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Title of the Event	Career counselling seminar: “Pathways to Professional Excellence: Career Prospects in Accounting and Finance”		
Date of the Event	26th April 2025	Place of the event	St. Vincent College, Pune
Objectives of the Event	The seminar “Pathways to Professional Excellence: Career Prospects in Accounting and Finance,” held on 26th April 2025, aimed to provide students with a clear, industry-informed understanding of career options, professional certifications, and skill requirements in the dynamic fields of accounting and finance, while reinforcing institutional-industry collaboration through Unique Academy.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	CA Ashish Parikh		

A short narration of the program

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On 26th April 2025, St. Vincent College, Pune, organized a highly insightful and career-focused seminar titled “Pathways to Professional Excellence: Career Prospects in Accounting and Finance.” The event was conducted in collaboration with Unique Academy, Pune, and featured Mr. Ashish Parikh, a distinguished industry expert and senior faculty member at Unique Academy, as the keynote resource person. Designed primarily for undergraduate and postgraduate commerce students, the seminar aimed to provide a comprehensive, realistic, and forward-looking perspective on the diverse and evolving career landscape in accounting and finance.

Held in the college auditorium, the seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of B.Com (FY, SY, TY), M.Com, and BA programs, reflecting a strong institutional emphasis on employability-oriented learning and professional readiness. The session was inaugurated by Dr. Anil Adsule, Principal of St. Vincent College, who underscored the critical importance of aligning academic preparation with industry expectations. He highlighted the college’s ongoing partnership with Unique Academy as a strategic initiative to bridge the gap between classroom theory and real-world professional practice, particularly in high-demand domains such as taxation, auditing, financial analysis, and regulatory compliance.



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Mr. Ashish Parikh commenced his address by mapping the broad ecosystem of careers in accounting and finance, moving beyond conventional perceptions to include emerging opportunities in FinTech, ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) reporting, forensic accounting, GST consultancy, internal audit, and corporate finance. He systematically outlined the key professional certifications that serve as gateways to these careers—including Chartered Accountancy (CA), Company Secretary (CS), Cost and Management Accountant (CMA), Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)—detailing their structure, global recognition, and return on investment in terms of career growth and remuneration.

A significant portion of the seminar was devoted to demystifying the journey of professional course preparation. Mr. Parikh addressed common student concerns regarding time management, balancing college academics with professional studies, and effective exam strategies. He emphasized that success in these fields is not solely dependent on academic brilliance but also on consistency, ethical grounding, communication skills, and digital fluency—particularly in tools like Tally Prime, MS Excel, SAP, and data visualization software.

Drawing from real-world case studies, he illustrated how analytical thinking and regulatory awareness are increasingly valued by employers, especially in the post-pandemic era of digital transformation and stricter financial governance. He also highlighted the growing demand for hybrid professionals—individuals who combine accounting expertise with skills in data analytics, cybersecurity, or sustainability reporting—positioning finance as a dynamic, future-ready field.

The interactive segment allowed students to seek personalized guidance on career selection based on aptitude, financial feasibility of courses, and regional vs. international opportunities. Mr. Parikh also informed attendees about Unique Academy's support mechanisms, including scholarship schemes, free foundation-level workshops for St. Vincent students, and placement assistance through industry tie-ups—a direct outcome of the MoU signed between the institutions in March 2025.

The seminar concluded with a reaffirmation of the college's commitment to continuous career mentoring and skill enhancement. Faculty members from the Department of Commerce facilitated a follow-up



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discussion, encouraging students to reflect on their strengths and chart a structured roadmap for professional development.

This seminar exemplifies St. Vincent College's proactive approach to integrating industry insights into the academic experience, fostering informed decision-making, ethical professionalism, and lifelong learning—all central to the vision of quality higher education under national accreditation standards. By providing students with clarity, confidence, and concrete pathways, the institution has taken a significant step toward nurturing globally competent, socially responsible, and career-ready graduates in the vital domains of accounting and finance.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	Unique Academy
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	Students gained practical insights into diverse career trajectories—including CA, CS, CMA, FinTech, and ESG reporting—and learned about effective strategies for balancing academics with professional course preparation. They also developed awareness of digital tools and emerging competencies demanded by the modern finance sector.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	The organizing team enhanced its ability to curate domain-specific, industry-led career guidance sessions and strengthened its capacity to translate MoU-based partnerships into tangible student development opportunities aligned with employability and academic excellence.
No. of Participants	Undergraduate Students of St. Vincent College
Faculty in Charge	Dr. Gilbi John
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