



# Streams

Newsletter

ST. VINCENT COLLEGE

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WELCOME TO THE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2025 EDITION OF “STREAMS”

Dear Students, Faculty, Alumni, and Well-Wishers,

The final months of the academic year unfolded at St. Vincent College with a pace that balanced reflection, action, and celebration—each initiative echoing the institution’s commitment to intellectual depth, civic consciousness, and compassionate engagement. November opened with the **formal inauguration of the college’s NCC unit**, marking a new chapter in disciplined leadership and national service, even as students stepped into the arena of competitive sport, bringing home medals in boxing and earning recognition for their grit and grace.

Simultaneously, the campus became a space for meaningful dialogue: from **Dr Alison Ashby’s** seminar on embedding sustainability into institutional life, to **Mr Rushal Heena’s** evocative **workshop on the living spirit of the Indian Constitution**, and the interfaith “**Celebration of Secularism**” that wove Diwali and Guru Nanak Jayanti into a shared testament of unity. The AICUF Unit remained at the heart of this momentum—organizing visits to Prem Niwas, launching the “**100 People Project**,” and reaffirming constitutional values through both solemn observance and joyful fundraising for Ulhas Utsav.

December brought its own energy—**Nirmitee 2025**, co-hosted with Unique Academy, transformed the campus into a vibrant hub of creativity, critical thought, and athletic excellence across two dynamic days. Students debated democracy through essays, captured social narratives in photographs, pitched innovative business ideas, and competed fiercely yet fairly in basketball, football, and carrom. Beyond competitions, the college community joined citywide efforts like the “**Silence... PuneKars Are Reading**” movement and the “**Granth Dindi**” procession, affirming the enduring power of books and knowledge.

Amid these outward engagements, quieter acts of solidarity took root—the “**Joy of Giving**” drive gathered warm clothes, groceries, and hope for Pune’s most vulnerable, while faculty members were honoured nationally for reimagining education with purpose. Even as the year drew to a close, preparation continued: election duty training, Christmas fellowship among AICUF units nationwide, and planning for what lies ahead.

Together, these moments—large and small—reveal a community not merely passing through the calendar, but actively shaping it: grounded in Ignatian values, responsive to the world, and steadfast in its belief that education must serve both mind and humanity.

## Activities

### International Seminar on Sustainability

On **7<sup>th</sup> November 2025**, St. Vincent College, Pune, hosted **Dr. Alison Ashby**, Senior Lecturer in Management and Computer Science at the University of Exeter Business School, for an **insightful seminar on institutional approaches to sustainability**. A specialist in responsible innovation, digital ethics, and

sustainable business transformation, Dr. Ashby brought a nuanced interdisciplinary lens—bridging management theory, emerging technologies, and environmental stewardship—to her session with faculty and students. Her work, which includes research on embedding sustainability into organisational culture and curriculum design, particularly in higher education and tech-driven sectors, lent both academic rigour and practical relevance to the discussion.



The seminar explored how sustainability must move beyond compliance or isolated initiatives to become a living philosophy—woven into decision-making, pedagogy, and campus operations. Drawing from her experience in leading sustainability integration projects at Exeter and collaborating with international networks such as the UN Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), Dr. Ashby highlighted case studies where digital tools were leveraged not only for efficiency but for ethical accountability and long-term ecological resilience.





Participants engaged deeply with questions about curriculum redesign, carbon-conscious computing, and the role of leadership in fostering cultures of care. The discussion resonated particularly with the college's ongoing efforts under the Ignatian pedagogical paradigm to align academic excellence with social and environmental responsibility.



### Inauguration and Enrolment of the NCC Unit



St. Vincent College, Pune, successfully conducted its inaugural NCC enrolment and selection process on **November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, under the supervision of **Dr Yogesh Mate**, the newly appointed NCC Officer. This milestone event marked the college's official entry into

the National Cadet Corps, following formal allotment of 50 cadet vacancies for the 2025–26 training year. The rigorous selection included physical tests (running, pull-ups, push-ups), a written exam, and an interview, assessing both fitness and aptitude. Over 70 students participated enthusiastically, reflecting strong campus interest in disciplined leadership and civic service. The process adhered to NCC guidelines, ensuring 40% female (Senior Wing) and 60% male (Senior Division) representation. With enrolment now underway, the college looks forward to imbuing values of discipline, unity, and national service amongst the students through its newly formed NCC unit.







## 100 People Project.



On 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025, the AICUF Unit of St. Vincent College under the guidance of **Dr. Gilbi John**, Pune visited Prem Niwas—the Home for the Aged—as part of its ongoing “100 People Project.” The program began in the morning with a prayer led by **Br. Amar**, followed by a warm celebration of resident Samson’s birthday, complete with cake-cutting and

an action song that drew joyful participation from the elders. A lively game of “Passing the Parcel,” accompanied by live guitar music, added cheer to the gathering, while fruits and biscuits were distributed as tokens of care. Mr. Sabastian Fatardo, Chairman of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP), which runs Prem Niwas, provided a thoughtful overview of the home’s mission, noting its current focus on 14 elderly women and plans to expand to include male residents. He also highlighted the home’s outreach efforts, including the provision of wheelchairs and medical beds to those in need. The visit concluded on a note of quiet gratitude, embodying AICUF’s commitment towards compassionate and person-centred service.







## Celebration of Secularism: Interreligious dialogue and intercultural exchange through Diwali and Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrations in association with Lokayat



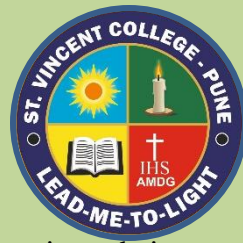
On the evening of **9<sup>th</sup> November 2025**, St. Vincent College, Pune—through its AICUF Unit led by **Dr. Gilbi John**, in collaboration with Lokayat, hosted a cultural gathering titled “**Celebration of Secularism**” as part of the Samvidhan Jagar Abhiyan, coinciding with Diwali and Guru Nanak Jayanti. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the event brought together voices from public life and the community to reflect on constitutional values and social harmony. The program featured addresses by **Ajit Anantrao Pawar**, MLA of Baramati; **Prashant**

**Jagtap**, NCP corporator; and a respected member of the judiciary, each offering insights on civic duty, grassroots engagement, and justice in democratic life. The formal segment concluded with a moving message from **Rev. Fr. Dr Kenneth Misquitta S.J.**, Director of the college, who affirmed the institution’s commitment to fostering awareness and collective responsibility. Cultural performances—including traditional Maharashtrian music, evocative poetry recitations, and energetic youth dance—lent emotional depth and local resonance to the evening.





## St. Vincent College, Pune



The program concluded with a communal meal, providing participants with a relaxed setting to continue their conversations and reflect on the day's discussions. It was a powerful affirmation of how shared commitment to mutual respect and constitutional ideals can foster meaningful connection and collective purpose.

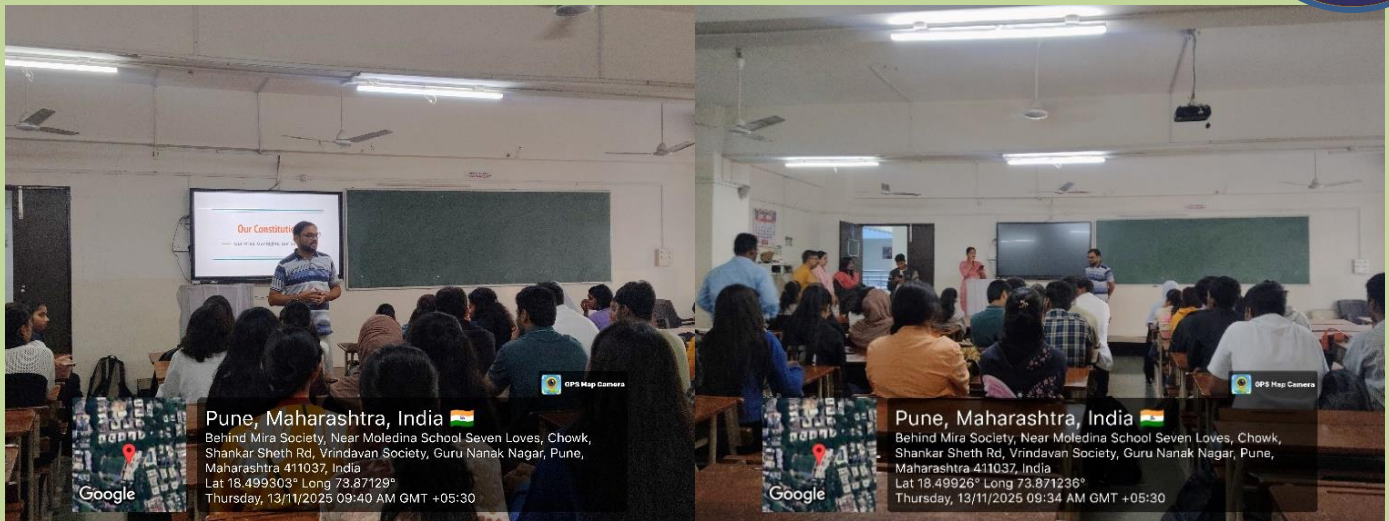


### Workshop on the Constitution of India by AICUF in association with Lokayat

St. Vincent College successfully conducted a workshop on “The Constitution of India” on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2025, as part of its observance of Constitution Day. Organised by the AICUF (All India Catholic University Federation) Unit, under the guidance of AICUF coordinator **Dr. Gilbi John** the event was designed to deepen students’ understanding of constitutional values and promote civic awareness. The session featured **Mr Rushal Heena**, an educator, activist, and volunteer with



Lokayut, who brought both passion and clarity to the subject. With a background in engineering and experience in transformative education, Mr Heena has dedicated his work to making learning more inclusive and engaging, particularly in science and social justice. As the coordinator of the Sciencify India Programme, he has worked across a network of over 30 schools, fostering curiosity through hands-on workshops and inter-school initiatives. His involvement in movements related to peace, gender sensitisation, and equality further enriched his perspective, allowing him to present the Constitution not just as a legal framework but as a living document rooted in social equity and moral responsibility. The workshop provided a meaningful platform for students to reflect on the relevance of constitutional ideals in everyday life and their role as informed and active citizens.



## AICUF Vice Post Elections

On 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025, the AICUF Unit of St. Vincent College held elections to appoint Vice Office Bearers who will support the core team in key functional roles. The session began with an address by **Prof. Gilbi John**, AICUF Coordinator, who encouraged first-year students to participate actively and highlighted AICUF's expanding national and international presence.

Candidates for Vice-Treasurer, Vice Secretary, Vice Scribe, and Vice Media Head presented their candidacies, expressing their commitment to collaborative service. Voting was conducted via secret ballot using chits, and results were later announced through the unit's social media. Akansha Gaikwad was elected Vice-Treasurer, Carolyn D'Souza as Vice Secretary, Angel Raiat as Vice Scribe, and Anahita Kasbey was unanimously chosen as Vice Media Head.

The meeting also outlined upcoming initiatives: a **100-people outreach at Prem Niwas** on 8<sup>th</sup> November, an ordination program in Nagar on 15<sup>th</sup> November, and Ulhas Utsav—a Christmas celebration for children from disadvantaged communities—in December.





## St. Vincent College, Pune



**Dr. M. D. Lawrence joins St. Vincent College as Professor Emeritus on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Dr. M. D. Lawrence** a distinguished academician with over 33 years of exemplary contribution to higher education and research, **joined St. Vincent College, Pune on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025** as Professor Emeritus, following his tenure as Vice Chancellor of Dr. P. A. Inamdar University. An accomplished scholar in Marketing, HRM, and General Management, he has authored more than a hundred research papers, guided numerous Ph.D. and M. Phil. scholars, and delivered keynote addresses at 60 international conferences.



**Prof. (Dr.) M.D. Lawrence**

For over two decades, Dr. Lawrence served as an assessor for the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Peer Team, significantly contributing to institutional quality enhancement. His leadership as Principal of Marathwada Mitra Mandal's College of Commerce and Foresight College of Commerce earned both institutions recognition for excellence. His contributions have been honored with the Best Teacher Award from the Government of Maharashtra and the Best Principal title from Savitribai Phule Pune University. In his current role, he is actively mentoring faculty and students while fostering academic excellence through research initiatives, seminars, workshops, institutional collaborations, and scholarly events at St. Vincent College.

### **PTA meeting for Junior College**



On **22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025**, St. Vincent College, Pune, convened a **Parent–Teacher Association (PTA) meeting** for parents of Junior College students, held with the dual purpose of fostering academic transparency and offering forward-looking **career guidance**. The session opened with

a warm welcome by the Junior College faculty, followed by a keynote address from Rev. **Fr. Dr Kenneth Misquitta**, SJ, Director of St. Vincent College. Speaking with both compassion and clarity, Fr. Misquitta addressed the evolving emotional and academic landscape of adolescence, urging parents to adopt a listening-first approach in their engagement with their children. He emphasised the importance of trust, open dialogue, and emotional validation—particularly during periods of academic stress or uncertainty—and cautioned against overemphasis on performance at the cost of well-being. His reflections, grounded in Ignatian pedagogy and years of spiritual experience, resonated deeply with the audience.





The second segment featured a dedicated career guidance session led by representatives from Unique Academy, Pune—a recognized institution specializing in professional entrance coaching and career counselling. The team presented a comprehensive overview of emerging and traditional career pathways beyond conventional streams, including data science, cybersecurity, design, commerce with fintech specializations, and global liberal arts programs. They clarified admission timelines, entrance exam requirements (such as CA, CMA, CFA and CS), and the value of early skill mapping.

Following the formal presentations, an open forum allowed parents to interact directly with subject teachers and coordinators. This structured and conversational segment enabled personalized discussions about individual student progress, classroom dynamics, and support mechanisms available within the college. Teachers provided sincere feedback while also highlighting each student's strengths.

Feedback collected on-site from the parents indicated a strong appreciation for the event's balance of vision and practicality, with many parents appreciating the transparency of the institution and the clarity that they received for their children's career path.



## Constitution Day Observance and Raffle Draw for Ulhas Utsav



On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025, St. Vincent College, Pune, observed Constitution Day with quiet solemnity and purpose, as the AICUF Unit led by **Dr. Gilbi John** hosted a morning gathering dedicated to reflecting on the foundational values of the Indian Constitution—justice,

equality, and fraternity. The event brought together students, faculty, and guests in a moment of collective reflection on our role as citizens

The program was honoured by the presence of **Fr. Angelo Mascarenhas SJ**, Provincial of the Pune Jesuit Province; **Fr. Dr. Kenneth Misquitta SJ**, Director of the college; and **Fr. Vijay Chokar SJ**, Pune AICUF State Animator. It began with a prayer led by Fr. Misquitta, followed by a collective recitation of the Preamble. Dr Gilbi John addressed the assembly on AICUF's ongoing mission to stand alongside the marginalized, drawing clear connections between constitutional principles and tangible action at the grassroots



level. He emphasised how rights enshrined in the Constitution must translate into lived realities for those on society's margins.

In a lighter yet meaningful moment, the **gathering included a raffle draw**—not just as entertainment, but as a fundraiser for the Ulhas Utsav, an annual Christmas outreach initiative supporting children living with HIV. The activity reminded participants that celebration and service can go hand in hand.





## St. Vincent Faculty honoured at National Leadership Summit 2025



At the **National Leadership Summit 2025**, organised by CPHR Services Pvt. Ltd. on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 at Hotel Crowne Plaza, Pune, two distinguished members of St. Vincent College were recognised for their outstanding contributions to education and social transformation.

**Dr Gilbi John**, Vice Principal, Faculty and IQAC Coordinator, received the **“Innovation in Higher Education” Award** in acknowledgement of his

pioneering approaches that enhance learning outcomes, foster institutional effectiveness, and reimagine pedagogy for contemporary challenges. His work—marked by inclusivity, digital integration, and student-centered design—has significantly elevated the quality of higher education at the college.

**Fr. Dr Joseph Mathew**, Director of the *“Fransalian Association for Social Transformation”*, was conferred the **“Education for Social Impact” Award** for his sustained efforts in creating educational initiatives that empower marginalised communities and drive meaningful social change. His leadership bridges classroom learning with grassroots action, embodying education as a force for justice and human dignity.

The summit, themed **“Beyond Skills: Build What AI Can’t,”** celebrated uniquely human qualities—judgment, empathy, and ethical leadership—that remain irreplaceable in an age of automation. The recognition of our faculty not only honours their individual excellence but also reflects St. Vincent College’s broader commitment to innovation, equity, and purpose-driven education.



## NCC Unit Briefing Session – St. Vincent College, Pune



On the morning of **5<sup>th</sup> December 2025**, the National Cadet Corps (NCC) Unit of St. Vincent College, Pune, conducted a **foundational briefing and orientation session for its cadets** as part of the academic-year training cycle. The session, held under the supervision of **Dr Yogesh Mate, Associate NCC Officer (ANO)**, served as an introductory drill and instructional meeting aimed at instilling discipline, familiarising cadets with basic NCC protocols, and outlining expectations for upcoming activities.

The program commenced at 7:45 a.m. and continued until approximately 1:30 p.m., during which cadets were introduced to essential elements of military drill, including various commands as well as coordinated marching techniques. Emphasis was placed on physical precision as well as on cultivating attentiveness, unity, and self-discipline—core values integral to the NCC ethos.

In addition to the drill practice, cadets received instruction in foundational map reading, covering types of maps, conventional symbols, and the practical importance of cartographic literacy in field operations. An overview of the Field Craft and Battle Craft (FC/BC) syllabus was also provided, offering a glimpse into tactical training components they would engage with in future camps and exercises. The session further included a brief technical introduction to the .22 rifle specifications, acquainting cadets with standard-issue equipment used in ceremonial and training contexts.



A notable moment during the parade was the surprise visit by **Colonel Nishad Mangarulkar**, who observed the cadets' performance and addressed them with words of encouragement. His presence served as both motivation and affirmation of the unit's commitment to maintaining high standards of conduct and readiness.

This initial briefing has laid a strong groundwork for the unit's participation in forthcoming institutional and inter-collegiate NCC engagements, including the upcoming Pune Book Festival and annual training camps.





## Nirmitee 2025

St. Vincent College, Pune, in collaboration with Unique Academy for Commerce, successfully hosted the **inter-college cultural and academic extravaganza “Nirmitee 2025”** on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025. The event was headed by faculty members **Dr. Gilbi John** and **Dr M.D. Lawrence** and coordinated meticulously by faculty member **Mr. Milind Gaikwad**. Designed to engage junior college students across a diverse spectrum of disciplines—from elocution and essay writing to sports like basketball, football, and box cricket—the event drew enthusiastic participation from institutions across the region.





The two-day program featured both online and offline competitions, including poster-making, photography, reels creation, business plan pitching, classical and group dance, mad ads, carrom, pencil drawing, and more.



Each category was judged on originality, technical execution, thematic relevance, and presentation, with participants demonstrating remarkable creativity and discipline under timed conditions.

The culmination of the event took place on the evening of 6<sup>th</sup> December with the valedictory function and prize distribution. The overall Rolling Trophy for excellence across all categories was awarded to Ness Wadia College, recognizing their consistent performance and depth of talent across multiple events. Cash prizes, certificates, and scholarships were distributed to winners in individual and team categories, acknowledging not just victory but also the spirit of healthy competition that defined Nirmitee 2025.







### **“Silence... Pune-kars are reading” – St. Vincent College joins citywide movement to rekindle the culture of reading**

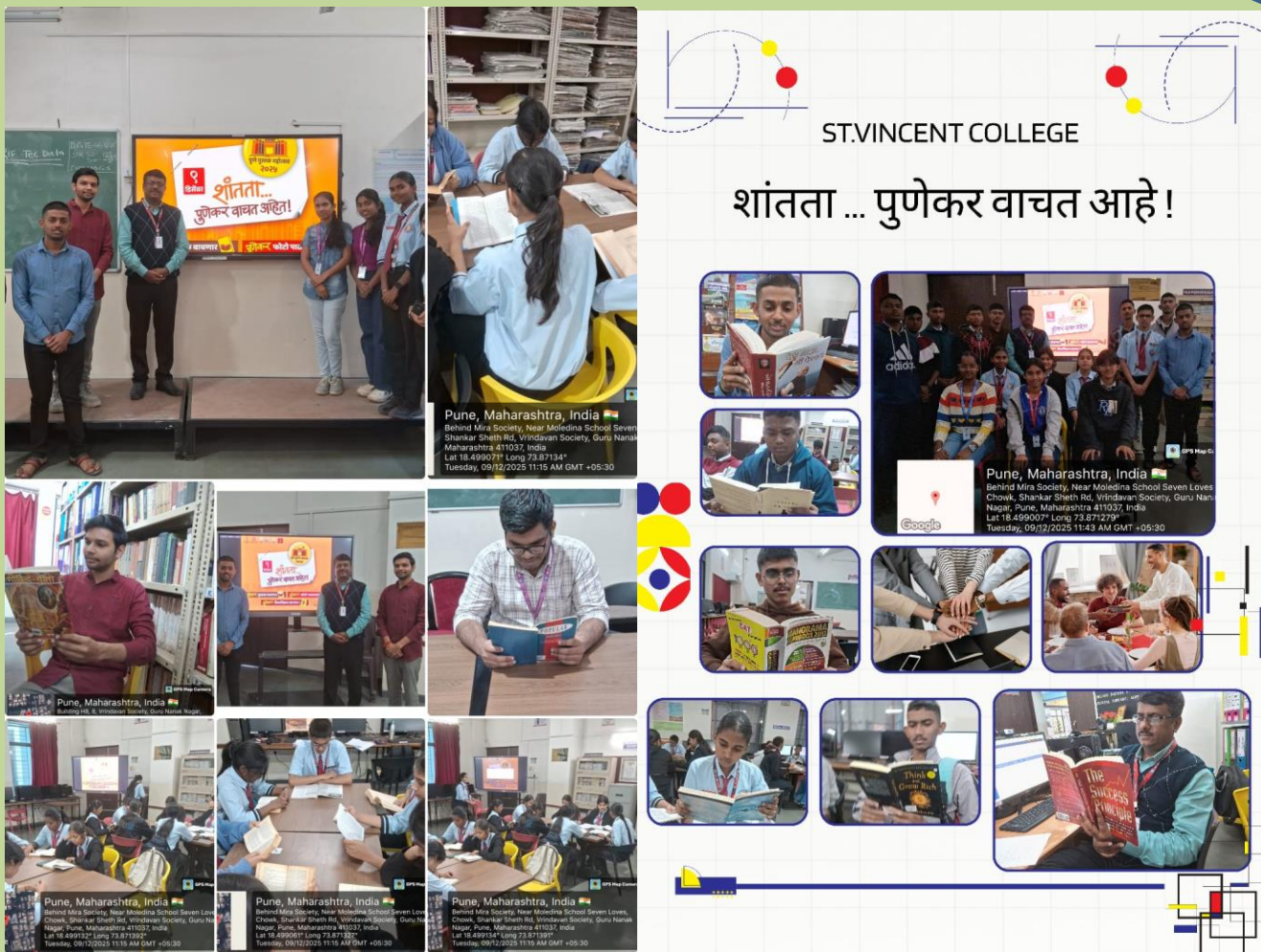
On **9<sup>th</sup> December 2025**, St. Vincent College, Pune actively participated in the citywide initiative **“Silence... Pune-kars Are Reading”**, a landmark event organized as **part of the Pune Book Festival 2025** under the aegis of the National Book Trust. The campaign—aimed at setting a world record for simultaneous reading—sought to reaffirm the enduring relevance of books in an age increasingly dominated by digital distractions. In alignment with directives from Savitribai Phule Pune University and in close coordination with the college’s NCC, SDO, and NSS units, the institution mobilized its entire student body to take part in this collective act of quiet resistance against the erosion of deep reading.

Under the dedicated supervision of Dr Yogesh Mate, Librarian and ANO of the NCC Unit, the college ensured seamless execution of the initiative. Students were instructed to carry a book of their choice and read silently between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., wherever they happened to be—at home, on campus, in transit, or in public spaces. Faculty members played a pivotal role in motivating participation, while Dr Mate coordinated logistics, disseminated guidelines, and facilitated the mandatory photo-upload process through the official Pune Book Festival portal.

The program proved to be educational and motivating for the NCC cadets. It enhanced their academic interest and encouraged them to develop a lifelong habit of reading. The response from the student community was enthusiastic and widespread. Hundreds of students uploaded photographs capturing moments of focused reading—in classrooms, libraries, gardens, and even during commutes. This visual archive not only contributed to the world record attempt but also served as a powerful testament to the college’s emphasis on intellectual engagement beyond the classroom.

The initiative resonated deeply with the broader themes of the Pune Book Festival, which Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis lauded for “nurturing knowledge, culture, and personality development” even amid technological saturation.

By embedding itself in this citywide movement, St. Vincent College demonstrated its obligation to fostering a literate, thoughtful, and culturally rooted student community—proving that even in silence, reading speaks volumes.



## Principals Conclave

St. Vincent College, Pune, in collaboration with Unique Global Education, successfully organized the **Principal's Conclave on Blended Learning** on **11<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**, at **The Pride Hotel, Shivaji Nagar, Pune**. The half-day event, attended by 45 principals and academic leaders from diverse institutions, explored the integration of technology with traditional pedagogy and the evolving leadership responsibilities in implementing blended learning models. The conclave commenced with a welcome address by **Principal Dr. A. B. Adsule**, followed by insightful sessions from distinguished speakers including **Prof. Ashish Parikh (Founder & CEO, Unique Global Education)**, **Dr. M. D. Lawrence (Professor Emeritus, St. Vincent College)**, **Prof. Milind Date (Director, ISDC)**, **Mr. Rohan Rajvanshi (ACCA)**, and **Mr. Prashant Shukla (The Bank of New York)**.





A dynamic 45-minute panel discussion moderated by Dr. Lawrence enabled principals to share institutional experiences and best practices, while **Rev. Fr. Dr. Kenneth Misquitta, SJ**, provided thoughtful concluding remarks on holistic education in the digital age. Professionally anchored by **Prof. Rupali Nawale** and **Prof. Archana A.**, the conclave generated highly positive feedback for its practical



orientation, relevance, and interactive format. Participants emphasized the critical role of blended learning in enhancing student engagement and global employability, with many requesting follow-up faculty development programmes. The event was executed within a substantial contribution from Unique Global Education and St. Vincent College contributing towards institutional support. The conclave successfully positioned blended learning as a strategic priority for future-ready institutions and reinforced St. Vincent College's commitment to educational innovation.

## NCC Cadets and NSS volunteers' participation in the “Granth Dindi” procession.



On 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025, the **National Cadet Corps (NCC) Unit** of St. Vincent College, Pune—affiliated with 36 Maharashtra Battalion NCC—participated in the Pune Book Festival 2025, organized by the Pune Book Festival Committee. The event aimed to **promote Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)**,

raise awareness about India's ancient educational traditions, and foster a culture of reading among students and the wider public.



Under the supervision of ANO Dr Yogesh Mate, the cadets took part in the “**Granth Dindi**”, a symbolic procession that began at Modern College, Shivajinagar, and concluded at Fergusson College via G.M. Road. The procession, designed to underscore the enduring value of books and knowledge, was joined by **50 NSS volunteers** under the guidance of **Dr Vishal Bhaware**, adding depth and community presence to the march. Together, they maintained discipline, coordination, and turnout throughout the route, reflecting the standards expected of youth service organizations.



The festival featured over 1,500 publishers and participation from more than 75 educational institutions, offering a broad spectrum of literature—from competitive exam guides to philosophical texts and self-development titles. Cadets and volunteers engaged actively with stalls, interacted with publishers, and explored resources aligned with both academic and personal enrichment.

This experience provided participants with meaningful exposure to India’s intellectual heritage and contemporary literary landscape. It reinforced the shared goals of the NCC and NSS: character development, intellectual curiosity, and responsible citizenship.





## “Joy of Giving” – Annual Social Outreach Programme, 2025



On 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025, St. Vincent College, Pune, reaffirmed its enduring commitment to social responsibility through the successful execution of its annual “Joy of Giving” outreach initiative, held in collaboration with **Jeevdan Care Centre, Lohiyanagar, Pune**. True to its Ignatian ethos of service and justice, the college community, comprising students and faculty members, came together in a collective act of generosity that extended far beyond symbolic goodwill.

The programme, which spanned two weeks of on-campus collection drives, saw an overwhelming response from participants who contributed essential items, including warm clothing, blankets, groceries, stationery and toys. Strategically placed collection points across the campus ensured ease of access, while a dedicated team of student volunteers managed sorting, packaging, and logistics with commendable diligence.

On the culminating day, the collected goods were formally handed over to representatives of Jeevdan Care Centre, a trusted partner known for its grassroots work with underprivileged families and individuals in Pune’s urban margins. The distribution process was conducted with dignity and care, ensuring that each item reached those most in need during the festive season—a time when warmth, nourishment, and hope carry profound meaning. Representatives from Jeevdan expressed heartfelt gratitude for the college’s sustained partnership, noting how such contributions tangibly alleviate hardship.

Under the guidance of Sr Dr Mareena Brahmane, Faculty-in-Charge, the program seamlessly integrated institutional values with real-world engagement, emphasizing St. Vincent College’s mission to form not just competent professionals but also conscientious citizens.

## Ulhas Utsav 2025



On 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025, St. Vincent College, Pune, in collaboration with Jeevdan Care Centre, organized **Ulhas Utsav 2025**—a day-long social outreach initiative grounded in the values of compassion, dignity, and shared humanity. The program was conceived under the guidance of the **All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF)**, led by **Dr**

**Gilbi John** and saw participation of children from vulnerable backgrounds, their families, college students and faculty.

The program opened with morning snacks and a prayer led by Fr. Vijay Chokar SJ, AICUF State Animator. This was followed by an address from Rev. Fr. Dr Kenneth Misquitta SJ, Director of St. Vincent College, who spoke on the moral imperative of presence—not just charity—in serving others. The formal segment included a cake-cutting ceremony by **Ms. Rubina Dharwar** and a moment of recognition for guests whose support has sustained such initiatives: **Dr Anil Adsule (Principal)**, **Fr. James Luke**, **Dr Gilbi John (AICUF Advisor)**, **Sr. Libia**, **Sr. Regina**, and **Ms Loren Rosarius (President, AICUF)**.

The morning's highlight came through the children of **Jeevdan Care Centre**, whose simple yet moving performances—songs and dances full of sincerity—touched everyone present. Soon after, students, parents, and volunteers joined in with group dancing. In the afternoon, activities were thoughtfully tailored by age: parents settled in for a film screening, younger girls enjoyed creative play and informal dance, and boys took to the field for a friendly football match. This was followed by a communal lunch.



Later in the day, members of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit led everyone in Christmas carols. This was followed by the distribution of candies and chocolates by a student volunteer dressed as Santa Claus.

The event was made possible through generous contributions from MARS Care Foundation & Act, Mr. Nilesh Shelar, and members of WHS, alongside food and grocery donations from St. Vincent students. These resources enabled the distribution of gifts tailored to the children's needs—not just tokens, but gestures of care.





## Christmas Celebrations



On 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025, St. Vincent College came alive with the warmth and joy of **Christmas** as students and staff gathered to celebrate the season together. The highlight of the

celebration was a beautifully crafted **nativity play** that used simple curtains, thoughtful lighting, and shadow play to bring the timeless story to life—a creative touch that left everyone captivated. This was followed by a heartfelt group choir performance that filled the hall with familiar carols and festive cheer. The staff had their own celebration with the exchange of gifts through Secret Santa. The celebration then spilled into a vibrant fun fair, where students set up game stalls and food counters, serving everything from chaat to cookies. It was a warm, joyful event that reminded everyone what Christmas is really about—coming together.





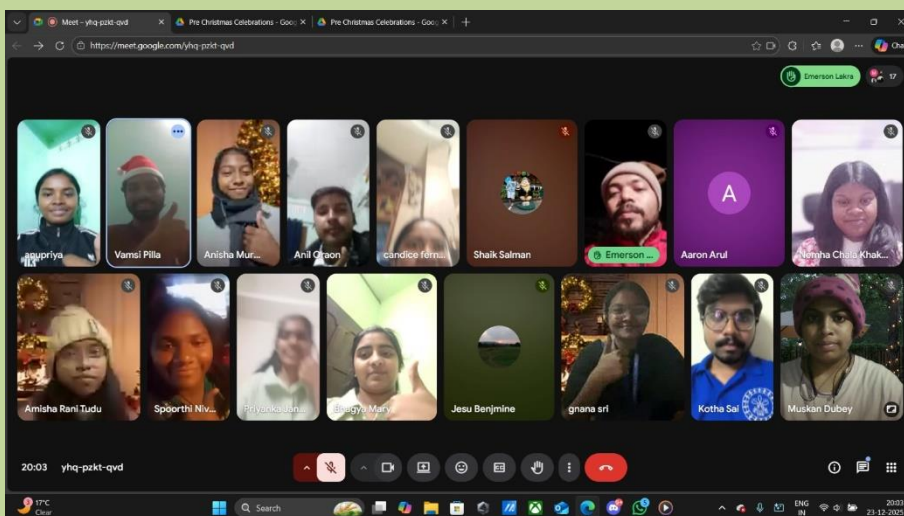
## Online AICUF Christmas Meeting

On **23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**, St. Vincent College's AICUF unit led by **Dr. Gilbi John** joined members from across the country in an **online Christmas meeting**, organized under the coordination of Kiara from the Mumbai AICUF Unit. The purpose of the meeting was to come together, share Christmas activities, and celebrate the season with joy and unity.

The meeting opened with a prayer, during which participants expressed gratitude and sought blessings for peace, joy, and goodwill for all. **Fr. Jesu Benjamin SJ**, the National AICUF Advisor, warmly welcomed all the members and extended Christmas and New Year wishes. He appreciated the efforts of all the states for their commendable work during the Christmas season and encouraged everyone to continue serving others.



Each participating state was allowed to present its Christmas initiatives. Members shared details of donation drives, community visits, and other festive activities that reflected AICUF's mission of compassion and care. These contributions were also captured in short video compilations, which were screened during the meeting.



National Team (NT) members followed with personal Christmas greetings, expressing appreciation for the active involvement of all units and reinforcing the importance of unity within the AICUF family.

The meeting concluded with a reflective note summarizing key moments, followed by a vote of

thanks delivered by Nemha, National Co-Convenor from the Jharkhand AICUF Unit.



## St. Vincent College Faculty and Staff Attend Election Duty Training for Pune Municipal Elections

In preparation for the Pune Municipal Corporation elections scheduled for **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**, a mandatory orientation and training session was conducted for appointed polling personnel across the city. Representing St. Vincent College, Pune, four members—**Dr. Franklin Salvi and Dr Gilbi John from the teaching faculty, Dr Yogesh Mate (Librarian and NCC ANO), and administrative staff member Mr Sunil Bhise**, attended the session as **designated election duty officers**.



The **training, organized by the Pune Municipal Election Authority**, equipped participants with clear protocols on voter verification, ballot management (including EVM and VVPAT handling), maintaining polling station decorum, managing contingencies, and upholding the principles of free and fair elections. Emphasis was placed on neutrality, procedural accuracy, and timely coordination with returning officers.

The college's participation underscores its longstanding commitment to civic responsibility and democratic engagement. By contributing trained and conscientious personnel to the electoral process, St. Vincent College reaffirms its role not only as an academic institution but also as an active stakeholder in strengthening local democracy. All appointees expressed readiness to discharge their duties with integrity and diligence on election day.

## Sports

**St. Vincent College celebrates the outstanding achievements of its student-athletes in recent boxing competitions.**

- **Aditya Jadhav (M.Com)** secured a **gold medal at the Balaji University Boxing Tournament** held from **11th to 13th November 2025**—an impressive repeat performance that underscores his dedication and skill. In addition to his victory, he was honoured with the “Most Promising Boxer” award, recognizing his potential and consistent excellence in the sport.
- In another notable feat, **Isaacs Martin**, a first-year B.Com student, claimed a **silver medal** in the heavyweight category (70–75 kg) at a tournament held on **29th November 2025**.

MEDALS IN BOXING

Aditya Jadhav



Isaacs Martin



As the academic year moves steadily toward its close, the energy and enthusiasm that have marked these past two months stand as a witness to what the institution values: learning that serves others, celebration that includes all, and leadership rooted in responsibility. From the discipline of the parade ground to the creativity of the stage, from constitutional reflection to compassionate outreach, St. Vincent College reinforces the values that are at the heart of its mission: that education is not confined to classrooms—it lives in how we listen, how we act, and how we care. May this spirit carry us forward with purpose into the new year.

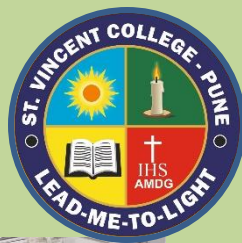


## Glimpses





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