



St. Vincent College
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Pune -411037

Title of the Event	Prize Distribution Ceremony of the Annual Sports Meet 2024–25		
Date of the Event	10th February 2025	Place of the event	College Auditorium, St. Vincent College, Pune
Objectives of the Event	The event aimed to recognize and celebrate athletic excellence, sportsmanship, and participation in the Annual Sports Meet 2024–25. It sought to reinforce the college’s commitment to holistic education by integrating physical development with academic and ethical values.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Mr. Richard Fernandes and Mrs. Goretti Fernandes		
A short narration of the program			
Prize Distribution Ceremony of the Annual Sports Meet 2024–25			
St. Vincent College, Pune, marked a day of dual significance on 10th February 2025 with the grand Prize Distribution Ceremony of the Annual Sports Meet 2024–25, held in conjunction with the Foundation Day celebrations of Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU). The event, held at 11:00 AM in the college auditorium—elegantly adorned with thematic décor symbolizing vigor, unity, and academic-sporting synergy—served as a vibrant testament to the institution’s holistic educational philosophy, which equally champions physical excellence, ethical character, and intellectual growth. The ceremony opened with a dignified welcome address that set the tone for a day celebrating both athletic achievement and institutional legacy. The program was seamlessly anchored by student hosts Mr. Soham Patole, Ms. Divya Gaikwad, and Ms. Kashish Solanki, all from T.Y.B.Com, whose poised presentation reflected the confidence and communicative competence nurtured by the college. Adding immense prestige to the occasion was the presence of Mr. Richard Fernandes, Founder and Owner of Brandon’s Taekwondo Academy and a distinguished 7th Dan Black Belt (Kukkiwon-certified), who served as the Chief Guest. Accompanying him was Mrs. Goretti Fernandes, honored as the Guest of Honour, whose presence underscored the college’s commitment to engaging with accomplished practitioners who embody the values of discipline, perseverance, and excellence.			



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The Director of St. Vincent College Fr. Dr. Kenneth Misquitta delivered an opening address that eloquently articulated the indispensable role of sports in holistic student development. Emphasizing that “sports build not just champions, but citizens of character,” the Director highlighted how athletic engagement cultivates teamwork, resilience, time management, and ethical conduct—qualities as vital in the classroom as on the field. The speech also paid a reverent tribute to Savitribai Phule Pune University, on its Foundation Day, acknowledging its transformative impact on higher education in Maharashtra and its enduring partnership with St. Vincent College in advancing academic rigor, research, and social inclusivity.

In his keynote address, Mr. Richard Fernandes drew from his decades-long journey in martial arts to deliver a powerful message on the interplay between mental fortitude and physical discipline. He spoke of how values such as respect, humility, and relentless self-improvement—core tenets of Taekwondo—are universally applicable to academic pursuits and life beyond college. His anecdotes on overcoming adversity and setting long-term goals resonated deeply with the student audience. Mrs. Goretti Fernandes complemented his message with heartfelt encouragement, urging students to pursue excellence with balance, reminding them that “true success lies in harmonizing mind, body, and spirit.”

The core of the ceremony featured the distribution of trophies, medals, and certificates to winners and participants across a wide spectrum of sporting disciplines conducted during the 2024–25 academic year—including athletics, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, and martial arts. The recognition extended beyond victors to acknowledge participation, sportsmanship, and team spirit, reinforcing the college’s belief that the process of engagement is as valuable as the outcome.

In a special moment of institutional appreciation, the Sports Committee—comprising dedicated faculty and student volunteers—was honored with a commemorative memento and a standing ovation from the audience, recognizing their tireless efforts in organizing a safe, inclusive, and spirited sports calendar throughout the year.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks that expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, faculty, staff, student volunteers, and participants. The ceremony culminated in the solemn rendition of the National Anthem, leaving the audience with a profound sense of pride, unity, and inspiration.



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This integrated celebration—honoring both athletic excellence and academic heritage—exemplifies St. Vincent College’s commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who excel not only in specialized domains but also as ethical, resilient, and community-oriented citizens. By aligning sports development with institutional values and national ideals, the college reaffirms its role as a dynamic space where physical vitality, intellectual curiosity, and moral integrity converge to shape future leaders. The event stands as a model of curricular-extracurricular integration, directly contributing to student well-being, institutional identity, and the broader vision of value-based higher education.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	Sports Committee, St. Vincent College
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	Students gained a deeper appreciation for the life skills cultivated through sports—such as discipline, teamwork, resilience, and fair play—and were inspired by expert insights on balancing excellence in both academics and athletics. The dual focus on celebration and institutional heritage also strengthened their sense of identity, pride, and belonging within the academic community.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	The organizing faculty and student committee enhanced their competencies in planning and executing large-scale, multi-thematic events that align extracurricular recognition with institutional milestones. They refined their skills in stakeholder engagement, ceremonial protocol, and value-based programming, further embedding sports as an integral component of the college’s holistic development framework.
No. of Participants	100+ Students and Faculty Members
Faculty in Charge	Prof Ignatius Peter and Dr. Milind Gaikwad
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