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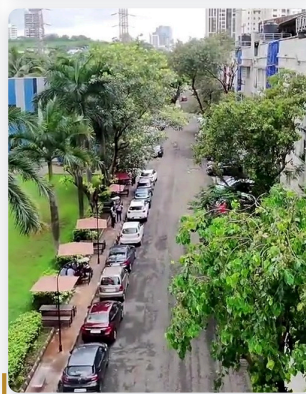
Newsletter

WADALA, MUMBAI

JUNE – AUGUST 2026

25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

— *Provoked by intellect, propelled by values* —



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From the Principal's Desk

Unlocking minds and unleashing potential

Dear Readers,

It gives me great pleasure to present this edition of our newsletter, which captures a vibrant first quarter of the academic year 2026–27. From June to August, our campus came alive with learning that reached well beyond the classroom.



Dr. Rohini Kelkar
PRINCIPAL

Our departments organised hands-on workshops on web development, real-time cloud applications, prompt engineering, case-study analysis and photography, and strengthened the curriculum through bridge courses and a value-added course in direct taxation. The Internal Smart India Hackathon 2026, with 105 participating teams, and the Data Intelligence & Cybersecurity Symposium showcased the innovative spirit of our students.

Industrial visits to TIFR, the RBI Monetary Museum, CCIL, Navneet Education, the Amul Plant, the National Museum of Indian Cinema and The Times of India Press gave our students first-hand exposure to research, finance, manufacturing and media. Our students also brought laurels to the institute at the Mumbai University Youth Festival, FINACC 2026 and Jhankar.

I am especially proud of our faculty, whose work this quarter includes a published patent, a copyright registration for the SADHANA Model, a registered design for a Garment Weighing Device, peer-reviewed research publications and ISBNs for new books.

Through Campus Connect sessions with parents, the orientation of our new students and the dedicated service of our NSS volunteers, we continue to strengthen the bond between the institute, families and the wider community.

I congratulate every student, faculty member and staff member who made this quarter memorable, and I look forward to an even more rewarding term ahead.

Vidyalankar — an institute provoked by intellect and propelled by values

Dr. Rohini Kelkar

Principal, VSIT



Department of **Computing**

Quarter at a Glance

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Industrial Visits

Amul Plant & Drupe Engineering; TIFR

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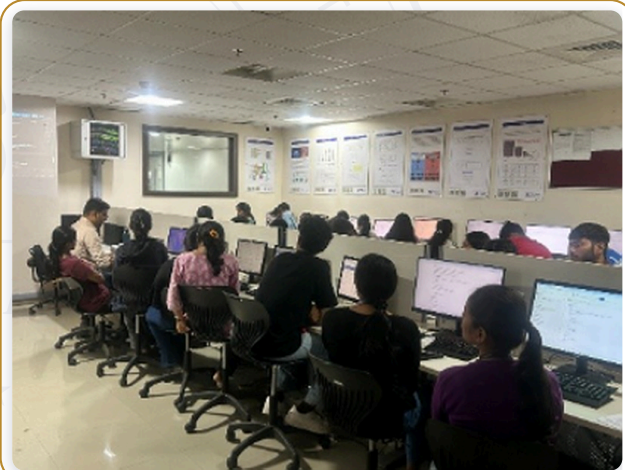


Web Development using Node.js and AI Tools

The Department of Computing, VSIT, organised a hands-on workshop on “Web Development using Node.js and AI Tools” on 18th July 2026 for First Year students, covering HTML, JavaScript, APIs, the Fetch API and Node.js through practical activities.

Scalable Real-Time Web Applications

The Department of Computing, VSIT, organised a hands-on workshop on “Building Scalable Real-Time Web Applications with .NET + Redis + AWS” on 22nd August 2026 for Third Year students. The session provided practical exposure to real-time application development, polling, scalability and cloud-based technologies through demonstrations and hands-on activities.



Prompt Engineering for Gen AI Applications

The Department of Computing, VSIT, organised a hands-on workshop on “Prompt Engineering for Gen AI Applications” on 29th August 2026 for Third Year students. The session introduced prompt-design techniques and best practices through demonstrations and practical activities, helping students develop effective, context-aware Generative AI solutions.

Academic Highlights

Seminar: Digital India, Cultural Roots



The Department of IT and Data Science organised a seminar on “Digital India, Cultural Roots: Exploring the Impact of IT on Indian Culture” on 16th July 2026.

The session was conducted by Mr. Nilesh Alate, Public Policy and Digital Communication Professional, Government of Maharashtra, and focused on IT’s role in Indian culture.



Students explored how digital platforms and emerging technologies can preserve and promote Indian traditions, languages, art, literature and heritage.

The seminar highlighted responsible technology use and the need to balance digital development with cultural values, encouraging students to explore innovative preservation methods.

Department Activities



Department Activities



Internal Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2026

VSIT successfully conducted the Internal Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2026 on 8th August 2026, witnessing participation from 105 teams.

The event aimed to promote innovation, creativity, teamwork, technical skills and problem-solving through real-world problem statements.



Students developed technology-driven solutions across areas such as AI, data science, cybersecurity, robotics, healthcare, education and agriculture.

The hackathon provided a platform for multidisciplinary collaboration and encouraged students to apply their technical knowledge to practical challenges.

Student Achievement



Data Intelligence & Cybersecurity Symposium 2026

The Data Intelligence & Cybersecurity Symposium 2026 was successfully conducted with participation from students of VSIT and various other colleges. The symposium featured three tracks — Data to Decisions, Intelligent Machines, and AI & Cyber Threats — showcasing innovative solutions in data intelligence, AI and cybersecurity. Students from VSIT and other institutions secured several 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Consolation Prizes across the different tracks.

UniLumin Activity 2 at Infocomm

VSIT students participated in UniLumin Activity 2 at Infocomm and showcased their skills and enthusiasm. Their participation resulted in notable achievements and recognition at the event.

The students won exciting prizes for their performance, including a Logitech G502 HERO Gaming Mouse and an Osmo Pocket 4 Camera. This achievement reflects the students' active participation and competitive spirit.



Student Achievement



Internal Smart India Hackathon 2026

The Internal Smart India Hackathon 2026, held at VSIT on 8th August 2026, witnessed participation from 105 teams. The event provided students with a platform to address real-world problem statements and develop innovative, technology-driven solutions. It encouraged creativity, collaboration, experiential learning and multidisciplinary participation across software and hardware categories. Students also explored diverse themes and applied emerging technologies to practical challenges.

The hackathon strengthened students' technical, problem-solving, leadership, communication, teamwork, innovation and presentation skills. Students showcased projects across five tracks, including the Hardware Track, with guidance from faculty mentors.

The initiative promoted innovation, entrepreneurship, skill development, research and industry-oriented learning, encouraging students to move beyond classroom learning and apply their knowledge to meaningful real-world challenges.



Faculty Achievement



Faculty Training Programme on Jira

The Department of Information Technology organised a Faculty Training Programme on Jira on 4th July 2026, conducted by Mr. Eric Mandviwala, Lead Technical Product Manager at HERE Technologies.

The training provided hands-on exposure to Jira Cloud and to Agile, Scrum and Kanban methodologies, including project planning, sprint management, issue tracking, workflows, dashboards and reporting. The interactive session also offered valuable industry insights into using Jira for backlog management, defect tracking, release management and team collaboration.

DATE

4th July 2026

RESOURCE PERSON

**Mr. Eric
Mandviwala, HERE
Technologies**

FOCUS

**Jira Cloud, Agile,
Scrum & Kanban**

Industry, Alumni & External Connect



Industrial Visit: Amul Plant and Drupe Engineering Pvt. Ltd.

The Department of Computing organised an industrial visit to Panchamrut Dairy (Amul Plant) and Drupe Engineering Pvt. Ltd., Taloja, on 20th August 2026 for 38 Second Year B.Sc. IT students.

Students gained practical exposure to dairy processing, quality testing and modern industrial operations at the Amul Plant, enhancing their understanding of real-world production processes.



At Drupe Engineering Pvt. Ltd., students observed precision engineering, robotics, CNC cutting and automated manufacturing technologies used in industrial environments.

The visit helped students connect classroom learning with practical applications while understanding the importance of technology, automation and quality control in industry.

Industry, Alumni & External Connect



Industrial Visit: Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)

The Department of IT and Data Science organised an industrial visit to the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Colaba, Mumbai, on 16th July 2026 for 30 M.Sc. Data Science & AI and M.Sc. IT students.

Students gained practical exposure to scientific research, advanced IT infrastructure, data centres, private cloud, virtualisation, networking and automation.



The visit also included the Research Library and Heritage Gallery, along with interactive technical sessions that provided valuable insights into TIFR's research and technological environment.

The visit helped students connect academic concepts with real-world applications and explore future opportunities in IT, Data Science, AI and scientific research.

Campus & Community Engagement



Campus Connect: Parent Edition

The Department of Computing, Vidyalankar School of Information Technology, organised “Campus Connect: Parent Edition” on 25th July 2026 for parents of Second and Third Year B.Sc. IT and B.Sc. Data Science students, with 104 participants.

The session covered academics, examinations, attendance, mentoring, internships, skill development, placements and higher-education opportunities, along with student-support initiatives.



Faculty members highlighted student-support initiatives and career-guidance activities, followed by an interactive Q&A session with parents.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks, appreciating the active participation and valuable interaction of the parents.



Department of
Management

Quarter at a Glance

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Industrial Visits

RBI Monetary Museum, CCIL & Navneet Education

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Seminars

Angel Investment, BrandFluence, CET Preparation, Placement Readiness & ESG Investing

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Workshops

Cyber Defence, Case Study Analysis & Professional Readiness

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Bridge Courses

Financial Mathematics & Fundamentals of Accounting

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Value-Added Course

Direct Tax Pro VAC 2026-27: practical learning in taxation

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Industry Events

Insurance Conference, upGrad Marketing Fair & Kahaanibaaz

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Faculty Authors

ISBN numbers allotted for books by faculty members

1

Peer-Reviewed Paper

Research publication with a DOI

Academic Highlights

Seminars and Placement Sessions



Angel Investment

On 9th July 2026, the department organised a seminar on “Angel Investment” by Mr. Uday Tardalkar. Students gained valuable insights into start-up funding, the investor mindset, pitching ideas and the journey from an idea to an investment.

Career Launch

On 11th July 2026, TY students attended a “Career Launch” session focused on placement preparation, career roadmaps, interview skills and industry expectations to help them become job-ready.



BrandFluence

On 30th July 2026, Mr. Vakil conducted a seminar on “BrandFluence”. Students explored the power of branding, influencer marketing and how brands create impact in the digital era in an interactive, thought-provoking session.

Academic Highlights

Bridge Courses

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT
... ORGANIZES ...
**BRIDGE COURSE ON :
FUNDAMENTALS OF ACCOUNTING**



MS. PRATHMA NEMANE
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
DEPARTMENT OF
MANAGEMENT



DR. LEENA NAIR
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
DEPARTMENT OF
MANAGEMENT

COURSE SCHEDULE:

11 JULY 2026	Accounting Concepts, Conventions and Accounting Standards	Ms. Prathma Nemane
18 JULY 2026	Capital and Revenue Expenditure and Receipts and Journal Entries	Dr. Leena Nair

DATE:
11th JULY 2026 &
18th JULY 2026

TIME:
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

TARGET STUDENTS:
FYBBA STUDENTS



SCAN FOR REGISTRATION

VSIT

Fundamentals of Accounting

The department conducted a Bridge Course on Fundamentals of Accounting for FYBBA students on 11th and 18th July 2026, from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. The sessions covered accounting concepts, conventions and standards, and capital and revenue expenditure.

Basics of Financial Mathematics

A Bridge Course on Basics of Financial Mathematics was held on 11th and 18th July 2026, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, for students of BBA, BAF, BBI, BFM and BFA, strengthening their foundational skills in financial mathematics.

BASICS OF FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS
WITH:
MATAPRASAD CHAURASIA
FACULTY INCHARGE

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT
... ORGANIZES ...
**BRIDGE COURSE ON:
BASICS OF FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS**



DATE:
11th & 18th July 2026

TIME:
10 AM to 12 PM

TARGET STUDENTS:
BBA, BAF, BBI, BFM & BFA



SCAN FOR REGISTRATION

VSIT

Academic Highlights

Workshops and Value-Added Course



Mastering Case Studies: Learning by Doing

On 18th August 2026, a session on "Mastering Case Studies" gave students hands-on insights into real-world business scenarios, analytical thinking and strategic decision-making.

Cyber Defence: Building Digital Security Awareness

On 11th August 2026, Mr. Yasir Arafat sensitised students to emerging cyber threats, phishing, malware, password security and safe digital practices through real-world examples and practical insights.



Direct Tax Pro VAC 2026-27

From 11th July to 8th August 2026, the Direct Tax Pro Value-Added Course gave students practical exposure to direct taxation and its real-world applications, enhancing their professional readiness.



Academic Highlights

ESG Seminar and Staff Workshop

Sustainable Finance & ESG Investing

On 25th August 2026, Mr. Subhag Rai conducted a seminar on “Sustainable Finance & ESG Investing”. Students explored how Environmental, Social and Governance factors are reshaping the investment landscape and driving responsible financial decisions for a sustainable future.



Teamwork, Accountability and Ownership

In collaboration with the Staff Development Committee, the department organised a workshop for non-teaching staff on 22nd August 2026. The session focused on building a collaborative spirit, taking responsibility and fostering a sense of ownership.



Department Activities

First-Year BBA Orientation Programme

On 13th June 2026, the department welcomed new students at the First-Year BBA Orientation Programme, familiarising them with the programme, their academic journey and campus life.



Parent Connect Programme

The department organised a Parent Connect Programme for AY 2026-27, focused on building strong collaboration between parents and the institution for the holistic growth of students.



Department Activities

Semester Induction: Preparing Students for the Semester Ahead

On 15th June 2026, class teachers of FY BBA, SY BMS and TY BMS conducted a semester induction to brief students about the academic activities, events and opportunities planned for the semester.



Student Achievement



Mumbai University Youth Festival

TYBMS students Pranav Yeola and Yashraj Golecha won the Consolation Prize and qualified for the final round of the Debate (Marathi) Competition at the Youth Festival organised by the University of Mumbai.

FINACC 2026

BMS students won prizes at FINACC 2026, R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics: 3rd Prize in Quiz-O-Accounts (Large Cap) for Shubham Sarkar and Gaurav Khare (SYBMS), and 3rd Prize in Between the Lines (Small Cap) for Amay Tripathi and Shivans Tiwari (SYBMS).



Faculty Achievement



From Idea to Patent

A patent for a “Washing Load Monitoring Device” has been published by a team of VSIT faculty members: Ms. Sindhu Krishnan, Chief Operations Officer; Dr. Umesh Koyande and Dr. Sandip Khandekar, Assistant Professors; Ms. Riddhi Gada; and Ms. Kavitha Chandramohan. The achievement turns an innovative idea into a formally protected invention.

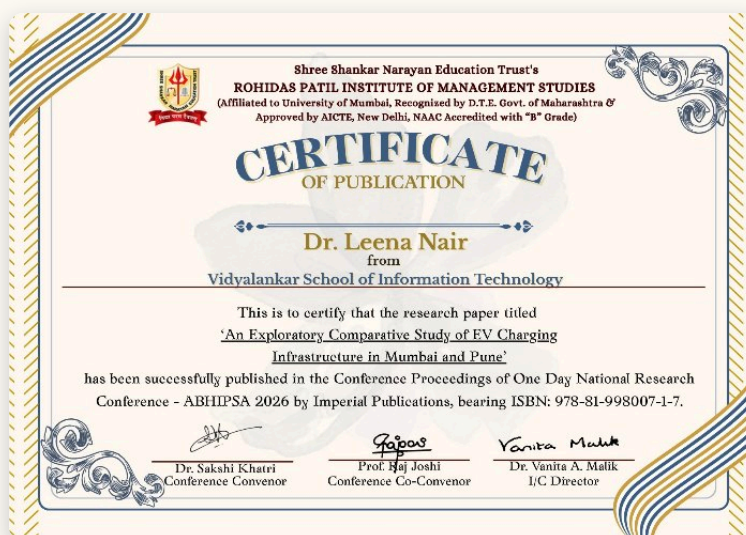
Research Publication: Advancing Knowledge in Monetary Policy

Ms. Poonam Singh published a research paper, “Monetary Policy and Inflation Dynamics in India: An Analysis under the Inflation Targeting Framework (2016 Onwards)”, in the International Journal of Versatile Research and Analysis (IJVRA), Volume 4, Issue 6, June 2026. The peer-reviewed paper, dated 10th June 2026, carries DOI 10.56975/ijvra.v4i6.705618.

Research & Innovation

Research in Sustainable Mobility

Dr. Leena Nair published “An Exploratory Comparative Study of EV Charging Infrastructure in Mumbai and Pune” in the proceedings of the One-Day National Research Conference – ABHIPSA 2026, organised by Imperial Publications (ISBN 978-81-998007-1-7).



ISBN Numbers Allotted

During the quarter, ISBN numbers were allotted to the following books authored or co-authored by faculty members of the department:

Faculty Author(s)	Book Title	ISBN
Ms. Prathama Nemane	<i>Foundation of Financial Statements</i>	978-93-6123-613-6
Ms. Poonam Singh	<i>Management Skills</i>	978-93-5937-711-7
Mr. Mataprasad Chaurasia	<i>Financial Mathematics – 1</i>	978-93-344-8055-9
Ms. Shruti Kamble & Dr. Harish Noula	<i>Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility</i>	978-93-344-7912-6
Dr. Leena Nair & Ms. Shruti Kamble	<i>Core Concepts of Business Administration</i>	978-93-6123-628-0

Industrial Visits



From Classroom to RBI

On 18th June 2026, students visited the RBI Monetary Museum – Mudra Sangrahalaya to learn about the fascinating history of money.

Exploring the Core of Indian Finance

On 6th and 7th July 2026, students visited CCIL – The Clearing Corporation of India Limited and saw how India's financial markets work behind the scenes.



What We Studied in Operations Management, We Saw at Navneet

On 22nd August 2026, a field visit to Navneet Education Ltd. gave students first-hand exposure to large-scale manufacturing, operations, supply chain and corporate management, connecting classroom learning with industry practice.

Alumni Interaction



An Inspiring Alumni Talk for BBA Freshers

On 16th June 2026, alumnus Mr. Sumit Sharma shared his insights, experiences and guidance with BBA freshers, giving them a glimpse of the professional world and motivating them to begin their academic journey with confidence.

Stepping into the Professional World

On 20th August 2026, VSIT alumni Pezan Hiranamek and Garv Vedga led a workshop on "Stepping into the Professional World: Building Your Identity".



External Collaboration



From Classrooms to Industry Insights

On 8th June 2026, TYBMS and SYBMS students attended the upGrad Marketing Fair 2026, exploring marketing trends and connecting with industry experts.

Reimagining Insurance

On 1st July 2026, students attended the seminar "Reimagining Insurance in a Rapidly Transforming Risk Landscape" at the Insurance Institute of India, BKC, gaining insights into emerging trends and challenges in the insurance sector.



Campus & Community Engagement

NSS Volunteers: Engaging, Serving and Making a Difference

NSS volunteers from the department took part in Blood Donation Camps, School Kit Preparation Drives, FY Orientation Programme volunteering, Polio Immunisation Drives, the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan Mass Pledge and Friendship Beyond Labels. They also joined the live telecast of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's address on anti-drug addiction, the YCP Programme Orientation and Child Labour Awareness activities, demonstrating their commitment to social responsibility, community service and active citizenship.





Department of **Mass Media**

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Industrial Visits

National Museum of Indian Cinema & The Times of India Press

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Seminars & Guest Lectures

Industry-led sessions on media, marketing, AI, social media & fact-checking

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Workshop

Photography

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Student Achievements

Fusion Footwork winner & Mumbai University Youth Festival recognition

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Faculty

IPR registrations: SADHANA Model & Garment Weighing Device



Campus Connect

Parents Edition, bringing together parents, students & faculty

Academic Highlights

Industrial Visit, Contests & Seminar



National Museum of Indian Cinema

The Department of Mass Media, VSIT, organised an industrial visit to the National Museum of Indian Cinema for BAMMC and BADMC students on 19th June 2026. Students explored the evolution of Indian cinema, filmmaking, storytelling and media technology through interactive exhibits. The visit also offered insights into sound, editing, legendary filmmakers and cinema's cultural impact.

World Photography Day

The Department of Mass Media, VSIT, celebrated World Photography Day with a "HOME"-themed activity featuring two contests. Students showcased their creativity and perspectives through photography. Entries were judged by Dr. Saeed Vaze, with winners receiving e-certificates for their outstanding work.



Social Media Beyond Marketing

The Department of Mass Media, VSIT, organised a guest lecture on "Social Media Beyond Marketing" led by Mr. Rushikesh Agre. The session covered social awareness, responsible communication, fact-checking and critical thinking in the AI era. His Mumbai storm forecast of 13th May 2025 highlighted the importance of accurate and timely communication during climate events. The interactive session concluded with a Q&A on ethical digital practices.

Department Activities



Department Activities



Campus Connect: Parents Edition 2026

The Department of Mass Media, VSIT, organised “Campus Connect: Parents Edition 2026” for SY and TY BAMMC students and their parents on 18th July 2026.

The session highlighted the department’s academic roadmap, student initiatives, achievements, internships and media career opportunities.



It also covered placements, skill development, portfolio building, leadership and higher education, helping parents understand students’ career pathways.

An interactive Q&A addressed academic and career concerns, strengthening communication between parents, students and the institution.

Student Achievement

1st
PRIZE

Fusion Footwork at Jhankar

Sakshi Jadhav, a TY BAMMC (Advertising) student, secured 1st Prize in Fusion Footwork at Jhankar, organised by N. G. Acharya College to celebrate its Community Radio anniversary. Her achievement highlights her talent, creativity and dedication to the performing arts, bringing pride to the department and the institution.

3rd
PLACE

Mumbai University Youth Festival

Priyasha Bamugade, a TY BAMMC student, secured 3rd place at the Mumbai University Youth Festival Zonal Round held at Bhavan's College and advanced to the finals. She also performed at Mumbai University, Santacruz, gaining valuable exposure and confidence while representing her college at the university-level competition.

Faculty Achievement

The SADHANA Model has been registered under the Copyright Act, 1957, with Dr. Lakshmi Ravi Pillai as the author and VSIT as the owner. Inspired by Sanatan Dharma and Stoic philosophy, it offers a seven-principle framework for navigating modern life. The copyright was recorded on 25th August 2026, marking an achievement in intellectual creativity and knowledge development.



Dr. Lakshmi Pillai
SADHANA Model



From Philosophy to Framework

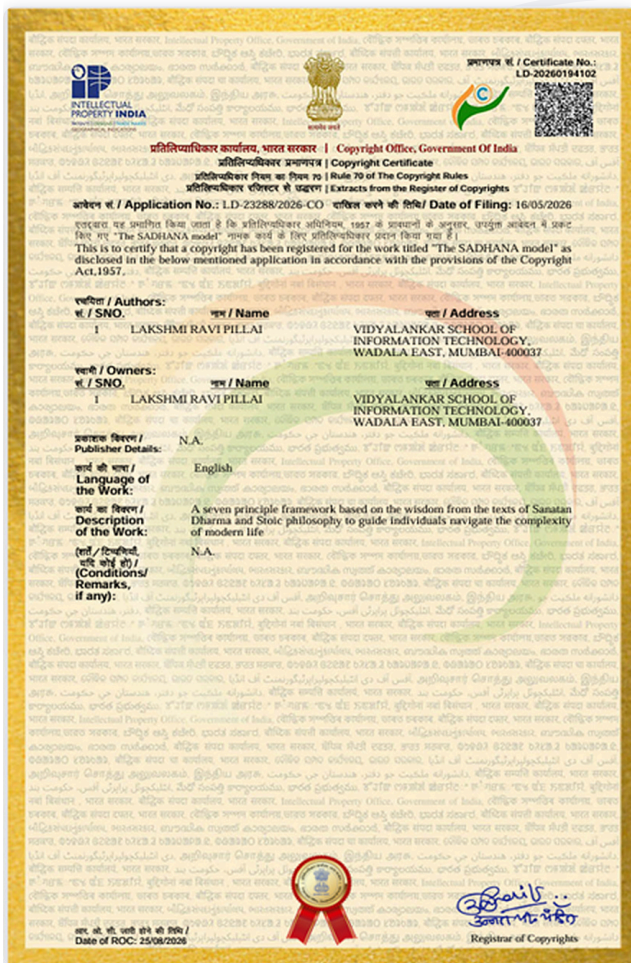
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Research & Innovation

Design Registration: Garment Weighing Device



The Garment Weighing Device design has been officially registered under Class 10-04 as per the Designs Act, 2000 and the Designs Rules, 2001. The design is credited to Ms. Sindhu Krishnan, Dr. D. Ravindran, Dr. Lakshmi Pillai, Ms. Mary Godpins Gavaskar, Ms. Agnus Anthony Meledath and Ms. Dipika Sunderraj. Granted on 10th June 2026, the registration marks a significant achievement in innovation and design development.

DESIGN CLASS
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GRANTED ON
10th June 2026

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Designs Act, 2000 & Designs Rules, 2001

Innovation by Design

Industry, Alumni & External Connect



The Creative Side of Marketing

The Department of Mass Media, VSIT, organised “The Creative Side of Marketing” for FY, SY and TY BMMC and BADMC students.

Industry experts Mehul Singh and Ira Vengurlekar shared insights on creativity, storytelling, branding, consumer engagement and digital media.

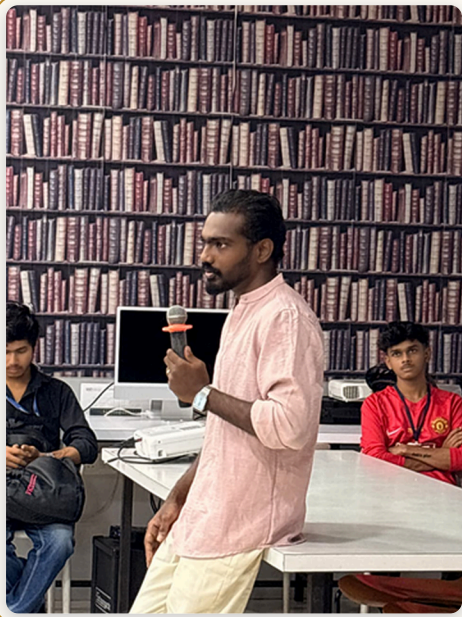


The speakers also discussed audience-centric advertising, emotional and cultural branding, and AI's role in marketing.

The interactive session encouraged students to explore career opportunities and strengthen their creative thinking.

Industry, Alumni & External Connect

Career Opportunities in Advertising and Marketing



The Department of Mass Media, VSIT, organised a guest speaker session on 13th July 2026 featuring Anto Gladwin, Digital Asset Librarian at Omnicom, for BAMMC and BADMC students.

The session explored advertising and marketing careers, agency structure and industry opportunities.

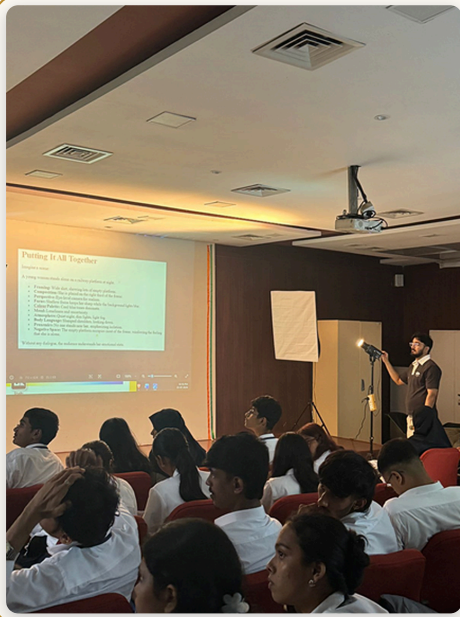
The speaker highlighted strategy, brand management and industry-relevant skills, along with tools such as Photoshop, Premiere Pro, DaVinci Resolve, Excel and AI.

Students were encouraged to gain experience through internships, freelancing and portfolio building. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A and a vote of thanks.



Industry, Alumni & External Connect

Master the Moment – Hands-on Photography Workshop



The Department of Mass Media, VSIT, organised “Master the Moment – Hands-on Photography Workshop” for FY, SY and TY BAMMC and BADMC students, led by Vinnyll Sonar.

The workshop covered visualisation, composition, framing, camera operations, perspectives, angles and shot types.

Through practical exercises, students explored lighting, colour, aesthetics and visual storytelling with interactive feedback.

The workshop strengthened students’ technical photography skills, creative expression and professional practices.



Industry, Alumni & External Connect

Industrial Visit to The Times of India Press

On 25th August 2026, 43 students visited The Times of India Press, Kandivali, gaining insights into its history, legacy and newspaper operations. The Production Manager introduced students to Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd., the evolution of The Times of India and its key milestones.



Students observed the complete newspaper production process, including CMYK printing, inking, packing and distribution. They also explored advanced printing machinery valued at approximately ₹300 crore, gaining practical knowledge of modern printing technology and newspaper production.

DATE

**25th August
2026**

PARTICIPANTS

43 Students

VENUE

**Kandivali
Press**

MACHINERY

**About ₹300
Crore**



Department of **Commerce**

Quarter at a Glance

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Add-on Courses

30-hour courses for skills, knowledge & career readiness

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Industry Visits

New India Assurance, RBI Monetary Museum, ICAI Tower & Money Expo

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Workshops

AI Tools, IPR & Copyright and Risk Management

6

Student Achievements

Competitions, certifications, entrepreneurship & sport

6

Faculty Achievements

Books, patents, copyrights, promotions & research

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Department Activities

Commerce Carnival & Campus Connect – Parent Edition

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Research Initiative

Dnyan Setu – Faculty Seminar on interdisciplinary research

1

Institutional Collaboration

Letter of Collaboration with ICAI

Academic Highlights

Mentoring & Add-on Courses



Mentoring Session for FYBAF Students

The Department of Commerce organised a mentoring session for FYBAF students with campus counsellor Dr. Kirti Potkar. The session offered guidance on career planning and mental well-being, giving students space to discuss their academic and professional aspirations alongside the importance of positive mental health.

Six Add-on Courses for Skill and Career Readiness

The department offered six 30-hour Add-on Courses to build practical knowledge, employability and career readiness, helping students develop specialised competencies beyond the regular curriculum.



Licentiate Certification (Insurance Institute of India)



Smart Finance: Budgeting, Saving & Investing



Life Skill and Leadership



Data Visualization



Economics for Informed Citizens



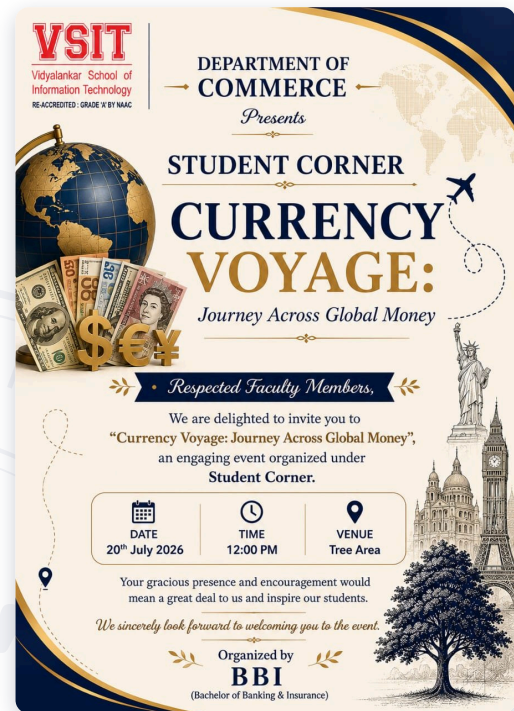
Financial Modelling

Academic Highlights

Student Corner & Industry Workshop

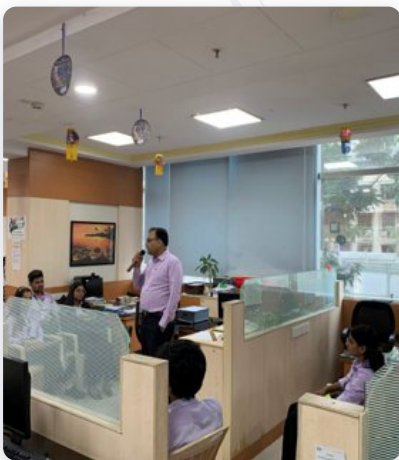
Currency Voyage – Journey Across Global Money

The Student Corner: Currency Voyage, organised by BBI students, traced the evolution of money from the barter system to modern digital payments. Students also explored currencies across countries and the fundamentals of foreign exchange, connecting economic concepts with everyday transactions and the global monetary system.



Workshop at New India Assurance Co. Ltd., Dadar

SY BBI students attended a workshop at the New India Assurance Dadar Divisional Office on 17th July 2026. Mr. Anand K. Amritkar, Chief Business Manager, introduced risk identification and analysis, the principles of insurance and the regulatory role of IRDAI, along with Mediciclaim, cyber, professional liability, errors and omissions and public liability insurance.



Academic Highlights

Student Corner: Finance Meets AI

Financial Analytics and AI Demonstrations

From 17th to 24th August 2026, First Year B.Com (Finance & Analytics) students demonstrated a Financial Analytics Dashboard and an AI-based application at the Student Corner, applying classroom concepts to technology-enabled financial solutions.



BFM Student Corner

25 Years of Excellence

BFM students used the Student Corner to explain financial concepts and demonstrate technology-based solutions. These student-led activities built confidence, analytical thinking and presentation skills, and showed how digital tools fit into contemporary financial practice.



Academic Highlights

AI Workshop & Financial Gamification

Hands-on Workshop: Exploring Powerful AI Tools

On 29th August 2026, M.Com students attended a hands-on workshop led by Ms. Sanjeela S. and Ms. Swarupa G., Assistant Professors of Information Technology. Students were introduced to Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI, practised prompt creation, and explored AI applications in finance, accounting, marketing and business decision-making.



FinHousie – Financial Gamification

BFM students took part in FinHousie, a financial gamification session that turned finance into an interactive game. Applying their financial knowledge in a playful, participative setting, students strengthened their understanding of key concepts through experiential learning.



Department Activities

Campus Connect – Parent Edition

The department organised Campus Connect: Parent Edition to strengthen the partnership between the institution and parents. Parents received an overview of students' academic and co-curricular progress, departmental initiatives and upcoming activities, and were encouraged to take a more active part in their children's development.

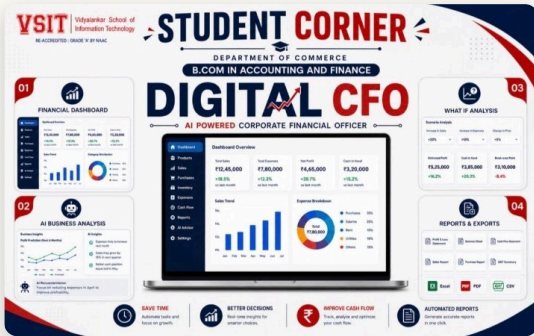


International Commerce Day 2026 – Commerce Carnival

On 30th July 2026, the department celebrated International Commerce Day with a Commerce Carnival featuring commerce-based games, exhibitions, student business stalls and interactive learning activities. The highlight was a panel discussion on "Impact of AI in Careers of Commerce" with CA Parth Shah, Ms. Jyoti Rai, CA Yusuf Patel, CA Priyal Shah and Dr. Mandar Chaudhari.



Student Achievement



Digital CFO App – Student Innovation

BAF students developed and presented the Digital CFO App, an AI-enabled solution that generates accounting and GST reports. The project showed how commerce knowledge can be combined with emerging technology to meet practical accounting needs.

Third Prize in Fusion Food Activity

FY BAF A students Jerin Glara, Tanishka Badala, Kaveree Bodi and Vinaya Ningamolla won Third Prize in the Fusion Food Activity organised by the Food and Beverage Committee, reflecting creativity and teamwork beyond the classroom.



Accounting Exhibition at Commerce Carnival

Jerin Glara, Kaveree Bodi, Vinaya Ningamolla, Ganesh Lagishetty, Manisha Metri, Sania Shaikh and Disha Parmar were recognised for their Accounting Exhibition at the Commerce Carnival, presenting accounting concepts in an engaging, interactive format.

Student Achievement



Tata STRIVE Entrepreneurship Programme

Vivek Malviya, TYBFM, was felicitated at the Tata STRIVE Entrepreneurship Development Program 2026 Graduation Ceremony in Mumbai, recognising his successful completion of the entrepreneurship-focused programme.

National-Level Kickboxing Gold

Harsh Salekar, M.Com Part I (Advanced Accountancy), became a two-time Gold Medalist at the National Level Kickboxing Championship — a testament to his discipline and his ability to balance academics with competitive sport.



NISM Certification

Parth Lalit Nagda cleared the NISM Series V-A: Mutual Fund Distributors Certification Examination, adding an industry-recognised credential in mutual funds and financial services to his academic learning.

Faculty Achievement



Promoted to Associate Professor

Dr. Swagatika Nanda was promoted to Associate Professor, a milestone that recognises her sustained contribution to teaching, academic development and the department.

Ph.D. Awarded – Dr. Agnus Meledath

Dr. Agnus Meledath successfully completed her Ph.D. Open Defence Viva-Voce. Her thesis, “An Overview of Credit Management Practices Adopted by Wholesalers of Housewares and Electrical Dealers in Mumbai City”, contributes to the study of credit-management practice.



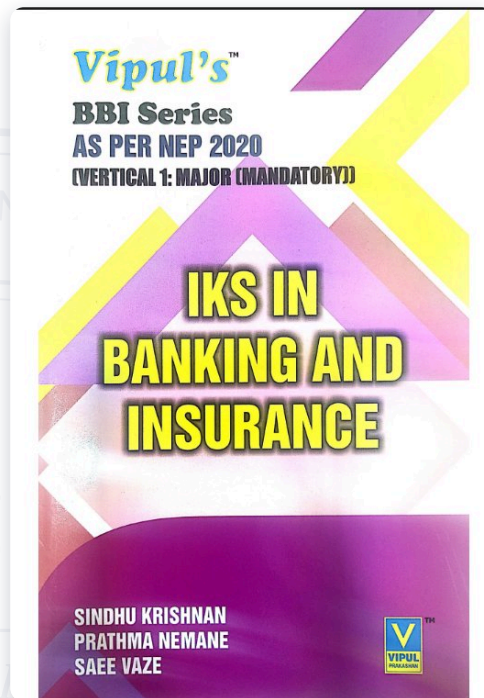
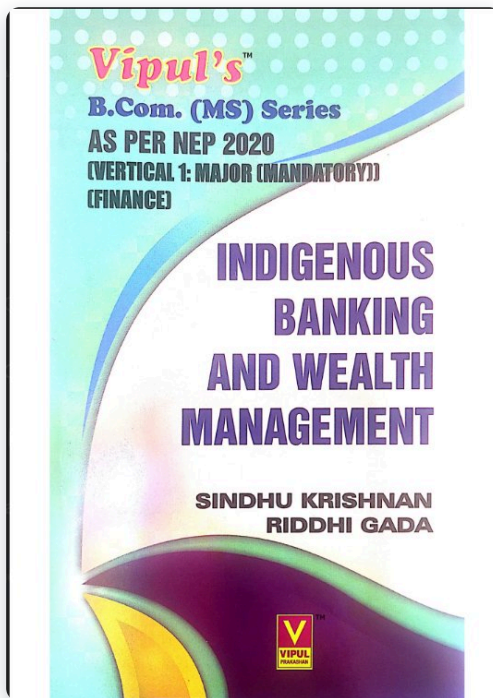
Copyright and Design Registration

Dr. Agnus Meledath also registered a copyright for “Chapter 2 Leadership” and is a co-creator of the registered design for the Garment Weighing Device.

Faculty Achievement

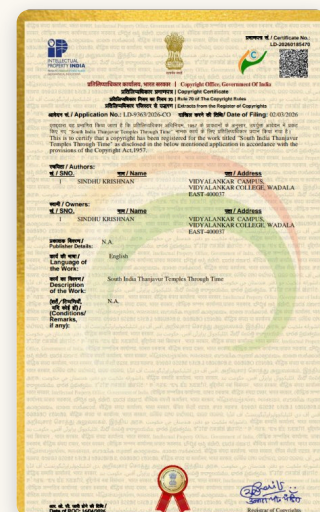
Faculty Authors: Books on Banking and Insurance

Faculty members published books on “Indigenous Banking and Wealth Management” and “IKS in Banking and Insurance”, documenting contemporary and indigenous perspectives in banking, wealth management and insurance for students and readers of commerce.



Copyright: Thanjavur Temples Through Time

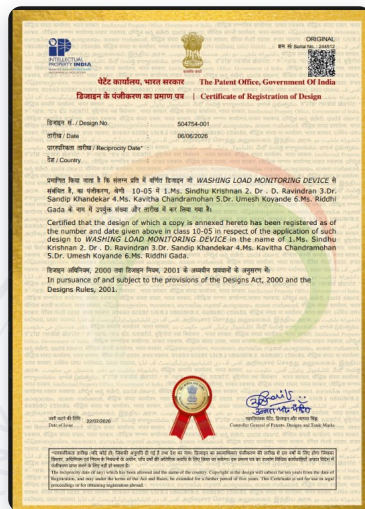
The department recorded the copyright registration of “South India: Thanjavur Temples Through Time”, a scholarly work documenting the history and heritage of the Thanjavur temples.



Faculty Achievement

Patents and Design Registrations

This quarter, a faculty team of Ms. Sindhu Krishnan, Dr. Sandip Khandekar, Dr. Umesh Koyande, Ms. Riddhi Gada and Ms. Kavitha Chandramohan published a patent for a “Washing Load Monitoring Device”. Mr. Ajay Poojary also registered a “Visual Dashboard Design”, turning a practical idea into a formally protected asset.



Washing Load Monitoring Device



Visual Dashboard Design – Mr. Ajay Poojary

Copyright Registrations – Dr. Mandar Chaudhari

Dr. Mandar Chaudhari registered copyrights for his works “Ballot Box Leviathan” and “Inequality Paradox”, adding to the department’s growing body of original scholarly work.



Ballot Box Leviathan



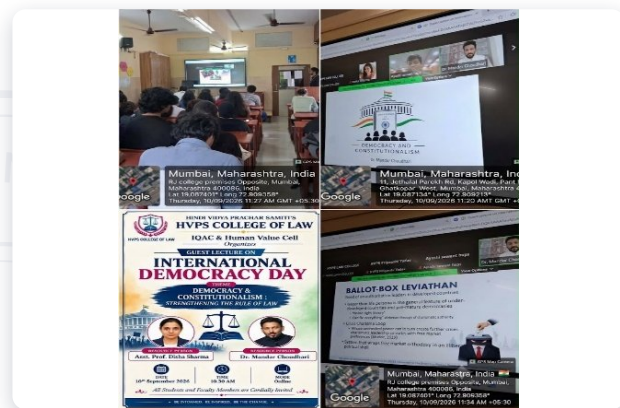
Inequality Paradox

Research & Innovation

Research and Academic Engagement

Dr. Mandar Chaudhari – Beyond the Campus

Dr. Mandar Chaudhari conducted sessions on “Research Question to Research Paper” for MBA students and faculty at Rajiv Gandhi College of Management, served as a panelist at an International Conference on Viksit Bharat 2047, and delivered an academic session at HVPS College of Law.



Dnyan Setu – Faculty Seminar

On 31st July 2026, the Research and Development Committee organised Dnyan Setu, a faculty seminar where Dr. Leena Jadhav, Dr. Agnus A. and Dr. Sae Vaze presented their research, encouraging interdisciplinary dialogue and strengthening VSIT's research culture.



Dr. Sae Vaze



Dr. Leena Jadhav



Dr. Agnus A.

Industry, Alumni & External Connect

National CA Day Celebration at ICAI Tower, BKC

CA-aspiring students were invited to ICAI Tower, BKC, for the National CA Day Celebration and a Career Counselling Seminar, gaining clarity on the CA curriculum, course structure and professional pathways.



Letter of Collaboration with ICAI

The department entered into a Letter of Collaboration with the Western India Regional Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). The collaboration connects students with professional learning opportunities and strengthens their exposure to the Chartered Accountancy profession.

The Letter of Collaboration (LOC) will be effective for TEL training period as from the date of signing.

This LOC does not constitute any financial commitment by either institution.

The Letter of Collaboration is solely for the purpose of imparting for Skill development for the students of the college and is not intended to be legally binding.

With Regards,

CA. Sourabh Ajmera
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Chairman WIRC of ICAI

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Outreach Awareness Programme on GST

On 17th July 2026, Third Year students attended an Outreach Awareness Programme on Goods and Services Tax, organised with the Directorate General of Taxpayer Services (DGTS), Mumbai Zonal Unit. Guest speaker Shri R. S. Maheshwari, Principal Commissioner, CGST, Mumbai South, explained GST and its practical applications in business.



Visit to the RBI Monetary Museum

At the Reserve Bank of India Monetary Museum, students traced the journey of money from barter and early forms of exchange to coins, paper currency and modern money, and saw how currency printing evolved with technology.



Industry, Alumni & External Connect



Smart Risk Management for Future Business Leaders

On 24th August 2026, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Khare, Executive Director, J. B. Boda Insurance & Reinsurance Brokers Pvt. Ltd., delivered a guest lecture on risk identification, assessment and mitigation, and on the role of insurance in business decision-making.

Money Expo Visit, BKC

BFM students visited the Money Expo at BKC, gaining exposure to the wider financial-services ecosystem and current developments in finance and investment.



Commodity Markets Demystified

A guest session on commodity markets helped students look beyond textbook concepts and understand the role of commodities in financial markets, investment and economic activity.



Industry, Alumni & External Connect

Indo-Taipei Educational Engagement

The department took part in an Indo-Taipei Educational Forum with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in Mumbai, featuring Director General Mr. Homer Chang, opening a dialogue on international academic and economic perspectives.



Understanding Credit Ratings

A session on credit ratings explained how ratings assess creditworthiness and support informed financial decisions, strengthening students' grasp of financial markets and risk assessment.

Project Your Ideas: Seminar on Copyright and IPR

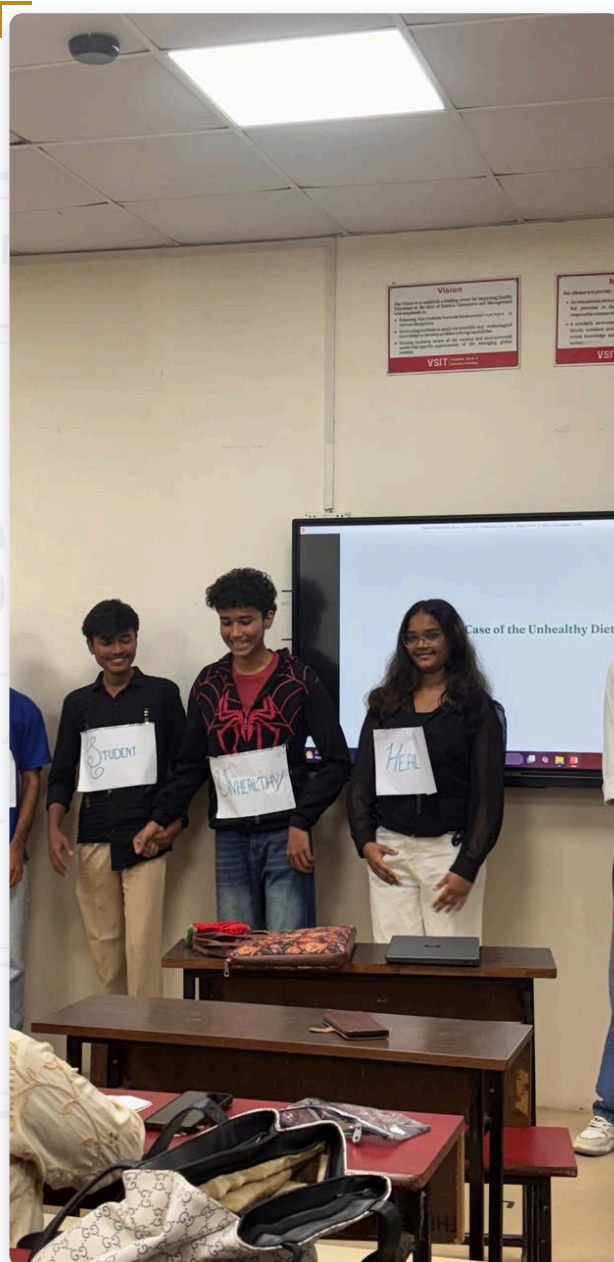
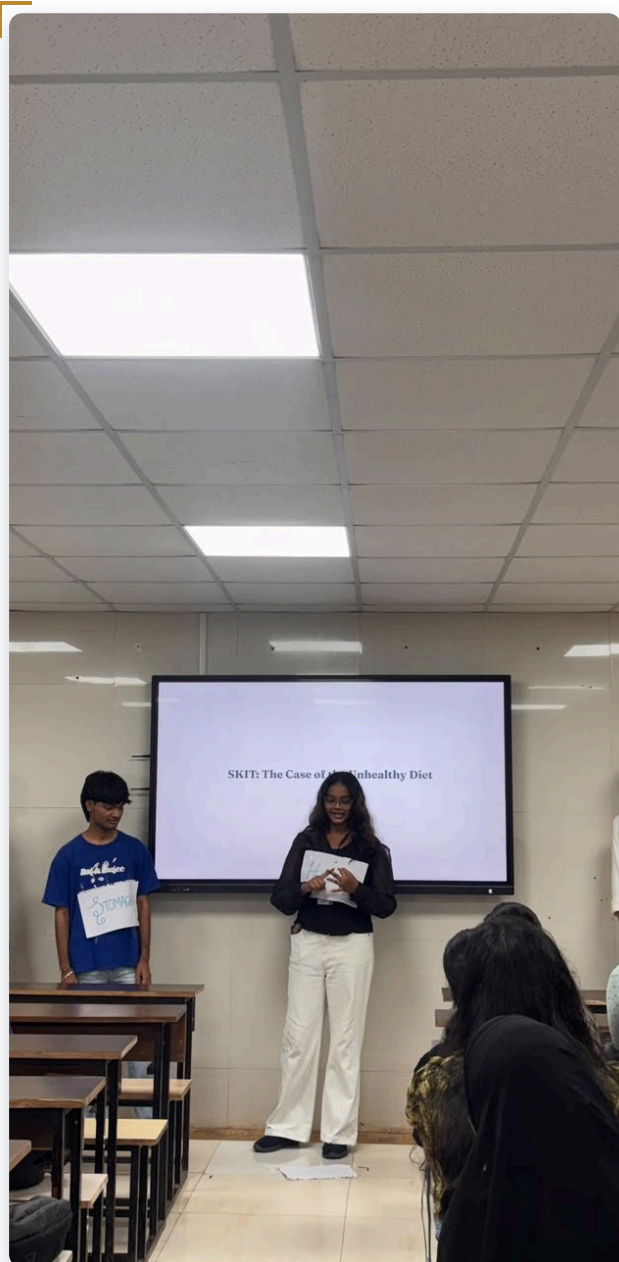
On 8th August 2026, Adv. Aishwarya Ambike introduced M.Com students to protecting original ideas, creative works and innovations through Intellectual Property Rights. Through practical examples, students explored forms of intellectual property, copyright infringement and plagiarism.



Campus & Community Engagement

Eat Right – Promoting Healthy Food Choices

Through a skit for the Eat Right activity, students spread awareness about balanced, nutritious diets, the foods to prefer or limit, and healthier everyday choices for the campus community.



What's Next

Upcoming Activities

Activities lined up for September 2026, to be covered in full in the next issue.

Department of Management

02

SEP 2026

Ideas to Influence: Blogging & Vlogging Workshop

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM · X-020 · TYBMS STUDENTS

Mr. Nilesh Birla, content creator and founder of Curiosity Point, will conduct a hands-on workshop on blogging and vlogging.

03

SEP 2026

Workshop on Technical Analysis in Investment

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM · X-020 · ALL BMS STUDENTS

Mr. Milan Bavishi, Director – Content, Upstox, will show students how to control risk in the stock market, with on-the-spot doubt solving.

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SEP 2026

Guest Lecture: The Boring Journey to Success

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM · M-BLOCK 413 · BBA & BMS STUDENTS

Mr. Omkar Dabhadkar will share real stories and real lessons from his journey to success.

Department of Commerce

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SEP 2026

Case Study Workshop at IBS Powai

Third Year students will attend a case study workshop with ICFAI Business School (IBS), Mumbai, where Dr. Dimple Pandey will use a stock-market case to build their understanding of risk and financial decision-making.

07

SEP 2026

Thalassemia Awareness Session

Ms. Sujata Raikar, Founder and Trustee of SAATH Charitable Trust, will speak on thalassemia and the importance of awareness and timely screening.

08

SEP 2026

Linear Programming for Business Decision-Making

A guest lecture will demonstrate how Linear Programming solves practical business problems.

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SEP 2026

Heritage & Innovation – Mahindra Museum, Worli

M.Com Business Management Part I students will visit the Mahindra Museum to explore leadership, innovation and organisational legacy.

About VSIT

Vidyalankar School of Information Technology (VSIT) is a Science, Commerce, Management and Arts college affiliated to the University of Mumbai and re-accredited with Grade 'A' by NAAC. It is run by the Vidyalankar Dnyanapeeth Trust, founded by Prof. C.S. Deshpande, who left a promising career in the Indian Railways to start Vidyalankar Classes in 1960.

VSIT is known as one of the finest colleges of higher learning, offering quality education and a holistic academic environment.

Work is Worship

Vidyalankar derives its name from the Sanskrit words *vidya* and *alankar* — the true ornament of the mind is knowledge

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