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Title of the Event	Seminar on Maharashtra din and Workers day		
Date of the Event	On 1st May 2025	Place of the event	St. Vincent College, Pune
Objectives of the Event	The event aimed to honor the contributions of workers across all levels of the college community while commemorating the formation of Maharashtra on 1st May 1960. It also sought to deepen awareness of the state’s socio-cultural legacy and promote values of dignity of labor, inclusivity, and civic responsibility.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	The Director Fr. Dr. Kenneth Misquitta S. J. & The Principal Dr. Anil Adsule		
A short narration of the program			
On 1st May 2025, St. Vincent College, Pune, observed a solemn and thoughtful commemoration of International Workers’ Day and Maharashtra Day, combining ceremonial traditions with an engaging academic session. The day began with the flag-hoisting ceremony, during which the National Flag and the Maharashtra State Flag were formally unfurled by Fr. Dr. Kenneth Misquitta S.J., the Director of the college. The event was attended by the Principal, faculty members, administrative staff, students, and support personnel, reflecting the inclusive spirit of the occasion. Following the raising of the flags, the national anthem was sung with due reverence, after which the Maharashtra Geet was performed by the staff, led by Prof. Yogesh Mate. The collective singing fostered a sense of shared identity and pride in the state’s cultural and historical legacy. The ceremonial proceedings were followed by a seminar titled “The Legacy of Maharashtra: Identity, Struggle, and Progress,” conducted in the college auditorium. Fr. Dr. Kenneth Misquitta delivered the keynote address, weaving together the themes of labor, regional identity, and social reform. He began by acknowledging the historical significance of 1st May as both a day to honor workers and as the anniversary of Maharashtra’s formation in 1960 through the Samyukta Maharashtra Movement—a struggle rooted in linguistic and cultural unity. He emphasized how the movement was not merely political but deeply social, driven by a collective aspiration for dignity and self-governance.			



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In his presentation, Fr. Misquitta highlighted the enduring contributions of key figures in Maharashtra's socio-intellectual history. He spoke at length about Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's vision of swarajya and ethical leadership, the pioneering work of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule in challenging caste and gender hierarchies, and the constitutional and educational reforms championed by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. He underlined how these figures, though operating in different eras, collectively laid the foundation for a more just and inclusive society.

The seminar also explored the relevance of these ideals in contemporary times, particularly in the context of labor rights and institutional ethics. Fr. Misquitta stressed the Jesuit principle of the dignity of labor, urging students and staff alike to recognize the essential role played by every individual in the college ecosystem—especially the non-teaching and support staff—whose work sustains the institution daily. He encouraged a culture of mutual respect and active acknowledgment of labor beyond symbolic gestures.

The session concluded with a reflective note on how Maharashtra's legacy is not just one of historical achievement but an ongoing responsibility to uphold values of equity, education, and service. The combination of the flag-hoisting ceremony and the seminar created a balanced observance—both ceremonial and intellectual—offering participants a deeper understanding of the day's dual significance. The event reinforced the college's commitment to fostering social consciousness and cultural awareness within its academic environment.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	_____
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	Students and staff gained a more nuanced understanding of Maharashtra's historical and cultural evolution, particularly through the lens of social reform and collective identity. They also developed greater appreciation for the value of all forms of labor and the importance of equity and respect within institutional spaces.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	The team enhanced their skills in event coordination, thematic planning, and interdepartmental collaboration while ensuring meaningful participation from diverse



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	groups. They also gained experience in integrating academic content with ceremonial observances to create an impactful and reflective campus event.
No. of Participants	Staff and Students of St. Vincent College.
Faculty in Charge	The Director Fr. Dr. Kenneth Misquitta S. J. & The Principal Dr. Anil Adsule
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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Photographs





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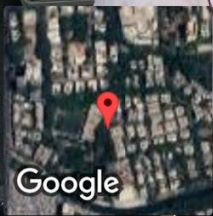


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