

Value Added Activity

At Vidyalankar Institute of Technology, thinking line is always about how the students would be benefited maximum. In the Co-vid-19 lockdown situation, movements are restricted and therefore students have good amount of time available with them. A thought was given about in what way, this time available to the student fraternity can be constructively utilized for improving their knowledge base as well as their skill sets. Facilitating such activity would help them not only being improved and more skilled individuals but also enhance their employability when they move on to seek job as well as their confidence in facing interviews for jobs and higher studies.

With this thinking and rationale, the idea of Value-Added Activity (VAA) was conceived. It was proposed by Shri. Milind Tadvalkar, Director, Vidyalankar Dnyanapeeth Trust and then was put on anvil for execution by the Institute Dr. Saurabh Mehta, Chief Academic Coordinator, VIT and Shrikant Velankar, Professor, Electronics Department. Interests were asked from faculty members for floating such activity and it received solid response. Emphasis was given on broadening the Knowledge base and imparting new skills. Initially, only technical activities that do not have any intersection with the regular curriculum, were chosen, for floating to the students. The activity took a very decent shape and strong footprint with truly overwhelming response for the VAA, both from the student and faculty of the institute.

The VAA are fully functional from 30th July 2020. On day-to-day basis, the VAA are currently coordinated by Prof. Shrikant Velankar. VAA Framework characteristics are –

- In the present framework, there are 2 sets of VAA running. Set-1 and Set-2 together, there are 32 VAA in execution.
- The VAA are operated in the non-academic time slots of 18:00 Hrs. to 22:00 Hrs. on Weekdays (Monday to Saturday) as per the fixed Timetable.
- The VAA are delivered to all students online via Microsoft Teams Application online learning platform.
- The Activity is tracked by the CAO office, on the daily basis.

The VAA are running on strong footing and salient statistics of VAA are as follows –

- Total No. of VAA Running → 32
- Total No. of Student VAA Registrations → 900+
- Total No. of Students in-weekly VAA Attendance → 700+
- Average No. of Courses Registered / Student → 2.5
- Total No. of Distinct Student Registered for VAA → 380+
- Total Faculties involved in instructing VAA → 45
- Total No. of VAA Hours → 39 Hrs./Week