



Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous)

(Affiliated to University of Mumbai)

Re-accredited by NAAC "A" Grade in 3rd Cycle 3.26, Best College Award - Urban Area, University of Mumbai (2012-2013)

Recipient of PM - USHA Grant (2024)

Recipient of FIST Grant (DST) **Recipient of STAR College Grant (DBT)**

Academic Council Meeting on 18th November 2025

The **1st Meeting of the newly constituted Academic Council** for the **Academic Year 2025–2026** was held on **Tuesday, 18th November 2025**, from **2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.** in the **College Auditorium**.

The following members were present:

Prin. Dr. Anita Kanwar – Chairperson
Prin Dr. Suchitra Naik - University Nominee (Joined online)
Prin Dr. Vinita Pimpale - University Nominee (Joined online)
Dr. Rajendra Shinde – Academician
Dr. Avinash Kale – Academician
Mr. Balaji Ramadurai - Industry Expert
Ms. Asha Prabhu - Industry Expert
Prof. Ritika Makhijani - Vice Principal, HOD, Chemistry
Mrs. Samhitha Sharma Kain - Vice Principal, HOD, Economics
Prof Pooja Jagasia – COE
Dr. Dona Joseph - HOD, Microbiology
Dr. Devidas Gulwade - I/C. HOD, Physics
Mr. Vikas Ware - HOD, Mathematics
Dr. Sunita Sherifani – HOD, Accountancy, represented by Dr. Varsha Ganatra - HOD, Commerce
Dr. Varsha Ganatra – HOD, Commerce
Dr. Aarohi Khar - HOD, Psychology
Mrs. Sonia Lal - I/C HOD, Sociology
Mrs. Shital Patil - Coordinator, Information Technology
Mrs. Vinaya Jategaonkar, represented by Ms. Shmilona Jain - Coordinator, Biotechnology
Mrs. Kanthi Viswanath - Coordinator, Management Studies
Mrs. Sangeeta Bhattacharya - Coordinator, Financial Markets
Mrs. Minal Gandhi - Coordinator, Banking & Insurance
Dr. Anu Bansal, represented by Ms. Chaitali Gaonkar - Coordinator, A&F
Ms. Pritika Khedwal – Co-ordinator, Multimedia and Mass Communication
Dr. Anusuya Yadav, represented by Mr. Utkarsh Kapadia - Co-ordinator, BBA
Mr. Gokul Choudhary - Co-ordinator, DSDA
Ms. Kiran Ghosh - Co-ordinator, Dept of Finance



Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous)

(Affiliated to University of Mumbai)

Re-accredited by NAAC "A" Grade in 3rd Cycle 3.26, Best College Award - Urban Area, University of Mumbai (2012-2013)

Recipient of PM - USHA Grant (2024)

Recipient of FIST Grant (DST) **Recipient of STAR College Grant (DBT)**

Dr. Snehal Obhan - Co-ordinator, Department of E-commerce
Mrs. Vidya Lunge – Invitee, represented by Mrs. Sia Purswan – Dept of AI
Ms. Rajashree Date - Invitee, Dept of CS
Dr. Malay Shah - Teacher Representative
Dr. Radhika Mohan - Teacher Representative
Ms. Riddhi Bharani - Teacher Representative
Dr. Dinesh Navale - Teacher Representative
Dr. Meghana Sanjeeva - Member Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

Prin Dr. Avinash Patil - University Nominee

The Member Secretary welcomed all members to the first meeting of the newly constituted Academic Council. She greeted the University Nominees—Dr. Suchitra Naik (Principal, Joshi Bedekar College), Dr. Vinita Pimpale (Principal, RA Podar College). The Council also welcomed the External Members representing academia and industry: Dr. Rajendra Shinde and Dr. Avinash Kale, both of whom have previously guided the college during its autonomy journey, along with Mr. Balaji Ramdurai, whose industry experience continues to be valuable input to us. A special welcome was extended to Ms. Asha Prabhu, Manager at Willis Towers Watson and alumna of the college. The Principal, Vice-Principal, Heads of Departments, Coordinators, and Teacher Representatives were also acknowledged for their continued contribution to strengthening the academic functioning of the college.

The Member Secretary invited the Principal to make a brief presentation on the college. In her presentation, the Principal highlighted the college's journey, major achievements, institutional accolades, research initiatives, academic results, an overview of the student profile and utilization and disbursement of the PM-USHA grant.

Following the welcome and presentation, the Council proceeded to the agenda for the meeting.

Agenda Item 1

To approve the minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on 9th April 2025.



Vivekanand Education Society's

College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous)

(Affiliated to University of Mumbai)

Re-accredited by NAAC "A" Grade in 3rd Cycle 3.26, Best College Award - Urban Area, University of Mumbai (2012-2013)

Recipient of PM - USHA Grant (2024)

Recipient of FIST Grant (DST) **Recipient of STAR College Grant (DBT)**

Resolution No. 1:

The minutes of the previous Academic Council meeting held on **9th April 2025** were read and approved. The minutes were accepted by Mr. Balaji Ramdurai and seconded by Dr. Rajendra Shinde and accepted by all members without any modifications.

Agenda Item 2

To consider the recommendations made by the Boards of Studies (BOS), including the entry and exit options for all Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes, to be implemented from the Academic Year 2026–2027.

Presentations of the recommendations made by the Boards of Studies (BOS) were delivered by the Academic Coordinators of Arts, Science, and Commerce of both the Aided and SFP sections, along with the coordinators of BAMMC, MA (Psychology), BBA, and B.Com.(Finance), B.Com. (E-Commerce), B.Sc. (DSDA), and B.Sc. (AI). They highlighted the curriculum structure and credit framework under NEP-2020 to be implemented from the Academic Year 2026–2027.

It was proposed that the course on the Indian Constitution, offered under the Value Education Component (VEC), be replaced with Environmental Management and Sustainable Development I and II (4 Credits) from the academic year 2026–2027, in accordance with the University of Mumbai Circular dated 26th May 2025 (No. AAMS_UGS/ICC/2025-26/36) as per the UGC guidelines.

Mr. Balaji Ramdurai suggested introducing MA Industrial Psychology as an additional option for subject specialization at the postgraduate level.

He also recommended considering courses in Psychology focused on Consumer Behaviour to broaden the curriculum and cater to evolving interests.

Additionally, he proposed the following interdisciplinary course offerings:

- 1. A course on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) to be offered in collaboration with the Law College.**
- 2. A course on Clinical Trials, to be conducted jointly by the Biotechnology and Microbiology Departments.**



Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous)

(Affiliated to University of Mumbai)

Re-accredited by NAAC "A" Grade in 3rd Cycle 3.26, Best College Award - Urban Area, University of Mumbai (2012-2013)

Recipient of PM - USHA Grant (2024)

Recipient of FIST Grant (DST) **Recipient of STAR College Grant (DBT)**

Resolution No. 2:

The Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the respective BOS for implementing entry and exit options for all UG and PG programmes from the **Academic Year 2026–2027**.

It was also resolved that as per the proposed structure, the course on the Indian Constitution under the Value Education Component (VEC) will be replaced by Environmental Management and Sustainable Development I and II (4 Credits) from the academic year 2026–2027.

Agenda Item 3

To approve the introduction of new programmes from the Academic Year 2026–2027:

1. **B.Com. (Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance – BFSI)**
2. **B.Sc. (Medical Laboratory Technology – (MLT) / RMIT- Radio Medical Imaging Technology)**

The Principal informed the Council about the proposed introduction of new programmes aligned with current industry needs and sought permission to initiate them. She highlighted the B.Com. BFSI (Banking, Financial Services and Insurance), a four-year Apprenticeship Embedded Undergraduate Programme in collaboration with NSDC under 'Skill India', with an intake of 40 students. The programme includes a skill-based apprenticeship in the third year, and students will receive a certificate from NSDC.

She further apprised the Council of the proposed B.Sc. (MLT) and B.Sc. (RMIT) programmes in collaboration with SCOPE College. She also noted the concerns raised regarding infrastructure requirements and the ongoing challenges in Science admissions, while emphasizing that introducing such programmes would enhance employability and offer a more diverse academic portfolio.

Resolution No. 3:

The Council approved the introduction of the above programmes from 2026–2027 and requested that the Principal look into initiating the arrangements for the necessary infrastructure for smooth conduct of these courses without any hinderance to the existing programs.



Vivekanand Education Society's

College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous)

(Affiliated to University of Mumbai)

Re-accredited by NAAC "A" Grade in 3rd Cycle 3.26, Best College Award - Urban Area, University of Mumbai (2012-2013)

****Recipient of PM - USHA Grant (2024)****

****Recipient of FIST Grant (DST)** **Recipient of STAR College Grant (DBT)****

Agenda Item 4

To appraise the implementation of the e-Samarth Portal (ERP).

The Council was appraised of the progress on the e-Samarth Portal, including the successful creation of the ERP instance, completion of initial training modules, and the initial data preparation for the commencement of data migration

The Council noted the progress and recommended continuous monitoring to ensure timely implementation.

Agenda Item 5

To inform the Council about the conduct of various soft component academic activities under the PM-USHA Grant during the Academic Year 2025–2026.

The Coordinator for PM-USA (Soft Components) Dr. Aarohi presented the completed and planned activities under the PM-USHA soft components. The grant has enabled 94 initiatives that have significantly contributed to the institution's intellectual and cultural enrichment. Of these, 78 activities have already commenced, 30 have been successfully completed, and the remaining 16 are scheduled for completion by January 31, 2026. These initiatives span a wide range of engagements, including 104 guest lectures providing academic exposure from leading experts, 54 workshops focused on skill development and interdisciplinary learning, four lecture series offering in-depth exploration of thematic areas, four exhibitions showcasing talent and research, four seminars facilitating collaborative academic exchange, ten training sessions aimed at focused skill-building, and three sports coaching programmes delivering professional training in selected sports.

In addition to the above the Council was also informed about the collaboration with the Maharashtra State Faculty Development Authority (MSFDA), initiated as per instructions from the RUSA office for conducting FDP programmes for staff and students. As part of the Soft Component Activities (SCA), the training sessions for staff and students were conducted from 3rd to 8th November 2025, with additional activities scheduled in December 2025.

The Council appreciated the efforts and took note of the academic activities planned under the PM-USHA Grant.



Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous)

(Affiliated to University of Mumbai)

Re-accredited by NAAC "A" Grade in 3rd Cycle 3.26, Best College Award - Urban Area, University of Mumbai (2012-2013)

Recipient of PM - USHA Grant (2024)

Recipient of FIST Grant (DST) **Recipient of STAR College Grant (DBT)**

Agenda Item 6

To appraise the Council regarding the collaborative programmes proposed to be introduced with other institutions from the Academic Year 2026–2027.

The Council was apprised of the proposed collaborative programmes to be introduced from the Academic Year 2026–2027. The collaborations include:

1. A partnership with EDUMITRA for industrial visits
2. Certification through the National University of Singapore (NUS).
3. Collaboration with SS Dempo College, Goa, for a student exchange programme.

Details of the collaborative frameworks and proposed programme structures will be presented to the Council in the next meeting.

Resolution No. 4:

The Council granted in-principle approval for initiating these collaborative programmes from the Academic Year 2026–2027, subject to the signing of MoUs and necessary approvals.

Agenda Item 7

To approve the Examination Reforms proposed by the Examination Committee.

Prof. Pooja Jagasia, Controller of Examinations, presented the examination initiatives implemented in accordance with the NEP framework, highlighting key measures such as the strengthening of Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE), the adoption of standardized question paper templates, and both external and internal scrutiny of question papers. Additional initiatives included the introduction of the Progressive Learning Ability Test (PLAT), digital coordination of supervision duties, revised ATKT rules aligned with the NEP, enhanced use of the ITLE (ERP) module and Google Classroom for internal assessments, and the functioning of the Equivalence Committee to support transitions between NEP and Non-NEP programmes, NEP to NEP and Non-NEP to NEP Programmes. Scrutiny of question papers by external and internal (Senior) teachers



Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous)

(Affiliated to University of Mumbai)

Re-accredited by NAAC "A" Grade in 3rd Cycle 3.26, Best College Award - Urban Area, University of Mumbai (2012-2013)

Recipient of PM - USHA Grant (2024)

Recipient of FIST Grant (DST) **Recipient of STAR College Grant (DBT)**

and evaluated answer books will be made available for student viewing for better transparency by the interested departments.

The COE further informed the Council about the introduction of the June ATKT Examination Session to facilitate timely academic clearance for students.

For the current academic year, examination reforms include the implementation of CO-PO Bloom's Taxonomy mapping and a post-assessment focus on percentage attainment of Course Outcomes (CO). Faculty Development Programmes were conducted on Google Classroom, CO-PO Mapping, and CO-PO Attainment to support these initiatives.

During the discussion, Dr. Rajendra Shinde suggested that the next phase of reforms should focus on strengthening the On- Screen- Marking (OSM) and enquired whether evaluated answer papers are being shown to students, emphasizing transparency in the examination process. He also recommended that cases scrutinized by the Equivalence Committee be forwarded to the University (Board of Deans- BOD) for necessary processing.

Resolution No. 5:

The Council approved the recommendations of the Examination Committee to be implemented from 2025-2026.

Agenda Item 8 – Any Other Business (AOB)

The Member Secretary informed the members about the progress of the research centres during the year 2025-2026

Department	Guide	Registered	Synopsis Submitted	Thesis Submitted
Physics	Dr Anita Kanwar	06		
Physics	Dr Sarla Rathi	03		
Chemistry	Prof Ritika Makhijani		02	02
Chemistry	Prof Pooja Jagasia			02
Microbiology	Dr Nagesh Malik			01
Microbiology	Dr Shweta Patil	04		
Commerce	Dr Varsha Ganatra	02		



Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous)

(Affiliated to University of Mumbai)

Re-accredited by NAAC "A" Grade in 3rd Cycle 3.26, Best College Award - Urban Area, University of Mumbai (2012-2013)

Recipient of PM - USHA Grant (2024)

Recipient of FIST Grant (DST) **Recipient of STAR College Grant (DBT)**

The Council noted the update regarding the progress of the research centers and observed steady advancement across several departments, with an encouraging number of students registered and moving toward synopsis and thesis submission. The Council acknowledged the efforts of all research guides and encouraged departments to continue monitoring timely submissions while ensuring quality in research output. The Council further recommended encouraging more faculty members to take up research guidance to strengthen the overall research ecosystem of the college.

The meeting concluded with a **vote of thanks** proposed by **Vice-Principal Samhitha Sharma** to the Chair and all esteemed members.

18.11.2025

Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Anita Kanwar
Chairperson, Academic Council



**Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science and
Commerce (AUTONOMOUS)**

Re-accredited by NAAC (A Grade)

Recipient of FIST Grant (DST) * Recipient of STAR College Grant (DBT)

Recipient of PM-USHA Grant

Academic Council Meeting Academic Year 2025-26

Date: 18th November 2025

Time : 02.30 pm

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Signature
1	Prin.Dr. Anita Kanwar	Chairperson	<i>Anita Kanwar</i>
2	Prin Dr. Suchitra Naik	University Nominee	Joined Online
3	Prin Dr. Vinita Pimpale	University Nominee	Joined Online
4	Prin Dr. Avinash Patil	University Nominee	ABSENT
5	Dr. Rajendra Shinde	Academician	<i>Rajendra Shinde</i>
6	Dr. Avinash Kale	Academician	Joined Online
7	Mr. Balaji Ramadurai	Industry Expert	<i>Balaji Ramadurai</i>
8	Ms Asha Prabhu	Industry Expert	Joined Online
9	Prof Pooja Jagasia	COE	<i>Pooja Jagasia</i>
10	Dr. Dona Joseph	HOD, Microbiology	<i>Dona Joseph</i>
11	Prof. Ritika Makhijani	HOD, Chemistry	<i>Ritika Makhijani</i>
12	Dr. Devidas Gulwade	I/C. HOD, Physics	<i>Devidas Gulwade</i>
13	Mr. Vikas Ware	HOD, Mathematics	<i>Vikas Ware</i>
14	Dr. Sunita Sherifani	HOD, Accountancy	<i>Sunita Sherifani</i>
15	Dr. Varsha Ganatra	HOD Commerce	<i>Varsha Ganatra</i>
16	Mrs. Samhitha Sharma Kain	HOD, Economics	<i>Samhitha Sharma Kain</i>
17	Dr. Aarohi Khar	HOD, Psychology	<i>Aarohi Khar</i>
18	Mrs Sonia Lal	I/C HOD Sociology	<i>Sonia Lal</i>
19	Mrs. Shital Patil	Coordinator, Information Technology	<i>Shital Patil</i>
20	Mrs. Vinaya Jategaonkar represented by Ms. Shmilona Jain	Coordinator, Biotechnology	<i>Vinaya Jategaonkar</i>



**Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science and
Commerce (AUTONOMOUS)**

Re-accredited by NAAC (A Grade)

Recipient of FIST Grant (DST) Recipient of STAR College Grant (DBT)

Recipient of PM-USHA Grant

Academic Council Meeting Academic Year 2025-26

Date: 18th November 2025

Time :02.30 pm

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Signature
21	Mrs. Kanthi Vishwanath	Coordinator, Management Studies	<i>Kanthi</i>
22	Mrs. Sangeeta Bhattacharya	Coordinator, Financial Markets	<i>Sangeeta</i>
23	Mrs. Minal Gandhi	Coordinator, Banking & Insurance	<i>M Gandhi</i>
24	Dr Anu Bansal Represented by Chaitali Gaonkar	Coordinator, A& F	<i>Gaonkar</i>
25	Dr. Anusuya Yadav Represented by Mr Utkarsh Kapadia	Co-ordinator, BBA	<i>Utkarsh</i>
26	Mr. Gokul Choudhary	Co-ordinator DSDA	<i>Gokul</i>
27	Ms. Kiran Ghosh	Co-ordinator Dept of Finance	<i>Kiran Ghosh</i>
28	Dr. Snehal Obhan	Co-ordinator Department of E-commerce	<i>Snehal</i>
29	Mrs Vidya Lunge	Invitee, Dept of AI	
30	Ms. Rajashree Date	Invitee, Dept of CS	<i>Rajashree</i>
31	Dr. Malay Shah	Teacher Representative	<i>Malay</i>
32	Dr. Radhika Mohan	Teacher Representative	<i>Radhika</i>
33	Ms. Riddhi Bharani	Teacher Representative	<i>Riddhi</i>
34	Dr. Dinesh Navale	Teacher Representative	<i>Navale</i>
35	Dr. Meghana Sanjeeva	Member Secretary	<i>M. Sanjeeva</i>

36 Ms. Pritika Khedwal

Coordinator, multimedia and mass communication

P. Khedwal

37 Mrs Sia Puswani

Teacher Representative

Sia Puswani