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| Title of the Event             | International Seminar on “Vision Viksit Bharat”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |                                         |
| Date of the Event              | 28th February 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Place of the event | Reading Hall, St. Vincent College, Pune |
| Objectives of the Event        | The seminar aimed to foster interdisciplinary academic dialogue on India’s developmental vision under the theme “Vision Viksit Bharat” as part of St. Vincent College’s Golden Jubilee celebrations. It sought to create a global platform for scholars to exchange research-driven insights and policy recommendations aligned with national progress goals. |                    |                                         |
| Name/s of the Resource Persons | Dr. Yashodhan Mithare of H. V. Desai College, Fr. Agnelo Mascarenhas, Provincial of the Jesuits of Pune Province, and Mrs. Shaila Bootwala of Abeda Inamdar Senior College.                                                                                                                                                                                   |                    |                                         |

A short narration of the program

**International Seminar on “Vision Viksit Bharat”**

As a distinguished highlight of its Golden Jubilee celebrations, St. Vincent College, Pune, successfully organized an International Seminar on “Vision Viksit Bharat” on 28th February 2025 with help from ICSSR. Held in the college’s historic Reading Hall—a space emblematic of scholarly pursuit—the seminar brought together academicians, researchers, and thought leaders from across the globe to engage in rigorous discourse on India’s developmental aspirations and pathways toward a self-reliant, inclusive, and sustainable future.

The inaugural session was graced by the esteemed presence of several dignitaries, underscoring the academic and institutional significance of the event. Among them were Dr. Yashodhan Mithare of H. V. Desai College, Fr. Agnelo Mascarenhas, Provincial of the Jesuits of Pune Province, and Mrs. Shaila Bootwala of Abeda Inamdar Senior College. Their addresses collectively emphasized the critical role of higher education institutions in shaping national vision, fostering innovation, and nurturing ethical leadership aligned with the goals of Viksit Bharat—a developed India by 2047. Fr. Mascarenhas, in particular, reflected on the Jesuit commitment to education as a tool for social transformation, while Dr. Mithare and Mrs. Bootwala highlighted interdisciplinary collaboration and youth engagement as pivotal to realizing India’s developmental agenda.



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The seminar featured a full day of intellectually stimulating paper presentations and panel discussions, with contributions spanning diverse domains including sustainable development, digital governance, economic resilience, education policy, climate action, and social equity. Presenters included scholars from India and abroad, whose research offered both theoretical insights and actionable policy recommendations grounded in empirical evidence. The deliberations were marked by robust academic exchange, critical questioning, and a shared commitment to aligning scholarly inquiry with national priorities.

In a significant academic initiative, the organizing committee announced that a selection of high-quality papers presented at the seminar would undergo a double-blind peer-review process for potential publication in a reputable, indexed academic journal. This decision not only elevates the scholarly impact of the event but also ensures that the ideas generated contribute meaningfully to ongoing national and global conversations on India's development trajectory.

The seminar exemplified St. Vincent College's enduring dedication to academic excellence, social relevance, and global engagement—core values that have defined its five-decade journey. By convening this international forum during its Golden Jubilee year, the institution reaffirmed its position as a dynamic hub of intellectual inquiry and its resolve to actively participate in shaping the vision of a developed India.

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| Name of the Collaborating Agency                    | ICSSR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants | Participants deepened their understanding of key dimensions of India's development agenda, including sustainability, governance, equity, and innovation, through exposure to diverse scholarly perspectives. The experience also enhanced their ability to critically engage with evidence-based strategies for nation-building.     |
| Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team           | The organizing team gained valuable experience in coordinating an international academic event, from curating thematic content to managing cross-institutional collaborations. They also strengthened their capacity in academic publishing protocols by initiating a peer-reviewed journal publication process for selected papers. |
| No. of Participants                                 | 100+ Research Scholars                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Faculty in Charge                                   | Dr. Vishal Bhaware                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Documents Attached                                  | 1. Attendance Sheet<br>2. Geotag photographs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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|  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><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> |
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