

Minutes of the 11th Meeting of VSHFA (VISHWA SINDHI HINDU FOUNDATION OF ASSOCIATIONS) held at MP Bhavan, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, 6th September 2025 at 02.30 pm.

- The meeting was hosted by Honourable Shri Shankar Lalwani, Member of Parliament.
- The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani.
- Roll call was obtained and the following Committee Members / Special Invitees were present

Committee Members

1. Shri Shankar Lalwani (MP)
2. Shri Gurmukh Jagwani
3. Shri Rajaram Bhagwani
4. Shri Manohar Mamtani
5. Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani
6. Shri Pawan Kumar Sindhi
7. Shri Mahesh Malkani
8. Dr. Raju Manwani

Special Invites:

1. Shri Vinod Nenwani
2. Shri Sunil Nenwani
3. Shri Vijay Pahuja
4. Shri Bharat Vatwani
5. Shri Yash Malkani

- The minutes of the 10th VSHFA meeting were presented by General Secretary Dr. Raju Manwani, proposed, and passed unanimously.
- President, Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani, extended a warm welcome to all members and conveyed the purpose of the meeting.
- General Secretary Dr. Raju Manwani discussed the aims and objectives of the VSHFA with all present, especially with Honourable Shankar Lalwani, Member of Parliament. He also conveyed the twenty-three points aims and objectives of VSHFA to each member and asked their opinions. Initially, the request was made for Honourable Shankar Lalwani to share his views first, but he suggested that the discussion should begin with the committee members. Accordingly, each member present contributed to the discussion like need for greater unity among Sindhi associations across the world. And how Sindhi academies can be established at the state level, particularly in regions where the Sindhi community has a strong presence. The issue of establishment of a Central Sindhi University was also discussed, on the lines of Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi and Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha which are Central universities dedicated to Sanskrit and Hindi languages respectively. Other topics included the establishment of a Sindhi television channel and the recognition of at least one Sindhi holiday annually.
- Special discussion was made on the proposal for a Sindhi Jhanki at Delhi on 26th January so that participation from the maximum number of Sindhi associations, trusts, and community organizations worldwide may be secured.
- The discussion continued regarding creating civil services awareness among Sindhi youth. It was emphasized that Sindhi youth should be encouraged and motivated to actively participate in politics and to pursue UPSC and other civil services.
- Also, discussed about the Sindhis outside the country coming to India, constructing Jhulelal temples at the state level and national level, To have one Sindhi board for economic

development of needy sindhis, setting up of Sindhu Bhawan at Delhi and at the state level too.

- The Cheti Chand should be celebrated as Jhulelal festival, at least for a week or fifteen days, displaying discounts and awareness about Sindhiyat, so that even the Sindhi youth should know about it, and Sindhi and non Sindhi should also understand how and why, it is important, and that this is for propagation of Sindhiyat, specially for the younger generation.
- It was also discussed that specific duties should be allotted for all the agenda in the next Zoom meeting . The Sindhi population all over India and outside India to be known to us for the right steps to be taken. The data should be collected as early as possible to highlight the population of the Sindhi community.
- It was also discussed to submit a request to the concerned government to promote Sindhi language subjects in central universities. A council should be created for the promotion of Sindhi culture. The Sindhi Pravasi Sammelan should be organized once a year. It was also discussed that it can be held on the 11th of January 2026 at Bhopal, with lunch with local leaders, and Pravasi Sammelan participants at Bhopal. Awareness and promotion of Tourism in Sindhi Samaj is also required.
- The idea of pursuing a Sindhi state or special status was discussed. Honourable Shri Shankar Lalwani informed that he will hold a separate meeting with Shri Rajaram Bhagwani, Shri Mahesh Malkani, and Shri Manohar Mamtani to deliberate on this matter and decide the way forward.
- Shri Rajaram Bhagwani, Shri Manohar Mamtani, Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani, Shri Manohar Mamtani, Shri Pawan Kumar Sindhi, and Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani had a very healthy discussion about these points. They suggested, guided, and advised to give responsibilities only to those who are genuinely interested. Things should be done with heart and soul to achieve the best results.

- The special invitees Shri Vinod Nenwani, Shri Vijay Pahuja, Shri Bharat Vatwani, and Shri Sunil Nanwani also suggested many important points on the agenda. They discussed the objectives and also appreciated them. This step has been taken under the leadership of Honourable Shankar Lalwani.
- Dr. Raju Manwani requested everyone regarding the bank accounts and they are coordinating with different banks. After discussion, it was decided whosoever is the best banks, the bank account can be opened as soon as possible, as discussed in the last Zoom meeting.
- Dr. Raju Manwani also informed Honourable Shankar Lalwani, Member of Parliament, about the proposed contribution of only Rs. 1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) from each association, trust, Panchayat or organization who are joining the VSHFA. Meanwhile the expenditure is being managed by the contribution of the committee members/office bearers of VSHFA.
- It was further conveyed that the regular activities will continue to be managed by their respective associations, as they are being done at present. The VSHFA will focus exclusively on the agenda as decided in the general body meeting and follow up action will be taken up with the Prime Minister's Office and the Chief Minister's Office.
- Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchalani also suggested that if some associations can be developed as Association of advocates, filmmakers, rtd IAS, rtd IPS, doctors, politicians, jewellers, etc., then their representatives can join VSHFA and contribute to its objectives.
- Members of the core committee suggested the involvement of youth and ladies in the working of VSHFA. Honourable Shankar Lalwani also suggested that youth and ladies should be involved. He further advised that all six ruling MLAs should also be included namely, Shri Vasu Devnani, Shri Ashok Rohani, Shri Kumar Ailani, Shri Shirchand Kripalani, Smt. Payal Kukrani,

and Shri Bhagwandas Sabnani. The list of All the MLAs should be updated and they should be added to the VSHFA.

- Shri Shankar Lalwani also suggested that all associations and organizations of our Sindhi communities should be invited and explained about the aims and objectives of our VSHFA. With their involvement and guidance, we will achieve good results.
- Shri Shankar Lalwani further suggested that a meeting regarding the 26th January celebration will be organized today itself, that is on 6th September 2025, along with Defence Minister of India, Honourable Rajnath Singh and other ministers, as well as the Law Minister of India Honorable Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal.
- Regarding the actions of the last meeting held at Parliament with Honourable Shankar Lalwani, under his guidance, a meeting with Gajendra Singh Shekhawat may also be planned to follow up.
- Finally, concluding remarks were given by Honourable Shankar Lalwani. The President, Shri Gurmukh Jagwani, appreciated each and everyone's time, energy, and efforts in coming all the way to Delhi to attend the meeting.
- Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani
- The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani

Action of the day after meeting as follows:-

At 4 PM, the meeting was held with the Law Minister of India Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, at his residence. All the delegation members were present and they presented their objectives before him regarding Sindhi being linguistic minority community has to get minority rights in setting up of educational institutions as it was getting before NMC Act 1992 and NMEI Act 2004 . Very meaningful discussions were held with the Honourable Minister under the leadership of Member of Parliament Shri Shankar Lalwani. Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal agreed to take action and requested that detail be submitted to him in writing, after which he will take the necessary steps. It was a very positive meeting, appreciated by each and everyone.

After meeting the Law Minister, the entire delegation moved to the residence of Defence Minister Honorable Shri Rajnath Singh and had a very pleasant meeting with him, especially regarding the Jhanki on 26th January at Kartavya Path. On this, he assured us that if everything is submitted in writing and all rules are followed, necessary permission can be granted. He gave a very positive reply. The delegation of VSHFA also invited him as the Chief Guest for the first AGM of VSHFA, scheduled to be held in Delhi on 22nd and 23rd November 2025.

After the meeting with the Honourable Minister, a visit was made to the residence of Honourable Shri Shankar Lalwani. Several important points were discussed regarding how to proceed with the points discussed with the Ministers. All the ruling MLAs were also contacted over the phone, from whom positive replies were received in support of the federation and activities of the VSHFA .

Following this, a meeting was held with Honourable Minister of Culture, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat at his residence. He informed about all the points discussed in the last meeting held at Parliament, a few months earlier under the guidance of Honourable Shri Shankar Lalwani are being processed in the ministry. He has informed our demands to Honourable PM also. Shri Shekhawat

responded very positively, remarking that encouraging progress had been made in the last fifteen to twenty days. He further noted that, although the ministers are currently occupied with their respective agendas, a further meeting could soon be arranged for detailed discussions.

Honourable Shri Shankar Lalwani also extended an invitation to him regarding being the Chief Guest for the twenty-third AGM of VSHFA at Delhi, which was graciously accepted by him. Accordingly, Honourable Shri Rajnath Singh confirmed to be the chief guest for the 22nd November 2025 session, and Honourable Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat confirmed to be chief guest for the 23rd November 2025 session .

All three ministers showed a very positive attitude, as well as respect and goodwill toward Honourable Shri Shankar Lalwani and his delegation. The delegation was warmly received, provided with refreshments and snacks, and group photographs were taken. The arrangements were highly appreciated.

Honourable Shri Shankar Lalwani was sincerely acknowledged for his tireless efforts, working from morning until evening to ensure that all three visits were successfully completed in a very positive manner.

A dinner was hosted by Shri Vinod Nenwani and Shri Sunil Nenwani at their residence. During this gathering, the entire delegation finally decided to form a committee to take charge of the upcoming program scheduled for 22nd and 23rd November 2025 in Delhi.

Honourable Shri Shankar Lalwani, MP, assured that he would try to invite the Union Home Minister Honorable Shri Amit Shah to join the event of VSHFA and Other distinguished leaders such as Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and Union Minister of Culture Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat were also suggested as invitees for this program.

In the meeting, it was discussed that the AGM will be held once in a year, and a Zoom meeting will be conducted once every month. The

date and venue are yet to be finalized. Tentatively, it has been suggested by Honourable Shri Shankar Lalwani to hold it on 11th January 2026. Further details can be discussed.

22nd and 23rd November Vigyan Bhawan Delhi

Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani

Shri Vinod Nenwani

Shri Sunil Nanwani

Shri Laxmi Chand Makrani

Shri Suresh Khatri

Shri Vijay Israni

Shri Metharam

Shri Bharat Vatwani

Shri Manoj Sindhi

Shri Mahesh Rajani

Shri Manohar Balwani

Shri Jagdish Chandwani

Shri Mahesh Sukhwani

Shri Vinod Pahalajani

Shri Vinod Sachdeva SSD

Shri Mohan Ahuja

Shri Srikant Bhatia

Shri Anjali Tulsiani

Shri Mahesh Chhabria

Shri Lalit Bijlani

Leaders:

Honorable Shri Amit Shah

Honorable Shri Rajnath Singh

Honorable Shri Gajendra Shekhawat

The remarkable way that Sindhi Same has contributed towards Bharat since 1947 and further will contribute to fulfil the dream of Prime Minister as Vikshit Bharat and extending Special thanks to the Home Minister for CAA will be theme of the meeting. The three guest names will be included, and the list of people who will be in the committee will be finalized, assisted by the core committee.

The General Secretary updated about the minute books, registration certificate, letterhead, logo colour combinations. Two Honourable guests, including Shri Shankar Lalwani ji, were present, and the team presented the work for taking approval.

The very hard work has been done by Sri Mahesh Rana, Secretary to Honourable Shri Shankar Lalwani ji, to assist the committee members whole day in a very perfect manner.

Dr. Raju Manwani requested everyone to prepare for the 22nd and 23rd November meeting. A live show of VSHFA AGM should be organized so that it can be broadcasted across the world. All associations should be informed about it.