



# 'ALMA MATTERS'

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*A Decade in pursuit of  
academic excellence.*

## REPORT OF FOURTH ANNUAL ALUMNI MEET – 2016-17

Vivekanand Education Society's College of Pharmacy had organized its **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Meet** on **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015**. The formal function was initiated with a lighting of the lamp and felicitation of the Chief Guest **Mr. Ashish Babtiwale**, Director, Pharma Operations, Virchow Labs.

In her welcome address, **Dr. Supriya Shidhaye** greeted all alumni. She appealed to all to contribute in development of college, in the form of job placements, and counseling to juniors. In addition to that **Shri. B. L. Boolani**, Founder trustee in charge highlighted the importance of alumni and asked the former students to give 0.25% share from their annual income as a token of love to alma mater for development.

Mr. Ashish Babtiwale, Chief Guest for the function stressed on the importance of core technical qualities that are instrumental in one's success. He captured the audience with his lucid and spontaneous style of interaction. He also advised the current students to hone their interpersonal qualities and be bold in taking steps in decision making of their career.

The highlight of the meet was the release of 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Newsletter "**Alma Matters**" by the dignitaries on the dais, head of all departments of institute and alumni cell members. **Mrs. Pradnya Shinde Korlekar** announced Best alumnus of the year in Undergraduate category to **Mr. Chetan Mahajan** and Post Graduate category to **Mr. Deepak Singh** for their key achievements in profession and contribution towards institute. They shared their experience about how VESCOP helped them grow in their professional life.

Towards the end of formal function, Dr. Sandip Zine, Vice President, Alumni association thanked all alumni and dignitaries for their presence and encouraged to strengthen their ties with VESCOP.



*"Alma Matters" newsletter release by dignitaries and alumni cell members*



*Address & Felicitation of Chief Guest Mr. Ashish Babtiwale by Trustee in -charge  
Shri. B. L. Boolani*



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**SHRI B. L. BOOLANI**  
**MANAGING**  
**TRUSTEE, VESCOP**

I congratulate VESCOP Alumnus Association for entering its fifth year of hosting an Alumni Meet. Interacting with ex-students has always been an enriching experience. It fills me with pride to see students of VESCOP embark their foot in the professional world. The guide in me still wants to impart six gems of wisdom to my fellow alumnus. One should never let go off these attributes: Diligence, Objectivity, Perseverance, Courage, Patience and Health. Diligence and objectivity will always enhance your integrity and help you to stand upright in the face of adversity. Perseverance, Courage and patience form the right combination for success. The last one, Health is the most important as only a healthy body harbors healthy mind. With this in mind, I would extend my best wishes to the whole alumni association and our fellow students. It is with great enthusiasm that I look forward to this annual meet.



**DR. SUPRIYA**  
**SHIDHAYE**  
**PRESIDENT,**  
**VESCOP ALUMNI**  
**ASSOCIATION**

It is a great pleasure to pen down my thoughts for 'Alma matters'. With efforts of Dr. Sandeep Zine and the alumni Committee, we have succeeded in formalizing our annual alumni meets with the release of this exciting newsletter. With completion of 10 years of establishment of VESCOP and graduation of 6 successful batches of B. Pharm., the alumni Committee must be all set to take VESCOP to greater heights. In the span of 10 years, VESCOP has achieved important milestones such as establishment of M. Pharm. Programmes in 3 branches, Ph.D. programme in Pharmaceutics, NBA Accreditation for B. Pharm. Programme & Platinum ranking with impressive 51.57 score in AICTE- CII survey for best Industry linked institutes. The Journey is never ending and there is a lot more to achieve. However, we wish to leverage the networking and diverse expertise of our alumni for building VESCOP as the premier institution. We wish to also upgrade our infrastructure further for which we look upto our Alumni for their support and guidance. We nurture big dreams for VESCOP and ambitious plans for the growth of VESCOPIANS which can only be achieved through active contribution by our Alumni. Let's strengthen our bonding and mutually cooperate to grow as the most sought after Pharmacy institute in India.



**DR. SANDIP ZINE**  
**ALUMNI INCHARGE**

The alumni meet is organized with the aim to strengthen the Collaboration of VESCOP with its Ex-Students. VESCOP is privileged and indeed proud of its globally extended and widespread professional network. This is an umbrella which reunites the Ex-Students which are in various professional fields to their alma mater and also connects them to the current batches.

The prime motive of the alumni meet is to encourage our alumni to contribute to the college via their experiences, knowledge and opinions which in order facilitate professional growth and development of its students.

It gives me great pleasure to have worked as an 'Alumni In-charge'. We hope that the 5th Alumni meet is a nurturing and fruitful experience for each one of you.

VESCOP welcomes Students and their creative ideas with open arms. Wishing you all a happy professional and personal life.



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## VISION OF VES COP

*"Creating competent pharmacy professionals to positively impact healthcare of the society"*

## MISSION

In pursuance of its vision, VES College of Pharmacy aims to excel in the field of pharmacy education and research by:

1. *Maintaining quality education through competent faculty members, skilled support staff and state-of-the-art infrastructure.*
2. *Providing conducive academic environment of higher standard that encourages interactive learning, builds research abilities and provides opportunities for active professional network.*
3. *Inculcating the values and commitment towards better healthcare of the society.*

## Bimonthly Alumni Talkathon

From Academic Year 2015-16 the Alumni Cell of VES COP has initiated an activity entitled "**Bimonthly Alumni Talkathon**" to facilitate the interaction between alumni and current students. This activity provides alumni an opportunity to share their knowledge and professional experience with their Alma mater, and thus strengthens the bond between alumni and Institute.

**Ms. Poornima Iyer, M. S., Pharmacoinformatics, Medical Writer**

My journey as a VES Copian will always be a memorable one. Whatever I am today, I owe it to my college. The state-of-the-art infrastructure, influential faculty members, invigorating environment for promoting studies, research and extracurricular activities have always been an integral part of shaping up my career. Being the first batch of our college, tremendous efforts were put in by the college to provide us the best of facilities that were at par with other reputed institutions. The guidance and encouragement helped me to pursue my Masters from the nation's most prestigious institute for pharmaceutical research.

**Ms. Mansi Shelke, Pursuing MBA, Mumbai University**

Pharmacy for me was by choice. Getting selected in VES was my destiny. They say you make your own destiny, but in my case, my destiny was made by VES. I took admission in VES COP with no idea as to what would be served in my plate. But as the years passed by, my college made me realize that it was the best decision I would have ever made. Be it fun learning activities, or academic activities, VES COP does it all. Right from arranging various national one day seminars to managing extracurricular programs, everything is at par. The strength of the college lies in its faculty and infrastructure. The approachable nature of the faculty makes it easy of the students to communicate with them. The college also provides ample amount of scope of various research projects to be carried out under the guidance of esteemed faculty members. I believe I discovered my real self after graduating from VES COP.



## COURSES OFFERED

**B. Pharm.**

**M. Pharm.**  
Pharmaceutics  
Quality Assurance  
Pharm.  
Chemistry

**Ph. D**  
Pharmaceutics

## COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE EXAM ACHIEVERS

**GPAT (Score - Out of 500)**

- Giridhar Sankaran, Score 194, AIR 36
- Teeja P. Suthar, Score 165, AIR 178

**GRE**

- Palak S. Phansalkar, Score 320.5
- Pratik S. Pednekar, Score 309

**TOEFL**

- Sameera A. Sansare, Score 111
- Bakul M. Deo, Score 102

## TOPPERS IN FINAL YEAR UNIVERSITY EXAM

1. **Teeja Suthar** - 'O' Grade - 8.36 CGPA
2. **Vidhi Shah** - 'O' Grade - 8.18 CGPA
3. **Giridhar Sankaran** - 'O' Grade - 8.08 CGPA
4. **Hardeep Jolly** - 'A' Grade - 7.96 CGPA
5. **Kejal Mody** - 'A' Grade - 7.81 CGPA

**B. Pharm. Programme accredited by National Board of Accreditation (NBA)**

## ALUMNI PANEL

<i>Dr. Supriya S. Shidhaye</i>	President
<i>Dr. Sandip Zine</i>	Vice President
<i>Dr. Ganga Srinivasan</i>	Secretary
<i>Mr. Chetan Mahajan</i>	Joint Secretary
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<i>Mr. Harshad Lad</i>	Member
<i>Ms. Renuka Patankar</i>	Member
<i>Mr. Nilesh Bade</i>	Member
<i>Ms. Reshma Pillai</i>	Member
<i>Ms. Shalmali Mathure</i>	Member
<i>Ms. Rutuja Kharde</i>	Member
<i>Ms. Bhakti Phadtare</i>	Member
<i>Ms. Prajakta Mali</i>	Member
<i>Ms. Nida Memon</i>	Member





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## ALUMNI TALKS

### **Mr. Aditya Thakur, Medical Associate, GlaxoSmithKline Ltd. (Batch 2015)**



I experienced the best four years of my life in VESCOP. When I thought of pursuing pharmacy, VESCOP had one of the best reviews amongst the people with some know-how in this field. No doubt this institution has best staff and teaching faculty which played a pivotal role in making my college journey and my stint in the student council a success. This college transformed me from a clueless teenager in need of guidance to a matured personality with ambitions. VESCOP gave me an identity. This college has always felt like a second home and friends have been like an extended family.

### **Ms. Aditi Bapat, University of Minnesota, USA. (Batch 2014)**



I'm honoured to be testifying for the place that has been like a foundation stone for my journey- the real world. The four years I spent in VESCOP have honed my skills so well that I feel confident in facing any challenges. The faculty at VESCOP has helped me tremendously to make my basics strong, to develop my all round skills and also always encouraged me to step further to learn as much as possible in the field. I really feel that everything in VESCOP is at par with the highest of standards and there is no other place I would be if I could rewind time. Just the nature and the expanse of versatile activities I have done in the four years shows how much we focused on the holistic development. No wonder VESCOP generates batch after batch of students that succeed in competitions as well as beat everyone in academics. Education at VESCOP has made me what I am today. I am forever thankful to them for their contribution.

### **Ms. Reva Badve, Research Associate, Johnson & Johnson. (Batch 2013)**



I feel extremely privileged to have been given an opportunity to voice my opinion about VESCOP. This institution has played a fundamental role in shaping up my professional life. VESCOP has been instrumental in making me what I am and has helped me reach where I am today. I have enjoyed each and every moment of the 6 years that I have spent in this college. The faculty out here has always gone out of their way in terms of teaching us and getting our doubts cleared. The extremely approachable faculty not only focused on our development in academics but also made sure that all round development of all the students was achieved. I would like to say a big Thank You to both the teaching and the non-teaching staff for making my journey at VESCOP a memorable one.

### **Mr. Abbas Kabir, TCS. (Batch 2012)**



It's almost half a decade since I left VESCOP but the memories and relationships associated with the institute is as fresh as if it was just yesterday that I parted. I shared a very friendly rapport with most of my teachers who are very approachable and helped me grasp the concepts. Be it any educational institute or any pharmaceutical organization, one can easily spot the difference between a VESCOPian and any other student. As an alumnus, it always instills a sense of pride whenever I get to read about VESCOP's achievements. Whenever I have visited the college, I still get the same warmth and affection from the staff as I use to get then. In the end I hope to stay connected with VESCOP and I wish all VESCOPians a very happy, healthy and successful new year.

## SOME OF OUR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNNI

Mr. Kiran Bagal	Regulatory Officer, Rubicon Ltd.	Mr. Nilesh Bade	Manager, QCS Labs LLP, Mumbai
Mr. Chetan Mahajan	International Business Exec., Macleods Ltd.	Mr. Arman Sayyed	Scientific Sales Executive, Sanofi Cardio Team
Ms. Nikita Gaikwad	Executive Trainer, Hetero Healthcare	Mr. Chaitanya Pawar	Branch Manager, Sun Life Asset Management
Mr. Harshad Lad	International Business Exec, Macleods Ltd.	Ms. Suvarcha Sood	Sr. Scientific Executive, Aristo Pharmaceuticals
Ms. Shraddha Gothankar	Asst. Product Manager, Sun Pharma	Mr. Pankaj Shinde	HR Manager, TCS
Mr. Sakshat Kulkarni	Management Trainee, Product Management Team, Alembic.	Mr. Nikhil Hingane	Jr. Officer, Macleods
Mr. Vinit Joshi	M. S., Pharmaceutical Sciences, North Eastern University, Boston	Mr. Anurag Gadgil	QA Specialist, Imugen, Norwood, Massachusetts
Mr. Ankit Thakkar	Analyst, Renaissance Learning Inc., Madison, USA	Mr. Pankaj Bafna	Product Specialist, Novonordisk (India) Pvt. Ltd