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**"Committed to Guide, Inspired to Empower"**

**Dear Readers,**

Although Semester I for First Year Engineering students was short, the department ensured that it was rich in learning, exposure, and meaningful experiences. From the very beginning, our focus was not only on academic delivery but also on providing students with opportunities to explore, engage, and grow beyond the classroom.

Despite the limited timeframe, we thoughtfully planned and conducted a wide range of academic initiatives, co-curricular events, and educational visits, allowing students to gain practical exposure, cultural awareness, and real-world perspectives early in their engineering journey. These activities complemented classroom learning and helped students connect theory with application.

Equally important was the continuous support and guidance provided by the faculty. Through structured mentoring sessions and regular interactions, teachers ensured that every student felt supported, guided, and encouraged. This mentoring framework created a safe space for students to seek clarity, share concerns, and receive direction academically as well as personally.

Working collectively with a shared sense of responsibility, the faculty remained committed to making Semester I a holistic and transformative experience. Our goal was clear: to make the most of the limited time, nurture confidence, provide exposure, and equip our students with a strong foundation to move forward with clarity, competence, and confidence.



**PROF. SONALI BORKAR**  
IN CHARGE, FIRST YEAR ENGINEERING

**With best wishes for continued growth and success,**

**- Prof. Sonali Borkar**

## “Events to Remember”



### Visit to the Bhau Daji Lad Museum

An educational visit to the **Bhau Daji Lad Museum**, Mumbai, was organized for First Year Engineering students during the Odd Semester 2025-26. The visit provided students with valuable insights into Mumbai's urban evolution, heritage architecture, traditional materials, and early industrial development, helping them relate engineering concepts with historical and societal contexts. The activity successfully enhanced students' observational skills, interdisciplinary understanding, and appreciation of the connection between engineering, culture, and society.



### Educational Visit: Nehru Science Centre

An educational visit to the Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai, was organized to enhance students' experiential learning beyond the classroom. The visit provided students with an opportunity to explore interactive exhibits related to science, technology, and innovation, helping them connect theoretical concepts with practical applications.

The visit stimulated curiosity, encouraged scientific thinking, and enriched students' understanding of real-world scientific principles, making the learning experience engaging and impactful.



### Recognition of 100% Attendance - First Year Engineering

The First Year Engineering Department implemented a focused initiative to encourage 100% attendance among students, emphasizing the importance of discipline, consistency, and regular classroom engagement. As a part of this initiative, students who successfully achieved 100% attendance throughout the academic period were felicitated with certificates in recognition of their commitment and sincerity.

This recognition served as a motivation for students to maintain regular attendance and fostered a culture of responsibility, punctuality, and academic dedication within the department.



## Department Staff

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**Education Qualification:**  
**M.A English Literature**  
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**Prof. Nilesh Deokar**  
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## Student's Speak

### Tanvi Bandekar, FE Computer Engineering

A transformative three-month journey that concluded with lasting friendships, meaningful learning experiences, and unwavering support from our teachers. After completing the first semester, I emerged stronger, more confident, and more self-aware than ever before.

Participating in *Ms. Freshers* was a memorable experience; although I did not win the title, I won countless hearts, which mattered even more. The semester taught me the true meaning of discipline and professionalism values that many of us rarely encounter during our teenage years.

Exploring the campus and understanding how an engineering institution truly functions was an eye-opening experience. The canteen, quite literally, became a lifesaver, offering comfort during long academic days. Each new subject introduced me to fresh perspectives and brought me one step closer to my engineering aspirations.

Opportunities to deliver speeches and host the Semester II orientation were truly an honour and marked significant milestones in my personal growth. From zero to confident, VIT has shaped me into who I am today. Proud to be a Vitian since my very first semester.



### Manasi Kadam, FE Electronics & Telecommunication

My Semester I experience and college life so far have been both enjoyable and memorable. Although the beginning was slightly overwhelming due to everything being new, the journey has been enriching and fulfilling. The teachers are extremely supportive, empathetic, and dedicated, which creates a comfortable and effective learning environment.

I truly appreciate the curriculum's emphasis on developing soft skills. The *Effective Communication* subject, along with its practical lab sessions, significantly helped me improve my spontaneous speaking abilities. The mentorship program provides a safe and supportive space for students to share concerns and seek guidance. The First Year In-charge consistently ensured that we received the necessary academic and personal support, and also facilitated interactions with seniors, who have been friendly and helpful, especially during project work.

I also value the college's strict anti-ragging policy and thoroughly enjoyed participating in various college events. Overall, Semester I was a perfect blend of learning, fun, and new experiences that I will always cherish.

### Vaishnavi Dumpa FE, Biomedical Engineering

My first semester of college was a period of new experiences and significant personal growth. Adjusting to the college environment, structured schedules, and academic expectations was initially challenging, but it helped me develop discipline and resilience. One of my most memorable experiences was participating in the Garba Night, which allowed me to enjoy the cultural vibrancy of the college and strengthen bonds with my peers. Academically, my favourite subject was *Basic Electrical Engineering (BEE)*, as it sparked my interest and motivated me to explore the subject further.

The faculty members were exceptionally friendly and supportive, creating an encouraging learning environment that made academics enjoyable. One of the key lessons I learned during this semester was the importance of persistence and hard work—consistent effort and dedication are essential for achieving one's goals.

Overall, my first semester has been a rewarding journey filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences that I will cherish throughout my college life.



## Departmental Activities

### Anveshan 2025

An academic exhibition, was organized by the **First Year Engineering Department, Vidyalankar Institute of Technology**, on **10th December 2025**, from **4:00 pm to 6:00 pm** at the **Boxing Area, VIT Plaza**. The event provided a platform for first-year engineering students to showcase their assignments and project work, enabling practical application of theoretical concepts.

Over **70 students** from all engineering branches actively participated and presented their work with confidence. The exhibition promoted peer learning, academic interaction, and enhanced students' communication and presentation skills.

Overall, *Anveshan* successfully fostered academic curiosity, collaborative learning, and confidence among first-year engineering students and will be



### Chem-A-Thon: When Chemistry Meets Electronics for a Sustainable Future!

Vidyalankar Institute of Technology successfully conducted **CHEM-A-THON 2025**, a seven-hour interdisciplinary hackathon on **28 November 2025** for first-year EXTC-A students. The event provided a hands-on platform for students to integrate engineering chemistry, electronics, and IoT to develop functional prototypes addressing sustainability challenges.

Working on themes such as **Water Bodies Conservation**, **Sustainable Agriculture**, and **Sustainable Home Systems**, students showcased innovative, real-world solutions, fostering interdisciplinary thinking, teamwork, and a research-oriented mindset at the start of their engineering journey.



## Faculty Achievements

1. Dr. Micky Barua attended and presented a research paper at the International Conference on Technology for Education (T4E 2025) held at Indian Institute of Technology Madras from 5th to 7th December 2025
2. Dr. Micky Barua published a research paper titled "Life-Writing as Resistance: Politics of Self-Construction in Mary Kom's *Unbreakable*" in an international journal and another paper on "Today's Challenges in Business Communication and Ethics for Engineers" in an international journal.
3. Dr. Micky Barua successfully completed the NPTEL course on Soft Skills, earning a Gold Elite Certificate and securing a position among the top 1% of participants.
4. Prof. Vishwas Patil Sir received a Certificate of Appreciation for successfully completing a National-Level FDP on Data Analysis in R. The achievement reflects his dedication to continuous learning and research development.

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