Report on National Student Convention (NSC-2018) on “Digital India”

Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS), New Delhi in collaboration with VIPS CSI Students’ Branch, New Delhi organized Nation Student Convention (NSC) on the theme of “Digital India” on 30th – 31st January 2018. NSC–2018 was aimed to inculcate professionalism and research aptitude amongst students’. Apart from the academic excellence, the motive behind the event was the overall development of the students.

In the two-day convention a wide range of technical and non-technical events like Paper and Project Presentation, Programming, Singing, Dance, LAN Gaming, Dry Cooking, Street Play, Technical and Fandom Quiz, Web Designing, UX/UI etc. along with 24-hour Hackathon. All the events received a tremendous response in terms of participation. More than 2500+ participants from around 200 premier institutions from Allahabad, Banglore, Lucknow, Kanpur, Pune, Haryana, Faridabad, Noida, Greater Noida etc. participated in the event.

NSC-2018 commenced with the lighting of the lamp by a group of dignitaries as a sign of positivity. Prof. Rattan Sharma, Principal Director, VIPS formally welcomed all the dignitaries and participants from various institutes. He addressed the attendees and spoke about collaborating education with professional society and nurturing the country as a whole. Then, the mic was open for other dignitaries to share their experiences and enlighten the students. Dr. Alka Suri, Director, Defence Scientific Information and Documentation Centre (DESIDOC), Delhi, Honorable Chief Guest addressed the students and gave a brief about DRDO and DESIDOC through a presentation in which DRDO is becoming an important instrument for self-reliance of the nation and how some of the best innovations have come from the pool of scientists of DRDO. Further, she motivated the students to innovate and work with sincerity and dedication. Mr Jitender Panihar, Head of Human Resources, Healthkart, Delhi, addressed the gathering by saying that the world is changing. Artificial intelligence is bringing in tremendous change in future not just for HR, but the complete mankind in general. Artificial intelligence, according to him, means any data or system that can replace human intelligence. It is influencing change at every step with a click of a button. Artificial intelligence is revolutionizing every industry from agriculture to e-commerce. Artificial intelligence, he explained, can hence be used to evolve humankind. He is a one-man army with vivid skills & an untold story to inspire all. Seldom do we come across individuals who create a lasting impression by the sheer veracity of their thoughts and actions. Mr Amit Sharma, Co-founder at RENT IT BAE and Pronto IT Labs, Delhi shared his experience as a founder of a successful startup. Sir gave a brief about his online
portal, RENT IT BAE, which is a place where fashion meets technology to create a unique rental market for the love of fashion. Also, they are India's first and only company offering Fashion Subscription. Sir discussed the rapid growth of the world on the internet alone and even motivated the students to work something in this direction. **Mr Kanishk Kumar, Sr. Associate Director - Enterprise Sales, Flock.co** motivated students to work in their field of interest for a bright future. **Dr Sushila Madan, the State Student Coordinator for CSI** gave motivation to students for active participation in the event and wished for the success of the convention. **Dr Vinay Kumar, Dean, VSIT** and Hon. Secretary, CSI-DC offered a vote of thanks to all dignitaries. He thanked all the invited guests and participants for gracning the occasion by their solemn presence and CSI for providing a platform to conduct such state conventions. The inauguration was followed by an open discussion over tea. On the first day of the event a huge number of participants showed up to take part in the events like Paper and Project Presentation, NukkadNatak, 24 hrs Hackathon, Stage Play, Music, Lan Gaming, Character Dramatization etc.

On the second day of the convention **Mr Debasis Behura, Tata Consultancy Services, Gurgaon** and **Mr Rajit Sikka, Academic Relations Manager at Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS), Gurgaon** addressed the students. Their speech guided the participants to learn, practice and aim for a better future. The result for Hackathon was also declared in the same session. The judges for 24 hrs. Hackathon was **Mr Lalit Vijay, StyleDotMe, Delhi**, **Mr Ashwin Sinha, Investment Analyst, AdvantEdge, Delhi**, **Mr Jitendera Panihar, HR Head, Healthkart, Delhi** and **Mr Kanishk Kumar, Sr. Associate Director, Enterprise Sales, Flock**. Second-day events like Programming, Web Designing, UX-UI, Lan Gaming, Dance, Technical and Fandom Quiz etc. received huge participation from various institutes.

On this occasion, students were appreciated for their talents through various awards and prizes. There were prizes over a total worth of Rs One Lakh that were distributed to the winners along with the certificates of merit. The teams who participated were from amongst the Institutions of repute like, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Delhi, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, Indian Institute of Technology, Allahabad, Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW), Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi Technical University (DTU), YWCA, Delhi, Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology (NSIT), G. B. Pant Engineering College, New Delhi, Allenhouse Institute of Technology, Kanpur, Ambedkar University of Delhi, Ajay Kumar Garg Engineering College , Ghaziabad, Avvare Noida, Amity University, Chitkara University, Raijura, Punjab Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University Institute of Management and Research (BVIMR), Singhania University, Lingaya University, College of Diary Technology, Kanpur, Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering, Bangalore, Delhi Institute of Technology and Management (DITM), Sonipat, Dronacharya Group of Institutions, Greater Noida, DSK ISD International School of Design, Pune, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Delhi, Integral University, Lucknow , International Institute of Technology and Management, Murthal, Jaypee Institute of Information Technology (JIIT), Noida, Jesus & Mary College, University of Delhi, Krishna Engineering College, Ghaziabad, L. R. College Of Advanced Studies, Delhi Lady Hardinge Medical College, University of Delhi, Mahavir Swami Institute of Technology, Jagdishpur, Maitreyi College, University of Delhi, Manav
Dr Deepali Kamthania, Convener and Ms Alpna Sharma, Co-Convener congratulated and thanked the students for their efforts and successful completion of the event. VIPS played the perfect host to conduct the NSC-2018 and proved to be an exciting experience for participants and organizers. It was much more successful and larger than as anticipated. VIPS geared up to celebrate the effervescence, ethos and spirit of its students.