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Editorial

It gives us immense pleasure to bring out this first issue of SNDT e-Newsletter in the centennial year of this incredible institution. We are delighted to have Dr. Subhash Chandra Goel, the media stalwart, to release this SNDT e-Newsletter on August 15. How many people have the good fortune of participating in centennial celebrations of the institution where they work? Friends, we are fortunate to be a part of this historic moment!

As institutions expand it becomes increasingly difficult to keep track of all the happenings and one needs to find new ways of engaging all stakeholders with the institutional ethos. The purpose of this e-Newsletter is to keep the staff, students and all those interested in SNDT Women's University informed about academic and research activities, other events of interest to the staff and students, prizes, awards, honours and accomplishments that make the university community proud and announcements of various programmes that some may desire to attend. The e-Newsletter will also provide space for acknowledging dedicated service of retiring staff and welcoming new staff. In addition, it will include information useful to academic administrators and articles of interest to the academic community.

The new academic year has begun with abundant promise as undergraduate colleges continue to receive

great response from applicants. Postgraduate departments will continue to admit students till August 17. I am sure the new entrants will soon realise the advantages of being in this women's university.

We began the academic year by celebrating Centennial Foundation Day on July 5, 2015, when the Chief Guest, Dr. Mashelkar inaugurated the Digital India Campaign and uploaded our Information Security Policy on the website. Our excellent teachers, Prof. Veena Poonacha and Prof. Ranjana Mishra were awarded with the Maharshi Karve Utkrushta Shikshak Puraskar. Shri. M. D. Shah Mahila College of Arts and Commerce, Malad received the Maharshi Karve Utkrushta Mahavidyalay Puraskar on the Centennial Foundation Day. No doubt, this and many more events that followed indicate our commitment to excellence.

We hope that this e-Newsletter will prove to be a useful vehicle of communication and serve the purpose for which it is launched. We solicit your indulgence in making full use of this e-Newsletter not only as readers but also as contributors of news items.

With best wishes for an exciting academic year,

Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti
Pro-Vice Chancellor





From the Vice Chancellor's Desk



Beginning of any Academic year brings with it lots of hope, aspirations, targets to reach, felicitation of achievements in previous years, and many wishes and dreams! Especially for the young minds who have dreams to fulfill and teachers who mentor the students in fulfilling those dreams! I am witnessing one such beginning of an academic year which commenced on a very satisfying note! This SNDT e-Newsletter will project all these dreams, fulfillment, achievement, felicitations, and many other things.... I am really looking forward to it.

This year is a very special year for all SNDTians as it is our Centennial Year. The year commenced on July 5, 2015 and will get culminated on July 5, 2016. We were fortunate to listen to Dr. Raghunath Mashelakar, a great Scientist and a role model for every proud Indian! We also launched Digital India Campaign@ SNDTWU on this day! This first issue of the e-newsletter has traced the happenings under this campaign during the first 25 days. I am very happy to see immense involvement of student community (and of course mentoring teachers' community) on all three campuses. Affiliated colleges have also contributed to making this campaign a great success!

This year (2015-16) is also declared as the Research Year in SNDTWU. We wish to initiate research on a larger platform, that includes interdisciplinary, multidimensional research undertaken by the teachers, students of Master and Doctoral programmes. We plan to do handholding for preparing grant proposals, following these through and using the grant for creating and sharing knowledge through this research. Creation, dissemination and sharing of knowledge is the main function of any

university. I must congratulate Heads of the departments/Directors/Principals as well as faculty members who have planned national/international conferences during the year. Many have initiated action to join hands with national/international collaborating agencies in conducting research, developing new programmes/courses as well as planning student and teacher exchange.

SNDTWU is geared towards deploying information and communication technology for enhancing quality of higher education. It has achieved a major milestone in creating its own Virtual Private Network (VPN) connecting three campuses which is named after our Founder Maharshi VPN, an Intranet portal "Susamvad" connecting people on three campuses, creating an opportunity for them to share information, ideas and thoughts with each other. This facility was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chancellor Shri. Ch. Vidyasagar Rao on March 10, 2015 and it is bearing fruits now.

This year we have introduced some new programmes/courses such as MA in Education which is an online programme like M. Com. online. We wish to offer more programmes online to satisfy the need of working women interested in preparing themselves for the changing world. Many 4-credit online courses are planned. Online and blended learning have become supportive modes of traditional face-to-face mode. In offering such online programmes/courses need to create and use Open Educational Resources (OER) is underlined. Use of OER also shortens period of designing and developing any online course/programme. SNDTWU is collaborating with international agencies in this area.

It was a happy moment for all of us at

SNDTWU when Hon'ble Chancellor gave us the responsibility to conduct Avhan 2015 (Chancellor's Brigade: Training in Disaster Management to NSS Volunteers) and our dedicated team at SNDTWU did it! Did it in a Big Way with full commitment, dedication and involvement! It was a great sense of accomplishment to see 1050 NSS Volunteers from 35 districts of Maharashtra after 10 days training from May 25 to June 3, 2015 getting named as "The Chancellor's Brigade".

It is gratifying for an institution to get noticed by the planners of the country after long years of silent and relentless toil. In the month of July, I was invited to participate in a meeting with Parliamentary Committee consisting of 25 members of Parliament (Loksabha and Rajya Sabha) to discuss issues in higher education. The committee listened to the presentation with keen interest about the work, the achievements, the strengths of a Women's University and also issues related to Women's Higher education and Women's Empowerment. Motivated by this fruitful interaction, we wish to organize a joint meeting of Women Members of Parliament as a part of the Centennial Year programme.

In conclusion, I may say that we have a very exciting year ahead, full of activities, promises, achievements

I take this opportunity to thank Prof. Vandana Chakrabati who took the responsibility of bringing out the monthly e-Newsletter of SNDTWU on the Independence Day. Many thanks to her and her editorial team! This e-Newsletter will enable us to reach our own members of SNDT Family as well as the world outside with happenings @SNDTWU!

My best wishes!

Prof. Vasudha Kamat
Vice Chancellor



Understanding Choice Based Credit System

- Prof. Madhura Kesarkar, Director, BCUD



CBCS offers opportunity to students not only to learn core courses but also to study the courses of their choice leading to holistic development of the individual.

Ms. Ankita, a first year student of history (2014-15), opted for a discipline that fascinated her since school. As much as Ankita was interested in the processes of engaging with the past, she was equally intrigued by the machinations of the human body. She requested the Principal of her college to permit her to study human anatomy as part of her bachelors programme. Human anatomy and history cater to the strict disciplinary boundaries of the bachelors programme, opined the Principal. Not only did it prohibit Ankita from taking up courses which were apparently not related, but it disabled fruitful dialogues between them.

Ministry of Human Resource Development and Government of Maharashtra has introduced Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) at Undergraduate and Post graduate levels to promote flexibility in the system in terms of opting for various courses and concurrently facilitating credit transfers. CBCS offers opportunity to students not only to learn core courses but also to study the courses of his/her choice leading to holistic

development of the individual.

What is Choice Based Credit System?

The Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) provides a 'cafeteria' type approach in which the students

- can take courses of their choice
- learn at their own pace
- opt for additional courses and acquire more than the required credits
- adopt an interdisciplinary approach to learning

(UGC Guidelines: http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9555132_Guidelines.pdf)

Advantages of the Choice Based Credit System

- Shift in focus from the teacher-centric to student-centric education
- Student may undertake as many credits as they can cope with
- CBCS allows students to choose interdisciplinary, intra-disciplinary courses and skill oriented courses (even from other disciplines according to their learning needs, interests and aptitude) and hence

offers more flexibility to students.

- CBCS makes education broad-based and at par with global standards. One can take credits by combining unique combinations. For example, Physics with Economics, Microbiology with Chemistry or Environment Science etc.
- CBCS is open to students studying according to varied time frames and at different institutions. Courses can be undertaken at various institutions and the credits earned at an institution can be subsequently transferred.

(http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/8023719_Guidelines-for-CBCS.pdf)

Implementation by the SNDTWU

- Academic Council of the SNDT Women's University has resolved to implement CBCS campus-wise (3 campuses separately)
- The Boards of Studies for each discipline have decided the courses which student can drop in lieu of inter/intra disciplinary courses which they wish to select.
- For each semester a student is allowed to opt for one course under CBCS.
- Each department will make announcement about the courses which can be offered to students of other departments under CBCS.
- At the beginning of the academic year Principals/Heads of departments will orient students about CBCS and give information about the courses available to them on campus.
- If a large number of students opt for a particular course, Department offering the course under CBCS can exert its discretion in the selection of students.
- Departments are also allowed to charge extra fees wherever laboratory work is involved.
- To facilitate the implementation of CBCS campus-wise, a teaching schedule will be designed to accommodate students' choices
- Under CBCS, colleges/departments will be allowed to offer courses through distance or online mode.

When implemented in its true spirit, CBCS will help students to enjoy the learning process. Students like Ankita will get an opportunity to study the courses that are of interest to them.

Prof. Madhura Kesarkar
Director, BCUD



Academic Events

• Conference • Workshops • Seminars



1. Digital India Campaign

On July 5, Dr. Mashelkar inaugurated the Digital India Campaign and uploaded the Information Security Policy on the website. As part of the Digital India Campaign, several programmes and workshops were organized to train faculty and students in the effective use of e-resources for learning and teaching. For details, please visit <http://di.sndt.ac.in/default.htm>

- i. On July 7, a training session on how to use the Intranet Portal Susamvad was organized for the staff of SNDTWU, Churchgate campus. The resource persons who conducted the session were Dr. T. J. Mathew, Ms. Sulbha Powar, Mr. Sumedh Pundkar and Ms. Nilima Agarwal. The Deputy and Assistant Registrars of various departments attended the program. All the participants actively participated in the lab session.
- ii. On July 14-15, a two day Workshop on Question Bank Preparation was conducted by Dr. Jayashree Shinde, Head, Department of Educational Technology and her colleague Ms. Chitra Wadke. Thirty faculty members of various departments attended. Staff of the University Computer Centre which is involved in developing application for the Question Bank also participated. The session covered, process of evaluation, designing course objectives and outcomes and also designing Multiple Choice Questions based on the principles of Bloom's Revised Taxonomy.
- iii. On July 16, 17 and 20 workshops on 'Development of training modules using multimedia' were conducted by the Department of Educational Technology.



Dr. Mashelkar inaugurating Centennial Foundation Day

81 students of PV Polytechnic and UMIT participated in these workshops. The trained participants (P.V. Polytechnic and UMIT) developed training modules for use of ICT Apps for creation of graphics, animation, stories, etc. Forty such ICT apps for school students were identified by students of M.A. in Educational Technology. Mr. Vinod Yadav faculty, PV Polytechnic, Ms. Rajni Nair, faculty UMIT and Dr. Jayashree Shinde, Head, Department of Educational Technology took major responsibility of this activity. Selected training modules will be uploaded in the OER repository of the University. In

the next phase, P.V. Polytechnic and UMIT students will actually train school students in use of the above apps.

- iv. On July 20, a Screen cast Video Workshop was conducted in the Department of Educational Technology. A batch of twenty five participants from P.V. Polytechnic learned the use of ACTIVE PRESENTER application software. Trained students would be equipped to develop OER to be used for the Digital Literacy Program adopted by SNDTWU. Faculty of the Department of Educational Technology and Mr.



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Vinod Yadav, Sr. Lecturer, P.V. Polytechnic were the resource persons.

- v. On July 22, under the Digital India Campaign @ SNTWU, SNTD ACM Students' Chapter comprising of students from Department of Computer Science and UMIT, organized a seminar on Innovative ideas for Digital India: The Scientific Way of Writing and Digital India: Concept, Issues and Upcoming Technologies. Mr. Sanjay Shitole and Dr. Sanjay Pawar were the resource persons. 226 students participated.
- vi. On July 27, during the Digital India Campaign week, a Webinar on Cyber Security was conducted by Dr. Saquib Zia, Director, CDAC. The webinar was simultaneously broadcasted to 4 different locations. 159 students attended the webinar. For details please visit <http://di.sndt.ac.in/webinars.htm>

2. Workshop by the Department of Continuing and Adult Education

On June 4 and 5, a national level Workshop on Development of Criteria for Sakshar Bharat Award 2015 was organised by the Department of Continuing and Adult Education in collaboration with the National Literacy Mission Authority (NLMA), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, at SNTWU, Churchgate campus. The resource persons included Mr. Seshukumar, Director General, NLMA, Dr. Sura Ramkrishna, Director (incharge), Directorate of Adult Education, Dr. Nasim Ahmad, Deputy Educational Advisor, Department of School Education & Literacy, MHRD, Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti, Pro-Vice Chancellor, SNTWU. Twenty participants from various bodies

like the State Literacy Mission Authority, State Resource Centres, Jana Shikshan Sansthan and the University participated in the workshop and developed criteria for the tools to be filled by the applicants for Sakshar Bharat awards.

3. Orientation of principals on CBCS

On June 17, a meeting of principals of conducted and affiliated colleges was held in the Churchgate campus where the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kamat oriented them about CBCS and its implementation in undergraduate programmes.

4. Workshop in SNTWU Branch Library at Juhu

On June 30, a half day Workshop on Soft Skills & Effective Communication was conducted by the SNTWU Branch Library, Juhu. Dr. Kharat, Senior Lecturer in English at the P.V. Polytechnic, was invited as the resource person. There were 17 participants for this workshop.

5. Seminar at the Law School

On July 21, seminar on Alternative Dispute

Resolution was organized by the Law School in collaboration with Legal Service Authority. There were 72 participants who attended this seminar.

6. Seminar at the Department of Human Development

On July 23, a Seminar for dissemination of research findings of projects titled School Readiness, Multiple Intelligences and Technology Based Activity for Pre-schoolers was organized by the Department of Human Development. This activity was sponsored by Barrington Educational Initiative.

7. Discussion forum in the Department of Hindi

On July 29, a creative platform for a dialogue between the audience and the performer was provided by the Department of Hindi. The Department screened 'Bajrangji Bhajan' on July 23. Actor invitee, Vijay Kumar was open to the critiques offered by the students and the faculty on the film screened.



Alumnae Activities



Department of History

Ms. Laxmi Rane, alumna of the Department of History conducted a study tour on the theme 'Know the heritage of your surrounding' on July 16, 2015 for the students of MA History. The study tour involved survey of the statues and the fountains from Churchgate station to Flora Fountain and visit to Central Library and St. Thomas Cathedral. 15 students joined the study tour.

Department of English

On July 29, 2015 the Alumnae Association of the Department of English, SNDTWU, organized a one day Creative Writing and Poetry Reading Workshop with Ms. Mukta Sambrani, an educationist and a poet. Ms. Mukta Sambrani (1995-1999), an alumna of the department, designed a workshop to introduce students to the craft of writing. Ms. Sambrani inspired and encouraged the participants by weaving in anecdotes from her life to trace her journey as a poet travelling from a small town in Maharashtra to the SNDT Women's University in Mumbai to the booming metropolis of San Francisco.

The first half of the programme involved students learning to identify poetic inspirations via a string of words. Examples were sought from poets both classical and contemporary and across cultures to draw the attention of the attendees towards the technical components of poetry. Some representative poetry across genres and cultures were called upon to initiate an interactive session on the rhyme, metre, genres and figures of speech. In keeping with the spirit of the session the attendees read out their original compositions ranging from dramatic monologues to limericks and Ms. Sambrani's recent composition 'Reserved for poets' offered the perfect denouement. The post lunch session saw Ms. Sambrani reading out selected portions from her publication, *The Broomrider's Book of the Dead*. Discovering the interrelationships between the theory and praxis of creative writing were a major outcome of the day long programme.



Awards

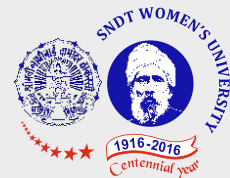
Faculty

- Dr. Prabha Ravi Shankar, Associate Professor, Department of History, was awarded Associateship for the year 2015, by the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla.

Students

- Ms. Amita Roy, Department of History, was awarded the Junior Research Fellowship by the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi for Ph.D Research in 2015-16
- Ms. Ritu Varshney, Department of History, was awarded the Foreign travel grant to visit USA to collect materials for her thesis by the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi in 2015-16.

New Facilities in Library



The SNDTWU library has constantly worked to upgrade its facilities and services to facilitate education and research. In the last few months, in addition to the regular library services, new facilities have been introduced in the Central Library at the Churchgate campus.

ETD Laboratory

The Library has established an ETD Laboratory (electronic theses and dissertations) at the Churchgate campus with grants received from INFLIBNET (Information Library Network). The process of digitization is in progress. The ETD Laboratory will be beneficial for students and faculty members for accessing e-thesis and dissertations submitted to the SNDT Women's University. The area where the carrels were earlier situated has been converted into an ETD Laboratory and a small discussion / meeting room which can be used by staff members, students, and research scholars. A new server which will host the catalogue as well as the proposed institutional repository has been set up in the library. The repository will have staff publications, syllabi, archival material, question papers etc.

Research Study Carrels

The Central Library has created a space for research study carrels with a capacity of 66 seats on the third floor in order to facilitate the use of library resources for study and scholarly research by students.

Faculty Carrels

Another study area with a 20 seat capacity in the front portion of the third floor of the library is also being readied for faculty members. It is equipped with wireless Internet access (Wi-Fi). This will meet the special research requirement of faculty members.

Faculty Discussion Room

A Faculty Discussion Centre has also been set up in the library on the third floor behind the ETD Laboratory to provide a venue for faculty to work together and participate in academic discussion.

Archive and Rare Book Section

An Archive and Rare Books Section is being developed on the second and third floors of the Library.

Uploading of Theses on Shodhganga Repository

Between December 2013 and June

2015, SNDTWU library uploaded 133 theses on the Shodhganga repository, which provides a platform for research students to deposit their Ph.D. theses and make it available to the entire scholarly community in open access. In the next few months all the Ph.D. theses available in the library will be digitized and uploaded. M.Phil. dissertations will also be digitalized.

For details please see <http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/handle/10603/4601>

Access to Database

The Library provides access to 58 major databases in various subjects which enable faculty and students from all 3 campuses to search major reference works with full text of journal articles. These databases provided by the Library help researchers to find information from authentic and trusted sources. Access to 30 databases from Proquest is available to all the affiliated colleges of SNDTWU.

For more information about the University Library please visit <http://sndt.ac.in/university-library/ui-intro.htm>

Ph.D. News

A four credit online course on Research Methodology was started on June 22. A total of 70 Ph.D. students have registered for this course. 12 faculty members (including 3 from Malaysia, Australia, USA) are conducting interactive sessions.

- **Ms. Nooruzia Qazi** of the Faculty of Commerce successfully defended her thesis titled Perception and Awareness of Shariah Index among Indian Investors on June 10, 2015. She worked under the guidance of Dr. Ram Sable.
- **Ms. Deepali Jayant Oak** of the Faculty of Social Science (Geography) successfully defended her thesis titled Outbreak and Spread of Malaria and Dengue in Thane District : A Geographical Analysis on June 26, She worked under the guidance of Dr. Sachin Deore.
- **Ms. H. B. Parmar** of the Faculty of Arts (Gujarati) successfully defended her thesis titled Gujarati Adivasi Lokmahakavyo : ek adhyayan on July 7, 2015. She worked under the guidance of Prof. Balwant Jani.
- **Ms. Sandhya Save** of the Faculty of Technology (Electronics and Telecommunication) successfully defended her thesis titled Designing of Analog Devices Using Field Effect Transistor with emphasis on Soc Application on July 7, 2015. She worked under the guidance of Dr. B. K. Mishra.
- **Ms. Archana Sham Padgaonkar** of the Faculty of Law successfully defended her thesis titled Evolution of Child Rights from an International Perspective on July 15, 2015. She worked under the guidance of Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy.
- **Ms. Suneeta Pimple** of the Faculty of Commerce successfully defended her thesis titled A Study of Financial Implications of Microfinance on Women Self Help Groups in Nasik Municipal Corporation Area During 2000-2010 on July 16, 2015. She worked under the guidance of Dr. Dipti Deshpande.
- **Ms. Ranjana Patil** of the Faculty of Arts (Marathi) completed her thesis titled Dr. Sadanand Deshmukh yanchya Samagra Sahityacha Abhyas under the guidance of Prof. Rekha Inamdar-Sane and successfully defended it on July 16, 2015.
- **Ms. Rekha Talmaki** of the Faculty of Social Science (Economics) successfully defended her thesis titled Empowerment of Tribal Women through Self Help Groups in Tapi District - South Gujarat on July 22, 2015. She worked under the guidance of Prof. Vibhuti Patel.

Events - AVHAN 2015



The SNDT Women's University, Mumbai hosted AVHAN 2015, a state level, inter- University, 10 day residential camp in DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING for National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers of 19 universities of Maharashtra from 35 districts, from May 25 to June 3, 2015. A total of 1050 participants attended the camp which was held at three locations- SNDTWU Churchgate and Juhu campuses as well as New Zealand Hostel, Aarey Milk Colony, Goregaon. At the end of the camp, the trained contingent was named The Chancellor's Brigade.

The Camp was inaugurated on May 25, 2015 at Birla Matoshri Sabhagrah, New Marine Lines by the Honorable Governor of Maharashtra and Chancellor of the SNDT Women's University, Ch. Vidyasagar Rao. The Chancellor expressed the need for creating awareness through disaster management education and training as necessary steps for enabling the community to cope with disasters in a better manner. He also emphasized that disaster-responsive public behavior is something that must be inculcated among the people.

The host University's Vice Chancellor Professor Vasudha Kamat and Dr. Atul Salunkhe, State Liaison Officer and Officer on Special duty, State NSS Cell, welcomed the volunteers, 30 from each district of Maharashtra. Dr Salunkhe commended SNDTWU for taking up the challenge of



organizing AVHAN in their centennial year. Dr. S.P. Badgujar, Registrar of SNDTWU proposed the vote of thanks. Assistant Commander Vairavnathan from NDRF oriented the delegates about the activities ahead.

AVHAN - 2015 was divided into three phases covering varied modules in Administration, Medical help and Rescue operation. The participating volunteers were trained by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) troop, Pune on different rescue measures in disasters. AVHAN aims

at creating a pool of trained young volunteers from NSS to collaborate and join hands with civil administration for quick rescue and relief services in case of human or natural calamities. To create public awareness about disaster preparedness a Rally was organized from SNDT Juhu Campus to the Juhu beach. Street plays, poems and songs on social life situations were performed on the beach. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor flagged off the Rally and Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Vandana Chakrabarti and Deputy Commandant Shri Vairavnathan walked the Rally. Besides this, there were physical training sessions conducted by university coaches as well as cultural programmes at all three campuses where volunteers had an opportunity to showcase their talents.

The Valedictory Ceremony of Avhan 2015 was held on June 3, 2015 at Birla Matoshri Sabhagrah. Shri Eknath Khadse, Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, Rehabilitation & Relief Works, Earthquake Rehabilitation, Minorities Development and Wakf, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries and State Excise, Government of Maharashtra was the Chief Guest. Dr. Sanjay Chahande, Principal Secretary, Higher and Technical Education was the Guest of Honour. The host University's Vice Chancellor Prof. Vasudha Kamat presided over the function. Dr. Linda Dennis, Dean, Department of Student's Welfare presented the Avhan report.

Mr. Khadse highlighted the importance of disaster preparedness training. He was of the opinion that there should be a follow up training programme at the district level for



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Avhan volunteers and that a mechanism must be put in place at the district level to utilize the trained youth. He also felt that such a course must be introduced at the undergraduate level. Dr. Chahande recalled his student days as NSS volunteer and emphasized the contribution of the NSS to numerous national programmes. Honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kamat also emphasized the need for disaster training and expressed the possibility of offering a course as a part of choice based credit system as well as e-resources in disaster preparedness. Dr. Atul Salunke, commended SNDTWU for the efficient organization of AVHAN 2015. Awards for best volunteer and Contingent Programme Officer and others were given at the Valedictory function.

Dr. Linda R. Dennis, Dean, Department of Student Welfare and Dr. Nitin Prabhu Tendolkar, Asst. Dean, Department of Student Welfare, University NSS Coordinator and staff worked extensively to make Avhan-2015 a grand success.

As a part of the camp, SNDTWU maintained a social media presence through Facebook www.facebook.com/AVHAN2015. The page reached more than a thousand people and



all the material contributed by the Publicity Committee as well as volunteers and programme officers could be archived in online space. Four issues of the newsletter were published as a part of the event. One can visit the page and see the audio-visual

and literary account of the camp on the SNDTWU website.

For more information, please see <http://nss.sndt.ac.in/avhan-15/avhan-15.htm>



Events - Centennial Foundation Day



The Centennial Foundation Day was celebrated on July 5, 2015, in Patkar Hall, at the Churchgate Campus of SNDTWU. Dr. Raghunath A Mashelkar, National Research Professor and President Global Research Alliance, CSIR- National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, was the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Vasudha Kamat presided over the event and shared the blue print for the centennial celebrations. She talked about the Endowment Fund set up by the University and set a target of Rs. 10 Cr for this year. Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Vandana Chakrabarti welcomed the guests and spoke of the historical significance of commemorating this day when hundred years ago Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve's vision for the empowerment of women became a reality with the generous financial assistance of Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, making it possible to establish SNDT Women's University. The Registrar Dr. S.P. Badgajar delivered the vote of thanks. Delivering the Centennial Foundation Day address, Dr. Mashelkar, who has been awarded the three highest civilian honours in the country, the Padma Shri (1991), the Padma Bhushan (2000) and the Padma Vibhushan (2014), suggested the need for raising the bar by moving beyond education and research to innovation, building the ability and positive attitude of students and focusing on talent, technology, and trust, the tripod on which institutions, societies and



Hearty congratulations to Prof. Veena Poonacha for receiving the Utkrushta Shikshak Puraskar

nations will build their competitive advantage. He spoke of SNDT Women's University's forte being value based education and emphasized the need to build on this strongly. He also launched Digital India Campaign @ SNDTWU by uploading Information Security Policy on the University website (<http://di.sndt.ac.in/>). Six of the distinguished alumnae of the university were felicitated for their contribution in various fields at the Centennial Foundation Day programme. Ms. Leena Mogre from fashion and fitness, Ms. Pooja Kanther from

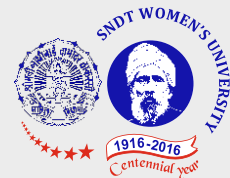
management and market research, Ms. Rajat Mittal from entrepreneurial enterprise in the IT sector, Ms. Sakshi Nanavati from the banking sector, singer Ms. Archana Kanhere and actress Ms Vandana Gupte. Two faculty members Prof. Veena Poonacha and Prof. Ranjana Mishra were honoured with the Maharshi Karve Utkrushta Shikshak Puraskar for their contribution to education and research. Shri M.D.Shah Mahila College of Arts and Commerce was awarded the Maharshi Karve Utkrushta Mahavidyalaya Puraskar.

The Foundation Day programme ended



Congratulations to Principal Deepa Sharma and trustees of Shri M.D.Shah College of Arts and Commerce for receiving Utkrushta Mahavidyalaya Puraskar

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Hearty congratulations to Prof. Ranjana Mishra for receiving the Utkrushta Shikshak Puraskar

with a Music recital by Ms. Apurva Gokhale, an alumna of SNDT WU. Centennial Foundation Day was celebrated at Pune Campus where Managing Director & CEO of Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Ltd., Mr. Vivek Sawant was invited as the chief guest. Prof. Madhura Kesarkar, Director BCUD presided over the programme. Colleges affiliated to the SNDT Women's University also celebrated Centennial Foundation

Day. The celebrations highlighted the historical continuities that align the present efforts of the affiliated colleges with the pioneering initiatives in women's empowerment by SNDT Women's University.

For more information please visit <http://sndt.ac.in/upcoming-event/centennial-year-foundation-day/foundation-day-sndtwu.htm>



Alumnae who made us proud! - Ms. Pooja Kanther, Ms. Saakshi Goel, Ms. Rajat Shah, Ms. Leena Mogre, Ms. Vandana Gupte, Ms. Archana Kanhere

Donations

The University received several donations since April 2015. Total funding received from April 1 to July 31, 2015 amounted to Rs. 13,07,100/-. We thank our donors for furthering the cause of women's empowerment through these endowments.

☉ Donation for Gold Medal

Prof. V. R. Nagrale donated Rs.100,000/- for Gold Medal to the student receiving highest marks in M.A. Geography for the Department of Geography, Pune in the memory of "Late Shri. R.T. Nagrale".

☉ Scholarships

Ms. Shree Mulay, Ms. Suhasini Mulay and Ms. Bharati Sharma donated Rs.10,00,000/- for needy and meritorious students.

☉ Centennial Year Endowment Fund

- Ms. Sakker G. Virani donated Rs.50,000/-
- Dr. Changamayum Manoranjan Singh donated Rs.50,000/-
- Dr. Ruby Ojha donated Rs.25,000/-
- Dr. Hemlata Chari donated Rs.11,000/-
- Dr. Parvati Rajan donated Rs.25,000/-
- Ms. Sayali Kedar Hede donated Rs.10,000/-
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☉ Donation for Arushi

The Learning Centre for Children with Special Needs

Ms. Susan Joshi donated Rs.25,000/-

International Yoga Day Celebrations



The International Yoga Day Celebrations were held at the Churchgate, Juhu and Pune campuses from June 21 -24, 2015. Around 1500 students, teaching and non-teaching staff participated in the celebrations.

1. At the Churchgate Campus, the programme was inaugurated at the Badminton Court by Dr. S.P. Badgajar, Registrar, SNDTWU, on June 21, the International Yoga Day. Seventy students including hostelites, sportspersons and NSS volunteers participated.
2. On June 22, a programme was held in the Patkar Hall. It was inaugurated by Shri Uday Deshpande, Hon. Secretary, Shree Samarth Vyayam Mandir, who is a Dadaji Konddev Awardee in Yoga / Rope Mallkhamb, Government of Maharashtra and presided over by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Vasudha Kamat. Around 650 NSS volunteers, NCC cadets, sportspersons as well as teaching and non-teaching staff participated in the event.
3. On June 23, International Yoga Day was celebrated at UMIT, Juhu campus. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Linda Dennis, Asst Director, Department of Physical Education. Two hundred and fifty students, teaching and non-teaching staff participated.
4. On June 24, the Pune Campus organized an event to celebrate International Yoga Day. The event was inaugurated by Ms. Pallavi Kavhane, Shiv Chhatrapati Awardee. The



Guests of Honour were Ms. Sanjeevani Purnapatre, Shiv Chhatrapati Awardee in Gymnastics and Ms. Sandhya Chavan, Expert in Adventure Sports. There were 530 participants including students, teaching and non-teaching staff.

At each venue there were yoga demonstrations by participants, yoga performances by students, lectures by experts in the discipline. The yoga

demonstrations at the Churchgate and Juhu campuses of the university were conducted by Ms. Anjali Joglekar and her team and by Ms. Sane and Ms Nalewade and team at the Pune campus.

The International Yoga Day celebrations were supervised by Dr. Linda Dennis, Department of Physical Education and Dr. Nitin PrabhuTendolkar, University NSS Cell.



Students practising Surya Namaskar under supervision of Smt. Parvatibai Athavale in 1920s

Car Rally



On July 8, 2015, SNDTWU hosted a 'Women's Safety Drive' car rally. It was a part of Mumbai traffic police road safety initiative "Street Smart, Street Safe" campaign between June 30 to July 21, 2015. Tata Motors supported this campaign by participating with the Bolt hatchback flagged off by TV celebrity Smt. Mandira Bedi along with Mr. Khalid Quaiser, Additional Commissioner, Local Arms Division (LA) of Mumbai Police, Dr. S P Badgujar, Registrar SNDTWU, Ms. Anuya J Mhaskar, Director, MEP Infra Developers and Editor of Top Gear, Mr. Girish Karkela. The drive highlighted the Mumbai Police's new women's safety helpline number - 9969777888 - which can be used by women travelling alone at odd hours. They can send the license plate number of their cabs or rickshaws to the helpline number and the Mumbai Police can then track the location of the vehicle via GPS. Also, the Mumbai Traffic app's 'Send Emergency Alert' features lets you notify three contacts about your location, so that one is never actually without help. The app can be downloaded from URL:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=in.lastlocal.mumb>



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The cavalcade of Tata Bolts began the drive from SNDTWU Juhu campus to SNDTWU Churchgate with 24 students of PV Polytechnic and Usha Mittal Institute of Technology accompanying women drivers. The drive emphasized the need to make roads in Mumbai safer for women drivers. More details and images are available on <http://www.carwale.com/news/19362-tata-motors-participates-in-the-womens-safety-drive-with-the-bolt.html>, <http://www.topgear.com/india/car-news/the-street-smart-street-safe-womens-safety-drive-is-a-success/itemid-50>, <https://in.screen.yahoo.com/ani-entertainment/mandira-bedi-endorses-women-road-115800402.html>, <http://jollyhoo.com/gallery/mandira-bedi-flags-off-the-street-smart-street-safe-womens-safety-drive-photo-gallery/>

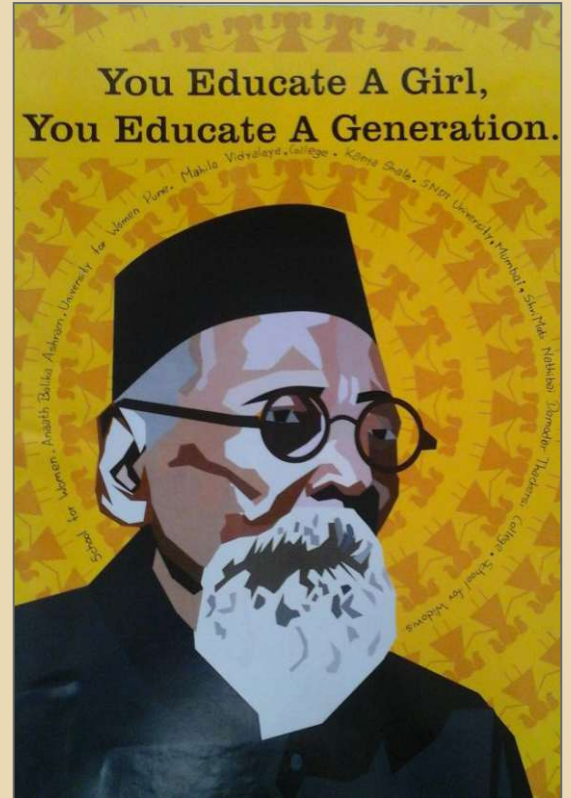


NSS Blood Donation Rally and Camp

On July 15, 2015, the students of the L.T. College of Nursing organized a Blood Donation Rally to create awareness among the general public and motivate them to donate blood. They performed a street play at the Churchgate Campus, Khaugalli and Churchgate Station to educate potential donors. On July 17, the NSS Cell of L.T. College of Nursing organized the Blood Donation Drive. The event was supported by Mr. Ramesh Ginwala, District Chairman, Lions Club. The event was conducted by the T.Y. B.Sc. Nursing students in collaboration with the Blood Bank of K.E.M. Hospital. The candidates were registered and eligible donors identified after conducting hemoglobin estimation. A total of 43 bottles of blood was collected.



Celebration - Centennial Foundation Day



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Forthcoming events

University Events

- On August 19 from 11 am to 1.30 pm, the University has planned a meeting on Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2011 where all Heads of Departments will deliberate on various provisions of the Act, especially on Chapter XIII in which special provisions have been given for SNDT Women's University. HODs from all the three campuses are invited for this meeting.
- On September 4, at 11 am, on the eve of Teachers' Day, Dr. Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Director General of Chhatrapati Shivaji Museum will address the teachers of departments and conducted institution on the Churchgate Campus of SNDT WU. All the teachers of Churchgate Campus are invited for this event.
- On September 15 at 2 pm Shri. Naresh Saksena will speak on "Aaj ke samay mein Bhasha" in Maharshi Karve Lecture series at the Churchgate Campus. Interested teachers and students are welcome to attend this lecture.

Department of English

- On August 19 there will be a workshop on Language Teaching in collaboration with Shri. M.D. Shah Mahila College of Arts and Commerce, Malad. Undergraduate teachers can register for this workshop on or before August 16, 2015.
- On August 20 there will be an orientation for the Discipline Component of the FY BA English Literature for undergraduate teachers in collaboration with Maniben Nanavati Women's College, Vile Parle. Undergraduate teachers can register for this workshop on or before August 16, 2015.
- On August 25 from 10 am to 1 pm, a lecture cum demo has been planned on 'Aesthetics of the word and the Image' by the Filmmaker and Academic, Kuntal Bhogilal at the Department of English. Interested postgraduate students should register their names in the Department of English. Interested teachers are welcome to attend this

lecture.

Department of Hindi

- On September 14 Hindi Diwas will be celebrated by the Department of Hindi in collaboration with Hindustani Prachar Sabha, Mumbai. At 12 noon Ms Katyayani (Senior poetess from Lucknow) will deliver a speech on 'vartman samay men Hindi aur uski bhumika'. From 2 pm to 5 pm there will be Kavi sammelan. For details regarding registration, interested students and teachers may contact the Department of Hindi (phone-intercom: 1306 & 1335 or Mobile: 09819722077).

Research Centre for Women's Studies

- On September 24, from 3 pm to 5 pm Prof. Maxine Berntsen, Professor Emeritus, TISS, Hyderabad will speak at the Sixth Dr. Neera Desai Memorial Lecture on 'Sharada: A Dalit Woman Reconstructs Her Self'. The programme will be held in the Mini Auditorium at SNDTWU's Juhu Campus. Interested teachers and students are welcome to attend this lecture.

Department of Physical Education

- Sr. Inter Collegiate Basketball, Badminton, Fencing, Volleyball, Judo & Essay Competitions, Loni September 1-2, 2015
Last date for receiving of entries from Colleges / Departments is August 21, 2015
- Sr. Inter Collegiate Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Taekwondo, Langadi, Rope Mallkhamb & Quiz Competitions September 10-11, 2015
Last date for receiving of entries from Colleges / Departments is September 1, 2015
- SNDT Minithon (Road Race) will be conducted by Department of Physical Education on October 1, 2015 at 7.30 am onwards at Juhu Campus and its vicinity. All students and teachers are requested to participate in large numbers on the occasion of the University Centennial year 2015-16.
- Last date for sending entries to the Department of Physical Education is September 14, 2015.

Bidding Farewell

We salute the commitment and contribution of the following staff of the university who retired in the months of June and July, 2015 after several years of dedicated service.

Teaching staff

- Dr. Khorshed Mistry, Reader, S.V.T. College, Juhu, on 30 June, after 27 years and 8 months service.

Non-Teaching Staff

- Smt. Lourdes M. Rebello, Junior Stenographer, RCWS, Juhu, on 30 June, after 36 years and 10 months service.
- Smt. Deepa Natu, Senior Clerk, SNDT Branch Library, Pune, on 31 July, after 33 years and 5 months service.

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