an **IC engine-based M-Baja** team. So, under the guidance of our faculty coordinators, **Dr. Rohit Sharma, Dr. Ankush Tharkar**, and Dr. Prashant GK, we are preparing a new ATV with

a four-wheel drive, a different aesthetic, also keeping in mind the efficiency we need to maneuver in an all-terrain rigid surface/road.

Q: What is the vision of Faculty coordinators for the team?

A: They guide the team as best as they can. They also help a lot to expand the team's knowledge. They ensure that all members are in their best shape for the best results.

Q: What are the significant constraints that are important for any competition?

A: Major constraints that need to be in mind during competitions are finance, equipment, and resources. We should also ensure that every member is comfortable with the working environment. Following this vision, we plan to participate in the competitions like:

- 1] **BAJA** - Venue - Indore
- 2] **ATVC** - Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 3] **Mega ATV championship** - Goa

Q: Does AVITAR recruit students from selected branches only?

A: Not at all! Team Avitar welcomes students from all branches, not just mechanical and aerospace. The reason behind that is the significant difference between CS and Mechanical branches.

CS students are inclined more toward manufacturing and software, while mechanical students are toward the application part. Keeping this in mind, Avitar offers an environment that helps students enhance their skills, like problem-solving, management, communication, and brainstorming. Team Avitar teaches software like **Solidworks, Ansys, Fusion 360, lotus, IPG**, and many more.

PAT Webinars

September '22

Road to Success was started by the PAT team of VIT-Bhopal University as a series of weekend webinars to give students access to insights and connect them to university graduates as well as some distinguished personalities from across India. The first webinar was held on the **27th of August**, with **Dr. Padmanand Vasanthasekaran (Ph.D)** as its guest and senior batch students **Divya Mathew** and **Mukul Rathore** as a part of it. The webinar discussed how to deal with failures and prepare for coding, followed by a domain-specific webinar showcasing domain experts including old graduates that covered everything from non-CS careers to gaming careers. Mr. Nitin Mukesh, a speaker,

October '22

The placement-focused webinar series for October began with a motivating webinar on the Entrepreneurship journey by **Mr. Gautham Rajendra Prasad** on **6th October 2022**.

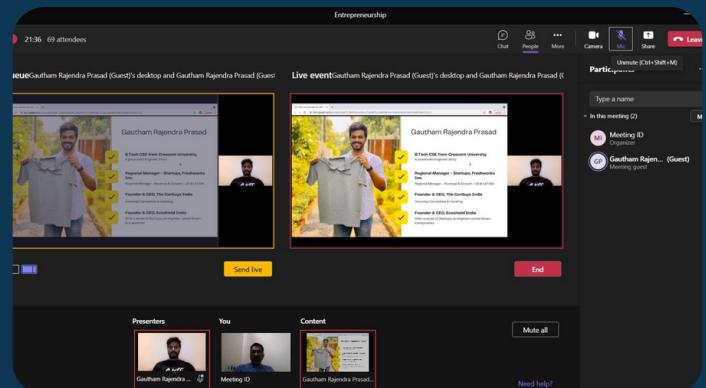
His clarity of thoughts and actions in deeds were inspiring for the students. He guided the students about the importance of ideation, how to solve a problem, and then adapt it according to the customer's needs. He also explained the mass and niche markets.

In the concluding note, **VIT-Bhoomi**, a two-day session for launching Entrepreneurs, was revealed. In this program, the winner will get funding or other incentives.

The next pearl of this series was a webinar by **Ms. Dhairy Gangwani**, who spoke about using LinkedIn in one's professional career. Building a LinkedIn profile and setting goals were the highlight of this session. It was followed by mentioning how one can improve their profile and increase the number of visitors by adding a featured section, a CTA (call to action), and others.

She further explained how adding Certifications, projects, and enhanced skill sets is an attraction for visitors and a crucial part of the profile. Another important aspect is to have recommendations and endorsements from colleagues, professors, companies, and many more.

author, and IITB alumni, was the guest speaker for the webinar conducted on the **10th of September** that focused on pursuing **Data Science** as a career. Students learned more about Product Management in the webinar, helping them gain insight into a career beyond coding. It was held on the **18th of September**, and it focused on the Current State of the Art in the Industry, with **Mr. Prasad Gawde** as the speaker. In the last webinar, the PAT team discussed interviews, how to trust the learning process and how to not let the outcome distract oneself.



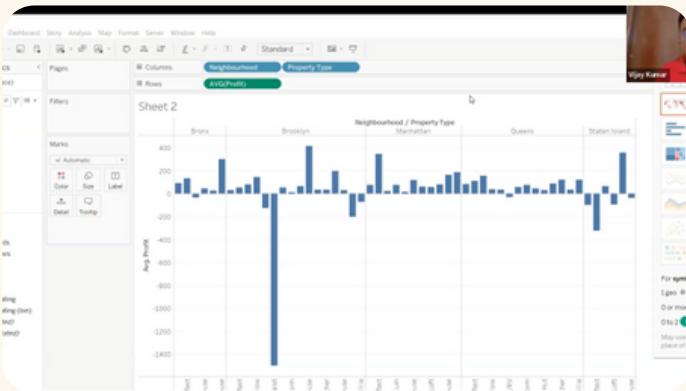
She finally pointed out the mistakes in their profiles, which were not updating them regularly. She advised everyone to optimize frequently and keep their profiles up-to-date.

Another smashing webinar was conducted, with **Mr. Vivek Gupta**, IITB alumni, as the guest speaker. He spoke about the preparations to get into the MAANG companies. He highlighted the path pointers and included the importance of skill sets, maintaining a good CGPA, a strong resume, some projects, and at least one internship.

He provided information about the online coding contests and the anatomy of any interview.

This month had some fruitful sessions which helped students pace their journey toward placements.

Tableau Event DSC



The Data Science club at VIT-Bhopal organized a two-day event on October 3rd and 4th through a Zoom meeting. The topic of the event was the essentials of the **Tableau**. The faculty and the division head for the department of data science, **Dr. Pon Harshvardhan**, made this event possible by bringing together the students and the guest speaker. The student coordinators of the club and the faculty coordinators,

Dr. Abha Trivedi and **Dr. Varshalli** organized the event. The Guest speaker of the event was **Mr. Vijay Kumar**, who is an assistant professor at Jain University. The Division Head welcomed the Guest Speaker with an inaugural address. The guest speaker began his presentation to the students by discussing the tableau, how it works, its use in the industry, what its prospects are, and many other details.

On Day 2 of this event, students went through a hands-on session where participants performed live practicals on the tableau with the guest and simultaneously solved the queries.

It was an interactive and in-depth hands-on session for the participants. A total of **100** participants from different branches of the university took part in this event, which made it a huge success. The event's second day concluded with the diocesan head thanking the guest speaker.

Vichar'22 Cloud Zone Club

The first offline event of the **Cloud Zone Club**, '**Vichar'22**', was held in the auditorium on the **3rd of October**. The event commenced with the club leaders, **Akshat Anand (President)**, **Nikita Raut (Vice President)**, and **Smarika Malviya (Non-Technical Lead)**, welcoming the dignitaries, **Dr. J. George C. Chandran (Director of Student Welfare, VIT-Bhopal University)**, **Dr. Pon Harshavardhanan**, **Dr. Virendra Singh Kushwah**, **Dr. Anju Shukla**, and **Mr. Gyan Prakash Tiwary**, onto the stage with a welcome speech and lighting of the lamp.

The Director of Student Welfare discussed the importance of data security and data processing in the cloud.

The technical lead announced the event proceedings, followed by the first debate on the topic "AI is improving our quality of life," held between the pairs, **Pair 1: Team Maverick AMA** led by **Aman Preet Singh** and **Team Troubleshooters** led by **Sanya Chawla** and **Pair 2: Team Otomia Codex** led by **Ajeet Kumar** and **Team Impact** led by **Aditya Raj**, judged by **Dr. Gyan Prakash Tiwari**, **Dr. Sandeep Sahu**, and **Dr. Vinod Bhatt**. Pair 1 triumphed in this round.



The second debate followed shortly after, on the topic "Gaming promotes violence", hosted by the Student Representatives. It was held between **Pair 3: Team Into Infinity**, led by **Arnab Choudhry** and **Team Gwalior Gangster**, led by **Sanidhya Tiwari** and **Pair 4: Team OD**, led by **Syed Haider Abbas**. Pair 3 came out as winners in this round.

Dr. Usha Ruby and **Dr. Subhash Chandra Patel** were the esteemed judges, and the Student Representatives **Angira Tiwari** and **Hardik Dulani** hosted the event.

ITL ELA



An event by the **English Literary Association (Club)**, headed by Dr. Anita Yadav and Dr. Atul Aman, on the occasion of **International Translation Day**, i.e., September 30, 2022, in the English Studio (AB205) at VIT-Bhopal University, was conducted. It was an extraordinary event in offline mode. More than fifty students from different branches have registered for the event, and about 60+ students have participated. The lecture was delivered with full enthusiasm by our honourable speaker, **Dr. Atul Aman**, who has completed his master's in translation-related work. He spoke on the significance of International Translation Day and discussed the importance of the word "**translation**" in depth. He also explained the difference between translation and transliteration. The session was immensely interactive, and the Honourable Speaker solved the attendees' questions. The event ended with students' exaggerated curiosity about their future career goals and ambitions. This event served as a pioneer.

Kabaad Se Jugaad

Environmental consciousness is essential because it can contribute to reducing global warming and environmental pollution. It can make a significant contribution to a more sustainable world by encouraging the use of renewable resources.

On the occasion of World Environment Health Day on September 28th, the School of Architecture at VIT-Bhopal organized an eco-friendly and socially equitable event called '**Kabad-se-Jugaad**' in which they had to portray the best use of waste or scrap. This event's goal was to promote not three but five Rs: **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Reproduce, and Repurpose**. Students were required and encouraged to share their perspectives, concepts, inventions, and innovations for dealing with our everyday climate/pollution/resource depletion struggles at home and in the community. The participants made ingenious designs that included robots and many more innovative ideas that espoused eco-friendly ideologies and augmented the credo amongst the students toward a greener and brighter future.



Festivities & Fun

Garba

With foot-tapping music, a captivating ambience, and a contouring crowd, the **Garba Night** on the 29th of September was rightly one of the most anticipated events on the yearly roster, and the **Gujarati Club at VIT-Bhopal** did not disappoint. It was inevitable to discern the buzz and excitement in the air before the event began. The Director of Student Welfare, **Dr. George C Chandran**, and Club Faculty Coordinators - **Dr. Bhumika Choksi** and **Dr. Neetu Kalra** - started the event with the Aarti, invoking the blessings of Ambe Maa.

With the echos of "**Ae Haalo!**" reverberating in the ears of everyone, the dances began. With **DJ Kapsology** on the mixer, the rhythm was nothing short of perfect. With stalls selling a variety of Gujarati cuisine, the dancers helped themselves to a great and refreshing snack to defeat the hunger that arose whilst they danced, just the way **Maa Ambe** defeated **Mahishasura**. The Club also had awards for the Best Outfits and Best Dancers. The event beautifully brought out the spirit of Garba amidst all the fun they had with their friends. All that anyone could think of was how the event ended so soon!



Durga Puja



On September 30th, an exciting atmosphere was created for the Bengali Club's Durga Puja as dhak beats and the chanting "**Bolo Durga Ma Ki Joi!**" echoed throughout the Hall. Beginning with a procession, Maa Durga was welcomed into the college with great pomp and sincerity.

The club organized several events in the auditorium highlighting the various aspects of Bengali culture. The club aptly named the **Rabindra Nritya - Kurashikaru** - a homage to Tagore's fascination with Japanese culture. As performers with **Lal Par Shada Sarees** covered the stage, it was a spectacle to watch. The play that followed provided an exhilarating treat to the eyes. With excellent acting and captivating narration, the stage play showcased the saga of **Mahishasura Mardini**, conveying to the audience the meaning behind the festival. The jamming session that followed had everyone singing along. Suddenly, a time machine transported us to the streets of old Kolkata as models portrayed the evolution of fashion through the decades.

What better way to wrap up the cultural display than a fusion of modern music and traditional dance? The event concluded at the MPH with a splendid showcase of **Dhaaker Taale - Dhunoche Naach**. As the procession reached MPH, the alluring smell of delicacies wafted through the air, and all anyone could hear was the sound of stomachs rumbling. **Pujor Bhuri Bhoj**, a feast of typical Bengali delicacies, was served with 16 mouthwatering dishes!

Onam



An annual harvest festival celebrated in honour of the noble King Mahabali, **Onam** is a celebration of unity, community, and love. The boys donned the traditional **Mundu**, and the girls wore crisp and beautiful white and gold sarees with hair adorned with fragrant jasmine

flowers. The official celebration commenced in the auditorium. The event, conducted in English and Malayalam, started with lighting lamps and devotional songs.

The maveli dressed as **King Mahabali** entered the room when at the same time, the origin story of Onam was recited, followed by the spectacular **Thiruvadilla** dancing. The club members gracefully conducted a ramp walk to highlight the traditional attire.

The celebration ended with **Onam Sadya**, where over 300 students and faculties gathered to savour a delicious meal. The meal consisted of more than 13 flavoursome dishes served on banana leaves. Onam celebrations and **Uriadi** games at Shri Krishna Jayanthi (Ashtami Rohini) brought us to the end of a perfect day.

Game Jam

VR and Gaming Club conducted its first **game jam** on the campus of VIT-Bhopal on August 28, 2022. Students were allowed to develop their games during a week-long event which ended on September 4, 2022. During the competition, participants could submit any game they created on the topic "speed" with a team of four or one. The judges of the event were the educational event coordinators of VRGC, namely, **Shubham Sudhir Kumbhar (20BCG10013)**, **Sankalp Jajodia (20BCG10033)**, **Advaith Karnad (20BCG10121)**, **Shubh Singh (20BCG10048)**, and **Niyaz Badar (21BCG10039)** and they received very enthusiastic participation from the students. In addition to several masterpieces submitted by participants, **Ranjan Shreshta (20BCE10918)** emerged victorious. Furthermore, this event allowed the participants to display their talents and think outside the box despite their competitiveness.



Chess Tournament

The **chess tournament (boys) 2022** was recently organized for the 2021 batch by VIT-Bhopal and was conducted at the campus. This intriguing tournament comprised two rounds for our challengers, round 1 online and round 2 offline. It was a joint effort organized by **Arman Nath**, **Yatharth Mishra**, **Vatsal Singh**, and **Yash**. Round 1 was online via a chess website/portal called '**Lichess**' on the 1st of October 2022. Further, the second round was held offline at the multipurpose hall on the 6th and 7th of October. Around 140 chess enthusiasts registered for the tournament, and only 24 could qualify for round 2.

Round 1 was in a blitz format, i.e., 3+0 minutes per person, and 549 games played online. Round 2 was rapid, i.e., 10+0 and 15+10 minutes. The tournament concluded with a hearty closing match between **Dr. H Azath** and **Dr. Chandan Kumar**.



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