

## **Journey from Student Council towards living your Passion** A Panel Discussion cum Interview Session, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

*Some of the students prefer to experiment in different fields of career like navy, training, journalism etc. So, Prof. Sonaali Borkar conceptualized this activity to bring together Student council members' of 2013-14 and our current students on one platform and motivate the students how hard work and passion can make their life meaningful and successful. This session was an online event where all the invitees were interviewed by our faculty and our current student council team. In the event all our invitees shared their experiences about how their council responsibilities and VIT has played the significant role in shaping their career.*

### **About Program**

Prof. Sonaali Borkar is the brain behind the organizing of this event. Madam initially contacted the Student Council members' of 2013-14 and invited them to become the panelists for the event. Madam also coordinated with them so that event can be become a huge success. So, for this event our own alumni were selected who had worked in the Student Council and have developed a career in field then their respective domains. An interactive discussion was scheduled in which they revealed their past role in the students council and how they worked to make the event successful and also they shared with us how it helped them take tough decision to divert from their core engineering domain to a totally different field in which they had interest or have developed an interest in it. Panelist were also asked questions about their journey in the student council and how they were selected in the student council. The program was concluded with vote of thanks from Mr. Mohit Shah the current GS.

### **Invitees**

1. Mr. Abhay Valsangkar, Founder, AlterEgo Learning
2. Ms. Ankita Shambhudas, Lieutenant, Indian Navy
3. Mr. Eshwar Gole, Associate Editor & News Desk Head, The Quint
4. Mr. Sadanand Naik, Food Supply Inspector, Govt. of Maharashtra
5. Mr. Aniket Wanve, Indian Forest Services

### **Takeaways**

The panel discussion went really well with the Alumni and council members of 2013-14 students' council. The event started with a small audio-visual presenting the photographs of all the events and the wonderful time the council members have spent together. Then Prof. Rugved Deolekar welcomed all the panelist and the conveners of 2013-14. Prof Sonaali Borkar, Prof Avila Naik and Prof Ameya Nyayadhish also spoke about their experiences. Our current general secretary Mr. Mohit Shah then introduced all the panelist with their current profession and achievements. It was very inspiring to see that all the panelists have achieved a greater success in their current domain.

Prof Rugved Deolekar then started the panel discussion with all the panelist. The initial questions were about their engineering days, entry into the council, selection process and the events handled by them. All had lot of stories to share and were very excited about their overall journey of students' council. Mr. Abhay Valsangkar told students which are the qualities required to be a GS and how to build a team from the members you are given and use the available resource to fullest. Mr. Aniket Wanve discussed about the topics or areas on which we need to focus when we organize any technical event. Mr. Eshwar Gole discussed how one can keep a sound academic and still work on their field of interest.

Mr. Sadanand Naik & Ms. Ankita Shambhudas discussed how the life inside and outside the classroom can be properly managed. The session brought old memories come live for both the students and our faculty. It also motivated all the students who want to work in student council in coming years. With over 1.6k views the program was successful in delivering the message to students that one can make a successful career in his/her liking field of interest by properly channelizing his/her ideas and thinking in that particular field.

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