

# VAA Vrutaant

NEWS from our Alumni

Nobody is  
bothered  
about an  
institution  
more than  
its Alumni.

-N.R. Narayana  
Murthy



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# PRESIDENT SPEAKS



President  
Dr. R. K. Gajjar

Dear readers,

The world has now become so dependent on science and technology that today it clings to every new direction the engineering universe takes. Being a developing country, India has advanced significantly and left an unequivocal mark, of being an erudite nation, on the world. But it is never right to be too satisfied with one's success and cease growing. It is imperative to thrive until the life is ideal for all. Engineers, undoubtedly, play an indispensable role in moulding the destiny of countless people. The VGEC family has consistently remained on the forefront to encounter every challenge with infrangible force. Besides the admirable teachers, the benevolent alumni of VAA have invariably invested their precious time and prowess for guiding the curious and dazzling young minds to elevate their competence. It gives me colossal satisfaction to see these youngsters make their home, their country achieve exceptional stature. This newsletter proudly boasts of the achievement and journey our alumni and present students embark on to success. I wish you all for this re-connecting with the alma mater through this newsletter.

## WHAT IS VAA?

This is the marvellous idea on which the VGEC Alumni Association is based. VGEC Alumni Association was registered as society in 2015 however seeds were planted in 2004 with the objective to build a bridge between alumni and newcomers. It has been successfully working as a society with the common efforts of alumni, students, coordinators and core team members. Many events such as cultural programs, national level tech-fest, farewell, Vishwasmruti, alumni meet and many more were held by the efforts of whole team members of VAA. VGEC Alumni Association has about 2000 team members. By the joint efforts of our precious alumni, newcomers

**“IF WE WALK ALONE,  
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FASTER; IF WE WALK  
TOGETHER, WE CAN  
WALK FARTHER.”**

and all the faculty members connected with VGEC Alumni Association, VGEC-AA has achieved exceptional stature in VGEC.



## Vishwa Smruti 2018

The grand annual alumni meet held on 6th January, 2018 at the very own VGEC campus was conducted with a sincere aim- “Connecting the dots of current students to that of alumni all across the globe”. In addition to this, various functions were organised to recreate and reminisce golden memories of alumni that linked to our beloved campus days.

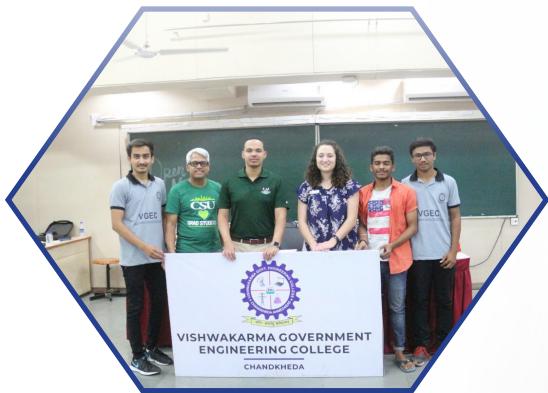
Many of our alumni from abroad were part of the event and their distinguished experiences & suggestions moulded the event into one of its kind. It commenced with alumni registrations for membership followed by departmental activities where Alumni-Faculty get-together was arranged in their respective department. Later, final year student project show-casing was organised that helped them to get their projects reviewed by classified ones. Moving towards the end there were cultural

performances by alumni then to a dinner. The event witnessed around 200 alumni from various spheres of engineering. The evening lit up with the nail-biting performances of the alumni at the football ground and concluded with lip smacking dinner. The event was a grand success leaving lasting impressions of the good old times that were cherished, celebrated and refreshed along with creation of many lifetime memories.

*They May  
Forget Your  
Name, But Will  
Never Forget  
The Legacy You  
Left Behind.*

# Glimpses of 2018

## Abroad Dreamers



Studying and working in abroad is top in the list of many current students who wishes to take their knowledge to a next level but this all requires a proper guidance to succeed. On 24th January, 2018, a workshop for the abroad dreamers of VGEC was organised under guidance of **Dr. Nigamnath Sridhar**, Dean of Graduate Studies at Cleveland State University, Ohio-USA who brilliantly guided students towards the wonders of abroad study, its great prospects, pros & cons and important processes related to it. The event was facilitated by **Mr. Raviraj Patel**(EE/2016) and **Ms. Twinkle Patel**(CE/2017).

## Expert Talk By TEKSUN Group

An expert talk was organized on 27th February, 2018 with the aim to help students gain information regarding different career



opportunities available in the field of EC. To accomplish this task, experts who were representatives of **TEKSUN GROUP OF**

**COMPANIES** were invited. The event proved to be extremely beneficial for the present 120+ students as they got an insight into the different research domains available in the EC field along with gaining knowledge about training and placement guidelines.

## Expert Talk on Industrial Knowledge and Entrepreneurship



As an effort to make the students of Mechanical engineering familiar with the current industrial situation, an expert talk was organized on 3rd August, 2018. The experts for the event were: **Mr. Dipesh Ganatra** - Executive Engineer, Torrent and **Mr. Siddharth Gajera**, Co-founder of Cubien E-Manufacturing Solution. Mr. Dipesh Ganatra introduced the students about the industry. He guided students on different career options after engineering education. He advised students to select field of their interest and start working in that direction. Mr. Sidhdharth Gajera shared his journey from a professor to an entrepreneur and guided students how to achieve dreams. Mr. Umesh Mangoriya, acquainted students with different skill development programs offered by public and private sectors which can be helpful for students to start their own firms.

## A Workshop on Graphic Designing



A workshop on Graphic Designing was organized on 24th September 2018. The experts of the workshop were the talented ace designers of VGEC – **Nikunj Maniya** (CE- 7th sem) and **Hrishikesh Vachhani** (CE- 5th sem) who themselves being students set a great example of skill development. It was a two day workshop and two different software (photoshop and coreldraw) were taught on during the workshop. The students learnt designing from the scratch and even designed their own certificates at the end of the workshop.

On 6th October 2018, an expert talk was organised about web development using python and Django which aimed at rapid development and deployment of websites! The expert was **Mr. Alap Jethwa** with a background in the IT department who has deep knowledge of this domain. This seminar had seen students from second, third and fourth year who learnt a great deal from the seminar.

## A Career Counselling Session

Career decisions made, plays a vital role in shaping the future, growth and development of students. With abundant of courses



## Web Development Using Python



and careers, the choice is often difficult! So for giving proper guidance to students of VGEC, a career counselling session on 17th September, 2018 was organized. The counsellor of the session was **Mr. Kamlesh Sajani**, Managing Director of IMS Institute. This event was very beneficial as many eager minds got their answers regarding their confusions.

# VAA Week

## VAA-KALAM



V A A KALAM was the very first event of VAA-WEEK, which carried out evaluation of creative and formal writing skills of participants through a written test. The event and eventually VAA-WEEK both commenced on 6th August, 2018 with an exciting start. A content that drew attention, conveyed exact meaning and properly framed was among the main expected outcome from the participant. The winners were awarded with cash prize during VAA-GREETZ held on 24th August, 2018 and joined VAA as an official Editorial Team member. The newsletter you are holding now is the contribution of the Editorial Team, which comprises the winners of VAA KALAM majorly.

## VAA-CLICKS



V A A CLICKS, the second event of VAA WEEK was organised on 7th August, 2018 under the guidance of our alumni who are also one of the most coveted photographers of VGEC, Mr.Sathyam Shivhare and Mr. Aneel Rathod. This event aimed to unveil the hidden photographer in a participant and develop it to its fullest form. This event provided an excellent platform for participants to nurture their photography talent whereas those with exceptional photography skills along with zeal for being the best paved their path to become an official member of VGEC photography club.

## VAA-RECRUITZ



On the same guidelines the final and most pivotal event of VAA-WEEK, VAA-RECRUITZ was organized on 8th August, 2018 where participants were assessed on their soft skills, attitude, basic knowledge and special skills to recruit them in the VAA. Three of our alumni Mr. Vishal Vanza, Mr. Siddhant Thakker and Mr. Nirav Sanchaniya who very minutely examined participants on their qualities took the interview and carried out the selection process. Around 180 students participated out of which 80 embarked their ever-growing journey with VAA as an official member.

*Talent will get you in the room, but skill will make you stay in the room.*

# TREE PLANTATION



With trending global pollution problems and continuous depletion of green lands, it was necessary to initiate an event that creates awareness of the problem along with a solution to set an example for others to follow. With the joint efforts by NSS and ADVANATURE, VAA Tree Plantation was organised in the campus of VGEC on 21st July 2018 to answer the above concern. **Shri K.K. Nirala**, Director of technical education, Govt. of Gujarat was present as the chief guest of the event that increased significance of the event. Many alumni

also attended this event and lent helping hands to the volunteers. The Honourable principal mam, respected HODs and faculty members planted more than 250 saplings each with a tree guard which had the name of the donor mentioned on it. Addition of more green cover to the campus came as a desirable outcome elevating serenity of the campus.

*He who plants  
a tree plants a  
hope.*



## VAA GREETZ

The Grand ceremony of VGEC Alumni Association, the felicitation program of VAA- Core team and orientation program of new members who were selected during VAA-WEEK was organized under the event VAA- GREETZ held on 24th August, 2018. Honourable principal mam **Dr. R.K. Gajjar** (President, VAA), **Dr. Milind Shah** (Vice-president, VAA) and alumni **Siddhant Thakkar** were present during the event filled everyone in the room with a new energy and enthusiasm for the upcoming journey. The aforementioned altogether appreciated new members and rewarded VAA KALAM winners alongside gave a brief on mission of VAA. It all ended up with a vote

*“No person was ever honoured for what he received. Honour has been the reward for what he gave.”*

of thanks by **Dr. Vaseem Qureshi** enthraling a new vision of rising and building of never-ending energy to accomplish new heights.

## Farewell 2k18



Prior the event each branch of VGEC conducted their own separate farewell resulting in inefficient utilisation of resources along with a compromise on togetherness of students. To resolve such issues along with improvement of overall event a joint farewell was conducted titled, Farewell 2K18.

Farewell 2k18 was organised on 21st April, 2018 at L-block, VGEC campus an extravaganza of events right from signing the lasting impressions on the memory wall to the cultural performances done by the juniors. Highlights of the event were felicitation of distinguished students for their achievements in various fields, get-together in the department where they reminisced their student days and finally a dinner followed by garba. Last year students from all branches were present to create the most adorable and memorable reminiscences that long ahead would make them yearn and leave them in nostalgia. This is what was achieved and made the event a cracker bursting successful while adding another remarkable mark to the legacy.

*“Every goodbye  
is a birth of a new  
beginning.”*



# September Alumni-Meet

The September Alumni Meet was organised with tagline motto “Relive-Reconnect-Rejoice -A trip to nostalgia”.

It was arranged on 29th September, 2018 from 3:00 PM onwards at A-block auditorium, VGEC campus. All the alumni from 2011-2015 batches were cordially invited for reliving the moments that happened years back and to cherish them for the years to come. The chief guests invited were the famous former **RJ Parth** (PE 2014 Alumni) and the epitomic writer **Mr. Hiren Kavad** (IT 2014 Alumni). The meet included many exciting events starting right from the experiences and reminiscences that alumni shared with the current students to the current students' cultural performances. Both of the chief guests spectacularly shared their profound experiences and memories they created here years back.

Lastly, the event ended with dinner for all the VAA volunteers as well as all the alumni and faculties present. Many positive and overwhelming responses from alumni bespoke for the grand success of event.



# ALUMNI TRENDSETTERS

Anjali Tomar  
(EE/2015)



A personality with many talents- a published author of book; ek shayra, Co-founder of sweetkaddu.com, poet, blogger, singer, orator and short film maker. Her both technical and non-technical works have received honours from various government institutes and international organisations.

Drasti Chauhan  
(EC/2018)



Creating a fashion statement of her own- She is a published Author, an Orator recognised by Times of India, a Spoken English Coach and an Anchor. Also, one of the Ahmedabad's top notch Fashion Blogger with over 100+ collaborations from National and International brands and a proud Social Media Entrepreneur.

Hiren Kavad  
(IT/2013)



One of the most prolific writer of current generation. He has published 3 novels and 20 short stories with many of his works popular among youth. He is the top rated author at 'Matrubharti.com'.

Williams Koshy  
(Chem/2010)



Balancing academics with sports and extra curricular is something at which only few prevail. William J. Koshy, gold medallist (B.E)(M.E) and winner at many national level technical event alongwith various outstanding achievements in sports. Also a certified football referee & coach, a lifetime member of IICHE (Indian Institute of Chemical Engineer) and also a Member of 'Board of Sports' of Gujarat Technological University, Ahmedabad.

Supriya Mishra  
(EC/2017)



A renowned poet and prominent Youtuber, she has created an unparalleled remark with her poem, Kuch Kuch Hota hai with her YouTube channel crossing over 2M+ views. An APM Poetry slam winner alongwith winning on many other noticeable platforms like Language Festival'18, Unheard, Izhar clearly states for her success as a versatile poet.

Mayur Chauhan  
(IT/2014)



Engineers are never limited just to technical field but to other diverse fields as well. Mayur Chauhan-aka Michael from the cast of Gujarati Cinema magnum opus, "Chello Divas" and "Karsandas Pay and Use"- is one such personality. An actor, singer and quondom RJ who has left a vivid everlasting impression on many making him a distinguished and an unparalleled personality in media.

# 2019 Planner (Jan-Apr)

<p><b>IT</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expert lecture on Deep learning</li> <li>2. Workshop on Android/.Net Technology</li> <li>3. Expert session on Project Management</li> <li>4. Feedback (Online) from Alumni on curriculum</li> </ol>	<p><b>IC</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Academic Report Writing Skill development</li> <li>2. Panel Discussion with senior alumni for curriculum improvement</li> <li>3. Discussion with alumni for NBA</li> </ol>	<p><b>ME</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Seminar on 3 D printing machines</li> </ol>
<p><b>EE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Research project discussion and demonstration</li> <li>2. Guidance for final year project selection in reference to industry needs</li> </ol>	<p><b>Civil Engineering</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. One day workshop on basic skills required for interview</li> <li>2. Interaction with alumni for the projects selected for SSIP</li> <li>3. Panel discussion with senior alumni for curriculum revision</li> <li>4. Introduction and hands-on training on AUTOCAD</li> </ol>	<p><b>EC</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Workshop on Verification of digital VLSI design</li> <li>2. SSIP project review cum guidance</li> </ol>

## Have You Checked Our New App?

In this app we have features which are there in the website like Events, Portfolio, Alumni Committee, Success Stories & Search Alumni. We have also added some important features like Post Job & Job Offers which will be helpful for the persons who are seeking for good job offers

as well as for the persons who want to post the job offers(can be company or consultant). We have also made registration process more secure by adding two step verification. Moreover, there is a push notification functionality for all the upcoming events.

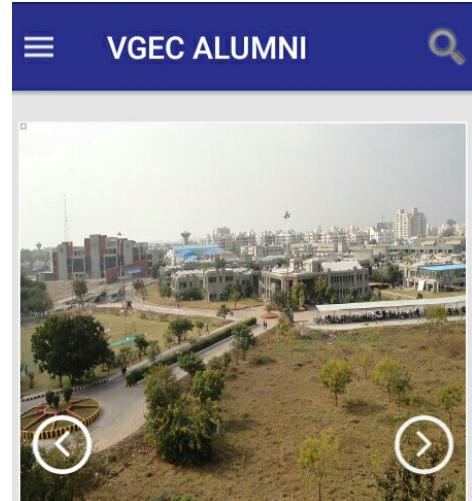
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