

Minutes of the 42nd Meeting of VSHFA held on 3rd August 2026 at 09.00 pm on Zoom.

1. The meeting was called to order at 09:00 pm sharp by the National President, Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani. He welcomed everyone.
2. The roll call was obtained.
3. The Following Core Committee Members were present.
 1. Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani
 2. Dr. Pitamber Dhalwani
 3. Shri Rajaram Bhagwani
 4. Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani
 5. Shri Manohar Mamtani
 6. Shri Prakash J. Chugh
 7. Shri Ishwar Jhamnani
 8. Shri Mahesh Kumar Malkani
 9. Shri D.R. Wadhwani
 10. Shri Pavan Kumar Sindhi
 11. Shri Satendra Bhawnani
 12. Dr. Vinky Rughwani
 13. Dr. Raju Manwani

Leave of Absence granted to Shri Kishore Kumar Parwani.

4. The Minutes of the last meeting was read by National General Secretary Dr. Raju V. Manwani and passed by the core team unanimously.
5. The Treasurer's Report was presented in great detail by Secretary Shri Satendra Bhawnani. After a detailed discussion, it was decided that the full and final accounts would be prepared by Advisor of Treasurer team Shri J.C. Prakash, National President Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani, National Treasurer Dr. Pitamber Dhalwani and Secretary Shri Satendra Bhavnani will be presented in next week, so that in the month of September 2026 it can be audited and presented in the AGM in the month of September.
6. The progress and involvement of the Core Committee members up to date were shared by everyone present. Each member presented their progress report. The following points were discussed in detail:
 - 1) Regarding the accounts, Shri Satendra Bhawnani, Dr. Pitamber Dhalwani, and Shri J.C. Prakash will take responsibility for completing the work. They will present the updated accounts in the group next week.
 - 2) The text prepared by Ms Amrita Dudhia in guidance of Sri Raja Ram Bhagwani and Prof Ravi Prakash Tekchandani will be shared in the core group with indication who will read what. Accordingly the concerned member will read that portion in his voice and send to Sri Raju Manwani for compilation. No member will give his introduction. His introduction will run below his speech.
 - 3) It was also discussed that members of the Sindhi community in Karnataka should meet the new Education Minister, Shri Prahlad Joshi, to honour him. Advisor Shri J.C. Prakash will follow up on this matter and provide updates.

- 4) Shri Rajaram Bhagwani informed the Committee that he and Shri Sunil Ram Rakhyani are coordinating with Shri Shankar Lalwani ji, MP regarding SITA. He further stated that he will shortly share the complete details and updates.

Sri Raja Ram Bhagwani further requested that the members should note their assigned duties as discussed in the meeting and complete them as soon as possible. If there is any reason to delay, it may be posted in the WhatsApp group. He requested Prof Ravi Prakash Tekchandani to expedite his draft on Sindhi department in those Universities which are located in Sindhi populated areas and formation of Sindhi Academies in some states which are having Sindhi population. Dr Raju Manwani requested Sri Raja Ram Bhagwani to finalize the teams to meet the Directors of Cultural Centres in India except Prayagraj where meeting has already been conducted.

- 5) Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani proposed that information regarding Vibhishika should be communicated to all member associations. Each association should organize a small meeting on the designated day to create awareness regarding Vibhishika. All associations should be informed accordingly and requested to observe the programme properly.
- 6) It was discussed that youth involvement should be taken up on a priority basis. Meetings with youth and concerned officers in Delhi or wherever possible should be organized to encourage greater participation. The ongoing motivation efforts should continue, and the Youth Leaders of VSHFA should be actively involved in this initiative.

- 7) Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani also suggested that, with the support of Shri Shankar Lalwani Ji, MP, meetings with Ministers and other dignitaries in Delhi should be arranged as soon as possible. Such meetings should continue regularly to promote the activities and objectives of the Association.
- 8) It was also suggested that certificates should be printed and issued to all member associations so that they can display them in their respective offices. The draft of the certificate will be prepared and shared as soon as possible.
- 9) National President Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani suggested that a proper team should be formed to visit different parts of various States and meet local associations. He stated that this initiative would help increase membership and encourage more associations to join. It was decided that this programme would commence from 15th August 2026 onwards.
- 10) The annual membership fee was also discussed in detail. It was decided that, for the time being, only a one-time registration fee of ₹1,000 will be collected from each association to register with the Federation. This arrangement will continue until a further decision is taken at the next AGM.
- 11) National President Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani also discussed the proposed visit to Lucknow on the occasion of the annual function of Shiv Shanti Ashram, Lucknow. It was suggested that the Core Committee should utilize this opportunity to hold a meeting with the associations present and have a detailed discussion on the Federation's activities and future plans.

- 12) It was also discussed that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Core Committee Meeting will be held physically on 23rd and 24th September 2026 at Shiv Shanti Ashram, Lucknow.
7. The concluding remarks were delivered by National President Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani.
8. Vote of thanks given by Advisor Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani.
9. Meeting was adjourned by National President Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani at 10.30 pm.