

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of VSHFA held on 22nd December 2025 at 09.00 pm on Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Shri Mahesh Kumar Malkani, he welcomed members present.

The following members were present:

Shri Shankar Lalwani ji MP

Shri Rajaram Bhagwani

Dr. Pitambar Dhalwani

Shri Manohar Mamtani

Prof Ravi Prakash Tekchandani

Shri Satendra Kumar Bhawnani

Shri Ishwar Jhamnani

Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani

Shri Prakash Jagdish Chugh

Dr. Raju V. Manwani

- Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed unanimously.
- National Treasurer Dr. Pitambar Dhalwani presented his report. The 3rd Vice President, Shri Mahesh Kumar Malkani, requested that the amount of Rs. 6 lakhs (Rupees Six Lakhs only) spent on the hoarding should be borne by the three members whose photographs appeared on it. The same was agreed upon and decided accordingly.

- The Core Committee members paid Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) each . Those who wish to contribute further, could do so. Advisor Shri Prakash Jagdish Chugh contributed Rs. 50,000/-, which was appreciated. Shri Ishwar Jhamnani mentioned that although everyone is willing to contribute, the contribution is not required at the moment, which was appreciated by the members present.
- A very positive action report was given by most of the core committee members. Many good action and positive discussions were held regarding state coordinators. It was finally decided that wherever we are, and in whichever state we have contacts, maximum associations, trusts, and Sindhi Panchayats should be encouraged to join us and share our efforts on WhatsApp for the knowledge of all so that the efforts are not duplicated.
- Regarding future programs, the National General Secretary, Dr. Raju Manwani, suggested organizing a youth program in May 2026. He proposed that this be discussed in detail during the physical meeting at the VSSS International Convention in Bhopal and will be organised after approval in the general body meeting.
- If the program is held in Delhi, as suggested by Shri Shankar Lalwani ji, it would be a good idea. He further suggested that the venue could be Bharat Mandapam (formerly known as Pragati Maidan), and there the Hon. Prime Minister or the Hon. Home Minister could be invited. A detailed discussion on this matter will be held at Bhopal.
- Advisor Shri Rajaram Bhagwani suggested that such a program should be held only after it is passed in the general body meeting. Accordingly, National General Secretary Dr. Raju Manwani clarified that this was only a discussion at present. Planning can be done, but the program can be held only after detailed discussion and approval in the AGM.

- A few particular names from Delhi were proposed to be appointed as coordinators unanimously. However, it was discussed that this should not be limited to one or two individuals, anyone can work anywhere. This point especially came up during the discussion regarding Vijay Israni's name.
- It was also discussed that both registered and non-registered organizations can be taken as members; however, non-registered organizations should get registered in the future. Voting rights will be given only to registered organizations.
- It was also discussed that organizations such as Bharatiya Sindhu Sabha, Vishwa Sindhi Seva Sangam, or the Sindhi Council of India may be considered as recognized organizations if they operate through different branches across India or elsewhere, as per their PAN card. This suggestion was made by Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani.
- National General Secretary Dr. Raju Manwani informed that before today's VSHFA meeting, a meeting was held with youngsters. The young generation, under the leadership of Mr. Vaibhav from Mumbai, expressed their willingness to join VSHFA, as they had witnessed the activities at Vigyan Bhawan. They requested that youth also be involved in some capacity. Advisor Shri Raja Ram Bhagwani informed that they are in touch with him. Accordingly, involving youth in future activities will be positive and result-oriented.
- General Secretary, Dr. Raju Manwani, requested Advisors Shri Manohar Mamtani ji and Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani ji to prepare the form containing bank details along with a covering letter in Hindi, so that the same can be forwarded to all the concerned persons. This work is to be completed urgently so that the letters can be issued to the coordinators suggested by the core committee members.
- Chief Advisor, Shri Shankar Lalwani ji, requested Advisor Shri Raja Ram Bhagwani ji that the covering letter may be handed over to him for follow-up with the concerned officers in the Law Ministry.

- Shri Shankar Lalwani ji also informed that he had a meeting with Hon'ble Defence Minister of India Shri Rajnath Singh ji and Hon'ble Minister of Culture Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat ji, and that he is following up on the letters submitted to their ministries by vshfa through him on Jhanki and cultural council. He further assured that he will keep updating the same accordingly.
- It was also decided that once the coordinators are appointed, they shall continue till 31st March, subject to sanction by the incoming committee. A confirmation letter will be sent to them. The core committee members should share their name, mobile number, place of residence and the district which they will cover to join the panchayat, association, trust etc.
- It was also suggested that once the coordinators are appointed, they should be motivated and actively involved, and guidance should be provided by the Advisory Committee by taking their suggestions and advice, so that maximum associations can join VSHFA.
- Advisor Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani proposed that if the youth program is organized in Delhi, it should be observed in the form of commemorative days in the name of historical figures such as in the name of daughters of Raja Dahir Sen: Surya and Parimal, Amar Sahid Hemu Kalani, Raja Dahir etc highlighting the legends of Sindhi culture. The proposal was appreciated by the members present.
- The National President, Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani, also informed that he recently attended a function at HR College, where Shri Kishu Mansukhani and the youth students expressed that, upon knowing about VSHFA, all twelve colleges of the HR Group can also join VSHFA. Sri Jagwani was requested to get them joined with VSHFA. Sri Raja Ram Bhagwani requested National President Sri Gurmukh Jagwani and National General Secretary Sri Raju Manwani to speed up the joining of the Organisations known to them.
- It was decided that in the next meeting, maximum Core Committee members should be present at the VSSS Convention at Bhopal, where detailed discussions will be held.

- The Presiding Officer, Shri Mahesh Malkani, requested all members to keep the meetings short and sweet, discuss only relevant points, and communicate in polite and positive language. He suggested that avoiding unnecessary discussions would save valuable time, and therefore requested everyone to remain focused on the agenda.
- The concluding remarks were given by the Chief Advisor, Shri Shankar Lalwani ji, the National President, Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani ji, and the Presiding Officer, Shri Mahesh Malkani ji.
- Vote of thanks was given by Advisor Shri Prakash Jagdish Chugh
- Meeting was adjourned by Shri Mahesh Malkani.