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Dear Friends,

Hello. Hope everyone is back with lots of enthusiasm after the summer vacation. As you probably are aware that before the end of the academic year, several of you appraised me about the need for "access to information", both from within the University as well as from outside the University which has relevance for you. Information is power and access to information facilitates you for better interaction, academic growth and achieving excellence. Therefore, we have decided to launch this 'Newsline' to achieve that goal. This will be a monthly newsletter and by the 10th of every month, we need to get all the information from you to disseminate to each other so that we are empowered with information for decision making and action for growth.

With the vision of Maharshi Karve for women's education and development and the financial support from Sir Vithaldas Thackersey and Lady Thackersey, SNDT Women's University has pioneered in the movement of empowering women. We have travelled through the last 8 decades and attained significant achievements, by marking the various milestones through the century under the dynamic leadership of Lady Premilila Thackersey onwards. Dr. Sharoda Diwan, Dr. Madhuri Shah, Dr. Jyoti Trivedi, Prof. Kamalini Bhansali and Dr. Suma Chitnis have contributed immensely for the University's growth. On July 5th, we are celebrating the 80th anniversary of our Founder's Day in Pune with our Education Minister as the Chief Guest. As we move ahead now, we have to make rapid strides to catch up with the favourable economic policy and the opportunities for women's career and development through the various programmes we offer in SNDT Women's University. We have some lacunae in educational programmes specially in the area of Science and Technology which provide professional areas for women to ensure gender justice and gender development. The tasks ahead are many and for that we require your total commitment and full participation both teaching and non-teaching staff.

A number of Committees have been set up to attend to various matters of University and Colleges administration apart from the Statutory Committees. These Committees are empowered to make decisions and attend to the implementation details. The Committee's names and their constitution are already printed in the newsletter. Besides these members, others are most welcome to volunteer their support and action.

I look forward to a very fruitful year ahead with your commitment, and participation.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. M.A. Varghese

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Editorial

SNDT Women's University is proudly launching the monthly "News Line". The main objective of this initiative is to share the news & views, achievements, scholarships/fellowships, programmes and opportunities with members of the academic fraternity. It is necessary to form a strong network which will enable dissemination of information for growth and development of individuals and universities at large. We are privileged to have amongst us, the renowned scholars, educationists, administrators and student achievers who collectively continue to make this university a veritable centre of learning.

The members of the News Line Committee hope to reach out to one and all for interactive exchange through this forum and make this endeavour a success. This being the first issue, it has limited coverage but we hope to widen its scope. Readers are invited to co-operate by contributing information and suggestions to sustain this venture in future.

Kindly send in the information to the Editor by the 10th of every month.

About The University

The year 1916 marked the beginning of a new era in the history of Women's higher education in India, when Dr. Dhondo Keshav Karve started the Indian Women's University at Hingne, near Poona with just four students. In a society governed by age old customs and outdated attitudes towards women, an Institution of this type was bound to face social and economic difficulties. Fortunately, Sir Vithaldas Thackersey impressed by the pioneering work of Dr. Karve, made a contribution of Rs. 15 lakhs to the Institution to commemorate the memory of his mother. Thus the vision of Shri Maharashi Karve and the foresight of Sir Vithaldas Thackersey led to the establishment of the first exclusive University of Women in India in 1916, named after the great benefactor's revered mother, Nathibai as the Shrimati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University popularly known as S.N.D.T. University.

The headquarters of the University was shifted to Bombay in 1936. The University con-

tinued to grow, providing higher education to more and more women. In 1951, the University received statutory recognition and since then its progress has been accelerated. With faculties of Arts, Social Science, Fine Arts, Home Science, Education and Library Science, the University has become a unique centre of higher education not only in our country but in the world. It has today a total of 11 conducted and 22 affiliated colleges in Maharashtra and Gujarat, offering 36 courses in Arts, Science, Commerce, Home Science, Nursing, Pharmacy, Library Science and several other technical and semi-technical fields. There are 38 Post-graduate departments and two research establishments to carry out research. It has also launched the open University and Correspondence Course Programmes.

The Department of women's studies and P.V. Polytechnic for women which has been adjudged as the Best Polytechnic in Maharashtra are some of the unique institutions of the university. Student enrolment has

well crossed the 46,000 mark

The university having achieved national and international fame today is marching ahead to establish the Institute of Technology and Management studies in the 21st century. While taking these strides, the University has maintained its experimental focus by providing instruction in the mother tongue, by permitting and encouraging external students and by providing professional and job-oriented courses to meet the needs of women in the fast changing world. The University further plans to focus attention on inter-disciplinary and inter-departmental programmes drawing resources from its various departments. The University is actively involved in Urban and Rural extension programmes and has thus extended its services to community for the upliftment of women. The S.N.D.T. University has commendably lived upto its chosen motto "An enlightened woman is a source of infinite power".

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University Results	
B.Sc. (Nursing)	95.43
M.Sc. (Nursing)	93.75
B.Ed. (New & Old)	89.47
B.Lib.Sc.	48.89
B.Com (Final)	35.78

Heartly Congratulations To



Ms. VELLANKI S. MRUNALINI – 73% (M.Sc)
 L.T. College of Nursing



Ms. MANI NEETA N. – 78% (B.Com)
 S.M.R.K. Mahila Mahavidyalay, Nashik



Ms. BADIRE DYANANDA – 72% (B.Ed)
 Agricultural Development of Education, Trust Sharadabai Pawar College of Arts & Commerce, Baramati



Ms. NEETA A.V. RAJAN – 68%
 L.T. College of Nursing



Ms. JEDDY ZEEBAH – 69% (B.Lib Sc)
 S.H.P.T. School of Library Science

AROUND THE CAMPUSES

FELICITATION TO VICE-CHANCELLORS

SNDT Principals' Forum and Seva Mandal Education Society, Matunga, jointly organised a function on March 9, '96 to welcome and felicitate, Dr. M.A. Varghese, the newly appointed Vice Chancellor of the University. On this occasion, former Vice-Chancellors Dr. Suma Chitnis, Prof. Kamalini Bhansali and Dr. Jyoti Trivedi, were also felicitated for their outstanding contributions to the University.

CELEBRATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY

The Republic Day was celebrated with great solemnity at the Churchgate campus on 26th Jan. Smt. Bakul Patel, the Ex-Sheriff of Mumbai graced the occasion as a chief guest. During this function the students of various departments and colleges displayed mass drill and several adventurous exercises such as Rapelling, River Crossing and Fire Fighting.

International Day for Women was celebrated on March 8, when the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Mariamma Varghese administered an oath. Eminent Scholars, Like Dr. Neera Desai, Dr. Maitreyi, Krishnaraj and Dr. Rohini Gavankar were among the speakers.

S.N.D.T. - AVEHI COLLABORATION

Centre For Rural Development of the University in collaboration with AVEHI proposes to set up an Audio Visual Resource

Centre (AVRC) at Udwada. The main objective of this centre will be to set up an AV Library and disseminate educational AV material to nearby villages through NFE. This project is supported by the **British Council**.

SELF EMPLOYMENT TRAINING FOR RURAL WOMEN

A grant assistance of Rs. 3 lakh has been received from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) for training rural women in Block printing and Weaving under ARWIND (Assistance to Rural Women in Non Farm Development) scheme. This project has been initiated at Udwada in South Gujarat.

SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS & SYMPOSIA

History Research Institute and Post Graduate Dept. of History, SNDT jointly organised a symposium on "Social and Political Development of Maharashtra in the 19th century" on 26th Feb. '96.

Inter-University WORKSHOP - Shri M.D. Shah Mahila College, Malad had organised Seminar on. The Review of the new 11th and 12th Standard text books" to discuss various problems related to the subject on 13th April '96. 52 teachers from colleges affiliated to Bombay and SNDT Universities participated in this workshop.

Training Programme for Co-ordinators SNDT college of Education, Pune organised a training programme for women co-ordinators from 16 districts of Madhya Pradesh -May 4 to 14, '96.

U.G.C. Refresher course in Education for the Teacher Educators was organised by SNDT college of Education, Pune from May 9 to June 1 '96. The Programme focussed on Teacher and Teacher effectiveness and was attended by 30 teachers from Maharashtra.

A two-day Seminar on **Western Criticism** with special reference to Plato, Aristotle, Mathew Arnold, I.A. Richards and T.S. Eliot was organised by Post-Graduate Dept. of Gujarati in collaboration with Bombay university on Feb 27-28 '96.

Two weeks orientation programme for teachers organised by the University in collaboration with the Ford Foundation on "History as heritage" from 22nd June '96.

Hindi Department of S.N.D.T. Arts & Commerce College had organised in collaboration with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan 'Kabir Sandhya Aur Kabir Kavya Ki Sangeemai Prasthuthi at Birla Krida Kendra on 16th Feb. '96.

Fashion Show

Students of the Apparel Manufacturing and fashion Design, P.V. Polytechnic Juhu won the adulation of one and all for the presentation of Chrysalis '96 at Leela Kempinski - April '96.

SUMMER CAMPS

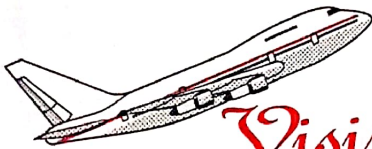
The Department of Physical Education, of the University conducted a 'FITNESS RECREATION CAMP' for primary school children at S.N.D.T. Juhu campus from April 22 to May 2, 1996. Over 100 children

from various schools participated in the camp, and was highly appreciated.

Dept. of Sports, Shri M.D. Shah Mahila College, Malad had organised a summer camp 'Sanskar Shibir' from 15th to 30th April for school children. This Shibir covered Gymnastics, Rope Mall, Khaub, Yoga, Karate, Basketball, Table Tennis etc.

N.S.S. Adventure Camp

The Department of Students' Welfare and N.S.S. Cell, S.N.D.T. Women's Univeristy had organised an Adventure Camp for the NSS Volunteers at Matheran from 24th to 30th March 1996. 25 NSS Volunteers from eight colleges participated. The activities included - rappelling, river crossing, mountaineering, trekking, etc.



Visits Abroad

Dr. G. Subbulakshmi,

Director, Dept of P.G. Studies and Research in Home Science participated in the International Vitamin A consultative group meeting was held at Guatemala March 18-22, 1996.

BOOKS RELEASED

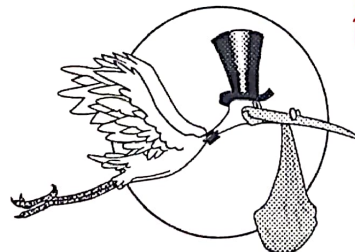
'Game Eilo Dur Jain' - Gujarati translation by Dr. Nalinee Madgaonkar, Head of Department of Gujarati (P.G.) Subhash Mukhopadhyay's Award winning poems 'Jata Durel Jai' in Bengali - published by Sahitya Academy, New Delhi

'Mohe Lagi Lagan' - A collection of poems written by Dr. Indira P. Shah Principal of Sheth P.T. Mahila College, Surat, 1996

Research Projects

A Research project on Nutrition Education funded by 'International Life Science Institute has been initiated from January 1996 by the Department of Post Graduate Studies & Research in Home Science, Juhu. Dr Kathleen Kurz, Nutritionist and Technical Adviser for this project visited the Department on May 7, and reviewed the progress of the project.

Title of the project	Name of the person	Name of the College/Dept.
Nutrition Education funded by International Life Science Institute	Dr. G. Subbulakshmi Director	Dept. of P.G. Studies & Research in H.Sc., Juhu
Performance evaluation of Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation	Shri G.Y. Shitole Lecturer	Post Graduate Dept. of Commerce, Churchgate
Studies of Ayurvedic Drugs	Dr. S.Y. Gabhe Prof. (Pharm. Chem)	C.U. Shah College of Pharmacy, Juhu
Adoption of Welsakar Pre School and primary tests of intelligence in Marathi	Dr. Medha Kumthekar Reader (Psychology)	Dept. of Post Graduate Studies, Pune



Farewell & Good Luck

Dr. Kalindi Panderi, - Principal, P.V. Polytechnic, Juhu

Mrs. Rajni Dhruv, - Head of Department of Sociology,
 Shri M.D. Shah - Mahila College, Malad

Shri R.K. Tiwari - Watchman

Smt. D.V. Chhatrapati - Jr. Clerk

Smt. Shobha Bhat, - Head Clerk

Smt. Seema Joshi, - Sr. Clerk

A c h i e v e m e n t s

We are proud of –

Faculty

Dr. Kalindi Randeri – *Principal, P.V. Polytechnic*

Best Woman of the year 1995-96 by Indian Merchant Chambers (Ladies Wing)

Dr. S.G. Deshpande – *Principal, C.U. Shah College of Pharmacy*

State Award for Best Teacher for the year 1995-96

Mrs. Nilufer K. Ahmed – *Dean of Students, NSS Co-ordinator, Dept. of Students' Welfare*

Best NSS Programme Co-ordinator State Award from Government of Maharashtra
Higher & Technical Education and Employment Dept. 1995-96

Dr. D.H. Mehta – *Reader, Dept. of Special Education*

Council of International Fellowship (CIF) to visit Sweden from May to June 1996

Dr. K.K. Shah – *Head of the Post Graduate Dept. of History*

Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla Fellowship for the year 1995-96

Students

Mrs. Rachana Jhaveri – *M.M.P., Shah College, Matunga.*

Best NSS Volunteer – Indira Gandhi National Award by, Ministry of HRD, Dept. of Sports

Ms. Jayashree Panchal – *NSS Volunteer of Shri P.N.Doshi College, Ghatkopar*

Best NSS Volunteer of the year 1995–96

N.C.C. Laurels

Won the trophy for

The Best Platoon **Kum. Radhika Pawar**, *Commander Sheth P.T. Mahila College, Surat.*

Kum. Diana Dalal – *Sheth P.T. Mahila College, Surat.*

Best N.C.C. Cadet – Won the cash award from Chief Minister's fund for her performance as Best Cadet.

SNDT proudly places on record the outstanding contribution of **Dr. Kalindi Randeri** who has left lasting impressions on the developmental milestones of the University and wishes her good luck for a bright future ahead.

Available Opportunities Grab them

Sr. No.	Name of Scholarship	Country	Subjects	Programming Courses	Duration	Date of issue	Last Date	Pre-requisite	Address
1	Irish Govt Fellowship 1996 (Govt. of India)	Ireland	Nursing Studies Community Health remedial education Occupational Health and Economics	P.G. Course Degree/Diploma	Sept/Oct 1996 One year	9.4 1996	1.7.1996	Age: 23 to 33	Govt. of India Ministry of HRD Dept. of Education E.S. Division A-1/W3
2.	South-South Exchange Programmes for Research on the History of Development	Netherlands	New identities and Doctoral Vision on Development		Three Yrs 3 Months	Jan 1995	30.4.96	Post Doctoral 5 Yrs Post Ph.D. Doctoral Enrolled Ph D Students	Septh Grant Programme Faculty of History & Arts Studies Erasmus University, Rotterdam, P.O. Box 1738 3000 DN Rotterdam
3.	The Netherlands Fellowships Programmes (NEP) 1996	Netherlands	Aerospace Management Urban Development Social Studies	Diploma / Degree	For the Details see the Booklet "FEDERATION FOR" International Education, Netherlands			English And French Age : 40 yrs.	1 TC, P.O. Box 6, T500AA, Enschede The Netherlands
4	German Academic Exchange Service (GAES) Fellowship (UGC) 1997-98	Federal Republic of Germany	Natupa Science Humanities Social Sciences Law, German Language sports	Advance Studies and research	One Yr. 1.10.97 30.9.97		10.9.96	German Master Degree 1st Class Age Limit 36 yrs	Dr. Kanwar Sen Under Secretary UGC Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, Delhi-2
5. (a)	Fulbright Fellowship Programmes for Indian Scholars 1997-98	U.S.A.	Higher Education	Pre-Doctoral Post-Doctoral Visiting Lecturers, Travel only, grant, fellowship Library Science, Leadership	3 to 12 Months		June-1996	Less than 45 to 50 Yrs	The U.S.E.F.I. 'Fulbright House' 12, Hailey Road, New Delhi - 110 001 Contact : Ms Rathi Vinay Senior Advisor
(b)	Hubert H Humphery Fellowship	U.S.A.		Management	10 Months		June 1996		4th Fl, Zone D, Lodi Road, N Delhi-3.
(c)	East-West Center Fellowship	Hawaii		M A Ph D	12 Months		July, 1996	40 Yrs.	U.S.E.F.I. Office, New Delhi
(d)	Shastri Indo-Canadian 1996-97 Faculty Research Programme	Canada	Higher Education Social Science Humanities Interdisciplinary Competitive		3 Months		30th Nov 1996	English French	Resident Director Shastri Indo Canadian Institute, 5, Bhai Virsingh Marg, New Delhi 110 001

INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS ASSOCIATION
Nomination for Awards — Lecturer — 1996-97 are invited

Sr. No.	Name of the Awards	Subject	Eligibility	Age limit	Amount	Last date	Address
1.	Professor Umakant Sinha Memorial Award	Bio Chemistry, Bio Physics & Molecular Biology, or Molecular Genetics applied to plant science	Members of the ISCA Council from Heads of Universities / IIT, Research Institutes of Learned Society	40 yrs.	Rs. 4000/-	July 31, 1996	Indian Science Congress Association 14, Dr. Biresh Guha Street, Calcutta
2.	Dr. B.C. Memorial Award	Soil / Physical Chemistry	—” —	45 yrs.	Rs. 5000/-	—” —	—” —
3.	Dr. B.C. Deb Memorial Award	Popularisation of Science	—” —	—” —	—” —	—” —	—” —
4.	Prof R.C. Shah Memorial Lecture	Organic Pharmaceutical and Biological Chemistry	—” —	—” —	—” —	—” —	—” —

Note : Candidates with outstanding research publications are eligible to apply for the above mentioned awards.

COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY

During the year 1996, the following committees have been formed :

1. University — Industry Linkage
2. International Linkage
 - a) CUSAC
 - b) Ford foundation
 - c) Fellowships/Awards/Scholarships
 - d) Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute
3. Public Relations
4. Government Liaison
5. Personnel and Legal Matter
6. Development & Training
7. Annual Report
8. Publications (Research)
9. Newsletter and Information
10. Vocationalisation
11. Statute
12. Campus Management
13. Hostel and Guest House
14. Building, Repairs & House keeping
15. Physical Assets
16. Investment Advisory
17. Monitoring -
 - School
 - Conducted Colleges
 - Affiliated Colleges
 - Post Graduate Departments
18. Celebrations
19. Patkar Hall
20. Juhu Auditorium
21. Canteen Management

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Seminar cum Exhibition on Urban Pollution and Waste Management on July 11, to be organised by the Dept. of P.G. Studies and Research in Home Science, Juhu.

Residential Course for Teachers

National Institute of Advanced studies, Bangalore will be conducting a four week residential course on "An integrated Approach to knowledge and information for university and college teachers from 7th Oct. to 2nd November 1996 for degree college teachers with less than eight years experience. Principals of conducted and affiliated colleges should select and depute them. The letter of participation should reach before 31st August. 1996 at the following address :

Dr. P.H. Sethu Madhav Rao
 University Grants Commission
 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
 New Delhi 110 001.

New Courses

Shri M.D. Shah Mahila College, Malad and Dr. B.M. Nanavati College of Home Science, Matunga are introducing Vocational courses at the degree level in the Commerce and Home Science faculties respectively. For further details contact the Principals of these colleges.

Minor Research Projects

Proposals are invited from teachers working in the University Departments and conducted colleges who are interested to undertake the Minor Research projects in Social Science, Humanities, Home Science/Science and Engineering and Technology during the year 1996-97. A proposal (5 copies may be sent to the Registrar in the prescribed format together with a copy of the synopsis duly recommended by the Head of the Department and Institute. The last date for receiving the proposal is 30.8.96. Incomplete proposals will not be accepted. A copy of the programme can be had from the Grants section of the University.

Essay Competition

The Embassy of the Argentina Republic is holding its Fifth Annual Essay Competition 1996 for undergraduate and graduate students of higher learning in India.
 For further details contact:
 Dean of Students', Dept. of Students' Welfare, S.N.D.T. Women's University,
 Mumbai-20.



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AUGUST 1996

SNDT Completes 80 years



Guardian Minister for Pune District and Smt. Kamal Vyavahare, the newly elected Mayor of Pune who is SNDT Alumni, were also present to grace the occasion.

The function commenced with the inauguration of the new extension wing of the Arts and Commerce College, the first Institute of the University. On the occasion Shri Dattaji Rane the Hon. Minister paid tributes to the founder, Maharshi Karve, and garlanded his photograph. Dr. Varghese, the vice-chancellor, welcomed the guests and stressed the need to keep up with the changing times and to look beyond the academic world to external sources and institutions to bring about timely and beneficial development in the education field.

She also suggested to the Government to encourage Industrial and Commercial enterprises willing to help the educational institutions by extending their services and facilities to the students with tax benefits and exemption. She pointed out that the aim of Women's education is not only the upliftment of a section of society neglected for a long time but to ensure a brighter future for the society as a whole. If Human resources are counted as one of the major resources in a growing economy such as India, then the education and therefore economic upliftment of half of the nations human resources i.e. the women was of prime importance.

Shri Shashikant Sutar the guardian Minister stressed the need for Agriculture education and research for women. Dr. Hemlata Parasnis, the Registrar of the university gave a brief account of the university, its unique features and the challenges of the university.

On the occasion the Ex-students of the college, Smt. Gangutai Patwardhan, 96 years old and Smt. Kamal Vyavahare, the Mayor of Pune were felicitated. NEWSLINE was released by Hon. Minister Shri Rane.

RANE emphasises vocational training

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE : SATURDAY JULY 6 '96

PUNE. July 5 : While the city witnessed several functions organised to felicitate SSC toppers. State Education Minister, Datta Rane, today emphasised the need to promote vocational education which alone, he felt, would help students, particularly those from rural areas, to earn their livelihood.

He was delivering the presidential address at a function organised to mark the closing ceremony of the 80th anniversary celebrations of the SNDT College of Arts and Commerce, off Karve Road here this morning. Guardian minister of Pune, Shashikant Sutar, Mayor Kamal Vyavahare and the Vice Chancellor of SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, Dr. Mariamma Varghese were chief guests at the function.

While lauding the sincere efforts of SNDT university and several other educational institutes which have and are planning to open colleges in the rural area, Rane, however, opined that conventional education would not help rural students.

He disclosed that over 300 applications from various educational institutes who wish to open branches in rural areas to impart higher education remain pending. However, the State has decided to go slow over these proposals, he said arguing that it was useless to open an additional college for higher education.

To justify his claim, Rane pointed out that several students who have secured Bachelors' degrees in arts and agriculture are often seen knocking on the doors of co-operative banks for jobs. Their other option is to teach, and there are hardly any jobs left in the teaching profession", he added.

He called upon educational institutes to introduce such courses which would help students acquire technical and professional skills, and added that the State was planning to encourage such "need-based colleges" in rural areas.

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AROUND THE CAMPUSES

SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS & SYMPOSIA

The Research Centre for Women's Studies and Max Mueller Bhavana, Mumbai (Goethe Institute) jointly organised a seminar on "Women Empowerment and Political Participation" on 7-9 February 1996, focussing on the initiatives taken by the two countries - India and Germany.

The N.S.S. Cell of the University organised a one day Workshop on "Reproductive Health and Adolescents" on 10th July 1996. The programme was sponsored by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Seventy N.S.S. volunteers from various conducted and affiliated colleges and thirteen N.S.S. programme officers participated in the workshop.

WORLD POPULATION DAY CELEBRATED

The population club of SNDT College of Arts and Commerce, Churchgate organised AIDS - Awareness Campaign on July 11, 1996.

The Dept. of P.G. Studies & Research in Home Science, Juhu organised a Seminar-cum-Exhibition on "Environmental Awareness" in collaboration with Vasundhara, Nirmala Niketan on Population Day. The programme was supported by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, as a part of National Environment Awareness Campaign and was largely attended by over 200 students from conducted and affiliated colleges of the University.

QC CIRCLES AT SNDT

Under University-Industry linkages programme the Quality Circle Forum of Mukand Steel Ltd., organised half a day programme on "Quality Circle Appreciation" for SNDT staff on 16th July '96. The experts on Quality Circle from Mukand, including Dr. R.H.G. Rau and others stressed the need for quality circles (QC) and Applications of TQM practices at Educational Institutes to achieve excellence in Education.

The programme attended by the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Senior Officials and Heads of Departments was found to be very informative, relevant and stimulating. This programme was co-ordinated by Dr. Ravikala Kamath and Dr. Leena D'Souza. The follow-up session on how to get QC started is proposed to be held on August 3 at SNDT premises.

80th Anniversary Celebrations

THE FIRST INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY

- founded and nurtured by Maharshi Karve

Eighty years ago, on July 5, 1916 Maharshi Karve, the pioneer of Women's education in India founded the first Women's College at Hingne with only 4 students. Over the 8 decades the college has made a remarkable progress with a total enrolment of 1600 students. During these 80 years of its existence, the college has tried to upgrade the curricula to keep up with the changing times and shifted its focus from general education oriented courses to vocationalisation of courses. The present day syllabus includes various professional courses like computer applications. Equal importance is given to personality development of the students emphasising co-curricular activities such as N.C.C., N.S.S. and the martial Arts.

The college had the honour of having Shri Maharshi as one of the principals of the college under whose able leadership, the institute developed.

MAHARSHI KARVE JAYANTI CELEBRATED

Maharshi Karve Jayanti was celebrated on 18th August by the post-graduate department of Marathi by organising a symposium on Women's Studies. Shri Chandrashekhar Wagh, editor of Loksatta, presided over the function.

Visits
Abroad



Dr. Mariamma Varghese,
Vice-Chancellor,
SNDT Women's University, Mumbai and President, of Home Science Association of India, represented ASIA at the XVIIIth IFHE congress held in Bangkok, Thailand, during 21-26th July 1996. She presented her paper on : "WOMEN AND FAMILIES IN DEVELOPMENT" on 23rd July 1996.

The college is very proud to have produced eminent personalities, like Smt. Godavari Keskar, the first researcher in Indian Theatre, famous writers like Maltibai Bedekar and many others.

We are proud to mention that the Mayor of Pune Smt. Kamal Vyavahare who is amongst us today is also an ex-student of this college. The college proposes to set up Women's Aid, centre and a Sports Fitness centre.

The college has ambitious plans for starting different vocational and professional courses in the years to come. The SNDT Arts and Commerce College enjoys a tremendous amount of good will not only in the SNDT university but also in Pune city. We hope that this faith which the students and parents have in us, and the efforts of its professors & staff, will help the college to achieve greater glory in the days to come. Let us hope that SNDT Arts and Commerce College continues to be a model of an ideal women's college in the years to come. Thanks to the University for a donation of Rs. 10,000 to us.

Dr. Ashwini Dhongde
Principal

**Certificate Course in
 Environment and Development**

The centre for Distance Education proposes to launch a "Certificate Course in Environment and Development from November 1996. This course, the first of its kind, has been designed with active collaboration from NGOs and academic institutions and draws on the expertise of the people working in the field.

The course of six months duration will focus on Natural Ecosystems, Global Environmental problems, Environmental policies and laws, and the History of Environmental Movement.

The course is open to any graduate or H.Sc. with two years experience in the relevant field. The course will provide an added qualification to those already employed by NGOs, social service organisations, and Educational institutions.

For further information please contact -
 Director, Centre for Distance Education,
 SNDT University, Juhu, Mumbai - 400 049.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

SOURCE BOOK ON WOMEN IN MAHARASHTRA.

Dr. Meera Kosambi, Director, Research Centre for Women's Studies has undertaken an exhaustive documentation of all important aspects of women's lives during the twentieth century (1901-1991) for all the districts of present day Maharashtra in collaboration with the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India through the Directorate of Census Operations, Maharashtra Government.

STATUS OF WOMEN, FAMILY PLANNING AND FERTILITY

Dr. Divya Pandey, Research Centre for Women's Studies, has undertaken a large-scale collaborative study with the Population Research Centre, Baroda, to find out the existing co-relationship between women's status and the acceptance of family planning methods. The project is funded by the world Health Organization.

RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED

● Accounting During Peshwa Period in Maharashtra - a research project sponsored by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi. Project completed in April, 1996. Name of the Researcher : Dr. Prabhat Ranade, Reader (Com) Dept. of PGSR, Pune.

● The Role of Women's Voluntary Organisations in Pune in Improving Socio-Economic conditions of Women - An Analytical

Study - a research project completed by Dr. Prabhat Ranade and Dr. Kirti Kelkar, Dept. of PGSR, Pune. (May '96). This project was funded by ICSSR, New Delhi.

READERS VIEWS

I am happy to have perused the first issue (July 1996) of your monthly "Newsline". I believe it was a long felt need that had been met. Thanks to this publication, we would now know continuously of the activities of the University and its various departments. It is also nice to know about persons connected with the University particularly when they reach greater heights of achievements.

Please accept my very sincere greetings and congratulations on a very fine job done.

*With regards,
 Dr. Mohan Patel
 S.E.M., Ex-Sheriff of Mumbai.*

I have received the first publication of the monthly "NEWSLINE" of SNDT University. You have produced a very modern and enlightening Newsline of the University.

Please accept my heartiest congratulations and extend the same to all other members of the editorial team.

*Kallolini Hazarat
 President
 Gujarat Research Society*

"Newsline" is well brought out

Congratulations. Please keep it up.

*Dr. Kalindi Randeri
 EX - Principal
 P.V. Polytechnic, Juhu*

Participation of Faculty in International Conference

Dr. Meera Kosambi, Director of Research Centre for women's studies represented in ACV/CHESS programme in 1995-96. This programme initiated by the Association of common wealth universities and funded by UNESCO consist of a three way exchange of senior faculty in women's studies with a view to forge permanent research and exchange linkages.

Under this programme, Dr. Kosambi visited the university of West Indies (Mona Campus, Jamaica) from 1st to 15th Dec. '95, and the uni-

versity of Adelaide in April 1996, and delivered lectures, attended seminars and discussed the possibilities of research collaboration and expansion of existing (CUSAC) student exchange programmes.

Dr. Divya Pande participated and presented the research findings entitled Women in Decision-Making in the private sector in India}} in the Expert Group Meeting on promoting women's participation in Decision Making, organised by the united Nations Economic and social commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok on 18-19 Dec. 95.

Dr. Veena Poonacha visited Perth and Adelaide, Australia from 13th April to May 1996 as visiting Research Scholar at Edith Cowan university Perth and as a Guest lecturer at Flinders university.

Mrs. Leena Raje, vice principal of Shri P.N. Doshi College presented a paper on Preservation of mangoes by chemical releasing agents and absorbent at the 5th International Mango Symposia in Tel-Aviv, Israel.

Dr. Lalita Iyer Bhattacharjee, Reader in Food Science and Nutrition, Dept. of P.G. Studies and Research in Home Science, SNDT Women's University, and Secretary, HSAI (Bombay Chapter) presented a Poster Exhibit on "DIETARY FACTORS IN THE GENESIS OF VITAMIN A DEFICIENCY" at the Scientific Poster Session of the XVIIIth IFHE Congress at Bangkok, Thailand during 21-26th July 1996. She also participated in the 18th IFHE Pre Congress on "Social Services for Families in Society", during 11th-20th July 1996, in Thailand.

Dr. Reeta Sonawat, Reader in Human Development, P.G. Home Science, presented the paper entitled "Buddha's View on Women" in International Symposium on Resurrection of Buddhism in India and its relevance under present Global Scenario organised by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Institute of Social Sciences, MHOW, M.P. - 14th to 17th April, 1996.

International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women's Studies between 21st to 26th April 1996 at Adelaide.

The following faculty members participated in the above Congress:

1. Dr. Veena Poonacha RCWS, Juhu.
2. Dr. Ramala Baxamusa RCWS, Juhu.
3. Mrs. Asha Menon P.N. Doshi College, Ghatkopar - presented paper on Status of Women and Population growth in India.

**Students & Faculty
of
JEWELLERY DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE**

Participate in

8th Indian International Jewellery Competition

The Indian International Jewellery Competition was held in Mumbai this June, and played host to many of the most important companies and manufacturers in the business world wide.

Just one year after its establishment, Jewellery Design and Manufacture Department, was pleased to be well represented in the finals of the Jewellery Competition. Dr. Kalindi Randen, Co-ordinator, Mr Gavin Fraser Williams and Ms Elizabeth Anstice Brown - U.K. consultants for Decta were delighted with the success of the students and staff alike.

Mr Raja Gondkar, full time staff in the Department was chosen among the 20 finalists out of 500 entries in the competition. On display he had a golden diamond necklace, along with a golden diamond brooch set (manufactured by Shrenuj Ltd.)

The design of 10 students were also displayed in the Jewellery Exhibition (JEWEL YATRA) with students having opportunity to meet and be introduced to representatives from industry.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Street Play competition on "Environment and Health" on 9th August organised by Dept. of Students' Welfare, SNDT, Churchgate.

Poster and Elocution Competition on Environmental Awareness on Thackersey Day - August 12 and one day workshop on Energy Conservation on 30th August sponsored by PCRA and Lions Club of Juhu, organised by Dept. of P.G. Studies & Research in Home Science, Juhu

Hiking Camp to BHIMA SHANKER, the second highest peak in Sahyadri Ranges (1005 mts above sea level) organised by N.C.C. unit on Aug. 17-18.

A C H I E V E M E N T S

FACULTY

- Dr. Naina Potdar, Principal, L.T. College of Nursing has been awarded the "Ati Visistha Chikitsa" Medal by the Association of Chest Physician.
- Smt. Debjani Ganguly, a lecturer, SNDT College of Arts and Commerce, Churchgate awarded a Scholarship by the Australian National University, Canberra for four years to do research in English Literature.
- Smt. Nilufer Ahmed, N.S.S. Co-ordinator selected from all over India by Ministry of HRD and Dept. of Youth Affairs and Sports for the National Consultation on Training Needs of N.S.S. at Mysore University (3-7 June '96).

STUDENTS

- SVO Renu Manvi, SNDT College of Home Science, Pune, won the All Round University Senior Best Cadet Trophy for 1995-96.



- Colt Anubha Rastogi, Jr. N.C.C. under Officer, a student of M.D. Shah Mahila College, Malad represented the Maharashtra contingent at the Republic Day Parade, Delhi and was awarded the Best All India Camp Person Award - She also participated in the Prime Ministers' Rally.

New Appointments - P.G. Dept., Churchgate

- Dr. Priti Bhat, appointed as a Professor in Music
- Dr. Madhuri Chheda, appointed as a professor in Hindi.
- Dr. Anant Deshmukh appointed as a Reader in Marathi.



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women's university

SEPTEMBER 1996

The Vice-Chancellor Welcomes the Governor...

His excellency Shri P.C. Alexander, Shrimati Ackama Alexander, distinguished guests, faculty members and students -Let me first of all extend a warm welcome to all of you to SNDT Women's University, Pune on this auspicious occasion of Bhoomi Poojan ceremony.

Eight decades ago Maharshi Karve and Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, with great efforts established this unique institution for women's education. It started with merely 4 students and now, it has become a great University with over 48,000 students. A small seedling thus sown 80 years back has grown into a big tree.

This University is particularly catering to the all round development of women in physical, social, economic, cultural and health and welfare of students. It offers a variety of courses like Arts, Commerce, Education, Library Science, Home Science, Special Education, Nursing, Educational Management, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, all languages, etc. In 1970's the University has started vocational courses. Last two decades, studies in technical education, like Computer Science,

BHOOMI POOJAN Celebrations of the POSTGRADUATE COMPLEX



Our Chief Guest His Excellency, Dr. P.C. Alexander, inaugurating the function, flanked by Shrimati Ackama Alexander & Dr. M.A. Varghese, V.C. - SNDT.

Pharmacy etc., have been initiated.

What Dr. Karve has initiated with the support of Sir Vithaldas Thackersey as a movement for social empowerment of women, has expanded its arena to include economic and professional empowerment of women today.

During the 21st century, our faculty

THE POST GRADUATE COMPLEX



is geared for further commitment to spread our educational endeavours not only to the state of Maharashtra, but national and international spheres through collaborative research projects, academic links (Edinburgh, Sheffield City Polytechnic, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, New York University, Thames Valley University etc.) joint training programmes and publications.

The unique features of this University is that it caters to education of girls right from nursery till Ph.D. level. This is the only University in the country which has an all India Jurisdiction.

Today is Guru Poornima day and we have a very happy and auspicious occasion. UGC has given us a Grant for building the Post-graduate complex for the Pune Campus of SNDT Women's University.

His Excellency Dr. P.C. Alexander and Shrimati Ackama Alexander are here for the auspicious Bhoomi Poojan ceremony for which we are very grateful. With your blessings, we will strive ahead for further development of the University. I once again welcome our Chief Guest and all the others for this auspicious function of SNDT Women's University.

Thank you,
Dr. Mariamma Varghese - V.C., SNDT

50th Independence Day...

Message from the Chief Guest Hon. Justice Ranjana Desai

Justice Ms. Ranjana Desai said... Today we are entering the 50th anniversary and still have not achieved what we should have. Why are we not achieving? Why are there not many women in Judiciary or Politics? – Because we have put restrictions on ourselves. It is our duty to be a good housewife and a good mother – that is true, I do not belittle the importance of household work – But beyond that there is a world and we have tremendous capacity to achieve and reach greater heights. The restrictions which we ourselves have put on us, we must try to remove. Legal profession is always dominated by men, but contributions of women in the legal field is immense. What is needed is determination and dedication. I want all of you to come out of your homes and contribute to society. Even today women are not literate. – Law protects us from ill-treatment, inspite, of that we are still suffering, because we have not yet developed our personality. Let us try to dedicate ourselves and decide what we are going to be and inspire other women with our own examples..... “Educate two people and make them literate. Do not work just for money. Help yourself. If you can not help yourself, nobody can help you. To help yourself, educate yourself and educate others Jai Hind”



NEW KIT TO DETECT ADULTERANTS DEVELOPED BY SNDT

The home science department of the SNDT University, which has just completed an extensive study on food adulteration, is trying to create public awareness on the subject as well as enable people to test their consumer products. To this end, the Council for Fair Business Practices (CFBP), SNDT Testing Centre, has been set up on the university campus at Juhu. The centre has also devised a home kit to detect food adulteration, which the consumer can buy for as little as Rs 250.

“This kit enables the housewife to easily check for herself the purity of often used ingredients at home,” says A.V.Patankar, Honorary director of the CFBP laboratory. “for example, mustard or groundnut oil is often adulterated with pungam oil. To check this, a person can add two drops of oil to a solution that is part of the kit. If it turns canary yellow or orangish, it indicates the presence of the adulterant.”

“Similarly, chilli powder is often adulterated with sawdust and colour,” he says, adding, “if one adds a liberal dash of it to a glass of water, the sawdust will float and the added colour will colour the water. Or, when a sample of coffee adulterated with chicory is mixed in a mug of cold water, the coffee will float while the chicory will sink, staining the water brown.”

All these information is in a booklet that comes along with the kit.

AROUND THE CAMPUSES

Seminars And Workshops

Workshop on Energy Conservation

Dept. of P.G. Studies and Research in H.Sc. organised a one day workshop on Energy Conservation on 30th Aug. It was sponsored by Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) and Lion's Club of Seapearl, Mumbai. The workshop highlighted the current situation of petroleum reserves and strategies for energy conservation which can be adopted by industries, automobile owners and housewives.



Media Professionals Meet

Half a day seminar on "Communication and Media" : Orientation and Prospects" was organised by the P.G. Dept. of Home Science, Juhu on 31st August. The objective of the seminar was to orient students about the media prospects and establish a linkage with the media. Experts from the various media representing Journalism, Advertising Film Editing and Production participated in the seminar which was very useful and informative.

Orientation for Teachers

The Department of Sociology, P.N. Doshi Women's College of Arts, Ghatkopar organised a three day workshop to orient teachers on the Restructured curriculum in sociology. A new paper on "Sociology of Women" was discussed at length. Twenty five teachers from conducted and affiliated colleges of SNDT attended the programme.



Birth Centenary of Jhaverchand Meghani Celebrated

N.D. Shah Mahila, College and T.S. Bafna, Jr. College jointly organised a programme – "Jhaverchand Meghani's contribution towards Gujarati Literature" in August to mark the birth centenary of Shri Jhaverchand Meghani, an eminent Gujarati poet."

Workshop on Integrating Business Strategy with Human Resource Development Conducted by Indian Society at Delhi in July '96. Dr. S.G. Bapat Head, P.G. Department of Commerce participated in the workshop.



S.N.D.T. Mahotsav

SNDT Mahotsav was inaugurated by Hon. Minister Shri Pramod Navalkar on September 8, 1996.



Department of Hindi (P.G.S.&R.) organised a three day workshop in collaboration with language teaching Department on 11,12, 13

September '96 on "Techniques of developing language proficiency for studying literature".

Department of Physical Education :

- * Competitive workshop on Olympic Games – on 11th September from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., at the Badminton Court, Churchgate Campus.
- * Senior Inter Collegiate Table Tennis and Badminton and Yogasana Competition at Bombay University court and Churchgate Campus on September 12-13.



The QC Circle movement at SNDT takes shapes

- * At the second meeting of the SNDT Faculty with QCC facilitators from Mukand Steel and QCFI (Dr. Rao, Dr. Radhakrishnan and Mr. Kerkara) held on 3rd August, 1996, a commitment was made to start 7QC circles at the Churchgate Campus and 2QC circles at the Juhu Campus.
- * The FIRST QC circle named "Shakti" at the Juhu Campus was formally born on August 31st 1996 at the P.G. Department of Home Science.
- * 2 informal QC circles from the Dept. of Adult & Continuing Education have met on two occasions in last fortnight and will shortly be formally inaugurated. We congratulate all the enthusiastic initiatives and wish them best of success. We also look forward to more circles,

inaugurated in the near future.

- An orientation appreciation meeting for administrative and teaching faculty of Juhu Campus was held on 31st August, 1996 at the committee room.

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Poster Painting Competition

Population Education Resource Centre, Department of continuing and Adult education and Extension work in collaboration with Femy Care India Ltd. Mumbai organised a poster painting competition on "Population and Quality of Life" for college students in Greater Mumbai. First and second prizes were won by students of Satya College, Vile Parle. Shri Nana Chudasama gave away the cash awards and memento to the winners. Dr. M.A. Varghese, Vice Chancellor presided over the function.

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Sports Competitions

Department of Physical Education organised Yoga and Pyramid Displays on August 12.

Prize Winners :

1st Prize

Dr. B.M. Nanavati College of Home Science, Matunga.

2nd Prize

S.N.D.T. College of Arts, Churchgate.

3rd Prize

Shri M.M.P. Shah College of Arts, Matunga.

Consolation Prize

L.T. College of Nursing, Churchgate.

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Intercollegiate competitions

Street play competition

Dept. of student's welfare of the university organised a street play competition, the theme being "Environment and Health" in August. Eleven colleges participated in the competition.

Congratulations to the prize winners of the competition.

1st Prize

C.U.Shah College of Pharmacy, Juhu.

2nd Prize

M.D. Shah Mahila College, Malad.

3rd Prize

L.T. College of Nursing, Churchgate.

Individual prizes for Best performance.

1st Prize

Kum. Sushma Jadhav, SNDT College of Arts & commerce

2nd Prize

Kum. Hemangi Hatkar, M.D. Shah Mahila College, Malad

3rd Prize

Kum Sheetal More, L.T. College of Nursing, Churchgate.

New Courses at SNDT

Vocational stream introduced at M.D. Shah College, Malad.

Management and Secretarial Practice introduced by M.D. Shah, Mahila College of Arts, Malad under the Vocationalisation of courses. Mr. N.K. Jain, Joint Secretary of the U.G.C. inaugurated the vocational stream, at the college on 17th August '96.

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P.G. Diploma in Communication and Media introduced by Department of P.G. Studies and Research in Home Science. This one year duration course aimed at developing Media Skills includes in advertising, journalis and video/film production. Interested graduates from any discipline is eligible to join the course.

PUBLICATIONS

Self Beyond Self : Ethel Wilson and Indian Philosophical thought by Anjali Bhelande Canadian Studies programme. S.N.D.T. University and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan was jointly published. This was released by Prof. N.K. Wagle, V.P., Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi on 3rd Sept. 1996, SNDT University.

Gender Work : Book 1. Women in Decision-Making in the Private Sector in India 1996 by Meera Kosambi, Divya Pandey and Venna Poonacha.

A C H I E V E M E N T S

OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

VICE CHANCELLORS

Prof. Kamalini Bhansali, former Vice-Chancellor, SNDT University for being the tenth recipient of the Rabindranath Tagore Award for rendering valuable service to Women's education for three decades.

Dr. Mariamma Varghese, Vice-Chancellor, SNDT University for the award of "Outstanding Woman of the City in Education" conferred by Marine Lines Junior Chamber, Mumbai.

STUDENTS

Miss Madhura R. Moghe of A.K. Mahila Vidyalaya, Nashik secured first rank in the B.A. Examination 1996, and bagged seven prizes, at District and State level. She has won noteworthy prestigious prizes of 'Melody Queen' and Sur-Sadhana Sangeet Puraskar respectively.

Miss Nita Mani of A.K. Mahila Maha Vidyalaya Nasik, secured first rank in the B.Com. Examination 1996.

Miss Smita Patwardhan of S.V.T. College of Home Science stood first in the B.HSC. Examination 1996.

Ms. Nausheen Shaikh from SNDT PGSR, Pune secured first rank in the year examination.

Cadet Anubha Rastogi won the all round University Junior Best Cadet trophy for the year 1995-96.

S.U.O Asha Singh represented the Maharashtra Contingent at the Republic Day Parade, Delhi and was awarded the Best All India camp person Award. She also participated in Prime Minister's Rally at Delhi.

S.U.O. Renu Manvi, S.N.D.T. College of Home Science, Pune won the all Round University senior Best Cadet Trophy for the year 1995-96.

Mukla Sambrani, a student of M.A. part II with English from Pune participated in an exhibition and creative reading experiment of Randhir Khare's poetry called "Picture Poems" held at Alliance Francaise in July 1996.

VISITS ABROAD

Dr. Kunjalata N. Shah was invited to deliver lectures at the Agnes Scott. College, Decatur, Georgia, U.S.A. in the departments of History and Religion from April 27th to May 10th 1996.

Dr. Vandana Chakrabarti, Director, Department of Continuing and Adult Education, participated in Inter - Country visit of Population Education personnel to the Philippines and Thailand from 13.7.1996 to 28.7.1996. The visit was sponsored by UNFPA and organised by the UGC.

Dr. B.L. Barnes, Professor and Head P.G. Department of Psychology will be in the U.K. on a visiting Researcher Fellowship at the 'International Research Centre of Seafarer's Health and Safety', University of Wales, Cardiff, from 9th September to 5th October 1996.



New Appointments

Miss Naghma Javed Malik appointed as a lecturer in Hindi.

Ms. Bishnu Priya Dasgupta appointed as lecturer in FRM, Department of PG studies & Research in Home science, Juhu.



Donations Received

SNDT Expresses Sincere Thanks to

- * Pirojsha Godrej Foundation for a generous donation of Rs. 50,000/- to the Centre for Rural Development,
- * Saroj Idnami, an alumni of L.T. College of Nursing (U.S. Resident) for a generous donation of Rs. 1,50,000/- to equip Nursing college laboratories. The University and the Nursing College are very grateful for this thoughtful gesture.



Announcements

CSIR-UGC JRF/Lecturership Examination.

On behalf of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Human Resource Development Group, Examination unit. R.P. Singh controller of Examination has forwarded the notification of Joint CSIR - UGC JRF / lecturership examination to be held on 22nd December 96.

Eligible candidates are advised to apply.

Directorate of Extension Education, Marathawada Agricultural University, Parbhani. (Maharashtra State) is organising a National symposium on "Agriculture and Environment" on November 21,22, 1996.



Reader's Views

- * I was very happy and thrilled to receive the issues of Newsline which are excellent. Congratulations for starting a much needed line of communication - Dr. Suma Chitnis, Former Vice - Chancellor SNDT.
- * You deserve all congratulations for bringing out the first issue of News line, so well. As the University is growing both in quantity and quality : teachers and students, need to know a lot about past events, present achievements and future potentialities.

- Dr. S.G. Bapat.
Head, P.G. Department of Commerce, SNDT Pune,

- * I would like to congratulate all the members of the editorial team of the Newsline. The first issue of 'Newsline' is "excellent", which was needed for a long time. Wish you all the best for the future. Please keep it up.

- Smt. Kokila Rawal.
Administrative officer,

Weaving Unit opened at Udwada

Self employment training for rural women in weaving initiated by the Centre for Rural Development at Udwada supported by NABARD under the ARWIND Scheme was inaugurated by Dr. M.A. Varghese, Vice Chancellor on August 25, 1996. Mr. Balkrishna, the General Manager from NABARD, Regional Office presided over the function.

Under the scheme the Centre has set up four handlooms and will train 60 women initially for self employment.



SEMINAR

The Department of Special Education in collaboration with the Maharashtra Dyslexia Association organised a Workshop of psychologists and special educators on "Assessment" from 21-23 August conducted by Dr. Gerald Hales of U.K. at Juhu Campus.

AN ENLIGHTENED WOMAN IS THE SOURCE OF STRENGTH

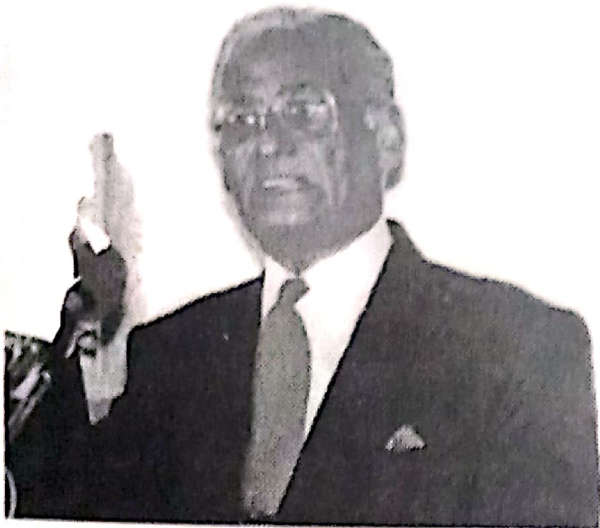


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BHOOMI POOJAN *Celebrations of the* POSTGRADUATE COMPLEX The Chancellor's Address



Education alone may not empower women :

The Maharashtra Governor, Dr. P.C. Alexander, today observed that formal education alone may not succeed in empowering women unless it created an attitudinal change in the society.

He was speaking after laying the foundation stone for the department of Post Graduate Studies and Research (PGSR) centre of the

SNDT University Pune here.

Dr Alexander said that education, as it is understood today, may not give women their due. Besides an attitudinal change in society, the curriculum in schools and colleges also needed to be changed, he added.

Dr Alexander said few school books laid stress upon the ideals of dignity and respect to women. Even before one talks of equality, these basic problems should be tackled, he added.

Education, while being a learning process, was also an "unlearning process", Dr Alexander said. Even educated parents were not free from the shackles of old beliefs. Students got their degrees but their attitudes remain unchanged he lamented.

Teachers, too, are to blame, because while they teach the ideals of liberty and equality as espoused by philosophers like Rousseau and Locke, they themselves have not assimilated the true spirit of these ideals, Dr Alexander said. Teachers should be trained to instil in the

minds of their students the values enshrined in the Constitution.

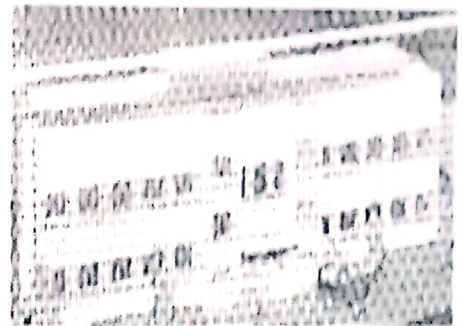
Women themselves are the greater perpetrators of cruelty on other women. On an average, 17 women die each day in dowry related case and it is women who are behind these crimes, he observed.

Dr Alexander lamented that women's education in the country had not made much progress even after 50 years of Independence. Although the absolute number of women students had gone up, the figure, in actual terms, was far less in proportion to the population of the country, he added.

The vice-chancellor of the SNDT University, Dr Mariamma Varghese, declared that the All India Council for Technical Education has granted permission to the university to set up an Institute of Management and Technology.

Dr Alexander felicitated meritorious students of the university.

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SNDT Celebrates Yuva Mahotsav



DR. KANAK RELE INAUGURATING YUVA MAHOTSAVA

The Department of Students' Welfare, celebrated S.N.D.T. Yuva Mahotsav from September 8 to 15, 1996. More than thousand students from the conducted and affiliated colleges of S.N.D.T. University participated in the Mahotsav. Dr. Kanak Rele, the eminent danseuse and Director fo Nalanda Dance Research Centre, Mumbai inaugurated the Festival on 8th September at 9.00 a.m. Various competitions like Collage, Poster Painting, on the spot painting, Classical Dance, Folk Dance, Classical Song, Once Act Play, Mono Acting, Skit, Quiz, Elocution, Debate etc. were organised. SNDT College of Arts & Smt. C.B. College of Commerce and



HON'BLE MINISTER SHRI PRAMOD NAVALKAR CHIEF GUEST AT VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

Economics for Women, Churchgate, won the All Round sity on this occasion. bution of Rs. 25,000/- to the univer-

Visitors at SNDT

Mr. Bhaskar Barna, Secretary of HRD Ministry & Department of youth affairs and sports, Govt. of India visited the S.N.D.T. women's univeristy's Juhu campus.

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

Visva Bharati Univeristy is hosting the XX Indian Social Science Congress from December 29, 1996 to January 2, 1997 at Shantiniketan. The theme of the conference is : 'Fifty Years of Freedom of India : state, nation and people.

International Course on Science Education in Early Childhood will be held in Israeal from March 9, 1997 to April 18, 1997. The last date of application is December 2, 1996.

For further information contact - Consulate of Israel, Mumbai

AROUND THE CAMPUSES

Shri Anna Hazare felicitated at S.N.D.T.

Department of Sociology, S.N.D.T. Arts and Commerce College, Mumbai, organized a lecture on 'Sustainable Development' by Shri Annasahib Hazare on October 4, 1996. He emphasized the need of conserving water and soil by simple and natural methods. He also explained in detail about his developmental experiment in Ralegaon Siddhi. He was introduced by Mrs. Murugkar. Dr. M.A. Varghese who was in the chair said that we need more persons like Annasahib for the welfare of our nation. Shri Annasahib Hazare was felicitated with 'Nisarga Mitra' award by Rotary Club of Mumbai, Vikhroli.



The Pune chapter of Indian Dietetic Association, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, S.N.D.T. College of Home Science, Pune, celebrated Nutrition week by

organizing competitions on



Cookery. Seminar on Clinical Nutrition and Nutrition Awareness programme for Community Workers.



Shri M.D. Shah Mahila College of Arts and Commerce, Malad organized Gujarati Literary Workshop for two days. This workshop was attended by 75 students and 35 teachers from Universities of South Gujarat, Saurashtra, and S.N.D.T.



Dr. B.M. Nanavati College of Home Science, Matunga celebrated Late Shri Meghani Centenary Year. Two plays were organized in September 1996. A book on the work of Meghani written by Dr. Dave, Vice-Principal of the college was released on the occasion.



Department of Students' Welfare, S.N.D.T. women's University and Mumbai University, Yuvak Biradari organized series of cultural programmes on the occasion of Sadbhavana Week celebrations at Bhaidas Hall, Mulund, Lala Lajpatrai College and Nehu Centre. One hundred students from the university participated in the programme at Nehru centre.



Maniben Nanavati Women's College, Vile Parle is celebrating its Silver Jubilee year during the current academic year. During the celebrations the college had several activities including Navratri Utsav, and Inter collegiate competitions with Hon'ble Shri Pramod Navalkar as the Chief Guest.



Annual Convocation

Forty-Sixth Annual Convocation of S.N.D.T. University will be held on Friday, 20th December 1996, at 11.30 a.m. in the Patkar Hall.

The Hon'ble Dr. P.C. Alexander, the Chancellor of the University will preside. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Scientific Adviser to Defence Minister and Secretary, Dept. of Defence Research and Development will deliver the Convocation Address as the Chief Guest.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

The Second meeting of the Academic Council of the University will be held on December 24, 1996 at 11.30 a.m. in the Premilla Thackersey Hall, Churchgate. The members are requested to attend.

New Courses

A certificate course in Education Management

Department of Education Management in Collaboration with P.V.D.T. College of Education has planned to introduce 'A certificate course in Education Management' for Primary & Secondary Schools. This course will commence from November 1996.



Vocational Course in Food Quality Control

Dr. Bhanuben Mahendra Nanavati College of Home Science, Matunga has introduced the vocational course in Food Quality Control. This course was inaugurated by

Dr. N.K. Jain, Joint Sec., U.G.C. Western Regional Office, Pune.



New appointments

Smt. M.N. Ghotekar and Smt. A.P. Wasnik have been appointed as lecturer in education, and college librarian, respectively, at P.V.D.T. College of Education, Mumbai.

Sri. Parlikar has been appointed as Manager, Patkar Hall.



Seminars / Workshops / Conferences

A paper written by Dr. Hilla Wadia and Dr. Geeta Bhardwaj was well received by the participants of ISTR Second International

Conference at Mexico City in July 1996. The title of the paper was "Impact of women as leaders of third sector institutions : Special reference to India."



Forthcoming Events

A national symposium on "Youth and Gender equity" organized by the Department of Students' Welfare Sponsored by Ministry of Youth Welfare will be Welfare on Nov. 22-23, 1996 at Juhu Campus.



National Seminar on Food Irradiation Organised by the Post graduate Dept of Home Science in collaboration with BARC will be held on Dec.5 at Patkar Hall



Achievements

L.T. College of Nursing, Mumbai won the first prize for exhibition on History and trends in Nursing. The competition was organized by Student Nurses' Association in September 1996.

S.N.D.T. Women's Univeristy inter-college competitions of Yogasana, Badminton and Table Tennis were held in the month of Septmber, 1996. Winners of the competition ;

Sr. No.	Competition	Individual		Team	
		1st rank	2nd rank	1st rank	2nd rank
1	Yogasana	Pallavi Karhane SNDT Arts, Pune	Geeta Wakchaware SNDT Arts, Pune	SNDT Arts, Pune	G.E.I. College, Dombivli
2	Badminton	Mayura Shukla SMRK, Nasik	Tabassum Mamtulay SNDT Arts, Mumabi	SNDT Arts, Mumabi	SNDT H.Sc., Pune
3	Table Tennis	Arti Gohil N.C. Gandhi College Bhavnagar	Kalyani Gadve SNDT Arts, Mumbai	SNDT Arts, Mumbai	N.C. Gandhi College Bhavnagar

Shri Ashok Bundela, the physical education teacher, Maniben Nanavati College, Vile Parle represented India in International Veteran Athlectic Championship. The programme was held in Serenban (Malaysia) from August 18 to August 19, 1996. He has been awarded with Starter's certificate.

Ms. Nisha Aroskar, P.G. student in Economics, has received research assistanceship in Ohio Unviersity. Cincinnati, U.S.A. for two years.

Dr. Shirish Gopal Despandø, Head, P.G. Dept of Marathi has been awarded Fellowship by United Writers' Association, Madras.



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S.N.D.T. as perceived by Dr. Usha Mehta...

Dr. Usha Mehta, a well known Freedom fighter, a Gandhian and a close associate of S.N.D.T. expressed her views about our University on the eve of 46th Annual convocation.

I think on the whole the S.N.D.T. Women's University should be congratulated for the way it has expanded from a small seed in the form of five students to today's banyan tree of 40000 students. It is in a position not only to compete with the oldest and established university but it has made a mark in the leading universities of the country and being a premier university in the field of women's education, it is perhaps the only univeristy functioning simultaneously from two states and thus showing the way for real national integration.

I would like to add, today the Government is thinking of introducing an amendment of the constitution for empowering our women but this university tried to do the same thing i.e. empowering our women and makig them self reliant and enlightened citizens about eight decades back. For this farsightedness of the founders, the nation should be grateful to them.

Besides the existing courses



DR. USHA MEHTA

offered by the univeristy, I would like to suggest that courses in Medicine, Engineering and Management studies for women should be started.

I would like to further suggest that the university should take lead-ing interest to help the women to solve their problems and take up such concrete community based projects.

There was a controversy regarding admitting men to this university. No doubt there would come a time when we cannot have universities restricted to women alone but taking into consideration the situations and conditions in the society, it would not be ripe at present to admit men and so it would be better not to change the basic character of the university immediately.

I wish the university will continue to march from progress to progress.

Seasons Greetings

*S.N.D.T.
University wishes
its Readers
Merry Christmas
and a very
Prosperous
New Year
1997.*

Fond memories of SNDT by our Distinguished Alumni

ठाकरसी विद्यापीठाची वाढ काळाशी सुसंगत मालतीबाई बेडेकर (प्रख्यात लेखिका)

मालतीबाई बेडेकर या श्री. ना.दा.ठाकरसी विद्यापीठाच्या सुरुवातीच्या काही विद्यार्थिनींपैकी एक आहेत. १९१८ सालापासून त्या श्री. ना.दा. ठाकरसी महिला महाविद्यालयात शिकत होत्या. १९२३ साली त्या जी.ए. (त्या काळातील बी.ए.) झाल्या. पुढे "अलंकारमंजुषा" हा ग्रंथ लिहून त्यांनी पी.ए. (एम्.ए.) ही पदवी मिळवली.

संपूर्ण महाराष्ट्र मालतीबाईंना ओळखतो तो एक "बंडसोर लेखिका" आणि "विदुषी" म्हणून. त्यांचा कळयांचे निश्वास (१९३३) या कथासंग्रहाने आणि "हिंदोळयावर" (१९३४) या कादंबरीने महाराष्ट्रात मोठी खळबळ उडवली. हया दोन्ही साहित्यकृती रित्यांचे त्या काळातील प्रश्न धीटपणे मांडणाऱ्या होत्या.

मालतीबाई बेडेकर १९८१ साली मुंबई येथे झालेल्या समांतर मराठी साहित्य संमेलनाच्या अध्यक्ष झाल्या. त्यांच्या "खरे मास्तर" या नुकत्याच प्रसिध्द झालेल्या कादंबरीस "केशवराव कोठावळे" पुरस्कार मिळाला. अलीकडेच "महाराष्ट्र फाऊंडेशन" या संस्थेने "श्रेष्ठ साहित्यिक" म्हणून पुरस्कार देऊन त्यांचा गौरव केलेला आहे.

अशा मालतीबाई बेडेकरांशी पुण्यातल्या त्यांच्या घरी गप्पा मारण्याची संधी मला मिळाली. त्यांना आता ९२ वे वर्ष लागले आहे. एस्.एन.डी.टी. महाविद्यालयाबद्दल त्यांना विचारलं

प्रश्न : तुम्ही महाविद्यालयात होता तेव्हा तिथलं वातावरण कसं होतं ?

उत्तर : त्या वेळी कॉलेज पुण्याला आता जिथे आहे तिथे नव्हतं. हिंगण्याला होतं.

मुलींची संख्याही अगदी कमी होती. मी कॉलेजच्या पहिल्या वर्षाला होते तेव्हा तीन-चारच मुली माझ्याबरोबर शिकत होत्या. पण वातावरण अगदी मोकळं आणि घरातल्या सारखं होतं. म. अण्णासाहेब कर्वे हिंगण्याच्या परिसरातच राहायचे. त्यामुळे त्यांचा आदर्श डोळ्यासमोर असायचा. कर्वे आम्हाला म्हणायचे, "तू शिकलीस की काम संपलं नाही. शिकलेल्या प्रत्येक मुलीनं ५० न शिकलेल्या मुलींना शिकवलं पाहिजे तरच तुमचं काम पूर्ण होणार आहे."

असे संस्कार आमच्यावर नेहमी होत होते. मी कन्याशाळेची मुख्याध्यापक म्हणून काम केलं किंवा सोलापूरला गुन्हेगार जमातीत काम केलं यामार्गे महाविद्यालयातून मिळालेल्या प्रेरणा निश्चित होत्या.

प्रश्न : तुमच्या काळात मुली फारशा शिकत नव्हत्या. मग तुम्हाला शिक्षणाची संधी कशी मिळाली ?

उत्तर : माझे वडील खरे मास्तर सुधारकी विचाराचे होते. त्यांना पाच मुली झाल्या. पण त्यांना दुःख झाले नाही. ते म्हणायचे "माझ्या मुली मला मुलासारख्याच आहेत. त्यांना मी बी.ए., एम्.ए. पर्यंत शिकवीन."

आम्ही त्यावेळी घोडनदीला (शिरूर) राहायचो. तिथे शिक्षणाची फारशी सोय नसल्यामुळे वडिलांनी आम्हाला अण्णांच्या संस्थेत ठेवलं. मी या महाविद्यालयाची पदवीधर आहे, याचा मला अभिमान आहे.

प्रश्न : त्यावेळी महाविद्यालयात कोणते प्राध्यापक होते ? त्यांचा तुमच्यावर कोणता संस्कार झाला ?

उत्तर : तेव्हा प्रो. लागू इंग्रजी शिकवायचे. त्यांच्यामुळेच मला इंग्रजीच्या अवांतर वाचनाची सवय लागली. प्रसिध्द साहित्यिक वामन मल्हार जोशी मानसशास्त्र शिकवायचे. मायदेव मराठी शिकवायचे. असे नामवंत प्राध्यापक तेव्हा आम्हाला शिकवायचे. विद्यार्थिनींची वैयक्तिक काळजी घ्यायचे. हिंगण्याच्या आवारात तेव्हा टेनिस कोर्ट होतं. आमचे प्राध्यापक आम्हाला टेनिस खेळायला शिकवायचे.

वसतिगृहात राहणाऱ्या आम्हा मुलींना पटांगण झाडणं, झाडांना पाणी देणं अशी काम करावी लागायची. यामुळे बौद्धिक शिक्षणाबरोबर श्रमाचेही संस्कार व्हायचे. हे मला अतिशय महत्त्वाचं वाटतं.

शिक्षणाचं माध्यम मराठी होतं. पण इंग्रजी हा विषय कसून शिकवला जायचा. पुण्याला 'अखिल भारतीय स्त्री-परिषद' झाली. त्यावेळी मी सरोजिनी नायडू, कमलादेवी चट्टोपाध्याय इत्यादी व्यासपीठावरील रित्यांच्या इंग्रजी भाषणाचा मराठीत अनुवाद करून समोरच्या श्रोत्यांना सांगितला होता. माझ फार कौतुक झालं होतं.

प्रश्न : सध्या ठाकरसी विद्यापीठाचं जे काम चालू आहे त्याबद्दल तुम्हाला काय वाटतं ?

उत्तर : अतिशय समाधान वाटतं. काळाची गरज ओळखून ठाकरसी विद्यापीठानं आपले अभ्यासक्रम आसले आहेत. आज स्त्री-शिक्षण ही आवश्यक गोष्ट झाली आहे. आता फक्त पदवीधर होऊ न रित्यांना समाधान वाटत नाही. त्यांच्यात आत्मसन्मान निर्माण झाला आहे. शिक्षणानंतर व्यवसाय अथवा नोकरी करावी अशी इच्छा त्यांच्या मनात निर्माण झाली आहे, त्यानुसार

ठाकरसी विद्यापीठाचे अभ्यासक्रम बदलले आहेत. गृहविज्ञान आणि वाणिज्य ह्या अभ्यासशाखा सुरु झाल्या आहेत. इतरही अनेक व्यवसायाभिमुख अभ्यासक्रम शिकवले जातात हे चांगले आहे. नवी, कर्तृत्वसंपन्न स्त्री घडवण्याचा विद्यापीठाचे उद्देश आहे. बीच रोपट होतं. त्याला पुढे

शाखा फुटतात. फुले, फळ येतात तसं हे झाले आहे.

विद्यापीठात शिकणाऱ्या विद्यार्थिनींना एक गोष्ट सांगावीशी वाटते. त्यांनी पोषासीपणाच्या किंवा नटवेपणाच्या मागं न लागता स्वतःचा बौद्धिक व आत्मिक

विकास करण्याचे ध्येय ठेवायला पाहिजे.

मुलासत

डॉ. अंजली सोमण

श्री. ना.दा.ठाकरसी

कला-वाणीज्य महाविद्यालय,
पुणे ४११ ०३८.

Aruna Desai - A Committed Social Worker

Aruna Desai Completed 50 years of service as an educationist and a reputed social worker. Niece of late Smt. Pushpaben Mehta, a renowned social worker of Gujarat, graduated in 1947 and dedicated to the cause of women's education in Surendranagar and established Vikas Vidyalaya. Recently she was awarded **Nari Ratna** award by Citizens of Surendranagar residing in Mumbai. She was interviewed by another social Worker Jayantika Jayantibhai regarding S.N.D.T. Women's University.

Some of the excerpts from her interview are quoted here :

Qs. When you look back, how do you feel about the university & the curriculum?

Ans. When I was studying at L.U.

College at Ahmedabad during 1944-1947, the only course available was Arts. It was useful, in the sense that physiology, psychology, sociology were compulsory and the voluntary subjects were few. The education through mother tongue was helpful. Our University had then accepted the principle of ATKT, in order to encourage women and to save one year. All ex-students are actively working in the field of Women's education and doing social work for upliftment of less fortunate sisters. Now the University has expanded and branched out in so many other disciplines like Commerce, Home Science, Pharmacy, Nursing and Polytechnic.

Qs. Do you think that a seperate university for women is still necessary in these changed times?

Ans. Yes, still many parents are not sending their daughters to co-educational institutes. Secondly, it is a safe place, where the girls can study without any kind of fear. Thirdly, higher education is possible for few, you know that still 60% of our sisters are illiterate.

Qs. Would you like to suggest any new courses for our University?

Ans. Yes, I would very much like to suggest that our university should start a course in social work. Bombay & Baroda Univeristies run these courses in English medium. If our university starts a course for M.S.W., It would be very meaningful and useful. Even now most of social workers in Gujarat are SNDT graduates. If university starts this course, the society will get trained social workers which will be a boon.

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organised by Dept. of student
welfare will be held on January

6 to 8, 1997 at Church Gate
Campus.

On eve of their retirement Cherished memories of our dedicated Faculty

My obligations to

On the resplendent day of my fruitful retirement on November 30, 1996, my memories flash almost four decades back when I started my career at the University in my twenties. No experience, no knowledge of university office work, no known friends in the office, I ventured to start my life, with high dreams and soaring aspirations, but with confidence to put my heart and soul in the mission, - in the clerical work.

Infused with the spirit of learning with zeal and sincerity, I gradually studied rules and regulations, governing private/external students, enrolling for the higher studies at different levels.

In the beginning, it was all dry and lifeless but there as the time rolled on, it gave me interest and my work became lively, under the guidance of my immediate administrative heads.

As the years rolled on, I was promoted from one cadre to the next, transferring from one Department to the other Department and so my responsibility began to vary and multiply, which initiated me to be more devoted and diligent in the execution of manifold work of multiple dimension. Regularity and punctuality wedded to my every day work, coupled with the spirit of not looking at the clock or the calendar.

My officers used to engross themselves in their assignment on Sundays and holidays and often before and after the office hours and in these hours, they solicited my direct assistance, with few of my associates and we spontaneously and willingly co-operated them.

It was then a home, away from home, when my officers showed paternal feelings for me, treating me as a member of their family. They had imbibed in me the art of being exact, accurate, systematic, clarity of expression, justification for making exception to the rule always to be impartial, confident, truthful, loyal, devoted and creative in everything new and original.

It was my proud privilege to be actively associated with the Examination work, of all Faculties, under the guidance of the Deputy Registrar Shri I.N. Kaji, who placed implicit trust and confidence in me and as he often even now tells others that I had proved worthy of it on all scores.

My duties in the Correspondence Section gave me an opportunity to come in touch with three generations, now many of them being grand-mothers. It was a great pleasure to encourage them, guide them, solve their problems, and be sympathetic and humane towards them, with all humility and humanity.

I was fortunate to have beheld the Golden Jubilee and the

Platinum Jubilee of my Alma Mater. I have actively participated in the manifold work of each of the Convocations.

There was a flash in my eyes and a smile on my lips when I received a word of appreciation from galaxies of Vice-Chancellors, Registrars and other officers at the University on all occasions. My heart over-whelmed with unbounded ecstasy.

My day-to-day work accorded me an opportunity to come in touch with an active assistance from the Principals and Faculty Members in the Conducted Colleges and Affiliated Colleges, spread over the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra.

I cannot refrain myself from mentioning two luminaries of the University, Dr. D.K. Karve and Dr. Smt. Premlila V. Thackersey, who were the pivotal figures for the growth and development of the University. Their successive followers having taken up their mission and further enshrined them in all its magnitude.

Time has rolled so fast that I feel as if everything flashes before my inward eye and I still live in the past and my future shall always glow in the sweet memories of all my associates and in my unqualified love for the University, to whom all, I shall ever remain indebted for success in my life.

With a sense of pride and delight, I confidently state that this

S.N.D.T. Women's University has added Life to my years and not Years to my Life.

My Prayers to Almighty : Long live our University and its banner always fly higher and higher, and that it be crowned with global lumi-

nous recognition and eminence!

Leela Gokarna
Administrative Staff

SNDT – a human touch

The univeristy is made not by bricks and cement but by the persons who are enthusiastic, hard-working, dedicated, and dynamic, and able administrators with human approach.

I am proud to say that I have experienced this human touch right from the day I entered univeristy as an interviewee in 1972. When I entered the room, there was a galaxy of learned people around the table which included late lady Thackersey, mother of SNDT, Smt. Shardaben Diwan, the then vice-chancellor, Smt. Shakuntalaben Mehta, Principal of PVDT, Dr. Madhuriben Shah and others. I was trying to face the interview pannel when Dr. Madhuriben Shah suddenly interrupted and asked me, "Mrs. Naik, you have 13 years of experience as a secondary teacher and your basic pay is slightly higher than what you would get as a lecturer, then why do you want to join SNDT? I immediately replied, 'Madam, I do not mind get-

ting a little less salary, I want to join SNDT for professional growth'. When I looked around I saw Lady Thackersey with her motherly smile and Smt. Shakuntalaben Mehta with her supportive smile. Till today I have not forgotten this first experience of human touch in administration.

I started working as a lecturer in PVDT. Shakuntalaben Mehta, the principal of the college was very much known for her punctuality, sincerity and discipline. All the staff members of the college would submit their assigned work before the scheduled time.

Though outwardly she looked stern, strict and disciplined, she was like a jackfruit, thorns from outside but very soft and sweet from inside. I have experienced her softness many times.

I still remember one of the incidents which occured when evaluation workshop was arranged by PVDT for the lecturers of other conducted & affiliated colleges. Though I had put in 2/3 years of service as a lecturer I was scared to work as a resource person in

evaluation workshop and was asked to give lectures. The participants were all well experienced and had put in more service than I had so naturally I was a little bit tense. Unfortunately my mother-in-law was admitted to the hospital for cancer treatment and was to be operated the day after my lecture was arranged, since this happened so suddenly that I could not prepare or postpone my lectures and I was under terific stress and strain.

I managed to take the lectures and as soon as I came out of the class, a tender touch was on my back, it was Shakuntalaben's hand patting me which revealed the words 'well done' I retired on August 31, 1996. Dr. Varghese, Vice-Chancellor had some urgent work on that day but she along with Dr. Parasnis called me the previous day for tea and offered a beautiful momento.

I wish SNDT will prosper in Twenty First century under the able guidance of a very dynamic Vice-Chancellor Dr. Varghese.

Mrs. Latika Naik
Principal, P.V.D.T. College of Education for Women.

New Appointments

Congratulation to Dr. Ravikala Kamath who takes over as a Director, Board of College and University Development (BCUD) from December 1996.

G O O D L U C K



46th Annual Convocation

Our Hearty Congratulations to all successful candidates who are awarded Degrees and Diplomas in various disciplines during this Convocation

Ph.D. Awarded

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