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V Chronicles is curated by the writers of ECHO, the mass communication community of our college. Published monthly, we provide you with our long-awaited second edition covering the events of January, we bring you stories and achievements that have kickstarted the year, 2025 for VJIT.

V Chronicles is a platform for voices and stories by the students, for the students. This magazine covers current affairs, campus events and student accomplishments.

As you flip through these pages, we hope you'll find stories that resonate, experiences that connect and voices that inspire.

Welcome to V Chronicles, where every story is a testament to the spirit of VJIT

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RBI's New Plan to Fight Digital Payment Frauds

Online fraud is becoming a big problem, and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is stepping in. To make digital payments more secure, they're introducing special domain names for financial institutions. Banks will use 'bank.in', while NBFCs will get 'fin.in'. The registration process kicks off in April 2025.

India Wants Private Companies to Build Rockets & Satellites

India is opening up its space sector to private companies, aiming to become a major exporter of small satellites (a market worth \$4-5 billion). Startups like Skyroot Aerospace and Agnikul Cosmos have already made history with successful suborbital rocket tests.



Government Tells Employees to Avoid AI Tools Like ChatGPT

The Finance Ministry has issued a warning: no AI tools for official work. Employees have been told not to use ChatGPT or DeepSeek due to data security concerns. Other countries have taken similar steps to protect sensitive government information.



BlackRock Hiring 1,200 People in India

Global investment giant BlackRock is expanding its AI operations in India. They're hiring 1,200 people across Mumbai and Gurugram and are also setting up a new AI center in Bengaluru. Plus, they've acquired data company Preqin to strengthen their tech capabilities.





India & France Hosting a Global AI Summit

At the Paris AI Action Summit 2025 on February 10-11, co-hosted by India and France, Prime Minister Narendra Modi co-chaired discussions on artificial intelligence's future. A key outcome was a declaration signed by over 50 countries, including India, emphasizing the development of inclusive and sustainable AI.

More Funding for the India AI Mission:

The Union Budget 2025-26 has allocated increased funds to boost the India AI Mission, which focuses on developing India's AI capabilities. The goal is to make India a global leader in AI innovation, research, and application. The mission aims to integrate AI across industries such as healthcare, education, agriculture, and defense. This funding will support AI research, development of AI-driven solutions, and policies that foster the growth of AI ecosystems in India.



A Deep Tech Fund to Support Innovation:

The government is launching a Deep Tech Fund, which will focus on supporting innovative startups and companies working in advanced technologies like AI, robotics, quantum computing, and biotechnology. This fund will provide financial backing, mentorship, and networking opportunities to encourage the development of new deep-tech solutions and innovations. The goal is to position India as a global player in deep tech by nurturing talent, fostering innovation, and scaling up tech-driven solutions.

New AI Centers of Excellence in education

To drive AI research and education, the government has planned to set up Centers of Excellence in educational institutions. These centers will serve as hubs for advanced AI research, training, and skill development. The aim is to equip students, researchers, and professionals with the knowledge and skills required to work in AI and related fields. These centers will collaborate with industry leaders, startups, and tech companies to bring cutting-edge AI research into educational curriculums and real-world applications.



Plans to expand tech hubs to smaller cities

In a bid to decentralize the tech ecosystem, the government plans to expand tech hubs to smaller cities across India. These hubs will focus on building local innovation ecosystems, enabling startups and tech companies to thrive outside traditional tech cities like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Pune. The expansion of tech hubs is expected to create job opportunities, drive economic growth, and reduce the talent and infrastructure gap between major cities and emerging tech centers.



INDIA VS. ENGLAND ODI SERIES – INDIA LEADS 3-0

India secured a 3-0 series sweep against England in the recent ODI series. The final match, held on February 12, 2025, in Ahmedabad, saw India triumph by 142 runs. Shubman Gill emerged as the top run-scorer of the series, amassing 259 runs over three matches.



SHUBMAN GILL NAMED VICE-CAPTAIN

Young star Shubman Gill is now the vice-captain for both the ODI series against England and the ICC Champions Trophy 2025. Captain Rohit Sharma has advised him to take charge on the field and build confidence within the team.



NATIONAL GAMES IN UTTARAKHAND – OVER 10,000 ATHLETES COMPETING

The 38th National Games concluded in Uttarakhand on February 14, 2025, with over 10,000 athletes competing in 32 sports. The Services team led the medal tally with 55 golds, followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka. Notable achievements included Yoonus Shah winning the men's 1500 meters and Jash Modi and Selena securing table tennis singles titles.



KHELO INDIA WINTER GAMES – LADAKH DOMINATES

The first phase of Khelo India Winter Games 2025 was held in Leh, Ladakh, and the Ladakh team came out on top. The event featured ice hockey, where the Indian Army team defended its title. Winter sports are gaining popularity, especially in the northern regions of India.



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ORIGINALS

Our student take centre stage here, showcasing their creativity and talent through original writing that reflects their unique perspectives



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Happy New Year !!

Another year has passed while you were bedrotting, huh? Well, as we step into this new year, growing older, let's take this opportunity to be better, everyday, just a little better than yesterday. Time flies when we're caught slacking and before we know it, another year will slip through our fingers.

But remember, productivity isn't about overworking yourself, as many assume. It's about working at your own pace without letting your best qualities wither away, kind of like the roses you never received. Take baby steps toward a more efficient lifestyle. Don't pressure yourself into sudden, drastic changes that your mind and body won't accept, only to spiral later. Surround yourself with people that will support your growth rather than deadbeats who drain your energy and kill your morale.

At the same time, allow yourself well-deserved breaks to avoid burnout. We're not robots, we aren't built to work 24/7 without resting. You're allowed to make mistakes, and you're allowed to pause when needed. Never compare your progress to someone else's; everyone moves at their own pace and finds success in their own way. Instead of letting someone else's achievements discourage you, let them inspire you to work harder and smarter.

Above all, don't chase success at the cost of your mental health. Stay balanced, focused and make this year count.

Best of luck!





TIME TO WAKE UP

This modern world is destroying us

This modern world is destroying us, both mentally and physically. Everyone has a phone these days, and most people spend their time watching reels. These reels give short-term pleasure but harm us in the long run. They reduce our focus and attention span. Because of this, we can't concentrate on our studies or work.

It's not only reels. People keep scrolling on apps like Instagram, Amazon, and Zomato without realizing how much time they are wasting. We've forgotten that there is a life exists outside our phones. These companies spend millions to make us addicted so that we use their apps day and night.

If we look at Japan, people there are hardworking and dedicated to their work.

- ABHINAY KUMAR

They don't waste time like we do. Compared to them, we Indians don't work hard as them even 1%.

Now, coming to our physical health. People these days eat a lot of junk food like pizza and burgers, which is making us unhealthy. A few years ago, people used to live for more than 100 years. But now, it's difficult to even reach 60.

On top of that, many are getting addicted to alcohol and smoking. They think it's "cool," but they're slowly destroying themselves.

This modern world is supposed to make life better, but it's doing the opposite. It's time for us to wake up and make changes before it's too late.

On a foggy November morning in 2023, a devastating accident on the Yamuna Expressway, involving over 50 vehicles, shocked the nation. One of the worst days for air quality in the area coincided with the pile-up which claimed several lives. The expressway became a lethal hazard due to the severe visibility impairment caused by dense smog which was exacerbated by pollution from nearby crop burning industry and automobiles.

This terrible event serves as a sobering reminder of India's larger air pollution problem. The event emphasizes how poor air quality not only has an impact on public health but also poses a major threat to safety and daily life in cities that struggle with dangerously high pollution levels.

STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO TACKLE AIR POLLUTION

To reduce your carbon footprint, choose walking, cycling, carpooling, or public transportation. Support green spaces and participate in tree planting efforts. Avoid burning trash, plastic, or leaves, and encourage others to do the same. Advocate for laws promoting electric vehicles, clean energy, and stricter pollution controls. Educate others about the environmental and health impacts of air pollution.

Push for better waste management and reduced industrial emissions. Get involved in local projects to improve air quality and engage with local governments. Choose sustainable, non-polluting products to lessen environmental impact.



CAN INDIA BREATHE CLEAN?



"Is It Better to Live as a Monster or to Die a Good Man?" A Reflection on Life

This thought-provoking line from Martin Scorsese's film *Shutter Island* captures a dilemma we all face in life: choosing between safety and morality. It makes us pause and reflect on our decisions, especially when they challenge our ethics and values

Imagine standing at a crossroads where one path ensures your safety but conflicts with your principles, while the other path allows you to uphold your dignity, even at a cost. This is a situation we encounter more often than we realize—whether in personal relationships, career choices, or even in day-to-day interactions.

The question forces us to think: "Will my choice betray my values, or will it uphold them?" Acting against our moral code might give us immediate relief, but it can lead to inner turmoil and regret. On the other hand, staying true to our values might feel difficult or even dangerous in the moment, but it fosters self-respect and peace of mind in the long run.

Life is full of such dilemmas, where the "easy" choice might seem tempting but could lead us down a path of losing who we are. Does the temporary comfort of choosing safety justify compromising our integrity? Or is it better to stick to what we believe in, even if it costs us?



In the end, living a meaningful life requires introspection and courage. Every decision we make shapes the person we become. Perhaps the true answer lies in our ability to stand by our core values while navigating the complexities of life. As you go through your day, think about the choices you make. Are they aligned with your principles, or are they compromises made from fear or convenience? Let this dialogue be a reminder to live as the best version of yourself, even when the stakes are high.

- SEETHARAM Y





COLLEGE

EVENTS



“CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM, UNITY, AND DEMOCRACY !”

76TH REPUBLIC

As we all know Republic Day is celebrated on 26th of January every year to mark the day when the Constitution of India came into effect in 1950, officially making India a sovereign, socialist, secular, and democratic republic.

In VJIT we too had a small event on 26th. On this special occasion, Dr. A. Padmaja, our respected Principal, had the honour of unfurling the national flag. She was joined by Mr. R. Venkatachalam, our Senior Administrator, along with the Heads of Departments, faculty members, and non-teaching staff. The event was a beautiful display of unity. As the flag raised high everyone had a sense of pride and reminded the values, we stand for as an institution. Our faculty gathered to pay their respects to Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by placing flower garlands on their photographs.

This symbolizes our gratitude for their immense contribution towards our country.



But it is not only about speeches, ceremonies. It is about us, we people. Are we really leading the life as our freedom fighters expected? They wished a corrupt free country and a discrimination less society. But nothing went as they wished. Everyone believes that India represents Unity in diversity, but in reality, it is not true always. Most of them still discriminate against others based on colour, caste, creed and religion. This should be changed. As people follow their holy books for peace of mind, they should also follow The Constitution for a peaceful existence. If everyone follows The Constitution then India will be The Crowning Country.



MAKAR SANKRANTI

WELCOMING THE SUN

Imagine waking up to colorful kites flying in the sky, the smell of freshly prepared sweets wafting through the air, and the warmth of the sun after cold winter days. This is the essence of Makar Sankranti, a festival that brings joy, hope, and the promise of a new season. The word "Makar" means Capricorn, and "Sankranti" means transition. Today, the Sun moves north (Uttarayan) and enters the sign of Capricorn, which was a time marking the end of rigorous winter and the start of spring. Earlier it was an important date for farmers as they marked the beginning of more daylight hours and the arrival of harvest seasons. This festival also celebrates the Sun God Surya as a means of showing gratitude toward his warm energy that keeps life alive on Earth. This is a season of affluence, prosperity, and new beginnings.



Sankranti is a visual treat as well. Homes and streets are transformed into colorful paintings with elaborate patterns and muggulu (rangoli) made with rice flour. In their courtyards, women get up early to construct exquisite, ornate designs. They engage in friendly competitions with their neighbors to create the most detailed kolams. The last touch is gobbemmalu, which are little balls of cow excrement adorned with flowers and positioned in the middle of the rangoli to represent fertility and wealth.

Of course, without food, a festival cannot be considered complete! Traditional treats including bobbatlu, sakinalu, ariselu, and nuvvulu laddu (sesame sweets) are prepared and enjoyed by families. A meal that spills from the pot, delicious Pongal is made with freshly harvested rice and represents happiness and plenty.

bhogi mantalu

The traditional “ Bhogi Mantalu” marked the beginning of Sankranthi Sambaralu at VJIT. Students and faculty came together around the holy bonfire, where they burned wooden sticks and old belongings, this symbolized the eradication of negativity and old habits and opening up for fresh and positive thoughts in life. The warmth of the fire, mixed with the rhythms of chants and celebratory songs, filled the air with a deep sense of spirituality and joy. Bhogi thus represents the triumph of positivity over adversity and celebrates the harmonious relationship between humans and nature.

Indeed, the traditional cooking of Pongal, a dish signifying prosperity and gratitude, was the high point of the event. Prepared in an earthen pot over an open fire, the Pongal was made with freshly harvested rice, milk, and jaggery, following the age-antique practice of permitting the milk to overflow as a image of abundance.

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traditional Dressing

A glimpse of rich heritage from all parts of the Telugu world was brought to campus by beautiful ethnic attire sported by students and faculty alike.

Women draped themselves with graceful sarees, jewellery, and flowers in their hair; whereas men in dhoti-kurtas and sherwanis. Students saw how, through the outfits that they wore, they embraced cultural roots with genuine pride. Indeed, it was a day where bright colors and festive attire made the Sankranthi Sambaralu at VJIT even more vibrant.



Another highlight of this event was the Rangoli competition in which students and faculty showcased their creativity through very fine and colorful designs. They filled the sidewalks of the campus with bright powders, flowers, and traditional motifs which reflected harvest, prosperity, and the spirit of Sankranthi through magic-turned very visual masterpiece. The best rangolis have been recognized, and prizes announced for them.

Vibrant Dance Performances

The dynamic dances injected life, happiness, and energy into the celebrations. Dressed in the traditional attire, girls were deeply involved in dancing along with melodious Telugu Sankranthi songs creating an atmosphere of joyfulness and festivity. Among them were the collective performance displays executed gracefully and rhythmically, while others were ones that the students participated in spontaneously, thus giving them the opportunity to fully join in the celebration of the moment. The beats of the music, the enthusiasm of the dancers, and the cheers from the crowd made the performances a true highlight of the event.

V Chronicles by Echo Writes

CELEBRATING SANKRANTI, CELEBRATING CREATIVITY

The air was filled with the sweetness of sugarcane, the colours of traditional clothes and infectious energy of celebrations. VJIT celebrated Sankranti with a day of fun, festivities and a very special launch – the first edition of V Chronicles by Echo Writes, the college's own literary and arts newsletter!

The celebrations began with a burst of colours..



Students and faculty wore their best traditional attire and the campus was a rainbow of colours

Everyone was embracing the opportunity to connect with their roots. Beautiful rangolis, made with intricate designs and colours, adorned the campus, welcoming everyone with their beauty. The highlight of the morning was the Bhogi bonfire, symbolizing burning away of old habits and welcoming new beginnings. As the flames crackled and danced students gathered around, throwing in old clothes and negativity, embracing the positive vibe of the festival.

The afternoon brought a different kind of excitement – the launch of V Chronicles by Echo Writes. After months of hard work and dedication from the editorial team and contributors, the first edition was finally ready to be shared with the VJIT community. The launch event was held in front of V Space and was a huge success. Students, faculty and staff gathered to see the first cover of the newsletter unveiled.

The newsletter is a testament to the creative talent in VJIT. It has a diverse collection of short stories, poems, essays, artwork, photography and even college event announcements from students and faculty. From thought-provoking articles on current events to humorous stories of campus life, V Chronicles by Echo Writes is a platform for diverse voices to be heard and appreciated.

The launch of V Chronicles by Echo Writes adds another layer to the cultural fabric of VJIT. It provides a space for students to express themselves, hone their writing and artistic skills and contribute to the intellectual and artistic life of the college. It will be a great platform to showcase the talents within the VJIT community and foster a love for literature, arts and community engagement. Sankranti and V Chronicles by Echo Writes were together on this day, both about new beginnings and celebration of creativity. Just as Sankranti is the harvest of the season, V Chronicles by Echo Writes is the harvest of ideas and expressions within VJIT. Watch out for more editions of V Chronicles by Echo Writes!

NEC 2025



Day 1: The Elimination Round.

The first day was dedicated to testing the teams' basic entrepreneurial skills. Only two individuals from each team were permitted to participate in this round, as they were asked tough questions about startup concepts along with business models and market strategies. The following day, Team Arjuna was named one of the Top 40, making it through to the elimination round after 25 teams were eliminated.

Through a combination of perseverance, dedication, and entrepreneurial spirit, E-Cell VJIT has made it to the Top 15 represented by Team Arjuna in the National Entrepreneurship Challenge (NEC) 2024 conducted at IIT Bombay and E-Cells. Over 1200+ teams participated in the six-month competition. One of the most competitive environments for young leaders and innovators is E-Cells, which operate throughout the country.

The Journey to the Finals.

Team Arjuna's exceptional dedication was evident as they tackled the various assignments assigned by IIT Bombay, earning points through their strategic thinking and entrepreneurial spirit. The grand finale at IIT Bombay was exclusively for the top 65 performing E-Cells after months of intense competition. All other participants were invited.

Three intense days were spent preparing for the finals at IIT Bombay, where the country's top entrepreneurs tested their abilities.?

Day 2 is dedicated to enhancing communication, presentation skills, and quick thinking.

On the second day, communication skills, presentation abilities, and on-the-ground thinking became more of a concern in the competition. Five members were sent out to each team, who were then divided into two subgroups: two for a challenging Group Discussion and three for Legal Bootcamp. Each group was requested to meet twice before being evaluated by the jury. Their capacity to analyze situations, express their opinions and think critically under pressure was evaluated by these assignments. With their resilience and tenacity, Team Arjuna advanced to the Top 15 teams, while 25 more E-Cells were eliminated.

Pitching an annual planner during Day 3 of the Grand Finale.

The last day was a comprehensive examination of entrepreneurial planning and execution as the top 15 teams were examined. The team was mandated to produce and market a complete Annual Planner for an E-Cell, with consideration given to budget constraints, time usage, emergency management, and growth prospects. The pitching was made more challenging as the judging panel was comprised of HR executives from leading companies. Team Arjuna's strategic vision and innovative approach enabled them to stand out among the top entrepreneurs in the country.

Runners up: Many thanks to Team Arjuna for making E-Cell VJIT proud! This is just the tip of the iceberg, with more to come!

A Triumph Worth Celebrating.

Team Arjuna may not have won the ultimate championship, but being in the Top 15 still made it. That in itself is a remarkable accomplishment! They are dedicated, entrepreneurial, and capable of taking on any challenge, problem-solving, or collaborative with others.

IIT Bombay is expected to release the official rankings within ten days, however, E-Cell VJIT's impressive performance has propelled it to the national stage regardless of which final standings are declared.



HALL OF FAME

Celebrating Excellence: Eeswar in AHA Super Star Finals



The college takes immense pride in Eeswar, a 2nd-year student from CSE (AIML) - B, for securing a spot as a finalist in the AHA Super Star Reality Show. His talent and hard work have earned him this recognition, bringing pride to our institution.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for his continued success in the competition and beyond.

Shot of the Month



CELEBRATING THE LENS ARTIST OF OUR
COLLEGE - PGC

- Captured by Shryaan
- PGC

Art of THE MONTH



Celebrating the Brush strokes of
Creativity



Art by Sainath,
Member of Nirmiti Club

Think you can crack the Sudoku?

GRID IT TO WIN IT !!

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Solve it and send your answer to vjitechocommunity@gmail.com.
Winners will be featured in our next edition and receive exciting prizes!



Thank you for exploring the second edition of V Chronicles! Our newsletter is more than just words—it's a celebration of college life beyond buildings and books.

A huge thank you for making our first edition a super hit! This edition is just as special, inspired by each of us and sure to inspire everyone who reads it.

Stay connected, explore with us, and let's continue sharing the vibrant spirit of our college!

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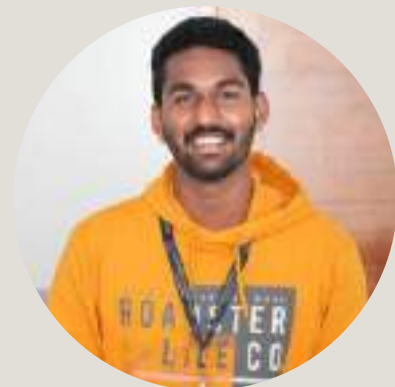
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