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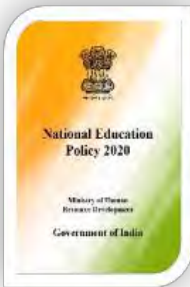
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## **Internationalisation Initiatives at SNDT WU**



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## Internationalisation initiatives at SNTD WU

SNTD Women's University (SNTD WU) has a long history of global interface. Our founder, Bharat Ratna Maharshi Karve was impressed with the setup of Women's university in Japan and had adopted a number of its best practices while setting up of this first Women's University of South East Asia in 1916.

Internationalisation in higher education is becoming increasingly important in today's globalised world. Internationalisation of higher education promotes sharing of best academic and research practices through interactions between diverse education systems, and helps in developing global citizens through academic collaborations and mobility of faculty and students. SNTD WU has also undertaken a number of Internationalisation initiatives on similar lines.

A brief about the Internationalisation initiatives undertaken at SNTD WU is summarised below:

### (I) International Academic Collaborations

A list of International MOU's signed between SNTD WU and other institutions is presented below:

Sr. No	Collaborating Institution	Month & Year	Collaboration Objective(s)
1	Hebei Institute of Communication, China	April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Exchange staff and students</li><li>- Exchange of information for education and research purposes.</li><li>- Conduct joint education and training, research, publication etc.,</li></ul>
2	Jilin Hua Qiao University of Foreign Languages, China	April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Exchange staff and students</li><li>- Exchange of information for education and research purposes.</li><li>- Conduct joint education and training, research, publication etc.,</li></ul>
3	The University of British Columbia	September 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- International Learning Programme.</li><li>- Student exchange opportunities include study, internship and research opportunities.</li></ul>
4.	Oxford University Press	Feb 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- SNTDWU will review the teaching proficiency framework and provide related services to OUP</li></ul>

5.	Commonwealth of Learning, Canada	March 2017	- Implementation of Technology-Enabled Learning at SNDT WU
6.	UQAM / Universite du Quebec a Montreal, Canada.	August 2017	- Joint research projects. - Students exchanges - Joint publications - Research and training internships for students
7.	Durban University Of Technology, South Africa	March 2018	- For Research Collaboration
8.	Institute of Academic Researchers (IAR), Sri Lanka.	May 2018	- Academic Research
9.	Julius-Maximilians University of Wuerzburg (JMU), Germany	Oct 2018	- Joint Educational and Research Activities.
10.	School of Education and Communication, Jonkoping University, Sweden	November 2018	- To develop activities of academic, professional and cultural perspective of students and teaching faculty.
11.	Peel College of Professional Studies Canada	October 2021	- To develop academic cooperation.
12.	Bronx Community College of the City University of New York (BCC CUNY)	September 2022	- exchange of students and faculty; - summer schools and faculty led programs; - joint research programs; - joint conferences, seminars workshops and exhibitions; and/or organization of other academic exchange agreeable to both universities
13.	CUNY CREST Institute	September 2022	- exchange of students and faculty; - summer schools and faculty led programs; - joint research programs; - joint conferences, seminars workshops and exhibitions; and/or organization of other academic exchange agreeable to both universities - Setting up of Women Entrepreneur Center at CUNY and SNDT WU
14.	Borough of Manhattan Community College of the City University of	November 2022	- Formal structures for cross-campus faculty collaboration on research/pedagogy/curricular development. - Student exchange/study abroad.

	New York (BMCC-CUNY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Formal, course-based student collaborations across institutions.</li> <li>- Additional collaborations as the two institutions determine are in the mutual interest of their students and faculty</li> </ul>
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## (II) International students at SNDT WU through global alliances like ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations)

The NEP reinforces the need to attract a greater number of international students and achieve the goal of “internationalisation at home. Accordingly, SNDT WU is an empaneled University with ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations). SNDT WU is also now registered with FRRO (Foreign Regional Registration Office). The first International student on ICCR Scholarship was admitted in AY 2022-23 for the program of B.Design. The ICCR Scholarship has been awarded by the Assistant High Commission of India: Chittagong Bangladesh.



## (III) Collaborative Endeavours

- **Solar Powered Weather Station at Juhu Campus** was inaugurated on 2nd January 2023 by Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo which has been set up as a collaborative project between SNDT WU and BCC-CUNY as part of US National Science Foundation grant received by Prof Neal Philip, and Prof Paramita Sen. Research papers written by UMIT students with the data generated from the weather station has been accepted at a recent International Conference. The weather reports generated at a frequency of every fifteen minutes are made available for the benefit of all the researchers in public domain and can be accessed via the link <https://sndt.ac.in/weather-station-umit-sndtwu/reports>



- **SNDT WU Conclave on "Internationalisation of Higher Education: Opportunities and Challenges" in collaboration with BMCC, CUNY, New York at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai**

A Conclave on "Internationalisation of Higher Education: Opportunities and Challenges" was held at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022. President of the BMCC, CUNY Dr Anthony Munroe and Vice Chancellor of SNDT Women's University Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo were present. About 35 academic leaders from SNDT Women's University shared unique features of their departments and colleges, strengths of their programmes and expressed possible avenues of collaboration. The session concluded with the presentation by Mr. Sanjay Ramdath about BMCC.



- **Orientation session on academic opportunities at BCC - CUNY and BMCC - CUNY, New York, USA organized by the International Cell of SNDT Women's University, Mumbai in collaboration with BCC - CUNY and BMCC – CUNY, New York.**

The session was organized by the International Cell on Saturday, 07/01/2023 @ 11 am. It was conducted in a blended mode at the J. H. Mini Auditorium, SNDT WU Juhu Campus, with students and parents who had joined through physical and online mode. The event was presided over by Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo, Hon. Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai. Prof. Neal Philip, Chairperson of the Department of Chemistry, Earth Sciences and Environmental Sciences, BCC - CUNY and Prof. Paramita Sen, Director of India Centre and Lecturer at the Department of Chemistry, Earth Sciences and Environmental Sciences, BCC - CUNY physically graced the event. Mr. Sanjay Ramdath, VP of Enrollment Management at BMCC - CUNY had joined live from New York.



- **International Research Methodology Workshop on Field Work Research**  
SNTD WU Bharatiya Gyan, Sanskrit Evam Yog Kendra, in collaboration with University of Québec à Montréal (UQAM) & TISS organized it on 13th March, 2023



- **International Colloquium on Artistic Research: Transdisciplinarity, Art & Knowledge**  
SNTD WU Bharatiya Gyan, Sanskrit Evam Yog Kendra, in collaboration with University of Québec à Montréal (UQAM) organised it on 14th March, 2023





- **Three Day workshop on Qualitative Research**

Department of Special Education organised a three Day workshop on Qualitative Research from September 29-30 and October 1, 2019. Professor Richard Rose, Professor Emiritus University of Northampton, UK was the resource person for the workshop.



#### **(IV) Delegation from SNTD WU visiting abroad**

- **Hon.VC Madam's visit to USA.**

Hon.VC Madam to strengthen international linkages in light of NEP 2020 & explore new horizons for women empowerment; visited United States of America as part of Indian Vice- Chancellor's delegation between 05<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

During the course of her visit, she visited a number of premier academic institutions of USA viz., City University of New York and its institutes; Drexel University; California State University, Los Angeles; University of California, Los Angeles and Loyola Marymount University and explored academic collaboration possibilities in terms of twinning and joint degrees; faculty and student exchange; joint research programs etc with these institutions.

Prof. Chakradeo witnessed the launch of the India Initiative for Research and Education Collaboration of CUNY CREST Institute (IICCCI) in New York. A Shared Statement of Interests (SSI) between SNTD WU and Bronx Community College of the City University of New York (BCC CUNY) was also signed.



- **SNDT WU faculty visit to Jonkoping University, Sweden**

A team of SNDT WU faculty visited Jonkoping University (JU), Sweden as part of collaboration between JU and SNDTWU from September 23 – 27, 2019.



## **(V) Foreign delegation visits to SNDT WU**

- **A visit of the delegation from CUNY to SNDT WU**

A delegation from the City University of New York (CUNY) led by Prof. Thomas Isekenegebe, President, Bronx Community College (BCC CUNY) and Prof. Reza Khanbilvardi, Executive Director, CUNY CREST Institute along with senior academicians of CUNY Prof. Paramita Sen,; Prof. Neal Phillip,; Prof. Tarendra Lakhankar, and Dr. Shakila Merchant, met the Hon. Governor Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari at RajBhavan on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022. A MOU was signed between SNDT WU and BCC CUNY in the august presence of the Hon. Governor.

The same delegation also visited the Juhu Campus of SNDT WU to further discuss the academic collaboration possibilities. A MOU was also signed between SNDT WU and CUNY CREST on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022.



▪ **A visit of the delegation from BMCC CUNY, New York**

An agreement of academic collaboration between SNDT Women's University, Mumbai and the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC), the largest Community College under the City University of New York (CUNY) was also signed in presence of Hon. Governor Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari at Raj Bhavan Mumbai on 02<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022. President of the BMCC (Borough of Manhattan Community College) - CUNY Dr Anthony Munroe and Vice Chancellor of SNDT Women's University Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo signed the Statement of Shared Interest in presence of the Governor. Shri. Santosh Kumar, Secretary to Governor, Maharashtra; Shri. Rakesh Naithani,

Special Secretary to the Governor and Officer on Special Duty; Ms. Sita Raiter, Dy Cultural Attaché from the US Consulate General, Mumbai and Mr. Sanjay Ramdath, Director and Acting Vice President of Enrollment Management, BMCC graced the occasion. Prof Ruby Ojha, Pro Vice Chancellor of SNDTWU, Registrar Dr Vilas Nandavadekar, Dr Nitin Wani of International Cell, Deans, Heads of various departments and Principals of autonomous and affiliated Colleges under SNDTWU were present.



▪ **A visit of the delegation from BMCC CUNY and US Consulate General, Mumbai to SNDT WU**

A delegation comprising of President of the BMCC (Borough of Manhattan Community College) - CUNY Dr Anthony Munroe and Mr. Sanjay Ramdath, Director and Acting Vice President of Enrollment Management, BMCC visited SNDT WU Juhu Campus on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. A delegation from the US Consulate General, Mumbai led by Ms. Sita Raiter, Dy Cultural Attaché also visited SNDT WU Juhu Campus on the same day.



### **(VI) Inauguration of the International Cell at Juhu Campus**

The International Cell of the SNTD Women's University, Mumbai, India was formally inaugurated on Feb. 21, 2023 at the auspicious hands of Shri Rakesh Naithani, Special Secretary to the Governor and OSD, Raj Bhavan, Mumbai at the Mumbai - Juhu campus of the University. Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo, Vice - Chancellor of SNTD Women's University presided over the ceremony. Dr. Anthony E. Munroe, President, BMCC-CUNY, USA; Ms. Brenda Soya, Public Affairs Officer, US Consulate, Mumbai; Mr. Sanjay Ramdath, Vice President - Enrollment Management, BMCC-CUNY graced the occasion. Dr. Neil Philip and Dr. Paramita Sen from BCC-CUNY had joined online. Prof. Ruby Ojha, Hon. Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dr. Vilas Nandavadekar, Registrar, SNTD WU were also present. The event was also witnessed by the teaching staff and students of the University. The congratulatory video notes of Dr. Thomas A. Isekenegbe, President, BCC – CUNY and Dr. Suresh G Joshi, Director & Professor, Drexel Biomed India and Brazil programs at Drexel University, Philadelphia, USA were also played during the ceremony.

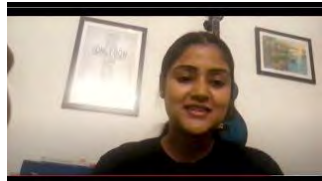


## **(VII) Student Accomplishments**

Internships are a compulsory component across all programs at SNTD WU. Students have secured paid internships in foreign Universities/countries.



Ms. Anisha Mahima,,alumna of the Department of English was a Fulbright Scholar in 2021-22



## **Future Plans:**

- To offer Collaborative skill-based courses
- Twinning and Joint Degree programmes in collaboration with foreign Universities
- Student and Faculty exchange between SNTDWU and foreign Universities
- Instituting a Chair in honour of Dr. Anandibai Joshi
- Collaborative research projects





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हम नहीं हैं दीन, कहता कौन हम अबला  
है सबल संस्कृति हमारी, हम सभी सबला  
ज्योती से जगमग हुआ, अंतर हमारा है।।  
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