



PROGRESS PULSE

MARCH

2025

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESSES



Dear Friends,

As we enter a new month, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering dedication each of you brings to the VED Council. Your commitment to the economic development of Vidarbha is both inspiring and humbling. The collective effort we put forth together drives our shared mission of fostering growth and prosperity in our region. Every achievement and contribution matters, and I deeply appreciate all that you do.

I'm thrilled to announce that VED will be hosting the 2025 Mining Summit at Hotel Centre Point, a key event for all stakeholders in the mining industry. Our VED Vice-President Mr Bhupesh Shukla will be stepping in as Project Director for the summit, and I have no doubt that their leadership will ensure its success. This event will not only address critical issues but also explore new opportunities in the sector.

I would also like to thank the generous financial support from several of our members who are making this summit possible. The collective resources we pool together will no doubt lead to fruitful discussions and, ultimately, actionable strategies that can propel our mining industry to new heights.

As we move forward with preparations, I encourage each of you to get involved. Your insights, expertise, and active participation will be instrumental in shaping this summit into a landmark event that will pave the way for future progress in the mining industry.

Thank you once again for your hard work and commitment. It's an honor to serve alongside such passionate and talented individuals. Let's continue to drive Vidarbha's economic development, supporting one another at every step.

Warm regards,

Rina Sinha
President, VED Council

HIGHLIGHTS

**1ST
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**DISCUSSION ON THE
CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE**

**4TH
MAR**



**PROPOSAL FOR HANDLOOM
WEAVING TRAINING CENTRE**

**25TH
MAR**



**THE WEARERS PROJECT
"KAUSHIKA"**

**27TH
MAR**



FINALIZING MINING SUMMIT

**27TH
MAR**



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING**

DISCUSSION ON THE CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Date: Sat., 1st Mar 2025

Time: 12.00 pm

Venue – SIT, Nagpur

Attendees: Secretary General, Ashish Sharma, Jt. Secretary, Amit Yenukar, Jt. Secretary Aliasger Wagh, Aatish Jindal

Meeting with Dr. Nitin Rakesh, Director & Professor at Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT) Nagpur. to discuss the conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI)



PROPOSAL FOR HANDLOOM WEAVING TRAINING CENTRE

Date: Tue, 4th Mar 2025

Time:

Venue - Weaving Service Centre (WSC)

Attendees: Rina Sinha, President, VED Council, Nidhi Gandhi, Executive Member, VED Council

Meeting with Mr Sandeep Thubrikar,

VED Delegates visited Weaving Service Centre (WSC) our Technology Partner, Project "Kaushika" - Empowering Women through Handloom Skill Training & Production Centre

Proposal for Handloom Weaving Training Centre

We are thrilled to announce that we have submitted a detailed proposal to Dr. Vipin Itankar, District Collector, for the establishment of a Training and Production Centre aimed at empowering economically disadvantaged women through handloom weaving. This initiative will not only enhance their skills but also enable them to produce designer products that we will assist in marketing.

Our pathway to this initiative has been guided by the invaluable support of ZP CEO, Mr. Mahamuni, as well as Dr. Vipin Itankar, who has also connected us with MOS, Adv. Shri Ashish Jaiswal. We are grateful for the appreciation and encouragement we have received from Shri Jaiswal, who has assured us of comprehensive financial and administrative support to help bring this project to life.

At VED, we believe that this initiative will significantly contribute to the economic independence of the women involved, aligning perfectly with our mission. A special commendation goes to our Project Director, Nidhi Gandhi, for her dedication in spearheading this prestigious project.

THE WEARVERS PROJECT “KAUSHIKA”

Date: Tue., 25th Mar 2025

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue – Smt. Rupadevi Daga Hall | VED Council

Attendees: Rina Sinha, President, VED Council, Secretary General, Ashish Sharma, VED Executive Member & Project Director, Nidhi Gandhi

Meeting with Mr Sachin Gadhave, Chief Officer, Kanhan regarding the Weavers Project “Kaushika”



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Meeting with Mr Deepak Ghodke, Chief Officer, Nagar Parishad – Kanhan-Pipri regarding the Wearvers Project “Kaushika”



FINALIZING MINING SUMMIT

Date: Thu., 27th Mar 2025

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue – Smt. Rupadevi Daga Hall | VED Council

Attendees: Rina Sinha, President, VED Council, Secretary General, Ashish Sharma, B K Shukla, Aliasger Wagh, Arun Deoras, Aatish Jindal
Meeting regarding Discussion on Finalizing Mining Summit



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thu, 27th March 2025,

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: Smt. Rupadevi Daga Hall | VED Council Office

MINUTES - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Attendance:

- President- Rina Sinha,
- Secretary General-Ashish Sharma,
- Treasurer-Varun Vijaywargi
- Vice-President - Pankaj Mahajan,
- Vice-President - B K Shukla,
- Jt. Secretary -Dinesh Naidu
- Jt. Secretary -Aliasger Wagh,
- Navin Mithal,
- Navin Malewar
- Atul Tajpuriya,
- Nidhi Gandhi,
- Premlata Saboo
- Pramod Batraa

Executive Committee monthly meeting



RELEASED VED COUNCIL'S MONTHLY EMAGAZINE PROGRESS PULSE - FEBRUARY 2025





PRESIDENT RINA SINHA FORMALLY WELCOMED THE NEW SECRETARY GENERAL, ASHISH SHARMA, AND THE JOINT SECRETARY, ALIASGER WAGH, AND PRESENTED THEM WITH PINS TO MARK THE OCCASION.



ASSOCIATION FOR INDUSTRIAL (AID) GRATITUDE CEREMONY



Ashish Kale, President, AID & VED Member felicitated by Hon'ble Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister for RT&H, GoI



VED President Mrs Rina Sinha being felicitated by Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji at AID Gratitude Ceremony for the support extended by VED!



VED Past President Shivkumar Rao being felicitated by Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji at AID Gratitude Ceremony



Felicitation of VED, Treasurer Varun Vijaywargi for his contribution to the Event!



Jt.Sec Dinesh Naidu felicitated by Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji representing Vidarbha Computer & Media Dealer's Welfare Association!!

VED MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to VED Member Mr Kamlesh Daga from Amravati Plasti Surge Industries Pvt. Ltd. and Techno Surge Industries Pvt. Ltd., were honored at the Economic Times MSME Awards 2024, held on March 20, 2025, New Delhi.

🏆 Pharmaceutical & Healthcare MSME of the Year – Plasti Surge Industries Pvt. Ltd.

🏆 India's Top Innovative MSME – Medium – Techno Surge Industries Pvt. Ltd.

These prestigious awards reflect the incredible dedication and hard work of company teams, who have tirelessly focused on building organizations rooted in excellence, pursuing cutting-edge R&D, and fostering innovation in the public healthcare sector.

This milestone not only celebrates achievements but also inspires them to continue pushing boundaries and developing solutions that positively impact lives.



Our Hero of Nagpur

Nitin Ronghe Times of India - Nagpur Heroes 2025 Special Felicitation for Professional and Social Achievements felicitated at the hands of Honble Shri Nitin Gadkariji

Finance minister's Union Budget 2025 Drew Mixed Response With Most Feeling It's Progressive, While Some Asserted More Could Have Been Done

Budget Balanced & Progressive, But Some Key Areas Untouched

CA KARLASH JOGANI | **MSB, PRESIDENT**
 The ₹12 lakh income tax exemption in the Budget is more than expected. In the Budget, the definition of middle class has been changed to families earning more than ₹2 lakh per annum. The average per capita income of the country is less than ₹2 lakh. Exemption up to ₹12 lakh is too much considering the average income. But, there are no concrete measures in the Budget to increase employment.

DR ANUP MARAR | **CEO (HEALTHCARE), MEDHE GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS**
 The Budget marks a significant step in strengthening India's healthcare system by prioritizing quality, affordability, and accessibility. The ₹30,000 crore allocation to primary and secondary healthcare infrastructure was much needed. Adding 10,000 medical seats next year, with a target of 75,000 over five years, will help bridge the doctor-patient gap.

ANU BADIATE | **MSB, SENIATE STOCKS & SHARES MFR**
 The Union Budget 2025 is an all-inclusive one with a focus on the goal of turning India into a \$5 trillion economy. PM Narendra Modi's vision of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' is reflected in decision like no income tax up to ₹12 lakh, which will trigger consumption and/or investments by the beneficiaries. Capital expenditure in infrastructure will help India to continue to ramp up its supply chain logistics capabilities.

NITIN KHARA | **CEO, CONFEDERATE GROUP**
 The Budget is highly beneficial for the middle class, offering significant income tax exemptions. Provisions for agriculture, health, education, and infrastructure will drive overall national development. Incentives for industries and start-ups will boost employment and entrepreneurship. Investments in digital infrastructure, renewable energy, and smart city projects reflect a forward-thinking approach.

SHWAPNIL AGRAWAL | **CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT**
 Budget 2025 presented a mixed bag. The reduction in tax slabs is a welcome move that will provide some relief to the middle class. However, the Budget missed the opportunity to address the long-pending demands of partnership firms, who were expecting some relaxation. Overall, the Budget seems to have taken a balanced approach, but some key areas could have been given more attention.

AKSHAY GULHANI
 Pleased to see govt's vision focussed on empowering key sectors, which will drive long-term sustainable growth. The ₹20,000 crore allocation for MSMEs will ease access to credit, boosting productivity and job creation. Additionally, the ₹5,000 crore fund for start-ups will foster innovation. Govt's focus on women entrepreneurs, with ₹5,000 crore for their businesses and mentorship, marks a significant leap toward gender equality.

NITIN BONGHE | **CONVENTOR, MANSI VIDARBHA JKA**
 A lot was expected from this Budget about petroleum complex and refinery in Vidarbha which could have created jobs and boosted the region's economy. But no concrete steps have been taken to establish these projects. This has led to disappointment among the people of Vidarbha. Additionally, there has been no effort to start an airport in Amravati Division, which lacks air connectivity.

BASANT KUMAR SHUKLA | **SECRETARY, BKS NBP**
 The exclusion of a separate railway budget in the Union Budget is disappointing, considering Indian Railways as the country's economic backbone. No concrete steps have been taken for passenger safety. Senior citizens and differently-abled passengers hoped for concessions but their expectations were not met. People now believe that railway budget should be presented separately.

TEJINDER SINGH RAHAL | **CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT**
 The Union Budget 2025-26 presents a promising vision for economic growth with key reforms in taxation, agriculture, MSMEs, education, and infrastructure. The increased I-T exemption to ₹12 lakh. Expanding IITs, AI-driven education, and medical infrastructure marks a step forward, while 100% FDI in insurance interests. Budget lays a strong foundation. Concerns about long-term policyholder interests.

CA YENUGOPAL AGARWAL | **DIRECTOR OF ICAI**
 In Finance Bill 2025 there is remarkable provision for agriculture growth of country. Cheaper loan for agriculturists and higher limit in Kisan credit card and upgradation in technology definitely good sign. Various schemes for MSME will boost of medium scale industries. EV battery rates have been reduced which will benefit general population. Huge benefit in income tax slab definitely beneficial for middle class.

CA VARUN VIJAYWARGI | **TREASURER OF VED COUNCIL**
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CA SAMIR BAKRE | **MSB, PRESIDENT**
 This Budget is a dream come true for the middle class, agriculture, SMEs, and youth, offering benefits like no income tax up to ₹12 lakh. Simplified TDS and TCS compliance, increased farm credit via KCC, and rural income growth will spur demand and employment. With a 4.40% fiscal deficit target, financial stability is ensured. Budget continues its focus on the poor youth, farmers, women, middle class.



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A NEW BEGINNING

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