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VIT motivates students to achieve their true potential with world-class facilities and dedicated faculty members

Engineering is not the kind of field that usually lends itself to innovations, at least when it comes to imparting education. That is why, a college like Vidy-alankar Institute of Technology (VIT) comes as a breath of fresh air to engineering aspirants, motivating them to do their best and motivating them to raise the benchmark even higher, with world-class facilities and dedicated faculty members. Vishwas Deshpande, the Managing Trustee of Vidyankar Dnyanpeeth Trust, points out that providing an environment that inspires students is very important. "Vidyankar has a sprawling campus of 11 acres with international styling, a trendy design, vibrant colours, eco-friendly elements and contemporary infrastructure. This 'open style' campus has won the Honour Award from Design-share, New York, USA."

Plus, there is a state-of-art computer centre with more than 700 computers including SUN and Macintosh work stations. The Library has technical books, national and international academic journals and newspapers. There are internet terminals also. VRefer, the digital library enables access to video lectures, presentations, etc. Laboratories are equipped with modern

equipment. There are good cafeterias, a sports centre and two playgrounds. Vidyankar is one of the very few colleges to have its own academic social networking portal. There are 12 enterprise level wireless access points. Students' Activity Centre provides a wide range of services and activities. The inter-



nal website gives information about forthcoming events and explains how to get involved in other social activities. Vidyankar also has its own monthly newsletter 'Vector'.

Since faculty plays a crucial role in motivating students, the selection at Vidyankar is done through a stringent screening procedure. Course knowledge is im-

parted using cutting edge pedagogy, robust industry interface, and guidance from academic and advisory board members and constant mentoring by faculty and industry experts.

To ensure that knowledge is not restricted to theory alone, students are given practical training through individual and group project work, laboratory assignments and workshop jobs. Industry visits and case studies also form an important part of the learning process. Regular aptitude tests measure the growth of the student every semester.

Another aspect that sets Vidyankar apart is the focused approach towards ensuring holistic development of the students. Book reviews nurture creative talent. Movies exemplifying management skills along with life skills are screened. Corporate heads interface with the students regularly. The college also has an NSS wing, which encourages community service.

Vidyankar MMS is a part of the CII-YI Net. Vidyankar also arranges workshops by Dale Carnegie Institute (US) on interpersonal skills. The pre-placement activity cycle runs with the help of internal experts preparing students for aptitude tests, CV writing, group discussions and personal interview. Summer internships provide the capstone.

To facilitate careers, the Placement Cell sets up links between companies

and final year students. Vidyankar students have been placed at companies like Infosys Technologies, Patni Computers, L & T InfoTech, Bayer Business, Tech Mahindra, Persistent Systems, Thirdware Solutions, KPIT Cummins, Hexaware Tech, Inscript (I) Pvt Ltd, Quinnox (IT, Comp, EXTC and ETRX), Oracle (iflex), Zeus Learning, Vodafone Essar Ltd, Maq Software, Blue Star InfoTech, Works applications, HCL Technologies, Inscript, iGATE PATNI, Vistaar Systems Limited and AGC Networks Limited. The college Alumni Association is quite active too.

Events like Verve, the cultural extravaganza; Fervor, showcasing the spirit of innovation, Quintessence literature festival and Sportsmania - the sports festival motivate students. As Vikas Gupta - Joint Cultural Secretary, VIT, says, "VIT has played a very important role in equipping me in my personal and professional life. Be sure with Vidyankar."

Ankita Sambhare shares, "It has been a wonderful journey at VIT till now. This place has given me the confidence and recognition for what I am today. I owe a great deal to the faculty who have been very kind and supportive. I am proud to be part of the VIT family."

The innovative approach at Vidyankar has indeed paid rich dividends, especially where student delight is concerned.

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