

**Minutes of the 29th Meeting of VSHFA held on 15th April 2026
at 09.15 pm on Zoom.**

1. The meeting was called to order at 09.15 pm sharp by the National President, Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani,
 2. The roll call was obtained.
 3. The Following Core Committee Members were present.
 1. Shri Shankar Lalwani
 2. Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani
 3. Adv. Shyam Dewani
 4. Adv. Sachet Makhija
 5. Dr. Pitambar (Peter) Dhalwani
 6. Shri Vicky Kandhari
 7. Shri B.K. Kandhari
 8. Dr. Kanayalal Khatwani
 9. Shri J.C. Prakash
 10. Shri D.R. Wadhwani
 11. Shri Rajaram Bhagwani
 12. Shri Ishwar Jhamnani
 13. Shri Vijay Pahuja
 14. Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani
 15. Shri Raju Khetwani
 16. Shri Satendra Bhawnani
 17. Dr. Raju Manwani
- Leave of absence granted to Shri Manohar Mamtani.

4. The minutes of the previous meeting, prepared by National General Secretary Dr. Raju Manwani, were approved by all with minor changes.
5. Advocate Shyam Dewani guided everyone properly, and the following points were discussed:
 1. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer should be members of a registered association. Their eligibility shall be based on age, experience, and a clean criminal record.
 2. All amendments shall be placed before and approved at the General Body Meeting by the newly constituted Governing Council.
 3. 12th and 13th May will be scheduled for the election and the General Body Meeting. He suggested that this be converted into Section 8, as it would be much better for us. The Governing Council has given tentative approval, and the new election should be finally completed with the government authority.
 4. The final voter list as of 10th April 2026 is 232 (two hundred thirty-two) and should be provided as soon as possible to Advocate Shyam Dewani.
 5. Nominations should be zonal-wise, ensuring that all regions—North, East, West, South, and Central—are represented in the Federation

6. A nomination process shall be conducted, with seven days' notice given for filing nominations. This shall be followed by scrutiny, withdrawal, and thereafter the election. Upon issuance of the nomination call, candidates must apply for the respective posts within seven days.
7. Eligibility and other criteria should be properly considered for the person applying for the post, with good social experience. This is especially important for the posts of President, Secretary, and Treasurer

6. A good and healthy question-and-answer session was conducted by the Core Committee members with Advocate Shyam Dewani. He also announced his first award from his side on 13th May for a bright student who comes forward. This was appreciated by all the Core Committee members
7. The General Secretary provided details of the programme for 12th and 13th May and gave an approximate budget of within ₹20 lakh. Out of this, ₹10 lakh has been contributed by Vicky Kandari, and ₹2 lakh has also been given by him for entertainment.

The following they have declared the donation from their side.

1. Adv. Shyam Dewani - Rs. 1,51,000/- (Rupees One lakh Fifty One thousand only)
2. Dr. Pitambhar (Peter) Dhalwani - Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh only)

3. Shri Raju Khetwani – Rs. 51,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only)
4. Shri Vijay Pahuja – Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only)
5. Shri Ishwar Jhamnani – Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only).

An amount of approximately ₹4,00,000 (Rupees Four Lakh only) has been declared as donations by the members. So, approximately ₹6 to ₹8 lakh more is yet to be collected.

8. Dr. Raju Manwani ji informed that all committees have been formed, a rough budget has been prepared, and the guest list is to be finalized. A list of hotels has been prepared, with the cost per person on a twin-sharing basis ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹4,000 for a single day. There are approximately nine to ten hotels within a one-kilometre radius of the hall, so accommodation can be arranged there itself.
9. Mumbai Darshan, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and high tea will be provided by VSHFA. Additionally, fifty VIP gifts have been sponsored by Dr. Bharti Chhabria. These will include a silver gift, a shawl, and a pendant with a chain bearing the VSHFA logo.

10. A formal invitation letter has been submitted to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Hon. Devendra Fadnavis ji, requesting his gracious presence at the meeting scheduled on 13th May 2026. Similar invitations are to be extended to the Hon. Chief Minister of Goa, local leaders, as well as prominent personalities from the Bollywood and television industry, along with distinguished members of the community
11. The committees have been formed for rooming, transport, protocol, seating arrangements, food & beverages (F&B), entertainment, backstage management, mementos and gifts, creativity, Mumbai Darshan, registration, and reception
12. An open house session was conducted wherein all attendees were invited to share their views. Several valuable points were received from most participants, as reported above.
13. Guidance and suggestions were given by Hon. Shankar Lalwani ji. Shri Rajaram Bhagwani ji raised a question, to which it was replied that a committee comprising Shri Rajaram Bhagwani ji, Advocate Shyam Dewani, Shri Manohar Mamtani ji, Dr. Ravi Prakash Teckchandani ji, and Shri Shankar Lalwani ji (virtually) will be formed. They will conduct virtual meetings to discuss further matters. The committee will also deliberate on two key points, including minority-related issues and census-related aspects.

14. Shri B.K. Kandhari ji has extended his blessings and guidance and has offered his services for any kind of assistance

15. The concluding remarks were delivered by National President Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani ji, and thanked each and everyone

16. The vote of thanks was given by Governing Council Member Shri Vicky Khandhari ji

17. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m