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Title of the Event	Strategic Academic Collaboration with TNS Foundation for Skill Enhancement and Employability Development		
Date of the Event	May 2025	Place of the event	St. Vincent College
Objectives of the Event	The initiative aims to enhance students' employability by providing free, industry-aligned certification courses in Power BI, Advanced Excel, and Soft Skills through a structured partnership with TNS Foundation. It also seeks to strengthen career pathways by integrating skill development with on-campus placement opportunities, ensuring holistic professional readiness.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Representatives of TNS Foundation		

A short narration of the program

Strategic Academic Collaboration with TNS Foundation for Skill Enhancement and Employability Development

St. Vincent College, Pune, reaffirms its unwavering commitment to holistic student development and industry-aligned education through a significant academic collaboration with TNS Foundation, a Mumbai-based not-for-profit organization dedicated to bridging the gap between academia and employability. In a landmark initiative designed to enhance the professional readiness of its students, the college has facilitated free access to high-impact certification courses in Power BI, Advanced Excel, and Soft Skills, offered exclusively to its enrolled students for the upcoming academic year 2025–26. The registration window for these courses remains open until 5th May 2025, ensuring broad accessibility and inclusive participation across disciplines.

This initiative is anchored in a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between St. Vincent College and TNS Foundation, which outlines a comprehensive framework for sustained academic and career support. Under this agreement, TNS Foundation will not only deliver structured, industry-relevant training modules on campus but will also conduct on-campus placement drives, thereby creating a seamless pathway from skill acquisition to career opportunity. The courses—carefully selected based on current market demands and future workforce trends—are designed to equip students with analytical, technical, and



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interpersonal competencies that are increasingly indispensable in diverse professional domains, including finance, data analytics, marketing, administration, and public service.

The inclusion of Power BI responds directly to the growing emphasis on data-driven decision-making across sectors, enabling students to transform raw data into actionable insights through visualization and reporting tools widely used in corporate and governmental settings. The Advanced Excel module goes beyond basic spreadsheet literacy, covering financial modeling, pivot tables, macros, and scenario analysis—skills consistently ranked among the most sought-after by employers in entry-level roles. Complementing these technical offerings, the Soft Skills curriculum addresses communication, teamwork, problem-solving, emotional intelligence, and professional etiquette—core attributes that define workplace adaptability and leadership potential.

St. Vincent College's proactive engagement with TNS Foundation reflects its institutional philosophy of anticipatory education—a forward-looking approach that continuously scans the evolving socio-economic landscape to align curricular and co-curricular offerings with real-world requirements. By absorbing the full cost of these certifications, the college ensures equitable access to premium skill development, removing financial barriers and democratizing opportunities for students from all socio-economic backgrounds. This initiative exemplifies the college's dedication to inclusive excellence, where academic rigor is harmonized with practical empowerment.

Moreover, the integration of on-campus placement support by TNS Foundation underscores a strategic shift from isolated training to end-to-end career enablement. The partnership facilitates direct interaction between students and industry representatives, offering mentorship, resume workshops, mock interviews, and recruitment opportunities—thereby significantly enhancing graduate employability and reducing the transition gap between academia and the workplace.

This collaboration is part of a broader institutional strategy to embed 21st-century competencies into the student experience, ensuring that graduates emerge not only as knowledgeable scholars but as agile, confident, and industry-ready professionals. Faculty coordinators and the Career Guidance Cell will work



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closely with TNS Foundation to monitor learning outcomes, gather feedback, and iteratively refine program delivery, ensuring sustained quality and relevance.

In offering these industry-certified, no-cost courses in tandem with placement facilitation, St. Vincent College demonstrates its dynamic responsiveness to national priorities in higher education—particularly the emphasis on skill integration, employability enhancement, and public-private academic partnerships. The initiative stands as a testament to the college’s proactive leadership in nurturing a generation of graduates who are not only academically accomplished but also equipped to thrive in a competitive, rapidly evolving global economy. Through such forward-looking collaborations, St. Vincent College continues to uphold its legacy as an institution that educates with purpose, innovates with responsibility, and empowers with equity.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	TNS Foundation, Mumbai
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	Students will acquire in-demand technical and interpersonal competencies that align with current market expectations, significantly improving their analytical, communication, and workplace adaptability skills. They will also gain direct exposure to recruitment processes, boosting their confidence and competitiveness in the job market.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	The organizing team deepened its expertise in forging and managing strategic industry-academia partnerships, streamlining skill-based curriculum integration, and coordinating end-to-end career development ecosystems. The collaboration also enhanced their capacity to design inclusive, outcome-oriented programs that respond dynamically to evolving labor market needs.
No. of Participants	30 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