

Minutes of Governing Body (GB) Meeting on 29th November 2025

A meeting of the GB was held on **29th November 2025 from 2.30 pm** in the Conference room on the first floor of Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous) in a hybrid mode with the following agenda:

- 1) To suggest changes and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 th April 2025.
- 2) To approve the changes done in the academic structure as suggested by the NEP 2020.
- 3) To approve the decisions taken in the Academic Council meeting.
- 4) To approve new programs to be introduced in the academic year 2026-27
- 5) To approve the decisions taken in the IQAC meeting
- 6) To approve the decisions taken and reforms suggested by the examination committee.
- 7) To approve the decisions taken in the Finance committee meeting.
- 8) To approve the decisions taken in the College Development Committee (CDC) meeting.
- 9) To approve the infrastructure development under PM-USHA scheme and by the management
- 10) To approve the new appointments (AY 2025-26) and CAS promotions.
- 11) To approve Final accounts for the financial year 2024-25 (audited).
- 12) Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

The following members attended the same:

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| 1. Shri Rajesh Gehani | Secretary, Vivekanand Education Society |
| 2. Mr. Vijay Talreja | Trustee, Vivekanand Education Society |
| 3. Mr. Akhil Chaturvedi | Founder-Director, Rebel Corp (Industrialist) |
| 4. Dr. Shobhana Vasudevan | Former Principal, Podar College (Educationalist) |
| 5. Dr. Rupesh Raut | JDHE, Mumbai (State Government Nominee) |
| 6. Dr. Mrs. Anita Kanwar | Member Secretary, Principal, VESASC College |
| 7. Mrs. Samhitha Sharma Kain | Vice-Principal, HOD Economics and IQAC Coordinator |
| 8. Dr. Ritika Makhijani | Vice-Principal, HOD Chemistry NAAC coordinator |
| 9. Mr. Mahinder Punwani | Educationist/ Industry representative |

Mr. Mahinder Punwani and Dr. Rupesh Raut (Joint Director of Higher Education) attended the meeting online.

Shri Suresh Malkani President, VES, Dr. Prakash Lulla Treasurer, VES, Ms. Sangeeta Shahani VES trustee, Ms. Kavita Valecha -VES trustee, Dr. Madhav Rajaram Rajwade (Principal, Sathaye College) University Nominee: and Mr. Balasubramanian Administrative Staff Nominee were granted leave of absence.

As per the tradition in Vivekanand Education Society, the meeting then commenced with the **chanting of 'OM' three times**. The GB meeting was **chaired by** Shri Rajesh Gehani, Secretary, Vivekanand Education Society. Prin. Dr. Anita Kanwar extended a warm welcome to the members of the GB. Then the meeting commenced as per the schedule.

Following are the minutes of the meeting:

Agenda 1: To suggest changes and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th April 2025.

The previous meeting minutes as well as the 'Action Taken Report' had been emailed to the members. Shri Vijay Taleja proposed acceptance of the minutes without any change. Shri Rajesh Gehani and Dr. Shobhana Vasudevan seconded the motion of acceptance.

Agenda 2: To approve the changes done in the academic structure as suggested by the NEP 2020

- The Proposal of introduction of **Environmental Management and Sustainable Development I and II (4 Credits, vide UOM Circular dated 26th May 2025, No. AAMS_UGS/ICC/2025-26/36)** was approved by all.
- Dr. Shobhana Vasudevan enquired about the syllabus of the course. Prin. Dr. Anita Kanwar informed all the members that the syllabus proposed by UGC is taken as a base and it will be modified and one unit having the information about Indian Constitution will be added. All the above changes were approved by the committee.

Agenda 3: To approve the decisions taken in the Academic Council (AC) meeting

Prin. Dr. Anita Kanwar informed all the members of GB that the new members' names have been received from the University and the Academic Council reconstituted. The **1st Meeting of the reconstituted/ new Academic Council for the Academic Year 2025–2026** was held on **Tuesday, 18th November 2025** in the **College Auditorium**.

- **Recommendations of the respective BOS:** The Academic 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**.
- **Implementation of the e-Samarth Portal (ERP):** The Council noted the progress of the implementation of the e-Samarth Portal, and permitted the initial data preparation for the commencement of data migration.
- **Result of 2024-25:**
 - Results of FY, SY and TY (aided as well as SFP Programs) as passed by the AC members were shown to all the Members of GB. Mr. Akhil Chaturvedi pointed out that the results of CS, DSDA & BT Were 100 %. The same was highly appreciated by Shri Vijay Taleja and Dr. Shobhana Vasudevan.
 - The members were also shown the results of PG Programs.
- **Competitive Exam Achievements:** Prin. Dr. Anita Kanwar presented to all the members of GB the various competitive examination results which were approved in the AC. She informed the members that there is an improvement in the results of 2024-25 in comparison with the results of the academic year 2023-24. Shree Vijay Talereja suggested that students should be motivated to appear in UPSC examinations. Dr. Anita Kanwar remarked that the same is already being done and promoted.
- **The collaborative programmes proposed to be introduced with other institutions from the Academic Year 2026–2027 as discussed in AC.**
 - i. Collaboration with Srinivassa Sinai Dempo College - Autonomous, Goa, for a student exchange programme. (Reaccredited by NAAC at 'A' grade with a CGPA OF 3.14)

- ii. Collaboration with VESCOP for the OJT (On Job Training)
 - Analytical and Bioanalytical methods development and Validation- 2 credits course was designed for TYBSc. (Chemistry and Biotechnology) students.
 - Cosmeceuticals and FMCG Products- 2 credits course course was designed for SYBSc. (Chemistry and Biotechnology) students.
- iii. Collaboration with MGM Hospital, Vashi, for the OJT of (120 Hours) in Medical Physics for TYBSc Physics students.

These collaborations were approved and appreciated by the GB members.

Agenda 4: To approve new programs to be introduced in the academic year 2026-27 as approved in AC:

The introduction of the following programmes from 2026–2027

- **B.Com. (Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance – BFSI):** Prin. Dr. Anita Kanwar informed all the members of GB that a new course 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 will begin from the next academic year. The programme includes a skill-based apprenticeship in the third year, and students will receive certificates from NSDC every semester.

Shri Vijay Taleja highly appreciated this initiative and said that it is the need of the hour. All the members joined in and appreciated this initiative.

- **B.Sc. (Medical Laboratory Technology – (MLT)/ RMIT- Radio Medical Imaging Technology:** The B.Sc. (MLT) and B.Sc. (RMIT) programmes in collaboration with SCOPE College with an intake of 40 students. The concerns raised were regarding infrastructure requirements and the ongoing challenges in Science admissions, while the emphasis was that introducing such programmes would enhance employability and offer a more diverse academic portfolio.

All the members were on the board with the above proposals.

Agenda 5: To approve the decisions taken in the IQAC meeting

The following decisions taken in the IQAC meetings were presented by the Principal for their consideration

- **Generation of QR Code for SOPs for high end instruments and equipment and stock taking by QR Code for inventories:** Excel sheet for pasting equipment details including SOP links has been shared. Stickers bearing these details are fixed/ ready for fixing.
- **Renaming the Laboratories, Classrooms, and common areas:** The IQAC proposed a format regarding the renaming of the laboratories, classrooms, and common areas in sync with the guidelines for promotion of the **Indian Knowledge system**. The process is underway with the final list being prepared for approval by the authorities. The members of the Governing body were impressed with the concept.
- **NAD Portal:** The National Academic Depository (NAD) portal is now functional. Mr. Akhil Chaturvedi commented that it is a good initiative to have the entire academic data of the student on the portal.
- **NAAC Criteria data collection for AQAR 2024-25:**
The Principal informed all that online collection of data for AQAR was done and all departments have uploaded data and its proof in it. However, there is no provision to submit IIQA/SSR or AQARs in (the existing format) RAF now, as it is closed. We have initiated the enquiry and the GB members will be updated about the status of the same in the next meeting.

The GB members unanimously approved the points.

Agenda 6: To approve the decisions taken and reforms suggested by the examination committee.

The following reforms introduced by the examination committee in its meetings were presented by the Principal for the consideration of the GB members:

- **PLAT Exam:** The members were informed about the conduct of PLAT exam on 21/11/2025 and 22/11/2025 for FY, SY and TY students. A total of 2795 have appeared.
- The members were informed that Prof. Pooja Jagasia, Controller of Examination, had presented the **Examination Calendar** to IQAC. wherein, as per the University of Mumbai's academic calendar, the last day of the term falls on October 20, 2025, which coincides with Diwali. In view of this, it was proposed to prepone the Diwali break and the reopening. It was discussed and decided that the last working day will be October 17, 2025, and the college will reopen on November 3, 2025.
- The members were informed that the examination committee has adopted The **University of Mumbai circular regarding ATKT regulations** (Circular No. AAMS_UGS/ICC/2025-26/38 dated May 28, 2025), which outlines the revised ATKT rules under the NEP 2020 framework as discussed in IQAC. It was resolved to adopt the ATKT regulations as per the University circular for undergraduate programmes from the academic year 2025–2026, while continuing with the existing rules for postgraduate courses. **The Examination Committee was entrusted with the task of drafting college-specific ATKT rules based on the University guidelines for departmental circulation. The Result Committee was also assigned the responsibility of analysing student performance under the newly adopted ATKT rules.**
- **Answer book viewing by students:** To promote transparency in assessment, regarding showing answer sheets to students, it was decided in IQAC that major and minor papers may be shown to students through concerned departments. The interested departments will be issued the assessed answer sheets that shall be returned to the CAP room after this exercise.
Shri Vijay Talreja and Dr. Shobna Vasudevan highly appreciated all the initiatives of the examination committee. Mr. Akhil Chaturvedi appreciated and said that this transparency in the examination system is good reform.
- **Course Outcomes (CO) and Bloom's Taxonomy Mapping:**
Dr. Anita Kanwar told all the members that in line with enhancing learner outcomes, VESASC has introduced CO and Bloom's Taxonomy mapping in question papers, In the Sem-1 of 2025-26. This initiative will help the faculty to design assessments that align with cognitive levels. Action verbs from the revised Bloom's taxonomy were circulated among staff to help align questions with appropriate cognitive levels. Post-assessment, this enables us to analyze student learning effectively through percentage attainment of course outcomes.
- **Equivalence Committee:**
As part of NEP Implementation (VESASC), to ensure a smooth transition of students, an Equivalence Committee was formed. This committee plays a key role in aligning curriculum, credits, and academic requirements between the old and new systems, ensuring a seamless educational experience for students. The decisions taken by the equivalence committee will be communicated to the University.
All the Governing body members collectively endorsed the above points.

Agenda 7: To approve the decisions taken in the Finance committee meeting.

Prin. Dr. Anita Kanwar informed all the members of GB that they are awaiting approval from the FRA committee to conduct the Finance Committee meeting. So decisions taken in the Finance committee will be presented in the next meeting. All the members agreed for the same.

Agenda 8: To approve the decisions taken in the College Development Committee (CDC) Meeting.

The discussion in the CDC meeting as well as the decisions approved in the CDC were presented by the Principal for the information and approval of the GB members:

Sports Achievements: Prin. Dr. Anita Kanwar informed all the members about the achievements of VESASC in the academic year 2024-25. She informed that **VESASC has been declared as the Best College in Athletics in the Mumbai zone.** The college bagged following prizes in sports:

- National Level: 4 Gold and 2 Silver
- State Level: 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 4 Bronze medals
- Inter Zonal Level: 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze
- Zonal Level: 11 Gold, 6 Silver and 15 Bronze

A total of 72 students won Prizes in various categories in sports. 23 Prizes were won at National/ state level competitions.

Cultural Achievements: VESASC has had an equally amazing performance at the various cultural events such as University Youth Festival and inter-collegiate competitions.

At the University youth festival out of 40 exhilarating events, our participation in 34 events resulted in an impressive tally of 15 prizes, with 4 prizes being in the final round and 8 prizes in the zonal round.

Notable wins in 2024-25:

- **Mr. University runner-up:** Mr. Siddesh Korde
- **Miss University Runner-up:** Ms. Beauty Singh.
- **Seven Best College awards.**
- Our students Shivrudra Halalli (TYBAMMC) and Omprakash Gachhyat (TYDSDA) were part of **WOW or World of Events Awards Asia 2025.**
- **142 prizes in inter-collegiate competitions.**

Research Achievements: Research performance of staff and students in 2024-25 included:

- 33 Research Papers in the UGC care Journals.
- 26 Research papers in other journals.
- 18 Number of books/ book chapters published.
- 15 presentations in Research Conferences.
- 13 FDPs attended.
- 2 faculties were invited as resource persons in FDPs.
- 1 registration of design.
- 4 Faculty Awards/ Recognitions.
- 7 MOU's in operation.

Shri Rajesh Gehani praised this exceptional achievement of cultural & sports and all the members joined in and congratulated Prin. Dr. Anita Kanwar and the College for this remarkable achievement. The principal thanked management for the support provided in the appointment of Sports Coaches and trainers for cultural events.

Admission of the academic year 25 - 26.

Principal Anita Kanwar gave the summary of admission of the academic year 25 - 26. She informed all the members that the admissions were done for the aided program and self-financing Programs. The total admissions done for aided was 1607 and for self-financing Programs were 2914 thus total admission for the academic year were 4521, making the tally to 85.6 %.

Placement and training

The Principal madam also apprised the council about the orientations done by training and placement officer sheets depicting the table of various batches and the total number of training done by the placement officer. The Principal madam further narrated about the on campus placements. Highest CTC received and the companies which hired our students.

CAS Promotions and New Appointment: The Principal informed the members regarding the CAS promotions done till date in aided and SFP sections and the new appointments which were done in the academic year 2025-26. She also thanked the management for granting the permission and necessary finance for the positions.

National Level Multidisciplinary Conference: A Multidisciplinary National Conference will be organised by the Research Circle of VESASC under the Aegis of PM USHA on 31st January 2026. The theme of the conference is:

‘Transforming India through research and innovation - A road map to Viksit Bharat @ 2047’

In the journey toward Viksit Bharat @ 2047, research and innovation emerge as the twin engines capable of driving India’s transformation into a knowledge-intensive, inclusive, and globally competitive nation. The theme of this conference underscores the need to harness multidisciplinary research and pioneering innovations to address the challenges of sustainability, governance, digital transformation, social equity, and economic resilience. By fostering collaboration between academia, industry, policymakers, and civil society, the conference seeks to catalyse actionable strategies that align with India’s developmental aspirations for the next two decades. It emphasizes the integration of cutting-edge science, technology, and entrepreneurship with indigenous knowledge systems, cultural values, and community-based practices, thereby crafting a holistic roadmap for progress. Through this academic platform, participants will explore how transformative ideas and evidence-based solutions can contribute to national priorities such as environmental stewardship, technological sovereignty, inclusive growth, and human capital development, paving the way for a future-ready India.

A panel discussion will be organized during the conference on *‘Viksit Bharat: Empowering India through Good Governance, Innovation and Sustainability’*.

Members appreciated the decisions taken by the members of the College Development Committee (CDC) for the progress and achievements of the College.

Agenda 9: To approve the infrastructure development under PM-USHA scheme and by the Management

Dr. Anita Kanwar informed all the members that more than 61.5% of the amount is spent and claimed. She said that the sanctioned amount is **4,99,99,816.00** and the amount spent is **3,07,59,813.00**.

She continues further that total 3 Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) Meeting have been held till date

1. Meeting 1 on 28.08.2024
2. Meeting 2 on 03.10.2024
3. Meeting 3 on 27.07.2025

Collaborations with Maharashtra State Faculty Development Authority (MSFDA): We are collaborating with MSFDA as per the instruction from the RUSA office for the conduct of FDP programmes for our staff and students. For the conduct of Soft Component Activities (SCA), we are planning a few non instructional days where both staff and students will undergo the soft component training in the months of November and December.

During VESCON, our Annual Academic Conclave, we are also going to organize SCA workshops.

Audit and progress monitoring by PM-USHA: She informed the members that the Third Party audit by the official from Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi, was completed on 12th August, 2025, the remarks made by the Visiting officials were discussed.

Dr. Shobhana Vasudevan remarked that utilization of PM Usha funds is a herculean task. The task done by the PM Usha team is really worth appreciating.

Prin. Dr. Anita Kanwar informed everyone that we had received positive feedback from the review team, which was truly encouraging & motivating. All the GB members were very happy to know this and applauded the PM USHA team. The credit of the PM USHA project was entrusted to team work by all the members of the PM USHA team and the encouraging support by the management.

Agenda 10: To approve the new appointments (AY 2025-26) and CAS promotions.

AIDED: 1. After the receipt of No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the GOM dated 4th Dec 2024, permitting the appointment of one full-time Assistant Professor (Accountancy) in the Aided Section.

The Process of appointment is completed and CA Varsha Lund is appointed in the Accountancy department. She has also completed her Ph.D. recently.

In the Aided section (CHB- 2025-26) total 19 appointments were done. In the SFP 7 regular and 14 consolidated appointments were done.

CAS Promotions: Principal madam further informed that We have initiated the process of CAS promotions for the SFP staff members and dually scrutinized proposals of three staff member Mrs. Vinaya Jategaonkar, Mrs. Minal Gandhi and Mrs. Kanthi Vishwanathan are forwarded for the approval to the University along with Aided staff members proposals.

Members approved the CAS promotions and new appointments made in 2025-26.

Agenda 11: To approve Final accounts for the financial year 2024-25 (audited).

Final accounts for the financial year 2024-25 (audited) for the aided section and for SFP were sent to all the members. Final audited accounts for the financial year 2024-25 were approved by all the members.

Agenda 12: Any other matter with the permission of the chair

- **Samarth ERP Implementation:** Initiated the process and team has undergone training. Will be implemented in this academic year.
- **Discarding of non-functional instruments and equipment:** It is observed that our laboratories have many instruments and equipment that are non-functional bought under various schemes (UGC, DST, DBT etc.). The departments submit the list of such items after thorough investigation by the technicians. We propose to discard these items by maintaining a proper record as per the norms to deal with the space crunch for accommodating new equipment. Members approved the discarding of the non-functional instruments by following the proper guidelines.
- **Issue of Canteen:** We have received a complaint from the student council regarding canteen problems and the meeting of the canteen committee was conducted on 13th Oct 2025. Improvement action will be initiated. The committee asked to include Mrs. Anita Shahani on the canteen Committee.
- **Our Annual Events:**
 - Hashu Advani Memorial Elocution Competition- 16th Jan 2026
 - VESCON- 27th, 28th and 29th Nov 2025

- Science Mela: 28th and 29th Nov 2025
- Talentia: 22nd and 23rd Dec 2025
- Annual Day- 24th Dec 2025
- Annual Sports- 15th, 16th and 17th Jan 2026
- GenZ for nation building: Jan- Feb 2026

The above points received Governing Body members' stamp of approval.

Dr. Rupesh Raut, joint director who was attending online, expressed his admiration for the college's achievement and progress. The college's efforts received praise from Mr. Mahinder Punwani who was attending the meeting online.

Mr. Akhil Chaturvedi, Founder Director extended congratulations to the Principal Anita Kanwar acknowledging the outstanding work done by the college. He further stated that drone technology is an upcoming field and it has vast applications. Whenever the college gets an opportunity workshops on drone technology should be organized by the college. The Vice Principal informed the committee that in VESCON (Annual Academic Confluence) the Drone show and workshop is organized by the AI department.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with fruitful discussions & promising outcomes.