

## **CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF VSSUT**

The University with its stature as a heritage technical institution, have always strived to promote holistic growth of students by facilitating co-curricular activities via its Cultural Association. This association comprises of various cultural clubs such as Dramatics Club, Music & Dance Club, Art & Photography Club, Literary Society, Audio Visual Club, and Quiz Club. The clubs perform events throughout the year and jointly in the annual cultural festival, named Vassaunt in the month of February or March every year. Alongside the events, the various clubs perform activities and competitions to foster growth among its students and prepare them for the big stage. Despite the recent lockdown, the clubs have not ceased to put in their efforts. The activities of these clubs are monitored by Dean, Student Welfare and the Vice President of Cultural Association. Each club has a separate faculty advisor, student secretary and assistant secretary(s) who conduct the activities in co-ordination with the students. For students of second and prefinal year, holding managerial posts gives them an insight into the working of a small group and helps them identify and counter the challenges associated with this. Needless to say, the University faculty and administration are always there to provide guidance and encouragement. Thus, through these societies our students learn essential managerial and entrepreneurial skills while having fun.

The cultural society is the entertainment hub of the University, where one can explore and express his/her talent before a techno-savvy audience. All students are encouraged to join one or many clubs of their choice and also can learn and perform as per their potential/interest. The faculties and the senior students guide them to attain the pinnacle.

The student representatives are generally selected by a committee generally during the month of August for a year. They form the group of core members for their club and do practice for various events. The University recommends its students to participate in a number of events organised by different reputed Institutes/Universities across the country. Finally heart throbbing Cultural extravaganza Vassaunt is generally organised around Holi festival. The students show their highest talent before jam packed audience. The 3-days festival is inaugurated by one of the eminent personalities of the country as Guest in presence of the Vice Chancellor of the University, Dean Student Welfare and Vice-President. During the festival famous personalities, groups are generally invited for the events alongwith our student based performance.

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## Various Clubs under Cultural Association

- **Art & Photography Club**
- **Audio Visual Club**
- **Dramatic Club**
- **Music and Dance Club**
- **Literary Society**
- **Galaxy**

Besides the individual events of different clubs, they jointly organise many events throughout the year. Every event requires the involvement of various units which requires all the clubs to come together in a symphony. Literary Society and the Quiz club conducted the “Matrubhasa Diwas” in 2020 where the importance of culture was emphasised. Both the clubs also conduct speech and quiz events on the eve of “National Unity Day”. It also organises the following functions with rigour upholding the spirit of our culture and the environment by using eco-friendly materials.

Lord Ganesha Puja

Saraswati Puja, , Janmashtami, Holi,

University foundation day on 1<sup>st</sup> July,

National Youth Day on 12<sup>th</sup> January,

Veer Surendra Sai and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti on 23<sup>rd</sup> January,

National Girl's Day on 24<sup>th</sup> January,

International Women's Day on March 8,

Utkal Divas on 1<sup>st</sup> April

Constitution Day on 26<sup>th</sup> November etc.

Puja festivals are celebrated across all the halls of residence as well as the main campus creating an auspicious atmosphere.

The perfect symphony of music, dance, photography, films, writing etc. captures the essence of culture and promotes the message among students. With all of that, various campaigns are performed to spread awareness in the local surroundings of the deep values that our nation possess in our culture.

Photographs of some cultural events













