



PROGRESS PULSE

JUNE - 2025





Dear Friends,

At the outset, Congratulations to all of us for this glorious and historic moment of 30 years of VED Council which has been diligently and sincerely and relentlessly and tirelessly working towards the economic development of Vidarbha .

I am indeed privileged to be a part of the team during this historic year and the responsibility that I and my team carry , has now triply manifolded to not only carry forward the legacy that our seniors have left for us but also add value in every which way , not only towards the economic development of Vidarbha but also strengthen our own VED Council by growing the family with meaningful contributions from all and making VED a very strong association of repute , an association to reckon with , which stands strong financially as well .

I am fortunate that I hold this office when we have the superb combination of our leaders - the sons of the soil Honorable Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkariji who has been guiding VED since so long with a vast vision for economic development of Vidarbha and Honorable Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavisji who has been a visionary for development of the region , as the golden era of Vidarbha and Nagpur has commenced under their dynamic and visionary leadership !

Looking ahead, we are excited about two major initiatives:

I am fortunate to have the guidance of our Past Presidents Govind , Vilas , Devendra and Shiv , and Dilip Bhai , Kumar and many senior members with their experience which has given me a head start to a solid foundation to which we build by the super enthusiasm of members inducted last year whose initiatives , creativity and vibrancy had me on my toes entire year !

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very fortunate to have a fantastic Executive Council who have been working tirelessly to champion each vertical of our thrust areas. To make every event a success.

I am overwhelmed by their plans for future, their meticulous execution of their projects, their ownership to not only have a project but to take it a logical conclusion with tangible deliverables.

I am so proud of you all.

I have kept in mind every expectation that my seniors have in me and I promise you, after the first year of new initiatives and increasing membership, reaching out to old members, connecting with the bureaucracy, regular communication with members through phones and groups , my endeavor has been to provide full support to any of the ideas and ASK's that I had defined last year from not only the executive council but any member who reached out to me with their ideas ! I have always believed in the principle of every member being as much as a stakeholder in VED as the working committee is , and I am happy to share that I have been receiving calls from so many members sharing what they envision for our success ! I am blessed and enriched with this feeling!

This year will be my motto towards consolidation of our pursuits and give wings to VED Vision 2023! A mega event that we plan this year! Nothing has been, nor will be, possible without each one of us working together hand in hand.. I am a representatives of the association and will sincerely try my best to realize every dream that we all dream of an Amazing Vidarbha !!! I promise you on behalf of my executive team!

With this positivity in mind, I am sure that we will all make VED and Vidarbha a great place to be in!

Dhanyavad !

**Warm regards,
Rina Sinha
President, VED Council**

HIGHLIGHTS

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4th June, 2025 5.00 pm

Venue – Smt. Rupadevi Daga Hall | VED Council Office
Devendra Parekh, Shivkumar Rao, Ashish Sharma, Rahul Uppanlawar, Varun Vijaywargi Vaibhav Agrawal,



6th June, 2025 5.00 pm

Nidhi Gandhi, Mr JVSP Rao (WCL Saoner)
Meeting about Stitching Weavers Project “Kaushika”

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7th June, 2025 5.00 pm

Venue: Mimosa Hall, Chitnavis Centre, Civil Lines, Nagpur

VED's Annual General Meeting (AGM)



9th June, 2025 10.00 am

Rina Sinha, President VED Council represented VED at the MSME policy meeting held at Mantralaya this morning .

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11th June, 2025 12.00 am

Venue – Collector Office, Collectorate, Civil Lines Nagpur

Bhupesh Shukla – Vice-President



12th June, 2025 12.00 am

Venue – Collector Office, Collectorate, Civil Lines Nagpur

Rina Sinha - President, Nidhi Gandhi- Executive Committee Member, MLA Dr Ashishrao Deshmukh, Ms Ayushree

Meeting with the Dr Ashish Deshmukh MLA and Dr Ayushree Deshmukh for Project Kaushika – Stitching Weavers Project.

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12th June, 2025 12.30 pm

**Venue – Smt. Rupadevi Daga Hall | VED Council Office
Rina Sinha, Nidhi Gandhi**

Weavers Project Kaushika review Meeting



14th June, 2025 11.00 am

Venue – Silewara

Nidhi Gandhi

Weavers Project “Kaushika”

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16th June, 2025 12.30 pm

Rina Sinha, Nidhi Gandhi



16th June, 2025 7.00 pm

Venue – Sapphire Hall, Hotel Centre Point, Ramdaspath, Nagpur

Organized by AID

Attended by - Rina Sinha – President

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17th June, 2025 12.30 pm

Venue: Smt. Rupadevi Daga Hall | VED Council Office

Rina Sinha, Ashish Sharma, Varun Vijaywargi

General Meeting - VED's President, Secretary General & Treasurer



19th June, 2025 5.00 pm

Venue: MTDC Office

On behalf of VED, Mr. Arun Hazare met with Shri Prashant Sawai, Deputy Director of the Directorate of Tourism, and discussed tourism in Vidarbha related to WCL.

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21st June, 2025 05.45 pm

Venue – Nitin Gadkari's Office

Rina Sinha, Rahul Uppanlawar, Ashish Sharma

VED Delegates met with Hon'ble Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji to discuss establishing the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) in Nagpur! 🙌 We've requested his office to further this proposal to the Central & State Governments. Bringing IIFT to Nagpur will significantly boost Vidarbha's economy by attracting foreign investments and creating student employment opportunities.



25th June, 2025 12.30 pm

Venue: Smt. Rupadevi Daga Hall | VED Council Office

Rina Sinha, Aliasger Wagh, Arun Hazare

Meeting regarding development of eco tourism in abandoned opencast mines in Chandrapur / Umred region.

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27th June, 2025 4.30 pm

Venue: Provincial Motors

Rina Sinha, Ashish Sharma



Saturday
07th June 2025



05:00 PM



Mimosa Hall,
Chitnavis Centre,
Civil Lines, Nagpur

Blessings from and felicitation of Shri Nitin Gadkariji Union Minister Road and Transport , Gov of India

To commemorate this landmark event, VED Council — led by President Ms. Rina Sinha, Vice-President Mr. Pankaj Mahajan, Secretary-General Mr. Ashish Sharma, Treasurer Mr. Varun Vijaywargi, and Joint Secretary Mr. Aliasger Wagh — met Honorable Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji on Saturday June 7, 2025, at his Residence to express Gratitude for his support and blessings extended to VED on completion of 30 Glorious Years of VED Council. VED Council is grateful to Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji for enduring support and guidance toward the economic progress of Vidarbha since the Council's inception.



VED'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Commemorating 30 Glorious Years of the VED Council

As we mark the magnificent milestone of the 30th anniversary of the VED Council, we humbly express our deepest gratitude to the visionaries, leaders, and tireless contributors who have shaped this organization into what it is today.

Shri Govind Daga ji - Founder President

A true visionary and a man of action, Shri Daga ji has been the driving force behind putting VED Council on the map. His boundless enthusiasm and significant contributions laid the foundation of this grand association. Even today, every interaction with him is filled with fresh ideas and high expectations that continue to inspire us. Ever candid and constructive, his insights are invaluable. A guiding light for us all, his contributions span across various spheres of economic development, including mining, industry, and MIHAN. We are especially thankful to him for gracing this occasion, despite a family wedding in Amravati.

Shri Vilas Kale - Founder Secretary General & Former President

A stalwart of VED, Shri Kale has led the Council through numerous years with unwavering passion. A mentor to many, his efforts in promoting tourism have made a lasting impact, symbolized by the iconic tiger in our logo—an ode to his work in branding Nagpur as the Tiger Capital of India. His relentless pursuit of excellence helped transform MIHAN into a reality. A truly delightful and dedicated individual—always smiling and forever immersed in the mission of VED. We jokingly say he eats, sleeps, and dreams VED—and our sources confirm it!

Shri Devendra Parekh - Former President

Twice at the helm as President, Shri Parekh's contributions to higher education are remarkable. Under his leadership, institutions like IIM, AIIMS, IIT, and more became part of Vidarbha's landscape. His commitment to education and skill development is unmatched. A true pillar of support—always approachable, always helpful.

Shri Kumar Kale - Trustee, VED Council

A silent force behind VED's steady growth, Shri Kale's meticulous work and thoughtful guidance have been instrumental. We take this opportunity to honor and thank him for his unwavering support.

Shri Sudhir Bhiwapurkar - Founder Trustee

One of the original architects of VED, Shri Bhiwapurkar's dedicated efforts in drafting VED's Constitution deserve special appreciation. His contributions form the backbone of our structure today.

Shri Shiv Rao - Former President

Known for his precision and dedication, Shri Rao has led our logistics with unmatched efficiency. A systematic planner and our trusted compliance guide, he is a true ambassador of operational excellence at VED.

Shri Dilip Kamdar - Visionary Leader

A passionate orator and a veteran VED member, Shri Kamdar, under Shri Daga's leadership, explored the vast potential of mineral exploration. He successfully led numerous expos and mega-events that strengthened VED's standing in the industry.

Shri Rahul Uppanlawar - Vice-President

Shri Uppanlawar is known for his infectious enthusiasm and unwavering focus on higher education. His energy and commitment to the cause are truly commendable.

Shri Ashish Kale - Life Member & President of Association of Industrial Development (AID)

A founding member of VED and now a key force at AID, Shri Kale is championing Vidarbha's economic growth with tremendous vigor. The collaboration between VED and AID continues to advance Shri Gadkari ji's vision of making Vidarbha a model region. Though he couldn't be with us today due to an important meeting, his contributions remain significant and valued.

Shri Navin Mithal - Our Youngest Member at 93

It is with great joy and admiration that we honor Shri Mithal ji, whose boundless energy continues to amaze us. At 93 years young, he climbs the 30 steps to the VED office with ease and attends every meeting, motivating us all. Though we wished to grant him an honorary lifetime membership, he humbly declined, saying his membership fee should be considered a small contribution to VED. His humility, dedication, and spirit are truly inspirational.

VED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



RELEASING MONTHLY EMAGAZINE PROGRESS PULSE - MAY & JUNE 2025



VED Council: Felicitation of the Rina Sinha, President by the Founder President, Shri Govind Daga and Shri Vilas Kale, Secretary.

Madam President: Representing Strength, Integrity, and Vision.





















MEETING SCHEDULE - JUNE 2025



Wednesday
04th June 2025



05:00 PM



Smt. Rupadevi Daga
Hall | VED Council
Office

Devendra Parekh, Shivkumar Rao, Ashish Sharma, Rahul Urganlawar, Varun Vijaywargi
Vaibhav Agrawal,

Meeting - To discuss suggestions of the new Industrial Policy of Maharashtra State, with a particular focus on the MSME sector.

The State government has requested VED Council to offer suggestions on the new Industrial Policy.





Friday
06th June 2025



05:00 PM

Nidhi Gandhi
Mr JVSP Rao (WCL Saoner)

Meeting - A very fruitful meeting with Mr JVSP Rao sir and his team. Visited various locations proposed for the project.





Monday
09th June 2025



10:00 AM



Mantralya, GoM,
Mumbai
Rina Sinha

Rina Sinha, President VED Council represented VED at the MSME policy meeting held at Mantralaya this morning .

Meeting - The meeting was a very fruitful interaction with Ms Ashwini Bhide, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Maharashtra, GoM accompanied by Dr Anbalgan P, Secretary Industries, GoM.

Had a very fruitful interaction on the new industrial policy.

Thanks to Devendra Parekh , Shivkumar Rao , Varun Vijaywargi and Ashish Sharma for the pointers as well as special add ins by Vikas Jain !





Wednesday
11th June 2025



12:00 AM



Collector Office,
Collectorate, Civil
Lines Nagpur

Bhupesh Shukla - Vice-President, Adv. Ashish Jaiswal - वित्त, नियोजन, कृषी, मदत व पुनर्वसन, विधी व न्याय, कामगार राज्यमंत्री, महाराष्ट्र राज्य | आमदार, रामटेक विधानसभा मतदारसंघ |

राज्य शासन नवीन खनिज धोरण करत आहे. प्रस्तावित खनिज धोरण सर्वसमावेशक बनविण्यासाठी सर्वांच्या सूचनांचा विचार केला जाईल, प्रत्येकाने आपली मते याबाबत मांडावीत, असे आवाहन खनिकर्म मंत्री शंभूराज देसाई यांनी केले.

मंत्रालय येथे नवीन प्रस्तावित खनिज धोरणाबाबत आढावा बैठक पार पडली या बैठकीत खनिकर्म मंत्री श्री. देसाई बोलत होते. यावेळी वित्त राज्यमंत्री डॉ. आशिष जयस्वाल, खनिकर्म विभागाचे अपर मुख्य सचिव डॉ. इकबालसिंह चहल, खनिज कायदा सल्लागार अॅड बी.के.शुक्ला, राजेंद्र कोरडे उपस्थित होते.





Thursdsday
12th June 2025



12:00 AM



Collector Office,
Collectorate, Civil
Lines Nagpur

**Rina Sinha - President, Nidhi Gandhi- Executive Committee Member,
MLA Dr Ashishrao Deshmukh, Ms Ayushree**

**Meeting with the Dr Ashish Deshmukh MLA and Dr Ayushree Deshmukh for Project
Kaushika - Stitching Weavers Project.**





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12:30 PM



Smt. Rupadevi Daga
Hall | VED Council
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Rina Sinha, Nidhi Gandhi

**Weavers Project Kaushika
review Meeting.**



Saturday
14th June 2025



11:00 AM



Silewara

Nidhi Gandhi

Nidhi Gandhi visited silewara along with Mr.Thubrikar, Weavers Service Centre (WSC, Ministry of Textiles), Mr. JVSP Rao (Regional Head WCL), Civil engineer and their team. Out of the two proposed sites, Dispensary seems to be fit for both the projects of Kaushika, i.e., Hadloom and Stitching

Nidhi Gandhi suggest we should visit the site now along with Mr. and Mrs Deshmukh, WSC officials, MAVIM officials and WCL team. This will ensure the onset of work. WSC is ready to sponsor all 20 looms warping machine and cone winding Charkha as well. The trainees will get Stipend of rs.300/day till the completion of course.





Monday
16th June 2025



07:00 PM



Sapphire Hall, Hotel
Centre Point,
Ramdaspath,
Nagpur

Organized by AID

Rina Sinha - President

Exclusive interaction with Prof. Dr. Lello Marra, Governor General of the International Organization for Diplomatic Relations (IODR), Republic of Malta.

Dr. Lello Marra announced plans to establish a cultural and trade centre in Nagpur. The centre aims to promote bilateral trade, cultural exchange, and youth engagement between Malta and India. The program was organised by Association for Industrial Development (AID) and attended by President Rina Sinha, VED.

Afzal Mitha, a diplomatic correspondent for Malta, stated that Malta currently imports approximately \$350 million worth of goods annually from India. Notable Indian pharmaceutical companies such as Cipla, Aurobindo Pharma, and Torrent Pharma contribute significantly to these imports. Mitha highlighted efforts to increase exports from Vidarbha to Malta, as currently, no commodities from Vidarbha are exported to Malta.

AID, Chairman Ashish Kale mentioned that the organization plans to organize a trade delegation from the Vidarbha region to Malta to foster economic ties and explore new trade opportunities.





Monday
16th June 2025



12:30 PM

Rina Sinha, Nidhi Gandhi
Rina Sinha – President

Meeting with Mr Naresh Ugemuge, Sr District Coordinating Officer
Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal (MAVIM) regarding Handloom Garment
Training and Production Centre



Tuesday
17th June 2025



12:30 PM



Smt. Rupadevi Daga
Hall | VED Council
Office

Rina Sinha, Ashish Sharma, Varun Vijaywargi
General Meeting – VED's President, Secretary
General & Treasurer





Tuesday
17th June 2025



12:30 PM



Smt. Rupadevi Daga
Hall | VED Council
Office

Our Ex-VP Narayan Guptaji represented VED to be a panelist on SIDBI regulations and benefits at the India SME networking program

The India SME Accelerator Network was bringing its MSME Finance Accelerator Program to Nagpur in 2025, in collaboration with DBS Bank India. This program was designed to equip small and medium enterprises with the knowledge, tools, and connections needed to overcome financial challenges and accelerate their growth. The program focused on providing guidance and support to MSMEs in Nagpur to help them reach their next stage of development.





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19th June 2025



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Office

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Friday
27th June 2025



04:30PM



Provincial Motors

Felicitation of VED member and AID (Association of Industrial Development) President Shri Ashish Kale doing an exemplary work in bringing all associations together for Vidarbha's development by President Rina Sinha and General Secretary Ashish Sharma on the occasion of 30 years of VED.





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वेद ने मनाई 30वीं वर्षगांठ

नागपुर

विदर्भ इकोनॉमिक डेवलपमेंट काउंसिल (वेद) ने अपनी वार्षिक आम बैठक के दौरान अपनी 30वीं वर्षगांठ के जश्न के साथ एक महत्वपूर्ण मौल का पत्थर चिह्नित किया। यह अवसर विदर्भ क्षेत्र के आर्थिक विकास के लिए तीन दशकों की अटूट प्रतिबद्धता का स्मरण करते हुए गर्व और चिंतन का क्षण था जिसके उपलक्ष्य में वेद अध्यक्ष रीना सिन्हा, उपाध्यक्ष पं.कमल महानन, महासचिव आशीष शर्मा, कोषाध्यक्ष वरुण विजयवर्गीय और संयुक्त सचिव अलियासगर वाघ के नेतृत्व में केन्द्रीय मंत्री नितिन गडकरी से उनके निवास पर मुलाकात की और वेद काउंसिल के 30 गौरवशाली वर्ष पूरे होने पर वेद को दिए गए उनके समर्थन और आशीर्वाद के लिए आभार व्यक्त किया। वेद काउंसिल नितिन गडकरी के प्रति काउंसिल की स्थापना के बाद से विदर्भ की आर्थिक प्रगति के लिए निरंतर समर्थन और मार्गदर्शन के लिए आभारी है। एजीएम की कार्यवाही के दौरान, अध्यक्ष रीना सिन्हा ने सम्मानित ट्रस्टियों, गोविंद डागा और विलास काले को उनके विश्वास और

इकोनॉमिक डेवलपमेंट काउंसिल (वेद) ने अपनी वार्षिक आम बैठक के दौरान अपनी 30वीं वर्षगांठ के जश्न के साथ एक महत्वपूर्ण मौल का पत्थर चिह्नित किया। यह अवसर विदर्भ क्षेत्र के आर्थिक विकास के लिए तीन दशकों की अटूट प्रतिबद्धता का स्मरण करते हुए गर्व और चिंतन का क्षण था जिसके उपलक्ष्य में वेद अध्यक्ष रीना सिन्हा, उपाध्यक्ष पं.कमल महानन, महासचिव आशीष शर्मा, कोषाध्यक्ष वरुण विजयवर्गीय और संयुक्त सचिव अलियासगर वाघ के नेतृत्व में केन्द्रीय मंत्री नितिन गडकरी से उनके निवास पर मुलाकात की और वेद काउंसिल के 30 गौरवशाली वर्ष पूरे होने पर वेद को दिए गए उनके समर्थन और आशीर्वाद के लिए आभार व्यक्त किया। वेद काउंसिल नितिन गडकरी के प्रति काउंसिल की स्थापना के बाद से विदर्भ की आर्थिक प्रगति के लिए निरंतर समर्थन और मार्गदर्शन के लिए आभारी है। एजीएम की कार्यवाही के दौरान, अध्यक्ष रीना सिन्हा ने सम्मानित ट्रस्टियों, गोविंद डागा और विलास काले को उनके विश्वास और

सिन्हा ने कहा, विदर्भ के विकास के लिए कार्याई योग्य रणनीतियों पर विचार-विमर्श करने के लिए प्रयत्न करती हैं। उन्होंने वेद के सदस्यता आधार का शिस्त करके महत्व पर जोर दिया, समान विचारधारा वाले व्यक्तियों और संस्थानों को समृद्ध विदर्भ के निर्माण में हाथ मिलाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया। इस कार्यक्रम में क्षेत्रीय विकास और परिषद की पहलों को उजागर करने के लिए समर्पित वेद के आधिकारिक मासिक प्रकरण प्रोग्रेस पल्स का औपचारिक सिमोचन भी किया गया।

निरंतर समर्थन के लिए हार्दिक आभार व्यक्त किया। उन्होंने पिछले कई वर्षों में संगठन के विजन और प्रभाव को आकार देने में सक्रिय भूमिका निभाने वाले प्रमुख एवं पदाधिकारियों एवं उपाध्यक्ष दिलीप कामदार, पूर्व अध्यक्ष देवेन्द्र पारेख और शिवकुमार राव और पूर्व महासचिव राहुल उपगन्तावार को भी बधाई दी। वेद के संस्थापक सदस्यों गोविंद डागा, विलास काले और दिलीप कामदार ने काउंसिल की यात्रा पर बहुमूल्य अंतर्दृष्टि और विचार साझा किए, वर्तमान सदस्यों और नई नेतृत्व टीम को प्रेरणा प्रदान की। उन्होंने संगठन को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए वर्तमान पदाधिकारियों को अपनी शुभकामनाएं दीं। अध्यक्ष सिन्हा ने 'विदर्भ 2030' शीर्षक से अपनी रणनीतिक दृष्टि का भी अनावरण किया, जिसका उद्देश्य पूरे क्षेत्र में सतत और समावेशी आर्थिक विकास को आगे बढ़ाना है। उन्होंने भविष्य की कई पहलों पर प्रकाश डाला, जिसमें आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस पर एक उच्च-स्तरीय सेमिनार, प्रोजेक्ट कोशिका और उत्सव 'स्वास्थ्य उत्सव' के साथ-साथ विकास, नवाचार और सार्वजनिक जुड़ाव को बढ़ावा देने के लिए डिजाइन किए गए कई अन्य कार्यक्रम शामिल हैं।



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