



PROGRESS PULSE

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESSES



Dear Friends,

As we step into the New Year, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for a year filled with prosperity, joy, and purposeful growth. Reflecting on our recent successes—from the highly interactive VED Mining Session to the remarkable progress of the Shegaon Temple Management Project—it is clear that our collective energy is driving Vidarbha toward a brighter future.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are embarking on a series of ambitious initiatives designed to touch every sector of our economy.

It was an incredible platf. We are championing the "Majhi Mauli" Skill Development program to empower women and youth, alongside a dedicated Handloom Project to revitalize our local artisans. Our focus on Mining's future remains a priority, ensuring sustainable development goes hand-in-hand with regional industrialization.

At the heart of our success is the firm belief that progress is a shared journey. VED has always championed the power of synergy, believing that collaborative work with like-minded organizations is the key to regional transformation. Inspired by the transformative vision of Honorable Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji, who has consistently advocated for the industrial and infrastructural empowerment of our region, we have doubled our efforts to foster strategic partnerships. A testament to this spirit was our participation in "Advantage Vidarbha," where we joined hands with the Association for Industrial Development (AID). This event saw the entire VED family come together to showcase our unified strength, proving that when we work in tandem with industrial partners, we create a much larger impact on the development of our land.

Furthermore, we are intensifying our efforts in Tourism and Tiger Tourism to put Vidarbha on the global map, while advocating for the Right to Service to ensure transparency and efficiency for every citizen. A major highlight of our upcoming calendar is the Central India Management Conclave 2026. This strategic collaboration between VED and Cimcon Management Foundation, in association with IIM Nagpur, is designed to promote management excellence and industrial growth for our region's business organizations and MSMEs.

With new members joining us every month, our vision for the "Vidarbha 2030" roadmap is stronger than ever. Thank you for your continued commitment. Together, let us make 2026 a landmark year for economic excellence and sustainable progress.

Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

Rina Sinha President,
VED Council

HIGHLIGHTS



**MLA DR. ASHISH DESHMUKH
AND VED PRESIDENT RINA
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EXPANSION OF MAJHI MAULI
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**"THE CONVERGENCE
CATALYST: HOW
MGNREGA AND VED PLAN
TO INDUSTRIALIZE RURAL
VIDARBHA"**

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THE YEAR THAT WAS**

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EMPOWERING THE ROOTS: "MAJHI MAULI" INITIATIVE SETS A BOLD VISION FOR 2026

Nagpur | December 17, 2025 — In a move to redefine the socio-economic fabric of rural Vidarbha, a high-level strategic meeting was held to scale the "Majhi Mauli" (My Mother) initiative. Spearheaded by Dr. Ashish Deshmukh, MLA (Saoner-Kalmeshwar), and supported by Ms. Rina Sinha, President of the Vidarbha Economic Development (VED) Council, the session laid down a transformative roadmap for grassroots empowerment.

The Mission: Skills for Financial Freedom

The "**Majhi Mauli**" program is more than just a training scheme; it is a flagship movement designed to foster financial independence among women and youth. By providing industry-relevant technical skills, the initiative aims to convert the untapped potential of the Saoner and Kalmeshwar constituencies into a powerhouse of local entrepreneurship.



A NEW PROPOSAL FOR VED BY MGNREGA

Nagpur | December 18, 2025 — In a landmark meeting that promises to reshape the socio-economic landscape of Central India, Shri Nand Kumar (IAS Retd.), Mission Director General of MGNREGA, Government of Maharashtra, visited the Vidarbha Economic Development Council (VED) to propose a transformative partnership.

The high-level dialogue, held at Smt. Rupadevi Daga Hall, focused on moving beyond traditional labor employment toward "Asset-based Employment"—a strategy designed to turn rural labor into a powerhouse for regional industrialization.

The Vision: Convergence for Growth

Shri Nand Kumar, drawing from his vast experience in Education and Rural Development, detailed a visionary "Convergence of Schemes." The goal is to synergize MGNREGA's massive labor potential with VED's industrial acumen.

"Vidarbha possesses a unique combination of natural resources and geographical advantages," stated Shri Nand Kumar. "By collaborating with VED, we can transition MGNREGA into a powerful engine for permanent poverty alleviation."



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VED Council and SIBM Nagpur Ink Landmark MoU to Drive Vidarbha's Economic Growth On January 29, 2025



JANUARY 2025

**VED Council Leadership
Congratulates Mrs. Astha M.
Karlekar on Appointment as
Director of SCZCC** On January 17, 2025



**EMPOWERING LIVES:
FINALIZING THE WEAVERS
PROJECT** On January 11, 2025



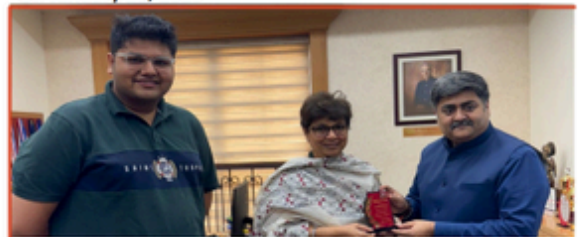
**VED Council Moves Forward
with Strategic Planning for
Landmark Mining Summit**

On January 11, 2025



**Driving Innovation: VED
Council and SIT Nagpur
Partner for Strategic Technical
Solutions**

On January 22, 2025



February 2025

VED Council Engages with US Consul General and Chief Secretary to Drive Global Initiatives for Nagpur

On February 2, 2025



VED Council's Signature Panel Discussion Unpacks Key Highlights of Union Budget 2025

On February 5, 2025



VED Council Participates in Strategic Industry-Academia Meet 2025 at VNIT

On February 25, 2025



February 2025

VED Council and MLA Ashish Deshmukh Align to Solve Industrial Challenges in Kalmeshwar

On February 24, 2025



VED Council and Nitin Gadkari Align on Strategic Roadmap for Vidarbha Tourism

On February 8, 2025



February 2025

VED's Handloom Project to Transform Livelihoods for Underprivileged Women

On February 28, 2025



Strengthening the Fabric of Success: VED Council Meets Weavers Service Centre Leadership

On February 20, 2025



VED Council and SIT Nagpur Discuss Strategic Conference on Artificial Intelligence

On March 1, 2025



VED Council and WSC Collaborate on Project "Kaushika" to Empower Women through Skill Training

On 4 March 2025



March 2025

VED Council Leadership Attends Association for Industrial Development (AID) Gratitude Ceremony On March 2025



VED Council Hosts Mining Summit 2025: Fostering Sustainable Practices and Policy Dialogue in Vidarbha

on April 12, 2025



April 2025

Celebrating Entrepreneurship: VED President and District Collector Chart Nagpur's Future on Global Platform

On April 17, 2025.



VED Council Meets MoS Ashish Jaiswal to Formalize Mining Referendum and Women's Empowerment Initiatives

On April 19th, 2025



May 2025

VED Council meeting to Create Comprehensive Directory of All Industries in Nagpur

On May 16, 2025



A Sea of Opportunities: VED Council and The Hitavada Discuss Strategic Roadmap for Vidarbha

On May 24, 2025



June 2025

Three Decades of Progress: VED Council Honors Union Minister Nitin Gadkari for 30 Years of Strategic Guidance

On June 7, 2025



June 2025

Honoring the Visionary: VED Council Celebrates 30 Years and the Legacy of Founder President Shri Govind Daga And Shri Vilas Kale at AGM Meeting

On June 7, 2025



VED Council Represents Regional Interests at MSME Policy Meeting with Principal Secretary to CM

On June 9, 2025



Strategic Review of Project Kaushika: VED Leadership Meets MLA Dr. Ashishrao Deshmukh and Dr. Ayushree Deshmukh

On June 12, 2025



June 2025

VED Council Proposes Establishment of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) in Nagpur to Hon'ble Nitin Gadkari

On June 21, 2025



July 2025

VED Executive Committee (2025) July

On July 25, 2025



Meeting on Organising Industrial Relations and Labour Laws (IR & LL) Summit



August 2025

Vidarbha Economic Development Council Convenes Experts to Shape Regional Labour Policy

On August 1, 2025



VED Leadership Honors Shri Balasaheb Kulkarni and Dr. Satish Gogulwar for Social Excellence

On August 24, 2025



VED Felicitates Chess Prodigy Grandmaster Divya Deshmukh at Sarthak Foundation Event

On August 24, 2025



September 2025

Meeting with Mr Hemant Pande Regarding Project Kaushika

On September 10, 2025



VED COUNCIL HOSTS INSIGHTFUL SESSION ON TARIFFS AND GST REFORMS

On september 12, 2025



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On September 25, 2025



October 2025

VED Mining Session: Charting a Roadmap for Sustainable Resource Extraction in Maharashtra On October 11, 2025



VED Lays Groundwork for Upcoming Bamboo Seminar to Boost Regional Economy On October 25, 2025



November 2025

VED Submits Strategic Proposal for International-Standard Golf Course to Dr. Ashishrao Deshmukh On November 26, 2025



VED Sets the Stage for Vidarbha's Bamboo Revolution with Final Planning Session On November 27 and 28, 2025



Union Minister Nitin Gadkari Releases VED-JIT Joint Report on the Shegaon Temple Management Mode On November 29, 2025



November 2025

VED Hosts Landmark Bamboo Seminar to Ignite Industrial Growth in Vidarbha On November 29, 2025





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YOUR NEWS

Labour potential can be synergized with VED's expertise: Nand Kumar

In a significant move towards integrated regional development, **Nand Kumar** (IAS Retd), mission director general (MDG) of MGNREGA, Government of Maharashtra, visited the **Vidarbha Economic Development Council (VED)** office at Rupadevi Daga Hall on Thursday. The visit was aimed at fostering a high-level collaboration between the state's rural employment mission and VED to drive sustainable growth across multiple sectors in Vidarbha. Kumar, who has led the MGNREGA mission since June 2023 and brings extensive experience from his previous tenures in the state's education and rural development departments, met with the President of VED, Rina Sinha, and senior executive members. Kumar detailed a vision for 'Convergence of Schemes', where MGNREGA's labour potential could be synergized with VED's industrial expertise to benefit the following sectors: Bamboo project: Aligning with the Maharashtra Bamboo Industrial Policy 2025, the discussion focused on large-scale bamboo plantation on fallow and public lands. President of Vidarbha Economic Development Council (VED) **Rina Sinha** and senior executive members **Devendra Parekh**, Pankaj Mahajan, **Varun Vujaywargi**, Bhupesh Shukla, **Aliasgar Wagh**, Navin Mittal, **Rajendra Korde**, Yogesh Nagpure and **Premlata Saboo** as well as **Sahade** welcomed the proposal, noting that this partnership aligns perfectly. She assured the mission director general to make a future collaboration with them. The meeting concluded with exploring joined relations to form a **joint working group to draft an MoU and a timeline for pilot projects.**



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