



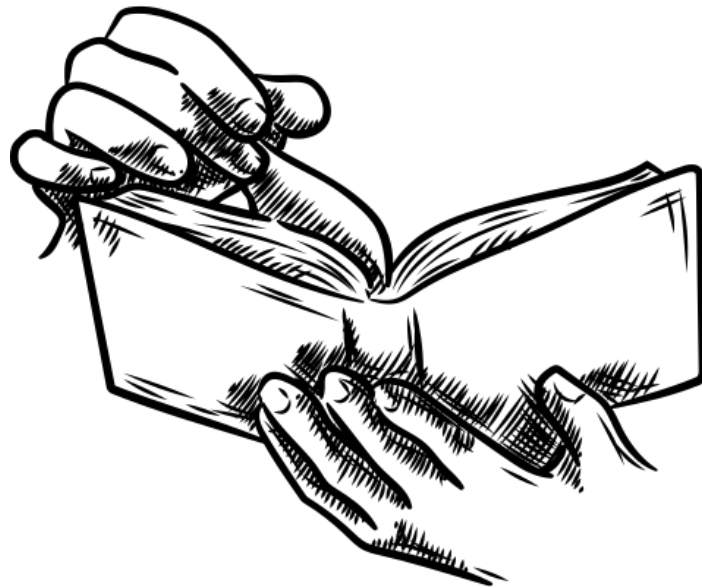
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# Vachan Sankalp Maharashtracha





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'Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra' an initiative undertaken by Ministry of Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra, under this program all colleges and universities were directed to take various activities during 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025 and 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 to enhance reading culture in state of Maharashtra.

As a part of this campaign, Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous), Sindhi Society, Chembur, organized various activities, from 2<sup>nd</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Learning Resource Centre, NSS Unit, Marathi Vangmay Mandal & Literary Club jointly conducted below mentioned activities:

- 1) Book Donation Drive "Gifted Pages"
- 2) Reading Skills Workshop
- 3) Book Exhibition based on Theme 'Motivational & Inspirational Books Display'
- 4) Group Reading Activity, Theme 'Books that Inspire Change and Transformation'
- 5) Book Exhibition based on Theme 'Swami Vivekananda'
- 6) Speed Reading Workshop
- 7) Granth Dindi
- 8) Reader Recommendation Blog
- 9) Author's Meet

The all reports of the following activities are attached below.



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## Activities Under the Program 'Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra'

### Learning Resource Centre

### 2024-2025

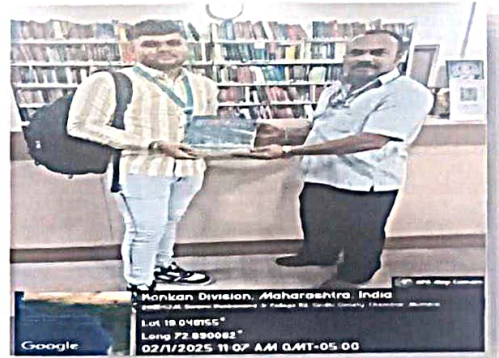
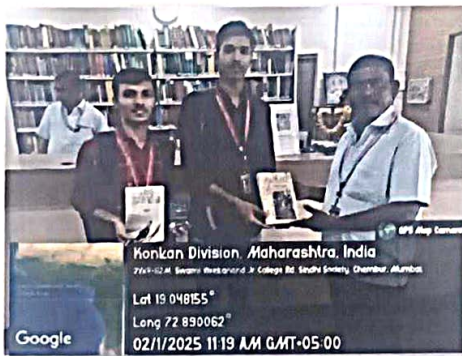
### Gifted Pages

The VES College of Arts, Science and Commerce conducted a book donation drive program with an aim to bring students closer to books, foster a love for reading and learning amongst our students.

Book Donation Drive: "Gifted Pages" was conducted on 2nd Jan 2025, a good collection of donated books was received by VES Learning Resource Centre and the Library Committee chose to distribute these donated collections, which included both general and subject-specific books.

A total of sixty students have benefited from this event.

The "Gifted Pages" book drive was a resounding success, donating 69 books to our students.



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**Learning Resource Centre**  
**2024-2025**  
**Reading Skills Workshop**

Learning Resource Centre planned a Reading Skills Workshop with an objective to enhance comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency of our students. This session was conducted on 4th January 2025, 12:00 am to 01:00 pm, in the AV Room.

26 participants had attended this first session.

The speaker Dr. Anindita Ganguly, from the Department of English gave an interactive presentation, covering active reading strategies. Later, individual reading exercises were conducted to test the reading speed.

In the feedback, students demanded for more sessions on speed writing, vocabulary building and semantics.

Participants learned effective reading strategies to improve comprehension and retention.



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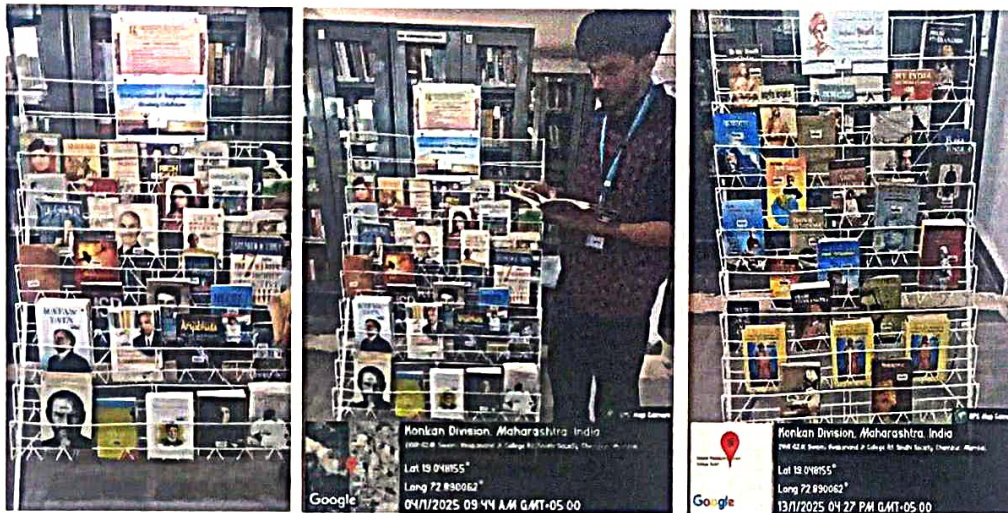
**Activities Under the Program 'Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra'**  
**Learning Resource Centre**  
**2024-2025**  
**Books Exhibition**

The primary aim was to promote reading and showcase library collection.

On 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025, motivational and inspirational books, like self-help books, biography and autobiographies of famous personalities were exhibited for students.

On 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025, to earmark Swami Vivekananda Jayanti (birth anniversary on 12<sup>th</sup> January), books on him and his writings were displayed.

The exhibition of books was a valuable and enriching experience, providing a supportive environment for students to explore new ideas and perspectives. We look forward to continuing to inspire and motivate our community through future exhibitions and initiatives.



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## Activities Under the Program 'Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra' Learning Resource Centre 2024-2025

### Group Reading Activity

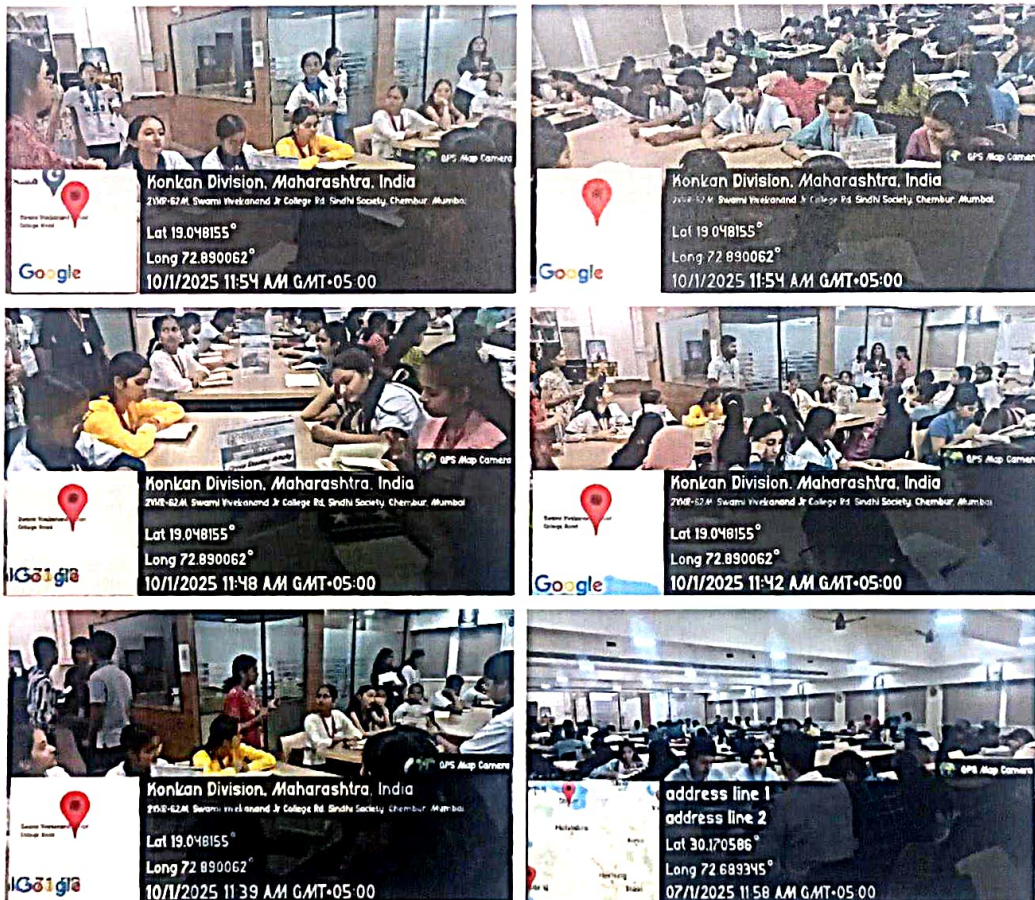
Learning Resource Centre conducted group reading activity on 10th January 2025, 11:00 onwards, and the theme for the activity was 'Books that Inspire Change & Transformation', focusing to enhance understanding of read material and effective communication through collaborative discussion and analysis.

Forty students participated in this event.

The students were asked to take any inspirational, motivational book from the library of their choice and read the book and later were asked to talk about the book as to why they had selected that particular title to read. Later, in the talk students also shared about the books they read that inspired them.

We continued the community reading activity till 15th January 2025.

The group reading activity was a success, bringing together participants who shared a passion for reading and learning.



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**Learning Resource Centre**  
**2024-2025**  
**Speed Reading Workshop**

Learning Resource Centre conducted second session of the workshop on Speed Reading with a goal to help students enhance the reading speed. This activity was held on 11th January 2025, at 12:00pm to 1:00pm, in the AV Room. 20 students participated in this session.

This session was jointly presented by Dr. Anindita Ganguly, Ms. Asha Selvakumar, from English Department and with the help of volunteers, organised speed-reading games for the participants.

The speed-reading workshop achieved its objectives, empowering participants with the skills and knowledge to read more efficiently and effectively.

In the feedback, participants shared that they enjoyed the games played.



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## Activities Under the Program 'Vachan Sankalp Maharashtracha' Learning Resource Centre 2024-2025 Granth Dindi

The Granth Dindi, a unique and innovative procession aimed at promoting the value and importance of reading, literature, and libraries in society was marched on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025, around VES campus at 01:30pm as part of the "Vachan Sankalp Maharashtracha" initiative. It aimed to celebrate literary heritage, foster a culture of learning, and connect traditional cultural practices with contemporary educational needs. This event was jointly organized by the Learning Resource Centre, VESASC and NSS Unit.

The program celebrated the joy of literature and encouraged students to develop a lifelong reading habit, to embrace literature and recognize its importance in personal and academic growth.

The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm and energy, with the library staff and NSS students proudly parading the 'Palki' which were carrying Granth like Ramayana, Mahabharata, Bhagwad Geeta, Shree Dnyaneshwari and Shreemat Dasbodh and also The Constitution of India.

The Granth Dindi program was a great success, reinforcing the importance of reading and inspiring students to connect with literature.



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**Activities Under the Program 'Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra'**  
**Learning Resource Centre**  
**2024-2025**  
**Book Review Competition**

As an annual activity, Learning Resource Centre conducted 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Review Competition, with purpose of inculcating the reading habits and improve the critical analysis of the VESASC students.

On 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025, an announcement for the book review competition was circulated, and students of VESASC from all courses were invited to register for the competition. The students were asked to submit a hand-written book review on any general books i.e., fiction, biography, autobiography, etc. in English, Marathi or Hindi language and submit the written review by 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

We reviewed twenty book reviews, and the oral presentation for this book review competition was held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

The invited Judges were: **Ms. Chaitali Goankar**, Assistant Professor in Department of Accounting & Finance; **Mr. Ashwinkumar Dahiya**, Assistant Professor in Department of Psychology and **Dr. Anindita Ganguly**, Assistant Professor in Department of English

This activity was also attended by Ms. Riddhi Bharani, Assistant Professor in Department of Mathematics.

Winners of 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Review Competition:

1<sup>st</sup> - **Rohit Bansode**, SYBA

2<sup>nd</sup> - **Prachi Gorava**, FYBA (Psychology)

3<sup>rd</sup> - **Rutuja Kharat**, FYBSC (CS) & **Mukta Kuvalekar**, FYBA (Psychology)

Consolation Prize - **Priya Yadav**, FYBA

We thank the judges for the time and support given to make this competition a great success.



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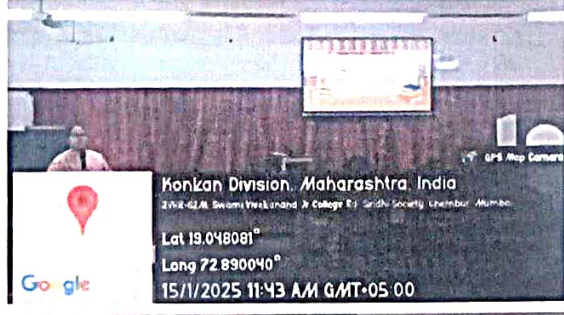
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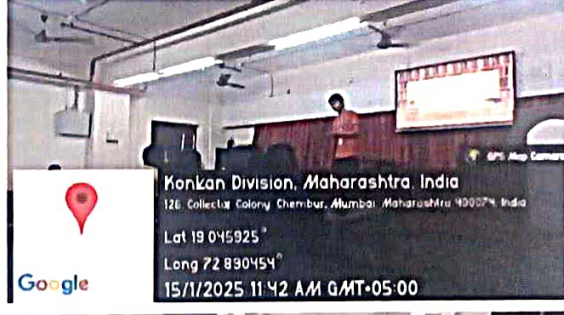
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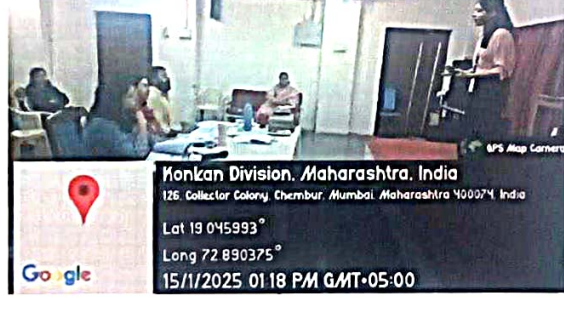
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Reader Recommendation Blog was launched by Learning Resource Centre, where teaching faculty of VESASC recommends books and share the details of 'why the book was recommended' and the 'key take-aways from the books' with the users.

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## VESASC Library Reading Recommendations


Tuesday, January 21, 2025

### The Glass Palace By: Amitav Ghosh

**Book Recommendation By: Ms. Riddhi Bharani**

**Book Recommendation**  
by:  
Ms. Riddhi Bharani  
Assistant Professor,  
Multimedia Department

**Titled: The Glass Palace**  
Author: Amitav Ghosh  
Genre: Fiction



**Why this book is Recommended:**  
I found this story, although short, very engaging. The book also gives a clear picture of the history and gives details of various trades such as rubber plantations, tea, opium, during the last second world war in a very fascinating way.

**Key Takeaways or Themes:**  
The gift and joy of people who migrate, the impact of socio-economic changes on families.

**Memorable Quote:**

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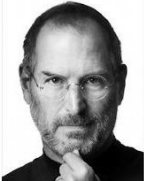
## Steve Jobs By: Walter Isaacson

**Book Recommendation By: Ms. Padmaja Purandare**

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Ms. Padmaja Purandare  
Assistant Professor,  
Department of Data Science, Data Analytics

**Steve Jobs by Walter Isaacson**  
Biography

**Why this book is Recommended:**  
Be Passionate and drive passion to do the complex work. Whatever the situation in life you don't quit. Failures are stepping stone to do better and get better with every bitter experience. Be a learner at any age and trust yourself to do work of your passion. Past can be ignored don't just stay there move on but don't forget your experience helps you get better and better.



**Key Takeaways or Themes:**  
This book helps to understand the importance of Passion, Self motivation, Simplicity, Dedication, Innovation, Focus, Risk taking, looking for bigger picture without forgetting the details.

**Who Should Read It:**  
Books for all, mostly students and professionals earning to be entrepreneur and who need motivation in life.

**Memorable Quote:**  
1. Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish  
2. You can't connect the dots looking

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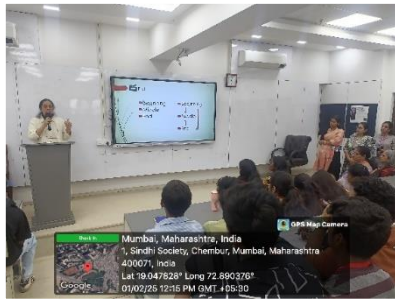
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### Author Meet Program

An author meet program titled 'Creative Horizons: Perspectives with Mini Menon' was conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025, at 12:00pm, aimed to inspire our students to read and write but also instilled in them a deeper appreciation for literature.

Ms. Mini Menon, author of a novel 'Echoes of the Heartland' and two collections of short stories – 'Whispers at Twilight' and 'The Masterpiece' was invited to share her writing journey. She conducted interesting writing activities for the participants and later a question answer round was taken.

With 100 participants, the Author Meet event was a huge success.



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**Creative Horizons:  
Perspectives with Mini Menon**

Join us for an exclusive Author Meet event, where you'll get to meet and greet

**Mini Menon**

Mini Menon is an author, poet, blogger and more. She has written a novel 'Echoes of the Heartland' and two collections of short stories - 'Whispers at Twilight' and 'The Masterpiece'. Her poems have been featured in various 'Vivekanand Education Society's' magazines.

Three of her stories were published in the anthology 'Take the Long Road'.

When she isn't writing, she dances and paints.

From Kinnairty to Chennai and then Mumbai, she plans to travel to have an impact, has to write.

**Event Highlights:**  
Engaging conversation with the author about her writing journey and inspirations brought from the reading of her bestselling books.  
Q&A session to clarify your queries.  
Networking with fellow book-lovers and writers.

Venue: 1st Floor, Conference Room  
Date: 1st February 2025  
Time: 12:00pm to 01:00pm

**TO REGISTER CLICK THE BELOW LINK:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/author-meet>

*Reading is the breathing in, and writing is the breathing out.*



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