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Title of the Event	Seminar on Foreign Education.		
Date of the Event	3 rd February 2025	Place of the event	St. Vincent College
Objectives of the Event	• To inform students about global higher education opportunities and guide them through the application and selection process. • To encourage students to think beyond national boundaries and consider international education as a means of academic and personal growth.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Ms. Sonya Singh & Mr. Mirza		
A short narration of the program			
On 3rd February 2025, St. Vincent College, Pune organized a comprehensive lecture-cum-workshop on the topic of “Foreign Education” in collaboration with the reputed counseling institute Cross Border Education. The event was hosted by the Career Guidance Cell and aimed at enlightening students about the diverse opportunities available for pursuing higher education abroad. With a growing interest among students to explore academic prospects outside India, the session attracted participation from final-year students across the Arts, and Commerce streams. The workshop was led by experienced counselors affiliated with Cross Border Education, who brought firsthand insights into the processes, challenges, and benefits of studying abroad. The session began with an overview of top study destinations such as the USA, UK, Canada, Germany, Australia, and New Zealand, and the varied academic environments, post-study work rights, visa policies, and scholarship opportunities offered by these countries. Students were briefed about choosing the right course and university based on personal goals, financial readiness, and long-term career aspirations. Special emphasis was placed on entrance requirements like IELTS, TOEFL, GRE, GMAT, and SAT, and how to prepare for them effectively. The session also covered key steps in the application process, such as writing a strong Statement of Purpose (SOP), securing Letters of Recommendation (LORs), building an academic and extracurricular profile, and managing documentation and timelines. The speakers highlighted affordable and tuition-free education models in countries like Germany and Norway, and provided tips on exploring scholarships and assistantships to ease financial burden.			



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The interactive session also tackled myths and misconceptions related to foreign education, including safety, culture shock, academic pressure, and accommodation. Alumni present during the session shared their transformative experiences, offering practical advice on adjusting to a new country, time management, and building networks abroad. The seminar concluded with an open-floor Q&A, where students actively raised queries about specific universities, courses in demand, funding options, and career opportunities post-graduation.

The foreign education workshop by Cross Border Education was a highly enriching experience that broadened the horizons of participating students and inspired them to pursue international academic goals with confidence and clarity.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	Cross Border Education
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	• Students gained clarity on procedures, exams, and documentation required for applying to universities abroad. • They learned how to plan strategically, seek financial support, and prepare for life in an international academic setting.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	Students were imparted a considerable amount of knowledge related to higher education opportunities and its intricacies abroad.
No. of Participants	Students of St. Vincent College
Faculty in Charge	Dr. Gilbi John
Documents Attached	1. Attendance Sheet 2. Geotag photographs 3. Resume of resource persons if any 4. Copy of remuneration paid if any 5. Notice of the event 6. Thank you letter to the resource persons



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