



**TED<sup>x</sup>VIT**  
x = independently organized TED event

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Vidyalankar Institute of Technology, Mumbai



The wait is almost over. VIT is very delighted to announce the second installment of a very successful and flourishing journey. We present to you TEDxVIT 2019 with the theme : Ideas worth spreading

Our goal is to bring together bright minds to give talks that are idea focused, and on a wide range of subjects, to foster learning, inspiration and wonder and provoke conversations that matter. With a view to achieve this goal, we have managed to get Tejashri Pradhan, Vikas Shirodkar, Sourav Sinha, Prajakta Mali, Dr. Sadanand Shetty, Prajakta Shukre, Sandesh Bhat, Shriram Joshi, Pt. Chandrakant Limaye, Sujata Raikar and Dr. Yashpal Kadam as speakers at TEDxVIT, each of them a distinguished champion in their field.

We at TEDxVIT believe that the definition of success varies from person to person and that there is no common parameter by which we can compare the journey and hard work of one person to another. Our speakers will speak on the paths they choose and about all that they put in so as to achieve what they have. We hope that these talks leave the audience with a mind open enough to perceive the different aspects through which the solution to a problem can be approached and to completely understand their box before taking a decision.

So let the countdown to being amazed begin!

Pratik Ghumade  
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TEDxVIT (Mar. 2019)

# WHAT IS TED?

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Started as a four-day conference in California 30 years ago, TED has grown to support its mission with multiple initiatives. The two annual TED Conferences invite the world's leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes or less. Many of these talks are then made available, free, at TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Sal Khan and Daniel Kahneman.



The annual TED Conference takes place each spring in Vancouver, British Columbia. TED's media initiatives include TED.com, where new TED Talks are posted daily; the Open Translation Project, which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as translations from volunteers worldwide; the educational initiative TED-Ed. TED has established the annual TED Prize, where exceptional individuals with a wish to change the world get help translating their wishes into action; TEDx, which supports individuals or groups in hosting local, self-organized TED-style events around the world, and the TED Fellows program, helping world changing innovators from around the globe to amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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# AND TEDx?

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)

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# ABOUT TEDxVIT

Our event is called TEDxVIT, where x = independently organized TED event. At TEDxVIT, TEDTalks video and live speakers will combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. TEDxVIT is formed by a group of students & professors from Vidyalankar Institute of Technology, Mumbai to bring together bright minds to give talks that are idea-focused, and on a wide range of subjects, to foster learning, inspiration and wonder – and provoke conversations that matter.

Each 18 minute (or less) long talk, performance or demonstration will have the power to open the minds of the audience, spark dialogue, and challenge attendees to transform ideas into action. We hope that TEDxVIT will change the view of open-minded and curious individuals, and will inspire, connect, and shape a new world.

One idea at a time.





# ABOUT VIT

Vidyalankar, the name synonymous with educational excellence, is derived from the Sanskrit terms 'vidya' (knowledge) and 'alankar' (ornament). Team Vidyalankar focuses all its energies on spreading the radiance of knowledge and education far and wide. The Vidyalankar Group of Educational Institutes is a prestigious education specialist that has established centrally recognized colleges and qualitative training institutes with branches across Maharashtra. Vidyalankar was established in 1960 by the late Prof. Chandrashekhar S. Deshpande, a technocrat, visionary and a person gifted with extraordinary academic talents and engineering skills. The Vidyalankar Group is managed by the Vidyalankar Dnyanapeeth Trust (established in 1998) with Ms Rashmi Deshpande, Chairperson, at the helm.

Vidyalankar believes in facilitating a holistic environment to enable students to reach their optimum potential.



# THE THEME

For hundreds of years, mankind lived just like animals. Then something happened which unleashed the power of our imagination. We learned to talk and we learned to listen. We communicated and shared ideas which led to multiple innovations. An idea is all it takes to shape the course of history. Ideas can stem from everywhere and sharing them can bring about a change in the way we look at things.

At TED, ideas cover a broad spectrum of topics like agriculture, psychology, technology to religion. We at TEDxVIT believe that ideas have the power to change attitudes, lives and ultimately the world. Spreading of ideas is as important as having an idea in your pocket as a fresh set of eyes can provide a unique perspective and could also help an idea prosper from thought to course of actions. Our speakers will share their expertise, ideas, and experiences that changed lives. We hope that these talks inspire and motivate the audience to turn ideas into actions and help shape a new world. So, let's be a part of this event to create a new way of thinking.

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# KEYNOTE SPEAKER



## Prof. Varsha Bhosale

Prof. Varsha Bhosale is the Vice-Principal of Vidyalankar Institute of Technology and an Associate Professor in the Department of Information Technology. She has completed her B.E. in Computer Engineering (North Maharashtra University) and M.E. in Information Technology (Mumbai University) to her credit. She is pursuing her PhD in Geoinformatics from Vidyalankar Institute of Technology research center, affiliated to the University of Mumbai. She has 20 years of academic and administrative experience, has published technical research papers in renowned National / International conferences and journals.

She is a recipient of “Teaching Excellence Award-2015” awarded by the Lions Club International Association, District 323 A1-2015-2016 on 4th September, 2015.

As a woman running the wheels of this institution; while studying for her PhD as the student of the very same institution, she is leading by example. The example that a woman can take up some of the biggest administrative responsibilities as her job but still find the hunger, the drive, to learn and contribute something to the society, to the entire teaching community and most importantly, to shaping the lives of thousands of students under her in an incredible manner.

# SPEAKERS



Tejashri Pradhan  
Television & Film Actress



Prajakta Shukre  
Singer & Performer



Vikas Shirodkar  
HR Professional



Sourav Sinha  
Youtuber & Photographer



Dr. Sadanand Shetty  
Cardiology Professor



Shriram Joshi  
Innovator & Solution Provider



Sandesh Bhat  
Television & Film Actress



Pt. Chandrakant Limaye  
Classical Singer



Prajakta Mali  
Professional Anchor & Artist



Sujata Raikar  
Trustee of SAATH Charitable Trust



Dr. Yashpal Kadam  
Doctor & Professor



# Tejashri Pradhan

Tejashri Pradhan is a Marathi television and film actress. She has appeared in Marathi films and television serials. Hya Gojirvanya Gharat was one of her first serial. She later played lead role in ETV Marathi's show 'Lek Ladki' where she played the role for more than 800 episodes.

However, Tejashri truly found big fame with the role of Janhvi in superhit serial on Zee Marathi 'Honaar Sunn mi Hya Gharchi'. The Duo of Shri-Janhavi Jodi was super hit among the audience. Though most popular for her TV roles, Tejashri was also seen in the movie Dr. Prakash Amte as young Manda Apte. Some of her other film performances include role in 'Ti Sadhya Kay Karte', 'Zenda' and 'Lagna Pahave Karun'.

She also starred in a natak along with Prashant Damle called 'Karti Kaljat Ghusli' and in 2018 she starred in 'Tila Kahi Sangayacha Ahe' with Aastad Kale. She also starred in hindi play 'Main Aur Tum' with Sharman Joshi. In 2016, she appeared in the hindi TV show on Colors - 'Comedy Nights Bacaho'.

Originally from the town of Dombivali near Mumbai, Tejashri Pradhan completed her education from Chandrakant Patkar Vidyalyaya.



# Prajakta Shukre

Singer and Performer Prajakta Shukre made her first appearance in the music industry with Indian Idol in 2005 and since then she has truly grown as a soulful singer enchanting us with her melodious voice. We have also watched her on National Shows, Interviews and Public performances as well as on cover and original music videos too. Her recent popular songs include “Dankila” from Manikarnika, where she was voice of Kangana Ranaut.

She is also known for her distinctive performances on her social media where her music videos are showered with millions of views from all over the globe. Prajakta Shukre initiated her to take music as a career and she obliged by becoming a renowned playback singer of Bollywood. From the tender age of four, she started participating in various singing competitions. While she was in 12th standard, she decided to participate in the singing based reality shows Indian Idol. She was the only female contestant to reach top five in her season.



## Vikas Shirodkar

Vikas Shirodkar is an HR professional with 34 years corporate and 4 years consultancy experience in the entire gamut of Human Resources, Employee Relations, and the field of People Management. Beginning in HCL, he moved on to Siemens and thereafter worked for Atul Limited. Thereafter he worked for Johnson and Johnson India where he rose to be an Asia-Pacific Director, responsible for implementing HR transformation in 14 countries.

His academic background is impeccable. He completed his graduation and post graduation in Psychology from Mumbai University with flying colors and winning 3 Gold Medals. He then studied at the IIM Calcutta for a Fellowship in PMIR. He has been a well decorated professional having won many professional awards and recognition, the crowning glory of which was being felicitated for “Innovative HR Practices that drive Business Results” at the hands of the then President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. He is a passionate teacher, being an Hon. Dean and Professor at MET Schools of Management. Besides publishing multiple academic articles, he has co-authored 2 books : Foundational Skills for Budding Professionals (Sept 2015) and Cross Cultural Competence for Glocal Success (Dec 2018).



# Sourav Sinha

Sourav Sinha is 21 years old and right now he is in the final year of computer engineering in Vidyalankar Institute of Technology. He is very passionate about photography and a self learnt photographer who is doing photography for the last 5 years. He is a nature lover and loves to photograph the beautiful nature around us and has won prizes in State Level Landscape Photography competitions.

He also has a YouTube channel related to Photography, where he talks about different Photography techniques and cameras. He has been making YouTube content since the last 3 years and it is the biggest photography channel in India with more than 400,000 subscribers. He has collaborated with big brands such as Nikon, Sigma, Aperture, PolarPro, Palette, etc. with the main objective behind this channel being to educate the audience and inspire them to be better photographers.



## Dr. Sadanand Shetty

Dr. Shetty is currently Prof. & Ex-Head - Dept. Of Medicine & Cardiology at Dr. D.Y. Patil University, Nerul, Navi Mumbai. Prior to this, he was associated with K.J. Somaiya Medical College from 1st June, 1991 till 28th June, 2005. He is an astute bedside clinician and very scientific in patient care.

He passed M.D. (Gen. Medicine) in April 1982 (stood 2nd in the University) and D.M. (Card) in October 1984 at 1st attempt from the same institution. Dr. Shetty had the privilege of seeing the evolution of various checkups for the last 25 years and has the ability of doing every checkup himself on patients from simple history taking up to the complex procedures like angiography and angioplasty. He always keeps pace with scientific advances in medicine by attending various meetings at national and international levels. He is an excellent orator and outstanding leader. Because of this, he knows the positive and negative aspects of every checkup and is sharp in selecting the right investigation applying common sense, presence of mind approach particularly looking into our socio-economic background.



# Shriram Joshi

Learner, Innovator, Solution Provider.

Having come from a farmer background and vocational education, has foray in automotive industry with his Innovations and Business development occumen. Made his way from a Tool room engineer to Director Sales and Engineering through his team building and Entrepreneurial skills.

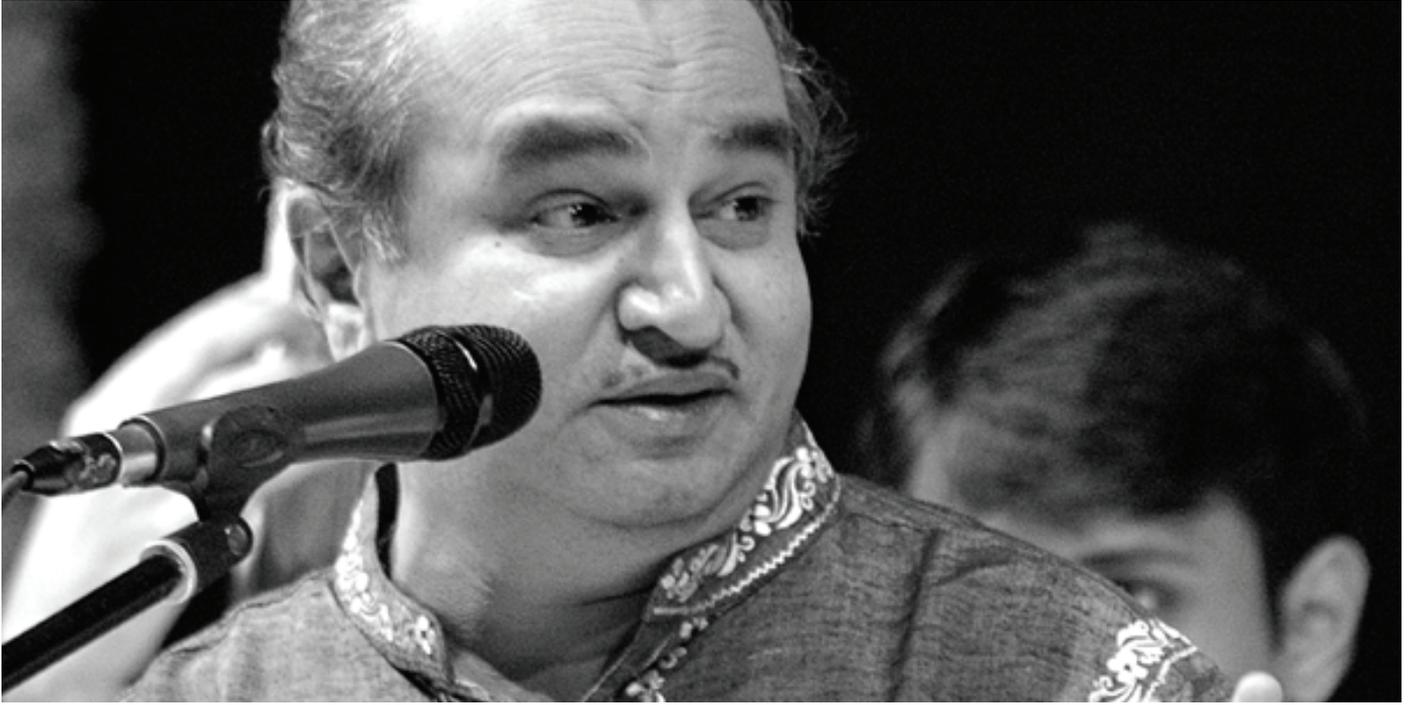
Has 9 patents in Automotive design and a patent in agriculture domain in drip irrigation irrigated with Mineral and Seed feeding. His promote customer centric Innovation approach, wherein solution providing plays a major role.



## Sandesh Bhat

Sandesh is a proud owner of very renowned hotel brand in Pune “Fish Curry Rice” and also owning his own Marathi theatre company “Suyog Production”. Completed education from King George High School Dadar and later completed hotel management from Kohinoor College of hotel management. His father Sudhir Bhat is 2 major business one is theatre his name is Suyog Production and other is interior contractor.

He had a dream of past 32 years to open a restaurant. So in 2009 after Sandesh completed Hotel Management they opened a restaurant by the name Fish Curry Rice in Pune. Restaurant is now situated in 2 prime locations in Pune (Law College road and Baner). Restaurant is now set to complete 10 years on 19th April 2019. His father expired in 2013 and then Sandesh started looking after his dad's production house. He got 5 plays under Suyog since then and play 'Ananya' is making its mark everywhere. It has won many awards and global recognition. With lot many efforts, Fish Curry Rice banged.



## Pt. Chandrakant Limaye

Pandit Chandrakant Limaye - Hindustani classical singer from India, and successful disciple of well known vocalist Late. Pt. Vasant Rao Deshpande. Pandit Limaye used to perform the lead role in marathi music play Katyar Kaljat Ghusali written by Purushottam Darvhekar since April 1997. The same role was earlier performed by his Guru Late. Pt. Vasant Rao Deshpande.

In 2003, Maharashtra kala nicketan honoured Chandrakant Limaye by giving the Maharashtra Vaibhav award for performing in lead role in Katyar Kaljat Ghusali produced by Natysampada Mumbai, that belongs to the well-known producer and actor, Late. Mr. Prabhakar Panshikar. Vasant Rao Deshpande Sangeet Sabha, a charitable trust was founded by Chandrakant Limaye in August 2000. On the behalf of Vasant Rao Deshpande Sangeet Sabha, he started several theme based programmes such as Holi ke rang, Shruti rang varsha ke, Natyarang Sangeetache, Haweli Sangeet and Gharanon ki Khasiyatein.



## Prajakta Mali

Prajakta is professionally trained in Bharatnatyam, having completed her Arangetram and Visharad. She has also completed B.A and M.A in Performing Arts from Lalit Kala Kendra, Pune University and was awarded a prestigious scholarship by the Ministry of Culture, for higher studies in Bharatnatyam awarded to only 20 students a year in India. Prajakta has been participating in theatre since an early age. She has done innumerable Anchoring and Televised programs on Zee Marathi, Mi Marathi, STAR Pravah, Colors Marathi, Saam Marathi. Her first movie 'Taandala - Ek mukhavta', saw her as the female lead in flashback.

Movies like 'Kho-Kho', 'Sangharsh', 'Mhais' as a Choreographer, 'Golaberij' (Performed Lavani) followed. She has done some daily soaps like 'Julun Yeti Reshimgathi' (Zee Marathi) as Meghana, 'Suvasini' (Star Pravah) as Saavi, 'Bandh Reshmache (Star Pravah) as Aditi', 'Phiruni Navin Janmen Mee - Mi Marathi' and many more. Versatile, charming, diligent - you don't need these adjectives to describe her. One look at her expressive features and her ability to emote effortlessly and you know her mettle.



## Sujata Raikar

Sujata Raikar, born in a Punjabi family, is the Trustee of the SAATH Charitable Trust (Support and Aid for Thalassemia Healing). She did her Master's in Computer Applications from Gujarat and came to Mumbai post marriage. She came to know about Thalassemia in 2008, and being a person with sensitive nature, she decided to dedicate her life for Thalassemia affected patients. She also pledged to spread awareness about it. As the work increased, she established SAATH Charitable Trust. Today, through this trust, 90 Thalassemia patients from extremely poor families are provided medicines and their medical needs are taken care of.

Uptil now she has given information about Thalassemia to more than 50,000 people all over Maharashtra. She dreams of a Thalassemia free India.



## Dr. Yashpal Kadam

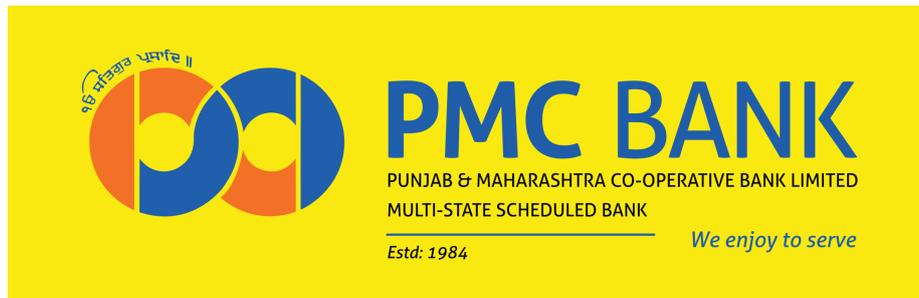
Doctor by profession, teacher by choice, mentoring and guiding students from all walks of life since 2009. Passionate about helping students achieving their goals. He has conducted more than 600 seminars pan India, on topics like career guidance, study skills, parenting, counseling, train the teacher etc.

He has also conducted corporate training seminars and workshops in MNC like Vodafone, Orange, Ajanta Pharma, TTT, with an aim to motivate people to live their life powerfully. He has achieved 35,000+ views on quora, on Zee 24 taas he guided a million students live under “Baravi nantar kay” program, conducted 500+ seminars in corporate as well as education sector guided coached and interacted with more than 55,000 students from more than 15 cities. Only person in India to have created special guided meditation for students preparing for different entrance exams.

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For over 5 decades, Vidyalankar has been a guiding light and an inspiration. It has been churning students to reach new heights. Vidyalankar's aim has always been to be the best in the field of education and to match international standards and the logo is an extension of our aim.

The Vidyalankar logo is an essential part of not only the institution but also the students' who have put their trust in this institution. Since its inception in 1960, the Vidyalankar logo has been the guide to motivation and a symbol to look forward to every new day. The red color in the logo depicts the zest to meet challenges head-on and overcome the obstacles in our way. Vidyalankar continuously aims to be the leaders in the field of education.

The red circle depicts a "rising sun", marking a new era in the field of education. It also symbolizes a guiding light to its students.

The sun gives light to the whole world and Vidyalankar sheds light to the various careers and courses giving to the students, so that they can choose a career or course of their choice.

Vidyalankar written in black calligraphic font symbolizes the subtleness and the aggression of the institute to be on top.

The line "Be sure with" is a very integral part of the logo; it reminds us that Vidyalankar is responsible to churn out not good but brilliant citizens when they face challenges in their life. As a student and a parent, it's a re-assuring that they are in the hands of the leaders and we will make our students do their best.

The red box around the whole unit gives the logo a corporate look so that it is recognized internationally as in step with times. The box strongly symbolizes that everything that a student needs, is all here at Vidyalankar.

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