

**Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of VSHFA held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 09.15 pm on Zoom.**

The meeting called to order by Hon. Shri Sanjkar Lalwani ji and he welcome each and every one present.

Following were present

- Shri Shankar Lalwani (MP)
- Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani
- Shri Rajaram Bhagwani
- Shri Manohar Mamtani
- Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani
- Shri Hiralal Lokchandani
- Ishwar Jhamnani
- Shri Kishore Kumar Parwani
- Shri Satendra Kumar Bhawnani
- Shri J.C. Prakash
- Dr. Pitambhar Dhalwani
- Shri Mahesh Rana
- Dr. Rau V. Manwani

The following point started discussing.

1. The first point discussed was the checklist.

Dr. Raju Manwani read out the checklist, and it was taken up for discussion. Most of the points in the checklist were approved by everyone. The checklist is presented below:

- Protocol officers
- Sergeant-at-arms with dress code
- Host & co-host

- Subject of sessions
- Speakers in sessions 1 & 2
- Checklist
- Videography & photography
- Spokespersons
- Transportation
- Hotels & guest houses
- Neck IDs as per area axis
- Sponsorship
- Gifts & mementos
- AV presentations
- Agenda
- Recognition
- List of panchayats / associations etc
- Politicians & govt officers & RSS
- VIP enclosure
- Discipline, time-management & decorum
- 18 kids names for agenda
- Hall booking
- Chief guests
- VVIP guests
- Lunch, dinner & high tea
- CAA team with dress code
- Delhi teams involvement
- Celebrities list
- Sitting arrangements
- Dias sitting
- Backdrop creatives
- Delhi hoardings creatives
- Creatives & videos in group
- Media & social media & press place
- Selfie points
- Event management
- Dress code for dais & all delegates
- Sub committees

## The Second point discussed was the regarding Subject.

- **Unity among all Sindhi Associations of the World**

It was decided that this point should not be discussed further. People may assume we are not united, whereas we are united. We should highlight the positive side from our end. Therefore, going forward, this point should not be raised or discussed anywhere by Sindhis.

- **Sindhi Sahitya Academies in Sindhi populated state**

In states where Sindhis are not present, we cannot open a unit; however, wherever needed, the Federation will work hard for that.

- **Designated Sindhi Channel on Door Darshan**

It was discussed regarding the DD channel, the fight should continue until we get the channel.

- **Promoting Sindhi Youth for Politics:**

Instead of using the word "*politics*," it was suggested to use the term "*policy makers*." This suggestion was made by Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani and was highly appreciated.

**Dr. Raju Manwani presented the points and there was no objection regarding these points**

- **Sindhi University**

- **Sindhi Tableau on 26th. January at New Delhi**

- **Minority status to Sindhi Educational Institutions**

- **Publication of reservation list of SC, ST and OBC castes of Sindhi Hindus**

- **Guiding Sindhi Youth for Civil Services**

- **Rights of Sindhis outside India**

- **Sindhi Development Board/ Aayog**

- **Sindhu Bhawan in Sindhi populated States and New Delhi**

- **Total Sindhi Population in India and outside India needs to be identified**
- **Persuing concerned Central A state Governments to promote Sindhi language in colleges and Universities**
- **National Council to be created for promotion of Sindhi Culture**
- **Grant of Citizenship to the Sindhi Hindus under CAA and other Acts in India**

Sri Raja Ram Bhagwani suggested that the demand of State on the basis of Sindhi language should be added in the list. This point can be discussed.

Suggestion was given by Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani and a few other core members that in one of the sessions, all core committee members should sit on the dais and express their views to the audience, and it was decided that this matter will be discussed in the meeting on 10th November 2025.

### **The Second point discussed was the regarding speakers**

As per the subject, a few speaker names have been suggested:

1. Hon. Shri Shankar Lalwani ji, MP
2. Dr. Gurmukh Jagwnai ji,
3. Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchchandani ji
4. Shri Rajaram Bhagwani ji
5. Shri Manohar Mamtani ji
6. Shri Ishwar Jhamnani ji

And it is also decided that those who feel they can speak on any of the subjects. But they should inform before the meeting on 10th November 2025 so that the final list can be proposed.

It was decided that in the first session, all requirements, suggestions, and guidance for Sindhis — particularly where government support is required — will be discussed. From these, four to five key points will be selected to present to the higher authorities when they come, like Hon. Rajnath Singh, Minister of Defence; Hon. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Law & Justice; and Hon. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of Culture & Tourism.

Shri Satendra Kumar Bhawnani ji and Shri Rajaram Bhagwani ji informed that Sai Chanduram ji's **procession carrying the astiya** will start on 8th November 2025 and will reach Delhi on 23rd November 2025. As he has a large number of followers, it was decided that a few minutes will be allotted at Vigyan Bhawan to observe silence and offer a peaceful and respectful moment in his honour.

There will be two sessions — Session One and Session Two — each of two hours. Breakfast will be served before the first session. Entry will be from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. At 11:30 AM, the counters will be closed and the meeting will start sharp. The agenda has been shared and may be finalized with minor changes in the meeting on 10th November 2025.

Similarly, after lunch the second session will begin. Dr. Raju Manwani informed that there will be light entertainment before breakfast, during lunch time, and even after the high-tea break. A few very decent dancers with Sindhi songs and orchestra will be allowed so that the audience does not get bored. Assurance has been given to Hon. Shri Shankar Lalwani ji on behalf of the entire core committee that this will be one of the best Sindhi programs at Vigyan Bhawan, matching the dignity and reputation of the venue.

After having a great meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in Delhi at the residence of Hon. Shankar Lalwani ji, one of the officers, Shri Vijay Israni, agreed to sponsor fifty percent (50%) of the expenditure for the event on 23rd November 2025. This was a great support and was appreciated by everyone.

After that, members like Shri Kishore Parvani came forward with a sponsorship of ₹5.00 lakhs. Dr. Raju Manwani also committed ₹5.00 lakhs. Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani ji had already paid ₹5.00 lakhs as the booking amount for the hall at Vigyan Bhawan.

We have to ensure a good and respectful program. This involves upholding the full reputation of our Honourable Shankar Lalwani ji and the reputation of the organisation as well. Therefore, everyone has been requested to do their best and contribute whatever they can.

Concluding remarks were delivered by Hon. Shri Shankar Lalwani ji and Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani ji. Two minutes of silence was observed, and condolences were offered for Late Smt. Indira Devnani, wife of Shri Vasudev Devnani, who passed away on 3rd November 2025, and for Late Shri Gopichand P. Hinduja who passed away on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at London.

The members of the Core committee present congratulated and extended their best wishes to the Indian Women's Cricket Team for winning the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup (One Day).

It is decided that the meeting on 10th November will start at 12:00 noon sharp at the residence of Hon. Shri Shankar Lalwani ji in Delhi.

**Contributions committed:**

- Shri Kishore Parwani ji committed a contribution of ₹5.00 lakhs.
- Shri Pawan Kumar Sindhi ji committed a contribution of ₹5.00 lakhs.
- Dr. Raju Manwani ji committed a contribution of ₹5.00 lakhs.
- Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani ji has already paid ₹5.00 lakhs towards the hall rent at Vigyan Bhawan.
- Shri Vijay Israni ji has committed 50% of the event expenditure, which may come to approximately ₹15.00 lakhs to ₹20.00
- We are expecting total contributions of at least ₹50 lakhs, and possibly more, depending on further support from members.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Kishore Kumar Parwani.

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani ji.