



Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve
(18.4.1858 - 9.11.1962)

S.N.D.T Women's University established in 1916 heralded the beginning of formal higher education for women in India and South-East Asia. The institution was the fruition of the founder, Maharshi Dr Dhondo Keshav Karve's vision for the empowerment of women. The realization was possible with the financial support of the philanthropist Shri Vithaldas Thackersey. The headquarters of the University is at the Churchgate campus in Mumbai and the other two campuses are located at Juhu, Mumbai and Maharshi Karve Road, Pune .

Founder of the University

Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve (18th April 1858 - 9th Nov 1962) was a Humanist, an evangel of emancipation both for Hindu widows and for womanhood at large. A pioneering figure moved by the magnificent instinct that upheld the progress of womanhood as the purest and surest test of the progress of civilization, the establishment of Shreemati Nathibai Damodhar Thackersey Indian Women's University was the culmination of an odyssey, which began with the establishment of Hindu Widow's Home Association in 1896 and the Mahila Vidyalaya in 1907. The Women's University was sculpted along the lines of the Women's University in Tokyo. The founding father advocated women's education as instrumental in women's empowerment by enabling them to be economically independent and to be able to think for themselves.

बिद्यापीठ नीत

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विश्व है परिवार, भारत घर हमारा है॥
हम नहीं हैं दीन, कहता कौन हम अबला
है सबल संस्कृति हमारी, हम सभी सबला
ज्योति से जगमग हुआ, अंतर हमारा है॥
स्वप्न ठाकुरसी हुआ साकार है इसमें
महर्षि कर्वे तपस्या - सार है इसमें
हम दिशाएँ और यह दिनकर हमारा है॥
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SNDT Women's University

Vision

We envisage the SNDT Women's University as a world-class university striving to respond to the changing socio-economic realities by extending the boundaries of knowledge and its transference to the larger society. Its efforts are aimed at realizing the goals of gender equality and social justice enshrined in the Indian Constitution; it develops the innate capacities of women for the fulfilment of their personal aspirations and national development.

Mission

Committed to the empowerment of women by providing them access to higher education, the SNDT Women's University offers a wide range of courses, including professional and vocational courses, through its formal and non-formal teaching programmes. Through its curricular, co-curricular, research and extension activities it enables women to meet future challenges with integrity, compassion and purpose.

Motto

An Enlightened Woman is a source of Infinite Strength

Goals

In keeping with its vision and mission, the SNDT Women's University seeks to:

- Provide flexible and accessible education to enable women to accept the opportunities and challenges they face in their future lives, with courage and self confidence
- Encourage, develop and facilitate the research and creative potential of the students and faculty so that the University will attract the best academic and creative talents and will be the first choice for women students
- Foster linkages with other academic institutions, research and development organizations, government agencies, non-government organizations and industry so as to initiate a free flow of ideas between basic research and its application
- Strengthen lifelong learning and community outreach programmes to create an inclusive learning environment and enrich its academic activities
- Democratize knowledge creation by making available its resources to the larger community at the local, national and global levels and create a climate for the exchange of ideas and experiences
- Create multiple pathways for learning and knowledge transfer and ensure the outreach of education to the currently excluded student population across geopolitical boundaries

Core Values

At the SNDTWU we value

1. Education that is truly human and genuinely liberative, committed to human rights and justice
2. Education committed to nation building through economic development.
3. Education that will open worlds of culture and artistic excellence
4. Education that bridges theoretical and empirical knowledge
5. Education that focuses on development of body, mind and spirit.

Highlights of 2011-12

The annual report of the year 2011-12 covers the activities of SNDT Women's University during its 96th year, June 2011-May 2012. This prestigious Women's University, first in India and South East Asia, was established on July 5, 1916 by the great social reformer Bharat Ratna Maharshi Karve.

This year was marked by the appointment of new team at the helm of affairs of the university. Hon'ble Chancellor appointed Prof. Vasudha Kamat as the 12th Vice Chancellor on May 14, 2011. She was working as Joint Director of CIET, NCERT at the time (since Sept 2007) and had served the SNDTWU for nearly 24 years in various capacities including Prof. and Head, Department of Educational Technology. Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti who was working as Director, Department of Continuing and Adult Education and Extension Work and also Head of the Department of Social Work was appointed as Pro-Vice Chancellor on June 2, 2012. Dr. S. Kumudhavalli, Principal, SPN Doshi Women's College, Ghatkopar (Affiliated to SNDTWU) joined as Director, Board of College and University Development (BCUD) in June 2011. Mr. Virendra Jadhavrao joined as Finance and Accounts Officer on March 16, 2012 on deputation from Government of Maharashtra. Dr. P N Mandhare and Dr. Madhu Madan were already in service as Controller of Examination and Registrar respectively.

During the reporting year, the SNDTWU through its 39 departments and 12 institutions as well as newly established (in 2011) Maharshi Karve Model College for Women at Shriwardhan, District Raigad of Maharashtra continued to contribute significantly to women's education. The academic programmes offered, research, publications and extension activities of its faculty and departments/institutions as well as student activities in various spheres of life mark this 96th year. Following paragraphs bring you the quick summary and highlights.

During the year 2011-12 SNDTWU offered various academic programmes ranging from Certificate/Diploma to Ph D degree. There were 54 Ph. D. programmes, 49 Master Programmes, 45 Bachelor programmes, 22 Post Graduate Diploma and 125 Diploma programmes offered during the year 2011-12.

This year we filed 5 patents and were granted one to Dr. KK Singh. Faculty had undertaken 76 research projects (Major and Minor) and also published 187 journal articles, 81 books/ chapters in books, 26 papers in conference proceedings, and 14 other publications. Faculty presented more than 360 papers in various conferences/seminars during the year.

102 students were registered for Ph. D. Studies in the departments and recognized institutes. During the year, 68 students were awarded Ph. D. Degrees.

Departments and Institutions organised more than 81 programmes (conferences, Workshops, Seminars) at the state, regional, National and International level. L T College of Nursing proudly celebrated its Diamond Jubilee (1951-2011) and had organized several academic and extension programmes to mark the celebrations.

On receiving Rs. 2 crore grant from UGC for the use of ICT, the university prepared and implemented roadmap to integrate ICT in higher education. These activities included purchase of computers, creation of virtual classroom, training of teachers in ICT integration.

The Convocation was organized on Dec, 18, 2011. Prof. Asha Kanwar, Vice President, Commonwealth of Learning, Canada delivered the Convocation Address. The Honoris Causa was awarded to veteran Educational Technologist and renowned Documentary film maker Prof. Vijaya Mulay.

Our students enthusiastically participated in State level Inter-University Competitions such as Indradhanushya (Cultural Activities), Aavishkar (Research Activities), Avhan (NSS activities), Ashvamedh (Sports Activities) and won many prizes.

Prof. Vasudha Kamat

Vice Chancellor