Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane
Reg. Office: Dr. Bedekar Vidya Mandir, Naupada, Thane 400602. M.S. INDIA.
URL: www.vpmthane.org  E-mail: vpm@vpmthane.org

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 contents the following Sanskrit Words:

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प्रज्वलितो ज्ञानमयः प्रदिपः 
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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.

Managing Committee Members of Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane:

- Late Dr. V. N. Bedekar: Founder President
- Dr. V. V. Bedekar*: Chairman
- Shri. M. Y. Gokhale: Treasurer
- Shri. U. B. Joshi: Secretary
- Mr. J. N. Kayal: Jt. Secretary
- Shri. S. V. Karandikar: Member
- Shri M. N. Patil: Member
- Shri D. G. Joshi: Member
- Dr. A. N. Bapat: Member
- Mrs. A. A. Bapat: Member
- Dr. M. V. Bedekar: Member
- Shri A. C. Joshi: 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
Educational Institutions of VPM:

VPM, Thane, enthusiastically and zealously caters to the basic needs of education of nearly 15000 students from K. G. to P. G. through its Marathi and English Medium Schools, and through its Arts, Commerce, Science and Law Colleges, Polytechnic, Institute of Management Studies and Advanced Study Centre.

To encourage and give full scope for higher education for Thane & surrounding pupil to whom there was no facility of higher education in the area at that time, VPM has started the colleges in 1968-69 on its 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 comprises of the following:

- **K.G. Joshi College of Arts & N.G. Bedekar College of Commerce** Govt. Aided (1969)
- **B. N. Bandodkar College of Science** Govt. Aided (1969)
- **TMC. Law College** Govt. Aided (1972)
- **Dr. V. N. Bedekar Institute of Management Studies** Private (1973)
- **Dr. Bedekar Vidya Mandir (Marathi Medium School)** Govt. Aided (1957)
- **Sau. A. K. Joshi English Medium School** Private (1976)
- **VPM’s Polytechnic** Private (1983)
- **VPM’s Advanced Study Centre** Private (1996)
- **Information Technology Centre (2000)**
VPM's Institutions In Thane

Name: DR. BEDEKAR VIDYA MANDIR
(Marathi Medium School)
Address: 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: 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
Name: K. G. JOSHI COLLEGE OF ARTS & N. G. BEDEKAR COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

Address: College Campus, Nr. CIDCO Bus Stop, Chendani Bunder Rd, Thane (W) 400601.

Tel. No.: 022 25332413

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)
- B.Com (General)
- Bachelor of Management studies (BMS)
- B.Com (Accounting & Finance)
- B.Com (Banking & Insurance)
- Bachelor of Library and Information science
- BMM (Bachelor in Mass Media)
- M.Com (Business Management)
- Research Centre in Philosophy
- P. G. Diploma in Library Automation & Networking

Name: B. N. BANDODKAR COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Address: College Campus, Nr. CIDCO Bus Stop, Chendani Bunder Rd, Thane (W) 400601.

Tel. No.: 022 25336507

URL / E-mail: www.vpmthane.org / bnb@vpmthane.org
Establishment Year : 1969

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

Courses Offered :
- B.Sc. - (General)
- B.Sc. - IT (Information Technology)
- B.Sc. - Microbiology
- M.Sc.- (Organic Chemistry) by Paper & Research
- M.Sc.- IT (Information Technology)
- Ph.D. - Zoology
- Ph. D. - Chemistry

Name : VPM's ADVANCED STUDY CENTRE

Address : C/o. B. N. Bandodkar College of Science, College Campus, 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 Gardening & Landscape Designing
- P. G. Diploma in Regulatory Affairs
- P. G. Diploma in Applications of Statistics
- P. G. Diploma in Hospital Administration
- P. G. Diploma in Electronics & Instrumentation
Name                          : VPM's TMC LAW COLLEGE
Address                       : College Campus, 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. (Three year degree course)

Name                          : DR. V. N. BEDEKAR INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES
Address                       : College Campus, Nr. CIDCO Bus Stop, Chendani Bunder Rd, Thane (W) 400601.
Tel. No.                      : 022 25446554
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               : 
Name : VPM's POLYTECHNIC

Address : College Campus, Nr. CIDCO Bus Stop, Chendani Bunder Rd, Thane (W) 400601.

Tel. No. : 022 25339872

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 : VPM's Polytechnic Bldg; College Campus, 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 (CCMSGO)
- Certificate Course in Web Page Design (WP D)
- Maharashtra State Certificate in information Technology (MS-CIT)
- Advance Diploma in Computer Software System Analysis and Applications (ADCSSAA)
- Advanced Diploma in Industrial Safety
- Post Diploma Course in Computer Maintenance Engineering
- P. G. Diploma in Pharmaceutical Business Management

### VPM's UNIT WISE STUDENTS / STAFF STRENGTH

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VPM : Quality in Education:


Our campus also have access to various Online National and International Databases viz.
- J STOR, ARTSTOR
- 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](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 under the auspices of the "Institute for Oriental Study, Thane" 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](http://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 :
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. Mr. Pramod Hari Lele :
C. E. O. Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai.

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.
- Northern College of Applied Arts & Technology, Canada, for Electrical Engineering, Instrumentation & Computer Engineering diplomas.

Achievements:
One of our units in the college campus i.e. Dr. V. N. Bedekar Institute of Management Studies has been certified with ISO 9001 – 2000 by SGS, UK.

Another feather in our cap is that the project on "Hydroponics" presented by the students of our "Sau. A. K. Joshi English Medium School" in the 22nd China Adolescent Science and Technology Innovation Contest (CASTIC) held in July/August 2007 at China, has received Special Achievement Award.

Our Jt. Secretary, Shri. J. N. Kayal, had been felicited 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:

In order 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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NEW MEGA PROJECT OF ENGINEERING COLLEGE
AT VILLAGE ‘VELNESHWAR’ IN KONKAN, MAHARASHTRA:

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. 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 will provide state of the art facilities containing 6 Educational Buildings, Canteens, 23 Hostel Buildings for Students, 5 Staff Quarter Buildings, for Principal’s bungalow and an Amphitheatre. We expect that the actual commencement of Colleges will be from academic year 2012-13.

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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