Genesis and its Registration Status:

Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane, (VPM) was founded in the year 1935. Its founding fathers led by Late. Dr. V. N. Bedekar, a medical practitioner, were the men of modest means imbued with idealism and desire to serve the educational needs of the people of Thane. The depth and breadth of their vision is amply reflected in the objectives of the VPM. To quote:

- To provide the people residing in the Thane city and its vicinity, facilities for their intellectual, physical, scientific, social, cultural and professional education, to give publicity for the same, to establish and operate conducive factors for the above, e.g. parent-teachers association, stores for educational supplies, and thereby adding to the knowledge of the people.

- To emphasize the need for industrial knowledge and for the purpose of providing educational facilities for the same, to start and operate various undertakings such as industrial, educational institutes, Polytechnic, Engineering Colleges, etc.

- To co-operate with other public institutions on special occasions with a view to attaining the above mentioned purpose.

The emblem of Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane shown below speaks volumes:

Along with several suggestive symbols such as an illuminated lamp, open volume, a pen, an inkpot and a basket of flowers, the emblem of VPM contains the following Sanskrit Words:

ँ ज्ञानमयः प्रदिपः ँ
Translated in English, the sentence would mean, "The Lamp of Knowledge has been lit". The phrase refers to the work of seminal thinker and prophet Maharashi Vyas. It indicates that the goals and objectives of VPM are infinite.

Trustees of Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane:

- Shri. Shrinivas Keshav Joshi
- Dr. Vijay Vasudeo Bedekar
- Shri. Hasmukh Thakordas Thanawala
- Shri. Sharad Vitthal Vengurlekar

Managing Committee Members of Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane:

- Dr. V. V. Bedekar*: Chairman
- Shri. M. Y. Gokhale: Treasurer
- Shri. U. B. Joshi: Secretary
- Shri. J. N. Kayal: Jt. Secretary
- Shri. S. V. Karandikar: Member
- Shri D. G. Joshi: Member
- Dr. A. N. Bapat: Member
- Sou. A. A. Bapat: Member
- Shri A. C. Joshi: Member
- Dr. M. V. Bedekar: Member

*Dr. Vijay V. Bedekar (MBBS, DGO) is also Member of renowned International Societies:

- Member: International Association of Sanskrit Studies
- Friend: (Life) British Library, London, UK
- Friend: British Museum, London, UK
- Friend: V & A Museum, London, UK
- Friend: Bodleian Library, Oxford, UK
- Member: Royal Asiatic Society, London
- Friend: The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, UK
- Fellow: The Linnean Society of London
- President: Institute for Oriental Study, Thane
**Educational Institutions of VPM:**

VPM, Thane, enthusiastically and zealously caters to the basic needs of education of nearly 16000 students from K. G. to P. G. through its Marathi and English Medium Schools, and Arts, Commerce, Science, Law Colleges, Polytechnic, Institute of Management Studies, Advanced Study Centre and Engineering College.

To encourage and give full scope for higher education for Thane & surrounding pupils to whom there was no facility of higher education in the area at that time, VPM had started the colleges in 1968-69 on VPM's college campus on marshy creek land located at Chendani, Thane, gifted by the Government of Maharashtra, 10 Acres in 1968 and 3.5 Acres in 1978. Huge amount had to be spent on reclamation of this marshy land, development and construction of independent college buildings, well-equipped, beautiful & breezy auditorium viz. 'Thorale Bajirao Peshwe Sabhagruha', independent auditoriums for colleges, well equipped libraries, internet connection through leased-line with 24 hour access to online national / international databases, WIFI internet facility in college campus etc.

The educational institutions established in Thane by the Vidya Prasarak Mandal comprise the following:

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<td>Dr. V.N. Bedekar Institute of Management Studies (formerly 'Institute of Management Studies') (AICTE affiliated) (ISO 9001:2008 (SGS-UK) Certified)</td>
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VPM's Institutions

Name: DR. BEDEKAR VIDYA MANDIR
(Marathi Medium School)
Address: Mahatama Phule Marg, Vishnu Nagar, Off Gokhale Road, Naupada, Thane (W) 400602.
Tel. No.: 022 25421776
URL / E-mail: www.vpmthane.org / bvm@vpmthane.org
Establishment Year: 1957
Affiliation / Accreditation: Affiliated to Maharashtra State Board of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education
Courses Offered: Pre-primary to Std. 10th (Marathi Medium)

Name: SOU. A. K. JOSHI ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL
Address: Mahatama Phule Marg, Vishnu Nagar, Off Gokhale Road, Naupada, Thane (W) 400602.
Tel. No.: 022 25421447
URL / E-mail: www.vpmthane.org / akj@vpmthane.org
Establishment Year: 1976
Affiliation / Accreditation: Affiliated to Maharashtra State Board of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education
Courses Offered: Pre-primary to Std. 10th (English Medium)
Name: K. G. JOSHI COLLEGE OF ARTS & N. G. BEDEKAR COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

Address: 'Jnanadweepea', Bldg. No. 3 & 5, Nr. CIDCO Bus Stop, Chendani Bunder Rd, Thane (W) 400601.

Tel. No.: 022 25332412 / 25392072

URL / E-mail: www.vpmthane.org / jbc@vpmthane.org

Establishment Year: 1969

Affiliation / Accreditation: Affiliated to Mumbai University
Re-accredited with "A" grade by NAAC

Courses Offered:
- B.A. (General, Sanskrit, Psychology)
- B.Com (General)
- B.Com (Financial Markets)
- B.Com (Accounting & Finance)
- B.Com (Banking & Insurance)
- Bachelor of Library and Information science
- BMM (Bachelor in Mass Media)
- BMS (Bachelor of Management Studies)
- Master of Library and Information science
- M.A. (Philosophy, Hindi)
- M.Com (Business Management)
- M.Com (Advanced Accountancy)
- Research Centre in Philosophy
- P. G. Diploma in Library Automation & Networking

Name: B. N. BANDODKAR COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Address: 'Jnanadweepea', Bldg. No. 6 & 7, Nr. CIDCO Bus Stop, Chendani Bunder Rd, Thane (W) 400601.
Establishment Year: 1969

Affiliation / Accreditation: Affiliated to Mumbai University
Re-accredited with "A" grade by NAAC

Courses Offered:
- B.Sc. - (General / Biochemistry)
- B.Sc. - (IT / Biotech / Computer Science / Microbiology)
- B. L.I.Sc.
- M. L.I.Sc.
- M.Sc. - (Physics, Org. Chemistry, IT, Env. Sci.- by Paper)
- M. Sc. - (Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Env. Sci- by Research)
- Ph.D. - (Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Env. Sci-
- Diploma in Journalism & Public Relations

Name: VPM's ADVANCED STUDY CENTRE

Address: 'Jnanadwepa', Bldg. No. 6, B. N. Bandodkar College of Science, Nr. CIDCO Bus Stop, Chendani Bunder Rd, Thane (W) 400601.

Tel. No.: 022 25339871

URL / E-mail: www.vpmthane.org / asc@vpmthane.org

Establishment Year: 1996

Affiliation / Accreditation: Private (Autonomous)

Courses Offered:
- P. G. Diploma in Applied Analytical Chemistry
- P. G. Diploma in Landscape & Gardening
- P. G. Diploma in Drug Regulatory Affairs
- P. G. Diploma in Applications of Statistics
- P. G. Diploma in Hospital Administration
- P. G. Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)
Name : **VPM's TMC LAW COLLEGE**

Address : 'Jnanadweepa', Bldg. No. 2, Nr. CIDCO Bus Stop, Chendani Bunder Rd, Thane (W) 400601.

Tel. No. : 022 25364194

URL / E-mail : www.vpmthane.org / law@vpmthane.org

Establishment Year : 1972

Affiliation / Accreditation : Affiliated to Mumbai University
Accredited with "B" grade by NAAC

Courses Offered : L.L.B. (Post Graduate three year degree course)

Name : **DR. V. N. BEDEKAR INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES (DR VN BRIMS)**

Address : 'Jnanadweepa', Bldg. No. 4, Nr. CIDCO Bus Stop, Chendani Bunder Rd, Thane (W) 400601.

Tel. No. : 022 25446554 / 25364492

URL / E-mail : www.vpmthane.org / brims@vpmthane.org

Establishment Year : 1973

Affiliation / Accreditation : Affiliated to Mumbai University & Recognized by AICTE
ISO 9001 : 2002 (SGS-UK) Certified
Courses Offered:

- Master in Management Studies (MMS)
- P. G. Diploma in Management (PGDM)

Autonomous Programmes:

- EpMBA - (Pharma / General)
- Certificate Programmes - Retail Mgmt; Foreign Trade,
- Banking Insurance, Tax Mgmt; Supply Chain & Logistic
- Language Courses - German, French, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish

Name: VPM's POLYTECHNIC

Address: 'Jnanadweepa', Bldg. No. 1, Nr. CIDCO Bus Stop, Chendani Bunder Rd, Thane (W) 400601.

Tel. No.: 022 2533 9872 / 2536 4494

URL / E-mail: www.vpmthane.org / poly@vpmthane.org

Establishment Year: 1983

Affiliation / Accreditation: Affiliated to Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education
Accredited by National Board of Accreditation, New Delhi

Courses Offered:

- Chemical Engineering
- Electrical Power System
- Industrial Electronics
- Instrumentation
- Computer Engineering
- Information Technology
- Medical Electronics

Name: VPM's POLYTECHNIC IT CENTRE

Address: 'Jnanadweepa', Bldg. No. 1, VPM's Polytechnic Bldg; Nr. CIDCO Bus Stop, Chendani Bunder Rd, Thane (W) 400601.

Tel. No.: 022 25339866

URL / E-mail: www.vpmthane.org / poly@vpmthane.org
Establishment Year : 2000

Affiliation / Accreditation : Private (Autonomous)

Courses Offered :
- Certificate Course in Information Technology
- Certificate Course in Computer Programming
- Certificate course in Microsoft Office (CCMSO)
- Certificate Course in Web Page Design (WPD)

Govt. recognized Advance Diploma Programmes:
- Maharashtra State Certificate in information Technology (MS-CIT)
- Advance Diploma in Computer Software System Analysis and Applications (ADCSSAA)
- Advanced Diploma in Industrial Safety

Name : VPM's Maharshi Parshuram College of Engineering

Address : Hedvi Guhagar Road, At : Velneshwar,
Taluka : Guhagar, District : Ratnagiri, M.S. 415729

Tel. No. : 02359 205238 / 205239

URL / E-mail : www.vpmthane.org / www.vpmmpcoe.org / info@vpmmpcoe.org

Establishment Year : 2012

Affiliation / Accreditation : Affiliated to University of Mumbai
Approved by AICTE, DTE

Courses Offered :
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Electronics & Tele. Commu. Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Instrumentation Engineering
- Civil Engineering
### VPM's UNIT WISE STUDENTS / STAFF STRENGTH (2012-13):

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VF = Visiting Faculty

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**VPM : Quality in Education:**

Our campus also has access to various Online National and International Databases viz.

- JSTOR
- Athens, EBSCO,
- CMIE, ERIC,
- Cochran E-library, Manupatra, Dictionary of Scientific Biography,
- Oxford Dictionary of National Biography etc.

VPM is a Member of various recognized Associations viz.

- Bombay Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Maharashtra Economic Development Council
- Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture
- Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Foreign Language Study in the Campus:

The world is coming closer. In today's globalize multicultural world, it is becoming important to interact and communicate with people from diverse background all over the world. To compete and survive in this new era, knowledge of a foreign language and culture has become a necessity. Besides business prospects and career opportunities, knowledge of a foreign language is very essential for studying abroad, travel, research, enhancing subject knowledge, cultural exchange and for many other reasons.

Considering this fact and introduction of Foreign Languages (French or German or Japanese) studies by Mumbai University in the revised syllabus of MMS Course, Foreign Language
Study Cell was established at one of our institute i.e. DR VN BRIMS in 2008. This Cell in addition to working on methods and studies for enhancing language education, looks after the placement opportunities for language students and guides them on scope and new avenues for the knowledge of Foreign Languages. The cell organizes guest lectures on topics pertaining to foreign languages. In order to enhance cross cultural interaction and exchange views and ideas, we invite delegates from different foreign countries and foreign consulates in India. In the year 2008, Mr. Yamaguchi Hiroshi- Chairman of Ichikawa Japanese language Institute – Chiba, Japan visited the Institute. In the academic year 2009, Mr. Torikai, Consul from Consulate General of Japan, Mumbai visited the Institute. A bit later Mr. Shinichi Iida, the new Consul from Consulate General of Japan, Mumbai visited the Institute.

In our language Lab, with the help of lingua phone machines, audio CDs and textbooks students can practice accent, pronunciation and oral comprehension. In order to cultivate interest in foreign language learning, films from different foreign languages are also screened.

VPM's Department of Defense & Strategic Study:

VPM has started a Department of Defense & Strategic Study in 2008, headed by Shri. N. T. Ravindranath, a retired Intelligence Officer.

With the commitment to the nation & ceaseless efforts of Shri. Ravindranath, VPM published a research book viz. "India under siege – A wake up call" in 2009.

http://vpmthane.org/VPM/India_under_siege.pdf

VPM's London Academy of Education & Research:

Considering the opportunities of extending educational and allied activities overseas, we took over "VPM's London Academy of Education and Research", a private company registered in U.K. to introduce various Management courses in U.K. This academy was inaugurated on 26th May 2009 at Brunie Hall of School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London, which was followed by a Workshop on

- "Global Meltdown – Lessons to be learnt".

Overwhelming response for the said Seminar compelled us to conduct such Seminars in UK frequently. Considering a demand from experts in the London, we had organized three more such Seminars in London viz.

- "Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)" & "Finance Management for Managers" in October 2009 and
"Why India?" in October 2010

Better Infrastructure in the Campus:
All the libraries of various units in the college campus are well equipped with national – international journals and are inter-connected with the library softwares like Web OPEC. To promote and inculcate research activities in the students and staff, VPM has started its online Reference & Research Section in its Joshi – Bedekar College of Arts & Commerce, Thane.

Also a fully air-conditioned Conference Hall (auditorium) with all modern audio-video facilities is made available to all the units of VPM in the college campus to give full scope for the extra curricular and cultural activities like students' seminars, drama, elocution/singing competition, which definitely helps students for their personality development.

To cope up with the modern educational requirements, VPM has installed Video Conferencing system in our college campus. All the auditoriums in the campus are having this video conferencing facility, which facilitates conversation with persons within and outside the campus from their own place.

To keep abreast with modern development, VPM keenly incorporates all the necessary changes like computerization and quality awareness in its institutions along with emphasis on close interaction with industry. Our entire college campus is interconnected with Fibre Optic Network and having 24 hours access to Internet via Leased Line. Majority of our Seminar Halls are Wi-Fi enabled. We have also developed our own website www.vpmthane.org, which one can access anywhere in the world.

Interaction with Foreign Institutions:
To exchange the ideas, experiences and methods of teaching with the foreign countries and to incorporate the advanced methods of teaching within our units, VPM arranges visit of our students and teachers to Oxford, London and Cambridge. Similarly, the teachers from UK and China visit our schools and colleges.

Disha Magazine & Disha Vyasapeetha:
Apart from running educational units, VPM also publishes its own monthly magazine namely "Disha" to share the views, ideas, and opinion with the society. To provide a platform for students' talents various cultural programmes like students' singing etc. are arranged under the auspices of "Disha Vyasapeetha"

Online Admission System:
We are proud to say that VPM is the unique Institution in Maharashtra State to successfully start Online Admission system for our colleges. VPM has also started Online Transaction System by way of Credit / Debit card through our website www.vpmthane.org, i.e. acceptance of school / college fees, sale of seminar proceedings/publications etc.

Weather Station in the campus:
VPM has established an automated Weather Station in our college campus having access / connectivity with Pune Weather Station. Also it has been proposed to start a pilot project on Energy Generation for which UGC has sanctioned a grant of Rs.4,27,100/- and an equal amount of the grant is to be born by us to carry out that project.

Film Society:
To take the movement of Film Society to college youngsters who can shape the Cinema in future, VPM had decided to promote the activities of Film Society for the benefit of students and staff and started a “VPM’s Joshi-Bedekar College Film Society” in the college campus. As a part of this activity we organize screenings of films with programme note, discussions on film screened and organize film appreciation lectures of eminent film directors and scholars in the field.

Convocation:
VPM observe Convocation Ceremony on the occasions of Teachers Day i.e. 5th September. On this day the successful candidates of our autonomous programmes are awarded with their Degree Certificates at the hand of eminent persons.

Earlier Convocations graced by:

2004. Dr. Deepak Phatak :
Head, Kanwal Rekhi School of Information Technology, I.I.T. – Mumbai

2005. Dr. M. D. Paradkar :
Well-known Sanskrit Scholar

2006. Dr. Anil Kakodkar :
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, Govt. of India

2007. Shri. D. Sivanandhan (IPS) :
The then Commissioner of Police, Thane

2008. Dr. Sanjay N. Oak :
Dean, Professor & Head - Department of Pediatric Surgery, Nair Hospital, Mumbai

2009. Dr. Arun Nigavekar :
Senior Advisor, Science & Technology Park, University of Pune, Pune

2010. Shri. Pramod Hari Lele :
C. E. O. Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai.

2011. Dr. Hemchandra C. Pradhan
Former Senior Professor and Centre Director- Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education

2012. Prof. Michio Yano
Professor of Department of Cultural Studies, Kyoto Sangyo University, Japan

2013. Shri. Deepak Ghaisas
Chairman & Chief Mentor, Gencoal Strategic Services Pvt. Ltd. &
Former President of Maharashtra Economic Development Council (MEDC)
Providing Safety & Security:
About 12000 students and 700 staff members are moving in around the college campus for the cause of education. Considering the safety and security need of students, staff and society in general, VPM has installed an **Electronic Entry & Exit System** in the college campus, by way of issuing Smart (identity) Cards and using Boom Barrier System for the vehicles.

Foreign Education in the Campus:
VPM is keen to identify and introduce new courses in the college campus in collaboration with various foreign institutions / universities.

It has entered into educational collaboration with -

- **California University of Technology, USA**, (CalUniversity) for conducting value added, professional courses namely, Master of Business Administration and Doctor of Business Administration.
- **Skovde University, Sweden** for M.Sc. in Molecular Biology/Biomedicine.

Achievements:
1. VPM's. Dr. V. N. Bedekar Institute of Management Studies has been certified with **ISO 9001 – 2000** by **SGS, UK**.

2. Our B. N. Bandodkar College of Science has been awarded with **Best College** award for the year 2009 - 10 by University of Mumbai.

3. Also our 'K. G. Joshi College of Arts & N. G. Bedekar College of Commerce' has been awarded with **Best College** among the urban area for the year 2011 - 12 by University of Mumbai.

4. Besides, the said Joshi-Bedekar College of Arts & Commerce has been selected as first 'Community College' of the University of Mumbai.

5. Another feather in our cap is that the projects presented by the students of our "Sou. A. K. Joshi English Medium School" in the China Adolescent Science and Technology Innovation Contest (CASTIC) held in China every year, has been receiving special awards for last 5/6 years.

6. Our Jt. Secretary, Shri. J. N. Kayal, had been felicitated by former President Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam on occasion Technology Day i.e 11th May 2008 by awarding him Special
Contribution Award under the "Science, Engineering & Technology Award Scheme" of Department of Atomic Energy. This is yet another feather in the history of the Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane.

Interaction between Industry and Educational Institutions:
With a aim to create interaction between industry and educational institutions and to gather and exchange the knowledge on latest technology, VPM has been conducting Workshops, Conferences and Seminars under the auspices of its educational units on various current socio-economic, educational, cultural, national issues for providing additional knowledge to the students and community at large as given below:

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<td>28-30 Nov. 2002</td>
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<td>21.01.2005</td>
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<td>22.01.2005</td>
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<td>Can India Be An Asian Tiger by 2020</td>
<td>23.04.2005</td>
<td>Dr. V. N. Bedekar Institute of Management Studies</td>
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<td>Alternative Energy Sources</td>
<td>27-28 Aug. 2005</td>
<td>VPM's Polytechnic</td>
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<td>17-19 Nov. 2005</td>
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<td>Challenges for Indian Multinationals</td>
<td>18.03.2006</td>
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VPM has been doing the noble service of education to the Thane city population since 1935. Now it has diversified its focus to rural base. Accordingly, it has identified a rural location for new Educational Project at Velneshwar near Chiplun in the Konkan region. This happens to be the place to which our founder President Dr. V. N. Bedekar belonged. The project is dedicated to his emotional attachment to the Konkan region.

About 60 Acres of land has been acquired in the village. We are also trying to acquire more land to construct a spacious ‘Educational Township’ as per AICTE requirements. The village is located on the shores of Arabian Sea and is declared as tourist centre. Several activities of development in this area are taking place through Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation. The Mandal has also taken moral responsibility to support the Government’s plans.

The Master plan of the said project includes starting AICTE recognized Engineering, Horticulture and Ancillary Courses, Hotel Management & Catering Courses, Architecture Colleges in the campus. The Mandal has decided to impart the education in the name of Lord Parshurama i.e. “VPM’s Maharshi Parshuram College of Engineering”. Approximately 1,00,000 Sq. Mtr. built up area would be constructed. The educational complex provides state of the art facilities containing 6 Educational Buildings, Canteens, Hostel Buildings for Students, Staff Quarter Buildings, Principal’s Bungalow and an Amphitheatre.
The academic activities of the College commenced from July 2012, with due permissions from AICTE, DTE and affiliation from University of Mumbai.

Following degree courses are now conducted in the said Velneshwar college campus:

1) Mechanical Engineering – 60 seats
2) Electrical Engineering – 60 seats
3) Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering – 60 seats
4) Computer Engineering – 60 seats
5) Instrumentation Engineering – 60 seats
6) Civil Engineering – 60 seats

Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane, is proud to have taken the right step to fulfill our National Dream. The project will definitely help to eradicate poverty in the region due to economic flourishment. It will also help to minimize the regional imbalance in professional education.

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