

PRESS REPORT

Foundation Day 2019

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Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University (SNDTWU) synonyms with women's higher education completed 103 years this foundation day. The university celebrated its 104th foundation day today at Sir Sitaram and Lady Shantabai Patkar Hall SNDT Women's University's Churchgate Campus at 11:00 am.

Professor Shashikala Wanjari, Vice Chancellor, SNDTWU in her presidential address briefed about various initiatives taken by the University. She thanked the Guest of honour and chief guest for their support in the matter of 'national jurisdiction' of the University and traced the journey of women's education. She traced the trajectory from 1884 lecture of Swami Vivekanand, Maharshi Karve's lecture of 1915 and Sustainable Development Goals of 2015.

Guest of Honour Hon Principal Aniruddha Deshpande, Former Principal BMCC Pune in his speech expressed pain for the conflicts prevalent in the society and stated that women have power but they need opportunity to show it, prove it and work on it. Citing life incidences of Swami Vivekanand, Maharshi Karve and Justice Ranade, he focused on issues of education and health. He stated that 100 percent GER is a challenge and SNDTWU can contribute a lot in the process. Men and women as equal wings of bird, women not only need equality but also respect. He suggested that we need to look at history not only as past but inspiration for future.

Hon. Raoul Thackersey, Chairman of Capricon Reality Limited expressed his proud for the University and expressed his gratitude to be associated with the legacy. **Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission** in his foundation day address named his local and global role models- Anadibai Joshi, Savitribai Phule and Candese Purl and Elizabeth Black. As a biologist he reemphasized that women have larger chromosome compared to male chromosome. Announcing schemes of University Grants Commission, he urged mainly the teachers of humanities to make use of grants and undertake research. He expressed that research should not be compliance and pay-publish-trash but should be of quality. Concluding his narration Dr. Patwardhan announced that **SNDTWU will be considered for Central University status and there should be Thackersey Kurve Chair at the University**. He announced his personal contribution to Bhaubeej Nidhi of the University.

As had been the practice, this foundation Day also Maharshi Karve Utkrusht Shikshak, Shikshketar and best College awards were given. Seven distinguished alumnae of the University were also felicitated from diverse spheres of life. Bhubeej Nidhi scholarship were awarded to ten students and Shivaji Chhatrapati Krida Purskar awardee Bhagyashree Purohit, World cup winner in Malakhambh Pratiksha More and NSS Indian Youth delegation to China member Divya Pongde were felicitated with Certificates. Three students of SNDT Women's University received Scholarship in the memory of Late Smt. Hemlata Trivedi instituted by Jadavpur University Alumni Association (Mumbai Branch) Trust announce by Commander Sushanta Kumar Jana for the year 2019.

Dr. Deepak Deshpande, Registrar, SNDT Women's University delivered the vote of thanks and programme ended with national anthem.