

**Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of VSHFA held on 17th August 2026
at 08.00 pm on Zoom.**

1. The meeting was called to order at 08:00 pm sharp by the Vice President, Shri Ishwar Jhamnani. He welcomed everyone present.
2. The roll call was obtained.
3. The Following Core Committee Members were present.
 1. Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani
 2. Dr. Pitambar (Peter) Dhalwani
 3. Shri Manohar Mamtani
 4. Shri Rajaram Bhagwani
 5. Shri Prakash J. Chugh
 6. Shri Ishwar Jhamnani
 7. Shri Satendra Bhawnani
 8. Shri Raju Khetwani
 9. Shri Jeetu Jagwani
 10. Shri Rajeev Purswani
 11. Shri Mahesh Kumar Malkani
 12. Dr. Kanayalal Khatwani
 13. Shri Harish Gurnani
 14. Shri Sunil Ramrakhyani
 15. Dr. D.P. Lokwani

16. Shri Bhagchand Anandani
17. Smt. Pinky Khimnani
18. Smt. Anjana Rajpal
19. Shri Vijay Israni
20. Smt. Shobha Bhagia
21. Miss. Vidhi Rajpal
22. Dr. Amrita Dudia
23. Dr. Vaishnavi Premchandani
24. Shri Vijay Pahuja
25. Shri Rajiv Dhalwani
26. Dr. Raju Manwani
27. CA Amit Chawla

4. The Minutes of the 42nd Meeting were read by the National General Secretary, Dr. Raju V. Manwani, and were unanimously approved by the members present at the meeting, with one correction regarding the designation of Shri Satendra Bhawnani. His designation was mentioned as "Secretary" and should be corrected to "Vice President."

5. The Advisor, Shri Rajaram Bhagwani, discussed the appointment of seven Zonal Advisors, as mentioned below:

- i. North East Zonal Cultural Centre Dimapur: Mahesh Malkani
- ii. East Zonal Cultural Centre, Kolkata: Sri Mahesh Malkani
- iii. West Zonal Cultural Centre Udaipur: Sri Raju Manwani and Pawan Sindhi
- iv. South Central Zonal Cultural Centre Nagpur: Vinky Rughwani and Viki Kukreja
- v. South Central Zonal Cultural Centre Tanjavur: JC Prakash and kanhaiya Lal Khatwani

6. The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Treasurer's Team comprising Dr. Pitamber Dhalwani and Shri Jeetu Jagwani, with the guidance of the Advisor to the Treasurer's Team, Shri J. C. Prakash, and the able assistance of Vice President Shri Satendra Kumar Bhawnani.

The full and final accounts have been prepared with the assistance of our Chartered Accountant, CA Amit Chawla. The accounts will now be duly audited and presented at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), scheduled to be held in September at Lucknow.

7. There was a discussion regarding the General Body Meeting (AGM) scheduled to be held on 24th and 25th September 2026 at Lucknow. The Coordinator for the AGM, Vice President Shri Satendra Bhawnani, explained the detailed programme for both days, as well as the arrangements for 23rd September 2026.

He informed the members that the complete itinerary would be circulated shortly, following which members may make their travel and accommodation arrangements, including booking of tickets and rooms accordingly. The team led by Vice President Shri Satendra Bhawnani has done good preparatory work for the AGM.

8. The National Committee Chairpersons presented their reports, which were very positive and reflected the fruitful and dedicated efforts made by each Chairperson. The Core Committee highly appreciated the reports and the hard work of all the National Committee Chairpersons.

The Core Committee requested Dr. Amrita Dudia to prepare video recordings of all the Core Committee activities. She was given the responsibility to complete the same by 30th August, with the assistance of Advisor Shri Rajaram Bhagwani and the Core Team.

Shri Bhagchand Anandani requested that more marketing material be prepared, and the same was noted.

9. National General Secretary Dr. Raju V. Manwani presented his report regarding the meeting held at Washim with five associations, with the objective of enrolling them as members of VSHFA.

He requested all members not to delay submitting their reports in the group and to ensure that the reports are prepared and shared immediately after the work is completed.

10. National Committee Chairperson Shri Harish Gurnani requested everyone to share good photographs and reports with him and in the Core Group well in advance, so that the Bulletin can be prepared and published in a timely manner.
11. The meetings in Delhi arranged by Hon. Shri Shankar Lalwani ji, MP are to be followed up. Shri Rajaram Bhagwani, Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani, and Shri Sunil Ramrakhyani were requested to follow up with Hon. Shri Shankar Lalwani ji regarding these meetings.
12. On behalf of Hon. Shri Shankar Lalwani ji, Shri Sunil Ramrakhyani presented his report and informed the members that the Jhanki has been approved. He further informed that a meeting with the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Leh-Ladakh, is expected shortly, and further updates will be shared after the meeting.

He also requested that the names of ten committee members be proposed and submitted to Hon. Shri Shankar Lalwani ji. National General Secretary Dr. Raju V. Manwani requested the Advisory Committee to propose the names of the ten members, which will be shared in the group shortly.
13. Dr. Raju V. Manwani reported that a total of 242 associations have been registered so far. Out of these, membership fees have been received from 174 associations. The membership fee of ₹1,000 each from the remaining 68 associations is yet to be received. He requested the Treasurer's Team to follow up on the pending payments

14. He also updated the members about the recent visit of NCPSL Director Professor Hitendra Kumar Mishra to Mumbai. Around 25 intellectual Sindhi personalities attended the meeting, where detailed discussions were held regarding the role and responsibilities of NCPSL towards Sindhiyat, as well as the expectations and suggestions of VSHFA.

Information regarding Vibhajan Vibhishika was also shared with all present, and all associations were requested to observe this day every year.

15. He requested all officers to sincerely and diligently perform their duties, as there is very little time and much work to be accomplished. He emphasized that everyone should work accordingly and contribute their best efforts.

He also raised concerns regarding certain individuals associated with VSHFA who were allegedly engaging in activities and circulating messages contrary to the interests of Sindhiyat through concerned departments and WhatsApp groups. After discussion, it was unanimously decided that any person associated with VSHFA found engaging in activities against the interests of Sindhiyat would be immediately removed from VSHFA and would not be invited to any VSHFA programme or General Body Meeting. The decision was passed unanimously.

16. Under Any Other Matter, it was discussed that Coordinators may be appointed by Ms. Anjana Nagpal and Shri Mahesh Malkani to assist them in achieving their respective aims and objectives.

CA Shri Amit Chawla presented the accounts in detail along with the Treasurer's Team, including the various financial aspects and observations. The Core Committee decided that any decision taken by the Treasurer's Team under the guidance of Shri J. C. Prakash, Dr. Pitamber Dhalwani, Shri Anoop Tharwani, Shri Jeetu Jagwani, and Shri Satendra Kumar Bhawnani would be considered final. The Core Committee assured its full support to the Treasurer's Team in all matters.

Vice President Shri Ishwar Jhamnani invited all members of the Core Committee to attend the Sindhi Samaj meeting scheduled to be held on 12th and 13th at Bhopal. He requested everyone to attend the meeting so that more associations can be connected with VSHFA.

Regarding the Constitution and Bylaws, Shri Rajaram Bhagwani presented the final report after discussion with the Advisory Committee. The Constitution and Bylaws will be ready to be placed before the AGM at Lucknow.

It was discussed that several provisions of the Constitution are required to be approved at the forthcoming AGM. The provision for online voting may also be considered and approved. It was further decided that ID cards and appointment letters for all VSHFA officers should be issued, as far as possible, by 30th August 2026.

Shri Satendra Bhawnani ji requested Dr. Vaishnavi Premchandani to create and share good creatives. He also suggested that similar creatives could be prepared by each Core Committee member for circulation in their respective groups. Dr. Vaishnavi Premchandani agreed to the same.

17. The concluding remarks were given by National President Dr. Gurmukh Jagwani. He strongly emphasized that persons who engage in activities against the interests of the Sindhi Samaj or attempt to undermine others should not be invited to VSHFA programmes. If such persons are associated with VSHFA, appropriate action should be taken and they should be removed immediately.

He thanked everyone for their contributions and appreciated all the National Committee Chairpersons for the excellent manner in which they presented their reports. He encouraged everyone to continue their good work in the same manner. The same was also appreciated by Vice President Shri Ishwar Jhamnani.

18. Vote of thanks given by Secretary Ms. Anjana Rajpal.
19. Meeting was adjourned by National President Dr. Gurumukh Jagwani at 09.15 pm