



St. Vincent College
(Affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University)
Pune -411037

Title of the Event	Celebration of Savitribai Phule Pune University Foundation Day		
Date of the Event	10th February 2025	Place of the event	St. Vincent College, Pune
Objectives of the Event	The primary objective was to commemorate the founding of Savitribai Phule Pune University and acknowledge its transformative role in Indian higher education. Additionally, the event aimed to foster a sense of institutional pride and academic belonging among students, faculty, and staff of St. Vincent College as an affiliated institution.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	_____		
A short narration of the program			
Celebration of Savitribai Phule Pune University Foundation Day			
St. Vincent College, Pune, an esteemed constituent of the Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) academic network, commemorated the university’s Foundation Day with reverence and academic solemnity on 10th February 2025. The event was organized to honor the legacy of one of India’s most distinguished institutions of higher learning—established in 1949 as the University of Poona and later renamed in 2014 to recognize the indelible contributions of Savitribai Phule, a trailblazer in women’s education and social reform. As an affiliated college deeply aligned with SPPU’s vision of inclusive and transformative education, St. Vincent College marked the occasion as both a celebration of shared academic heritage and a reaffirmation of its institutional values. The day’s proceedings commenced in the college auditorium with a dignified inaugural ceremony, graced by the presence of faculty, administrative staff, and students. The event was formally inaugurated with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Principal, Dr. Anil Adsule, in the company of senior academic leaders—a symbolic gesture underscoring the enduring power of knowledge and enlightenment. This was followed by the screening of a thoughtfully curated documentary that chronicled the historical evolution of SPPU, from its modest beginnings to its current stature as a globally acknowledged center of academic excellence, research innovation, and social engagement.			



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In his keynote address, Dr. Adsule emphasized the profound synergy between St. Vincent College and SPPU, noting how the university's progressive ethos resonates with the Jesuit educational philosophy that underpins the college's mission. He lauded SPPU's unwavering commitment to democratizing education, fostering interdisciplinary scholarship, and championing social equity—principles that mirror the college's own dedication to holistic and values-based learning. A significant portion of his speech was devoted to honoring Savitribai Phule, whose courage and vision laid the groundwork for modern educational access in India, particularly for women and marginalized communities.

The program featured a series of intellectually engaging student-led presentations that highlighted SPPU's multifaceted contributions to national development across domains such as science and technology, literature, performing arts, and social sciences. These presentations not only showcased the university's academic breadth but also served to deepen participants' appreciation of their institutional lineage. Complementing this, a specially designed quiz competition centered on the history, milestones, and luminaries associated with SPPU elicited enthusiastic participation from students, fostering a sense of pride and historical consciousness within the academic community.

Further enriching the commemorative experience, the college library curated a thematic reading exhibition that displayed seminal works, research publications, and scholarly outputs by SPPU-affiliated academics and alumni. This exhibit functioned as both a tribute to the university's intellectual legacy and an inspirational resource for students, encouraging them to envision themselves as future contributors to this distinguished academic continuum.

The celebration concluded with a collective reflection on the shared responsibilities of educators and learners in advancing the ideals of academic integrity, critical inquiry, and social justice—core tenets that define both SPPU and St. Vincent College. The event successfully fulfilled its dual objectives: to honor the foundational vision of Savitribai Phule Pune University and to strengthen the sense of institutional identity among its affiliates. Participants emerged with a renewed commitment to uphold the standards of excellence and inclusivity that continue to shape the university's legacy and, by extension, the educational mission of St. Vincent College.



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Name of the Collaborating Agency	St. Vincent College
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	Participants gained a nuanced understanding of SPPU's historical trajectory, academic achievements, and its foundational alignment with values of inclusivity and social justice. The event also inspired them to embody these principles in their own academic and professional pursuits.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	The organizing team deepened their appreciation for institutional heritage and the importance of curating academically meaningful events that bridge history with contemporary educational values. They also enhanced their skills in event coordination, thematic programming, and fostering community engagement around shared academic identity.
No. of Participants	50+ students and faculty members of St. Vincent College
Faculty in Charge	Dr. Anil Adsule (Principal)
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