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**Pune -411037**

Title of the Event	Independence Day celebrations and Cultural performance		
Date of the Event	15th August 2025	Place of the event	St. Vincent College
Objectives of the Event	The Independence Day celebration aimed to honor India's freedom struggle with dignity and educational purpose, fostering patriotism, historical awareness, and civic responsibility among students through a solemn flag-hoisting ceremony and a student-led cultural program centered on national unity and democratic values.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	George Judah		
A short narration of the program			
<b>Independence Day celebrations and Cultural performance</b>			
<p>On 15th August 2025, St. Vincent College, Pune, observed Independence Day with a formal and respectful celebration held on the college premises. The event began in the morning with the hoisting of the national flag. The honour of hoisting the flag was given to George Judah, a two-time war veteran and guest of the college for the occasion. Mr. Judah, who served in the Indian Armed Forces, was invited as the chief guest due to his service and contribution to the nation. His presence added a sense of solemnity and historical connection to the day's significance</p> <p>Following the flag hoisting, the national anthem was sung collectively, and a brief moment of silence was observed in tribute to the freedom fighters and soldiers who contributed to the country's independence and security. After the formal ceremony, the event moved to the college auditorium for a cultural program. Students from various departments participated in the program, which included patriotic songs, recitations, and short skits reflecting themes related to independence, national unity, and social responsibility. Some performances focused on historical events leading to independence, while others highlighted the importance of peace, democracy, and civic duty in contemporary India.</p> <p>The cultural segment was organized by student coordinators with support from faculty members. There were no elaborate decorations or high-budget arrangements; the focus remained on meaningful participation and expression. The audience, consisting of students and teaching staff, responded with attention and appreciation. Mr. George Judah was felicitated after the performances, and he shared a few personal</p>			



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reflections on his time in service, the value of discipline, and the importance of education and active citizenship for youth.

The college used the occasion to reinforce values of patriotism, respect for national symbols, and awareness of historical struggles. The decision to invite a war veteran as chief guest emphasized real-life contributions to national security, offering students a direct connection to history. The celebration concluded by midday, with no special announcements or policy launches, but it served as a quiet yet effective reminder of the importance of 15th August in the national calendar. The event was in line with the college's efforts to mark national days with dignity and educational relevance.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	_____
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	Students deepened their appreciation for India's independence journey through active participation in performances and by engaging with the lived experience of a war veteran; they reflected on the relevance of discipline, active citizenship, and social responsibility in contemporary society.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	The faculty and student coordinators successfully executed a values-driven, low-key yet meaningful observance that aligned with the college's ethos, reinforcing the importance of connecting national commemorations with real-life exemplars and student expression—setting a template for future civic celebrations.
No. of Participants	All the undergraduate students of St. Vincent College
Faculty in Charge	Dr. Franklin Salvi & Dr. Gilbi John
Documents Attached	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Attendance Sheet</li><li>2. Geotag photographs</li><li>3. Resume of resource persons if any</li><li>4. Copy of remuneration paid if any</li><li>5. Notice of the event</li><li>6. Thank you letter to the resource persons</li></ol>