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# SNDT Newsletter

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## Editorial

Dear friends,

For Indians, the month of August marks the spirit of Independence. While the country celebrated 68th Independence Day, SNDTWU had a spectacular programme at its Churchgate campus where tricolour was hoisted by the chief guest, Dr. Subhash Chandra, in the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vasudha Kamat and the NCC cadets took pledge of being faithful to the country. The spirited patriotic songs sung by the students rose patriotic fervour amongst the staff and students. The chief guest's speech was followed by a lively question - answer session in the packed Patkar Hall.

Much before the country became independent, Bharatratna Maharshi Karve, made focussed efforts to liberate women by bringing them into the fold of education. This University was established a hundred years ago when the higher education was completely dominated by the British rulers making it inaccessible to a large section of women of this country. Maharshi started schools for women and then went on to establish the Indian Women's University where women could have access to higher education in their mother tongue. It was an Indian Women's University, started by an Indian for the women of his country where the content and medium of instruction were our own. Generations of women are indebted to Maharshi for bringing to them the right to higher education. The Indian Women's

University was later renamed SNDT Women's University after Sir Vitthaldas Thackersy gave a sumptuous donation and willed that the university be renamed after his mother.

The month of August saw another major activity where we carried out the Digital India campaign which gave us a taste of freedom from the past and connected us to new technology, viz. mobile computing, cloud computing, internet of things, robotics, 3-D printing among others. While acquainting students with new knowledge and skills, attention was paid to developing an attitude of inclusive development where the students took a pledge to ensure digital literacy within one kilometre radius. It was heartening to see the students participating with a spirit of collaboration and healthy competition and cheered the prize winners.

This is an exciting year for SNDT Women's University as the centennial year celebrations are in full swing. I am confident that the faculty and students will participate wholeheartedly within and without the ambit of academic programmes and share it with the whole world through this e-Newsletter.

**Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti**  
Pro Vice Chancellor





# From the Vice Chancellor's Desk



I am happy that we are fulfilling the promise of publishing the e-newsletter on 15th of each month. There is so much happening especially as a part of Centennial Year programmes, that e-Newsletter could be published every week.

The first meeting of Centennial Year Advisory Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor, which consisted of Senators Shri. Shekhar Bajaj and Mr. Alex Emmanuel was conducted on Aug 10 in which all the centennial year programmes were discussed. Some more were introduced, some got reformulated and some discarded from the suggestive list. Now the roadmap is clear for us to go ahead in a big way. You will find some of the programmes also conducted in August.

One important decision taken by the committee was to create a 10 Crore worth Endowment Fund by July 5, 2016. This implies that all of us need to work towards achieving the goal. The endowment fund will help

hundreds of deserving girls aspiring for higher education, general or professional, and support them in fulfilling their dreams. Why don't you pen down the cheque towards this endowment fund? Start now!\*

Digital India Campaign was conducted with much fervor by students and teachers. On Independence Day Hon'ble Prime Minister gave us a new thought "Start Up India, Stand Up India"! At SNDT we had initiated discussions with NASSCOM and other Industrialists on starting Incubation Centre so that the students can try out innovative ideas and transform them into reality. There are many academic programmes offered by SNDTWU where the students can aspire to have their own start up after getting Master's degree. In this Centennial Year we must see that this dream of establishing the Incubation centre comes true.

On the International collaboration front we are happy to collaborate with University of British Columbia,

Vancouver, Canada in designing a new Master level "Global Educational Leadership programme". Prof. Michelle Stack, from School of Education, UBC is visiting us from Aug 30 to Sept 26. I welcome her to SNDTWU and look forward to valuable inputs for developing this programme.

On Aug 20, we had a special visitor, Dr. Heena Gavit, the youngest Member of Parliament. She is a medical doctor by profession, but social worker at heart! We discussed with her the possibility of meeting all women Members of Parliament in Delhi to share with them the exhilarating journey of the past hundred years of this unique institution, the First Women's University in South East Asia.

With best wishes!

**Prof. Vasudha Kamat**

*\*Donations to SNDT Women's University are 100% exempted by Income Tax department. The cheque should be issued in favour of Registrar, SNDT Women's University*



# Understanding H index - Prof. Shobha Udipi



The **H-index** was developed by Jorge E Hirsch, a physicist, to quantify the output of individual researchers and to overcome the limitations of using number of publications and/or number of citations for the same. It measures the number of highly impactful papers that a research scholar has published. The H-index is only one of several bibliometric measures that are used. "A scientist has index  $h$  if  $h$  of his/her  $N_p$  papers have at least  $h$  citations each, and the other ( $N_p - h$ ) papers have no more than  $h$  citations each." **H-index**, as defined by Hirsch, is the number of papers with their citation number. The **h-index** basically reflects the number of papers a researcher has published and the number of times these have been cited (i.e. reflects quality). However, it can be used to compare

individuals who do research in the same field and who are at the same level. When Hirsch developed this index he suggested that for physics an  $h$  of 12 could be considered for tenure i.e. associate professor whereas for full professorship an  $h$  of 18 could be used. For membership in the US National Academy of Sciences an  $h$  of 45 may be considered. Hirsch later showed that the  $h$ -index is a better predictor of future scientific achievement than are other indicators. Hirsch calculated the  $h$ -index of Nobel prize winners and 84% of them had an  $h$ -index of at least 30. An  $h$ -index of 100 corresponds to about 10000 citations. It is possible that in Social Sciences  $h$ -indices may be lower than in others.

The merit of the  $h$ -index is that it relies on citations not the journals in which the papers have been published. If only citations were used there could be one or a few papers that are highly cited but it would give a skewed measure of the productivity of a researcher. It is not influenced by the total number of papers that are rarely cited and thus overcomes the disadvantage of using number of papers as a measure. It can be used not only to compare individuals, but can also be applied for comparison of departments, programmes or a group of research scholars or scientists.

Critics of the  $h$ -index feel that it has less predictive accuracy than the total number of citations for a scholar and that it can be manipulated with self-citations etc., hence alternatives have been proposed such as  $m$ -index. While it takes into account the number of citations, it does not consider whether the citation is negative, the number of authors or the position of the author.

Researchers can calculate the  $h$ -index using Web of Science, Scopus and Google Scholar. However, each of these may well give a different  $h$ -index for the same person, because the coverage is different. Reference: Hirsch, J. E. (2005). An index to quantify an individual's scientific research output. Proceedings of the National

Academy of Sciences of the United States of America, 102(46), 16569-16572. doi:10.1073/pnas.0507655102

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## Manual calculation of h-index

Listed below are articles A, B, C, D, E, F, G with their corresponding serial numbers and number of citations in descending order. The serial number is denoted as ' $h$ ' and the number of citations as ' $f$ '.

Sr. No.	Article	Citation Numbers
1	A	35
2	B	28
3	C	21
4	D	10
5	E	4
6	F	3
7	G	2
8	H	1
9	I	0

When ' $h$ '  $\geq$  ' $f$ ' we get an  $h$ -index. In the example given above, we calculate the  $H$ -index as follows:

The first article has been cited at least 35 times so it gives us a value of 1

The second article has been cited at least 28 times so it gives us a value of 2

The third article has been cited at least 21 times so it gives us a value of 3

The fourth article has been cited at least 10 times so it gives us a value of 4

The fifth articles has only 4 citations (which is less than its serial number) and the others have even less so we do not consider these

**The h-index is therefore 4**

Suppose the fourth paper had been cited only 3 times and the following papers or articles less number of times, the  $h$ -index would be 3.



# Understanding Impact Factor

- Dr. Jyoti Bhabal



Librarians and information scientists have been evaluating journals for at least 75 years. A classic study of citation patterns was conducted by Gross and Gross in the 1920s. Computer technology made possible the preparation of statistical reports on journal output based on citation frequency, known as citation indexes. Thomson Reuters began to publish citation indexes and in the '60s they invented the journal "Impact Factor."

Impact Factor is a measure of the frequency with which the average article in a journal has been cited in a particular year. It is a citation measure produced by Thompson Scientific's ISI Web of Knowledge database. Impact factors are published annually in ISI's Journal Citation Reports Database and are available only for journals that are indexed in ISI databases.

## How Impact Factors are Calculated

A journal's impact factor for 2012 would be calculated by taking the number of citations in 2012 from articles that were published in 2011 and 2010 and dividing that number by the total number of articles published in that same journal in 2011 and 2010. Please see the example below.

Example: The specific calculations for Nursing Research's 2011 impact factor are displayed below.

Articles published in 2010 that were cited in 2011: 63

Articles published in 2009 that were cited in 2011: 94

$63+94=157$

Total Number of articles published in 2010: 61

Total number of articles published in 2009: 51

$61+51=112$

$157 / 112 = 1.402$

The 2011 Impact Factor for the journal Nursing Research means that, on an average, articles published in this journal in 2011 and 2012 have been cited around 1.4 times.

Impact Factors are influenced by several factors. Journals having more research focus, inclusion of review articles, and sustained for a longer period have higher impact factor. The subject fields that change/grow rapidly such as science and technology have higher impact factor as their articles are cited more when

compared to other fields. It is also possible that a journal may have high citations only for selective articles, giving a false impact factor. ISI's indexing policy also plays its role in calculation of impact factor of the journal.

Since its advent, impact factor has gained acceptance as a quantitative measure of a journal's quality. Impact factor is used by librarians in selecting journals for library collections, and, in some countries, it is used to evaluate individual scientists and institutions for the purposes of academic promotion and funding allocation.

Source:

<http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/impactfactors>

[http://www.researchgate.net/post/How\\_is\\_impact\\_factor\\_calculated](http://www.researchgate.net/post/How_is_impact_factor_calculated)

<http://wokinfo.com/essays/impact-factor/>



# Independence Day Celebration



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On August 15, 2015 the Independence Day Celebrations at SNDTWU acquired a special touch in the august presence of Dr. Subash Chandra, Chairperson Essel Group, Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker of the day. The celebration commenced with Dr. Subhash Chandra unfurling the tricolor with the NCC Cadets marching and taking the Guard of Honour.

The flag hoisting ceremony was followed by a formal function during which the Music Department presented patriotic songs. The Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti gave a glimpse of the activities pertaining to the centennial year and introduced the e-Newsletter of the University. The Newsletter in its digital format was released by the Chief Guest.

Being a proponent of technology and digitization, SNDT WU is committed to digital literacy and digital empowerment of its present and future students. As a part of the Digital India Campaign several seminars, conferences, webinars and competitions were conducted by the University. The winners of the competitions were felicitated by the dignitaries.

In his address, Dr. Chandra stressed the importance of freedom and spoke about



the divide between India and Bharat. He emphasised the need for youth participation in politics and implored the youth to contribute in the process of nation building. Dr. Chandra later interacted with the students and provided insightful answers to all their doubts and queries.

In her Presidential Address, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Vasudha Kamat, spoke about the Digital India Campaign and highlighted the fact that the University hosted the program for 45 days instead of the requisite one week. She applauded the efforts of the Digital India Campaign

team and traced the journey of the campaign from the release of the Information Security Policy of the University by eminent scientist Dr. R. Mashelkar and the grand closing by noted industrialist Dr. Subash Chandra. Prof. Kamat congratulated the e-newsletter team for their efforts.

The program ended with the Registrar Dr. S.P. Badgujar proposing the vote of thanks wherein he hoped that the social outreach programmes of the ZEE group and the visionary efforts of this pioneering women's university would work towards a fruitful partnership.



# Academic Events

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## 1. Lecture on 'School Librarianship'

On August 11, 2015, a lecture on 'School Librarianship' by Ms. Hina Mehta was organized by the Subject Association of SHPT School of Library Science.

Ms. Hina Mehta, a Library Media Specialist in Teaneck Public Schools, USA shared her experiences with the first and second year students of the M.Lib.Sc. She introduced the students to the Online Library Media Centre and the various online services developed and offered by the library and Media Centre under her leadership. Students were given a glimpse of the website of the library and the various free sources/apps/games which are available online through the Online Library Media Center. Her talk focused on how electronic media was used by the library to engage active participation of students in quizzes, essays and video making competitions. She also mentioned how orientation programmes are organized by the library for teachers as well as for students and student assignments on the curriculum can be designed in consultation with teachers and executed online. This was followed by a lively interactive session in which students' curiosity about prospects in USA was clarified.

## 2. Professor Vidyut Khandwala Lecture Series Instituted

Prof. Vidyut Khandwala was the first University Librarian & Head Department of Library & Information Science. In order to pay tribute to her tremendous contribution, the library has instituted a four lecture series in her name. On August 11, 2015, SHPT School of Library Science in association with SNDT Women's University Library organized the first lecture on 'Academic Excellence and Libraries' by Prof. Harsha Parekh under the aegis of the



Professor Vidyut Khandwala Lecture Series.

The Presidential Address was delivered by the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti who highlighted the changes in the paradigm of research and teaching and the role of the library in this new paradigm.

Prof. Harsha Parekh, retired University Librarian and Head of SHPT School of Library Science shared her memories of Prof. Vidyut Khandwala, Founder Librarian, SNDTWU, and Head, SHPT School of Library Science, with whom she had spent half of her professional career and described her as a great manager under whose dedicated leadership the library scaled new and greater heights.

In her presentation, Prof. Harsha Parekh described the role of a teacher as that of a mentor who must have a thorough knowledge of the subject she is teaching through regular use of the library. Speaking of the criteria that are necessary to qualify an institution as one of excellence, she highlighted the need for participative governance, adherence to rules and laws, transparency, integrity and efficiency in functioning. She also spoke about return on

investment and said that reputation and quality are immeasurable. She concluded the lecture by advising the audience of the need to know and understand the institution and integrate wholeheartedly with its vision and mission if one wants to benefit the most.

## 3. Webinar on Decoding Make in India and Digital India

On August 12, 2015 the Janki Devi Bajaj Institute of Management Studies organised, a webinar on 'Decoding Make in India and Digital India'. Mr. G.S. Dugal, Management Consultant and Trainer was the resource person. The webinar addressed the need for and manner in which the stated and implied needs of the customer need to be considered with respect to quality, competitive price, timely delivery and efficient after sales service in the competitive global scenario in order to sustain the manufacturing base and thereby the economic growth.

The link for the session is given below.

<http://www.wiziq.com/online-class/3031322-decoding-make-in-india-and-the-digital-india-by-mr-g-s-dugal>



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## 4. Seminar on the proposed Draft for Maharashtra Public Universities Act

On August 19, 2015, a seminar was organised at SNDTWU to discuss and deliberate on the report of the proposed Maharashtra Public Universities Act drafted by what is popularly known as the Nigvekar Committee Report (NCR). Vice Chancellor Prof. Vasudha Kamat, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti, Director BCUD Prof. Madhura Kesarkar, Registrar Dr. S. P. Badgujar, Controller of Examinations Dr. P. A. Mandhare, In-charge FAO Prof. Ruby Oza as well as the Heads of the Departments and senior faculty members from the three campuses were present for the seminar. The discussion focused on the larger implications of the new Act as well as the fine print that would affect the engagement of the stakeholders in the matters of the University.

Experienced academicians critically examined the proposed Maharashtra Public Universities Act and explored its ramifications. Thematic presentations were made on the NCR's proposed draft of the Act. Group A, Dr. Varsha Shirgaonkar, Dr Parul Zaveri, Dr Asha Patil, made a presentation on the chapters pertaining to the 'Role of the University'. Group B, Dr.Veena Devasthali, Dr.Pradnya Wakpajjan and Dr.Mrunalini Purandare spoke on the chapters pertaining to 'University Governance'. Group C, Prof. Reeta Sonawat, Prof. Preeti Verma and Mr Rajesh Wankhede deliberated on 'Affiliation and Related matters'. Group D,



Prof G. A. Shitole, Dr. Virendra Nagarale and Dr. Ramesh Pathare explored 'Employee and Students related matters'. Group E, Prof. Archana Bhatnagar, Dr. Padmini Ghure and Dr Ganesh Magar discussed miscellaneous chapters.

The presentations gave a synoptic view of the report as well as of the proposed Act and were followed by discussion. Comments and suggestions were made regarding procedures and criteria for appointments to university positions, structure, power and functions of university officers and bodies, criteria for affiliation and other miscellaneous matters. Some of the suggestions made were with specific reference to SNDTWU.

## 5 State Level Conference on Health & Sports Management

On August 25, 2015, on the occasion of National Sports Day, the Department of Physical Education in collaboration with

the L.T. College of Nursing conducted a State Level Conference on Health and Sports Management, at the Churchgate Campus. The theme of the conference was "Health in your hands through Sports." 40 sports teachers and coaches were present.

The Conference was inaugurated by the Registrar of SNDTWU, Dr. S.P. Badgujar and Mrs. Pervin Batliwala, a marathon runner, was the Chief Guest. Resource persons, Dr. Rani Shetty, Ms. Parul Kebliwala, Dr. Nancy Fernandes and Ms. Sandhya Pillai of L.T. College of Nursing dealt with health issues like hypertension, diabetes mellitus, heart attack, alternative therapy, first aid management for sports injuries and basic life support, cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Mr. Samson Sequiera, a sports personality, made a presentation on Sports Management.



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## 6. Panel Discussion on the Book 'I Am Malala'

On August 25, 2015, the Departments of Economics, Political Science, Social Work, and Sociology organized a panel discussion on the book 'I am Malala'.

The session began with the screening of Malala's Nobel acceptance speech. The words of courage and determination that were expressed by the 16 year old Malala in her speech were a source of inspiration for the students to emulate. Growing up in the Swat Valley with supportive parents who believed in education for their daughter and taught her the true meaning of Islam, Malala was emboldened to take on the Taliban terrorists who opposed education for women. Malala called herself the representative of all 66 million girls who are denied education because of political, social or religious reasons. Her dream was to build primary and secondary schools not only in the Swat Valley in Pakistan but also in other developing countries. She expressed the need to stop child marriage and child labour. With conviction in her voice, she vowed to put an end to empty classrooms and wasted childhoods.

The panelists, Dr. Sabiha More and Dr. Vibhuti Patel wove a connection between Malala's life and reality and that of the students present for the discussion. They focused on the fact that education and single minded determination can enable a woman to overcome all odds. Both the panelists believed that equality should

begin for the girl child in the home, as it did for Malala, and that family support was essential if the girl child has to find her rightful place in society. Dr. More said that it is not culture or religion that impedes women's progress but that it is fundamentalist ideas that create the barriers.

The panelists' insightful remarks on Malala's life and speech triggered introspection and led to a lively discussion on many unexplored questions. The two hour session posed before the students crucial and pertinent questions that pushed them to reflect on their inherent strengths and the need to be confident and courageous in the face of adversity. They went back convinced that there is a Malala in each one and that education is the catalyst that will spur them to find independence and equality in society.

## 7. Interactive session on Social Science Research at the Department of Economics

On August 31, the Department of Economics organised a talk by Dr. Michelle Stack, Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Studies, University of British Columbia, Canada, on **Social Science Research And Its Implications For Socio-Economic Change** followed by an interactive session with the students of the department.

The focus of her talk was on Qualitative Research patterns and issues confronted by researchers. Dr. Michelle shared the research experiences of her team with school children that enabled them to



influence policies and brought about improvement in quality of schools and child care schemes. They trained researchers to interact with indigenous children and understand their real life situation. She also discussed how her research involvement with Adivasi children had helped in implementation of the new policies. Ethical issues involved in research and the role played by media in dissemination of information regarding the plight of Adivasi children were also discussed.

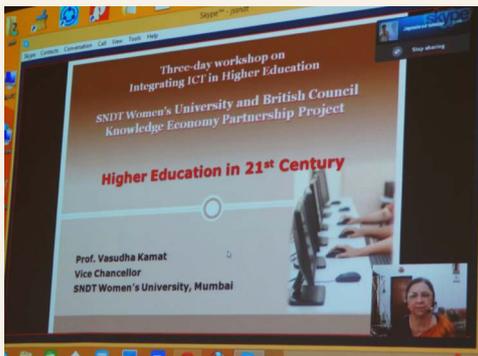
Professor Vibhuti Patel, HOD Economics, SNDT, shared her experiences and participatory action with working women, domestic workers and women vendors.

Multiculturalism and 'Cultural Genocide' theories and their relevance in Canada and India, as well as issues of caste and racism were discussed.



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## 8. Knowledge Economy Partnerships 2014

Workshops conducted under MOU signed between the SNDT Women's University, Mumbai and British Council Division, British Deputy High Commission on the Project "Knowledge Economy Partnerships 2014" under the Internationalizing Higher Education Programme (IHE)

Following workshops were organised by Dr. Jayashree Shinde, Project Coordinator and Head, Department of Educational Technology

First workshop of the month which was on 'ICT integration in Higher Education' was conducted in Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on Aug 3-5, 2015. Twenty six faculty members from various teaching departments and one faculty from Rama Devi Women's University participated in the workshop. Dr. Jayashree Shinde and Dr. Ganesh Magar, Head Department of Computer Science worked as resource persons. Prof. Vasudha Kamat, Vice Chancellor gave Inaugural address virtually. Prof. Das, Vice Chancellor, Utkal University was present at the Inauguration and he underlined the importance of integrating ICTs in day to Day teaching for the students of higher education. Prof. Sateesh Pradhan, Head, Department of Computer Science, Utkal University was the local co-ordinator. Ms. Ekta Shinde and Ms. Aditi Gokarn



assisted the participants in their practical hands on experience.

The second workshop on 'ICT Integration in Higher Education' was conducted during Aug 10-12 in Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. Seventeen faculty members from University departments, one from SL DAV College of Education, Ambala participated in the workshop. Prof. Sushama Sharma, Department of Education was the local coordinator. Dr. Jayashree Shinde and Dr. Nitin Wani, Janki Devi Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, worked as resource persons. Ms. Ekta Shinde and Ms. Aditi Gokarn conducted a few sessions and assisted participants in practical work.

The third workshop in August on 'ICT Integration in Higher Education' was conducted at Smt MMP Shah College, Matunga, Mumbai (affiliated college of SNDTWU) during August 17-19, 2015. Twenty seven faculty members along with In-Charge Principal Ms. Archana Patki participated in the workshop actively. Dr. Jayashree Shinde and Ms. Mrinal Thakur

and Ms Seema Pednekar worked as Resource persons. Prof. Vasudha Kamat, Vice Chancellor gave Inaugural address virtually.

Two more workshops are planned in the month of September

1. Research in ICT Integration: Sept 1-3, 2015 at SNDT Women's University, Churchgate
2. ICT Integration in Higher Education: Mizoram University, Aizawl, Mizoram (Sept 14-16)

## 9. Department of Continuing and Adult Education and Extension Work completed MHRD Project

Department of Continuing and Adult Education and Extension Work completed a Project on Selection of Awardees for Sakshar Bharat Programme sanctioned by the National Literacy Mission, MHRD, Government of India. The State, Districts and Panchayats selected for the Awards were honoured by Hon'ble President of India Shri. Pranab Mukharjee on International Literacy Day, September 8, 2015



10. SNDT Women's University celebrated 135th birth anniversary of eminent writer Munshi Premchand on August 3, 2015. The celebrations were postponed due to passing away of Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the revered past president of India. The Premchand Jayanti programme, organized by the Department of Hindi, was presided over by the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti. It consisted of performance of a play, 'Sadgati', based on Munshi Premchand's classic story by the same name, followed by story reading session and a discussion on 'Premchand ki kahaniyon Mein Dalit Chetna'. A report given by Prof. Tripathi, Head, Department of Hindi is given below.

## एसएनडीटी विवि में मनी प्रेमचन्द जयंती....



हिन्दी विभाग, एसएनडीटी महिला विश्वविद्यालय, मुम्बई ने प्रति वर्ष की भाँति इस वर्ष भी 'प्रेमचन्द जयंती' पर उनकी कहानी के मंचन व परिचर्चा के रूप में अपने कथा-सम्राट को निराले ढंग से याद किया। मराठी, गुजराती व संस्कृत विभाग की सहभागिता के मध्य प्रति कुलपति प्रो. वन्दना चक्रवर्ती ने प्रेमचन्द की प्रतिमा पर माल्य-पुष्पार्पण व दीप-प्रज्वलन करके आयोजन का शुभारम्भ करते हुए कहा कि प्रेमचन्द ऐसे साहित्यकार थे, जो अपने विचारों को सिर्फ लिखते ही नहीं, जीवन में उतारते भी थे।

कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत एम.ए. की छात्राओं द्वारा प्रेमचन्द की अत्यंत महत्त्वपूर्ण व नामचीन कहानी 'सद्गति' की मंचीय प्रस्तुति से हुई, जो अपनी सादगी में साफ-सुथरी व संगीतमय तो रही ही, अपने असर में अश्रु-विह्वल कर देने वाली भी सिद्ध हुई। प्रसिद्ध रंगकर्मी व टीवी अभिनेत्री कनुप्रिया पण्डित के

नाट्य-रूपांतर व निर्देशन तथा युवा प्रतिभाशाली कलाकार इम्तियाज़ के गीत-संगीत से सजी प्रस्तुति को अपने विश्वस्त अभिनय से साकार किया – अंजलि सिंह, करिश्मा यादव, प्रीति मौर्य, रेमी उपाध्याय, प्रीति यादव, ऋतु पाण्डेय व शीतल चौहान ने।

कार्यक्रम के दूसरे सत्र में 'सद्गति' की विषय-वस्तु के अनुसार ही 'प्रेमचन्द के

कथा साहित्य में दलित चेतना' पर चर्चासत्र सम्पन्न हुआ। शुरुआत हुई रमेश राजहंस द्वारा प्रेमचंद की 'बालक' व 'घासवाली' कहानियों के पाठ से, जिसके बाद प्रो सुनीता साखरे के संचालन व प्रसिद्ध कथाकार मधु कांकरिया की सुबुद्ध अध्यक्षता में 'प्रेमचन्द की कहानियों में दलित चेतना' पर संजय भिसे व 'उपन्यासों में दलित चेतना' पर वरिष्ठ विचारक श्री अर्जुन डांगवाल ने अपने विचार रखे। ज़हीन रंगकर्मी नदकिशोर पंत ने 'सद्गति कहानी व मंचन का समानांतर मूल्यांकन किया। टीवी सिने अभिनेता विजयकुमार व शैलेश सिंह तथा मुख्तार खान ने अपने हस्तक्षेप से चर्चा को सार्थक बनाया।

शायर देवमणि व गीतकार रासबिहारी पाण्डेय जैसे शहर के रचनाकारों व अनेक साहित्य-प्रेमियों की उपस्थिति में विभागाध्यक्ष प्रो सत्यदेव त्रिपाठी ने सभी वक्ताओं के सन्दर्भ में प्रेमचन्द की दलित चेतना का समाहार करते हुए सबका आभार माना।



## मराठी विभाग

# "उद्घाटन सोहळा"

दि. 20 ऑगस्ट 2015 रोजी, एस.एन.टी.डी. महिला विद्यापीठाच्या पदव्युत्तर मराठी विभागाच्या वतीने, 'मराठी साहित्य मंडळ' आणि 'संवाद अभ्यास मंडळ' यांच्या उद्घाटनाचा समारंभ विद्यापीठाच्या चर्चगेट येथील समितीकक्षात झाला.

विद्यापीठ गीताने कार्यक्रमास सुरुवात झाली. प्रकुलगुरु डॉ. वंदना चक्रवर्ती यांनी पाहुण्यांचे, डॉ. विजया राजाध्यक्ष यांचे स्वागत केले. त्यानंतर दीपप्रज्वलन झाले. डॉ. माधुरी सुटे यांनी कवी सुरेश भट यांना लिहिलेले 'मराठी गीत' सादर केले.

मराठी विभाग प्रमुख, डॉ. अरुणा दुभाषी यांनी प्रास्ताविकात 'मराठी साहित्य मंडळ' आणि 'संवाद अभ्यास मंडळ' याविषयीची मराठी विभागाची भूमिका सांगितली.

मान्यवर कथाकार, समीक्षक आणि संशोधक, डॉ. विजया राजाध्यक्ष यांनी 'मराठी साहित्य मंडळ' आणि 'संवाद अभ्यास मंडळ' यांचे उद्घाटन केले आणि विभागाला शुभेच्छा दिल्या.

प्रकुलगुरु, डॉ. वंदना चक्रवर्ती यांनी या समारंभाचे अध्यक्ष स्थान भूषविले. आपल्या भाषणात त्यांनी या कार्यक्रमासाठी इतर भाषा विभागातील विद्यार्थीनींना उपस्थित राहिल्याबद्दल अभिनंदन केले, भाषाविभागांप्रमाणेच साहित्याची आवड असणाऱ्या सामाजिक शास्त्रांच्या विद्यार्थीनींनाही समाविष्ट करून घ्यावे अशी सूचना केली.

उद्घाटनाच्या निमित्ताने 'कथेचे नाट्यरूपांतर' या सुत्रावर आधारित कार्यक्रम आयोजित

करण्यात आला होता. या कार्यक्रमात डॉ. विजया राजाध्यक्ष यांच्या 'उभे दुरुख हे' हया कथेचे अभिवाचन डॉ. वीणा सानेकर यांनी केले. डॉ. शिरीष गोपाळ देशपांडे यांनी केलेले याच कथेचे नाट्यरूपांतर मराठी विभागाच्या विद्यार्थीनींनी सादर केले. या प्रसंगी डॉ. शिरीष गोपाळ देशपांडे व डॉ. सुनिल रामटेके यांनी आपले मनोगत व्यक्त केले.

प्रा. मीनाक्षी दादरावाला यांनी 'नाट्यरूपांतर' विषयीची तात्विक भूमिका मांडली. प्रा. मीना गोखले यांनी कथाकार विजया राजाध्यक्ष यांच्या कथेच्या निर्मिती प्रक्रियेविषयी विवेचन केले.

कार्यक्रमाच्या शेवटी मराठी विभागाच्या विद्यार्थीनींनी नाटकात काम करण्याची संधी मिळाल्याबद्दल आनंद व्यक्त केला.



# Events - Digital India Campaign



## Digital India Campaign @ SNDT WU from August 1 to 15, 2015

The National e-Governance Division, Department of Electronics & Technology had sanctioned Rs. 1 lakh for conducting one week Digital India Campaign. The University conducted the campaign for six weeks. Mr. Dinesh Girap co-ordinated the Digital India Campaign in the University.

### 1. Inauguration

The Digital Campaign @ SNDTWU was inaugurated by eminent Scientist Dr. R. A. Mashelkar on the Centennial Foundation Day of SNDTWU (July 5, 2015) with the formal online release of the Information Security Policy of the University.

### 2. Workshop on Python Programming

On August 1, 2015, a workshop on Python Programming Language was organized to introduce students to the language in an engaging hands-on practical session. Ms. Sayali Yewale and Ms. Ujwal Pawade were the resource persons. Application development initiative under Digital India celebrations motivated students to take part in developing solutions to real life issues. Under this initiative more than 400 students were trained. Students' Council and the seven professional chapters of UMIT took the lead in organising and promoting the workshop. Students are still developing applications which will be published by the DI teams, once completed.

### 3. Video Clip making Contest

On August 12, 2015, Video Clip Making



Contest was organized for the students of all the departments and affiliated colleges of SNDTWU. There were 32 entries in the Post Graduate category and 11 entries from undergraduate category. Dr.T.Geetha of JDBIMS and Dr. Meera Desai of the Department of Extension Education along with Ms. Shewta Bijwe from JDBIMS coordinated the contest. Nearly 2100 hours were invested by the participants and organizers to realize this event. The videos were judged by distinguished filmmaker, Mr. Ashok Kumar.

### 4. Debate Competition

From August 9 to 13, 2015, campus wise debate competitions were held. The topics for the elimination rounds were: 1. Will the Digital India Campaign of the Government bring about a revolution or end up being a gimmick? 2. Can Technology replace Teachers?

In addition to the teams from within the University, 4 teams from affiliated colleges,

3 in English category and 1 in Hindi category participated.

The topic for the final round on August 13, 2015 was 'Should students be allowed to use mobile phones in colleges?' 10 teams participated in the event, 9 teams in English and 1 team in Marathi category. Ms. Rajni Nair, Faculty of English, UMIT and Dr. Dharmaji Kharat, Faculty of English PV Polytechnic, coordinated the competition.

### 5. Quiz Competition for Students and Staff

On August 13, 2015, a Quiz on "Digital Awareness" and "Digital Literacy" was conducted for students and staff members of SNDTWU respectively. 20 students and 8 staff members from affiliated and conducted colleges of SNDTWU participated in the event. Ms Marriane B. Cherian, of P. V. Polytechnic was the Quiz Master. The Quiz consisted of MCQs, Rapid Fire and Audio Visual Round.



# Events - Digital India Campaign



5.30 P.M. in the Patkar hall at

Churchgate Campus. There were 759 students' registrations and about 30 faculty members also attend the seminar. There were four sessions of one and a half hours each with three distinguished speakers for each session.

Prof. Vasudha Kamat, the Hon. Vice-Chancellor of SNDT WU delivered the presidential address; Mr. Suresh Mhatre, President BMA, the Chief Guest delivered the keynote on 'India 2016 to 2025: Youth, aspirations and preparation-the digital India', and included five important forces of latest technology, viz. mobile computing, Cloud computing, Internet of things, Robotics and 3-D printing. The and Guest of honor Mr. Rajiv Vaishnav the Vice President - Member Outreach at NASSCOM, emphasized the importance of the attitude of youth towards inclusive development of the whole society, which will form the country's future. The audience was made to take a pledge ensuring digital literacy within a kilometer radius of the pledgees.

Digital Opportunities for entrepreneurs, Digital preparedness, enhancements in education through technology, Digital skilling, Digital Master Key, digitally unleashing the human potential, Digital Healthcare, Digital Governance, Becoming an entrepreneur in the digital era, Recession-proof one's career digitally, were the important themes that were addressed by a select group of excellent communicators. A presentation on 'Women, Bridge and the digital world opportunities' by Ms. Hema Deora and Mr. Ravi Raman added novelty to the Seminar.

## 6. Poster Competition

The final round of Poster Making Contest under DI was conducted on August 13, 2015. Dr. Jagmeet Madan, Principal of SVT College of Home Science, Juhu Campus inaugurated the final round of the competition along with Mr. Dinesh Girap, the SNDTWU Co-ordinator for DI Campaign.

The themes were: Sustainable Future – Digital India; Infrastructure as a utility to every citizen; Governance and Services on Demand; Digital empowerment of citizens; Ease of doing by digitization; Usage of web tools for digital India; the home page of website with enhanced features and enriched look and feel; Virtual Labs- physics chemistry and biology; e-governance, e-agriculture, e-waste management, e-farmer, e-workers, e-tutor; Student apps for e-suraksha, e-village management, e-school, e-books; University 2.0 - usage of web tools in university; Role of Big Data in digital India; Cyber security - cyber laws, rights management and misuse detection in digitalization. There were 27 posters in all. The judges were Mr. Rajesh Mourya (Associate Dean, Navinchandra Mehta Institute of Technology), Dr. Prajakta Parvatikar, Prof. Rachna Sansad. The contest was organized by University ACM Students' Chapter. The event coordinators were Ms. Anita Chaware (P.G Computer Science), Ms. Anita Morey (UMIT), Mr. Ganesh Mahale (PVP). This contest provided the young thinking minds of SNDT WU a unique opportunity to display their poster making skills.

## 7. Exhibition Showcasing DI progress

Exhibition of posters, banners and other material showcasing DIGITAL INDIA

campaign at the Juhu and Churchgate campuses was organized by the publicity committee on August 13, 2015 at the Juhu campus and on August 14, 2015 at the Churchgate Campus. This exhibition charted the progress of Digital India Campaign at SNDT Women's University (DI Campaign @ SNDT WU) which was conducted since July 5, 2015.

## 8. Report Blog Creation Contest

25 Topics were given to the students who were asked to create a blog using Blogger.com and write articles on any 3 topics. Seven colleges and University Departments participated in the contest. We received 23 entries for the competition out of which 19 entries were from UG and 4 entries were from PG category. The judges for the event were: 1. Mr. Arun Sharma: Avid Blogger and Film Maker, 2. Dr. Vidya Premkumar: Assistant Professor English Department, Mithibai College. The contest was co-ordinated by Ms. Rajni Nair of UMIT.

## 9. One day seminar on 'Digital Empowerment'

One day seminar was organized for the students, faculty and other stakeholders on 14th August 2015 from 9.30 A.M. to



# Events - Digital India Campaign



## 10. Prize Distribution:

All Prize winners of the various DI Campaign competitions were given trophies and certificates during the 69th Independent day Celebration by the Chief Guest of the occasion Dr. Naresh Chandra, CEO of ZEE TV and Hon. Vice- Chancellor, Prof.Vasudha Kamat.

### Prize winners of the Digital India Contests

- Blog Creation Contest on Digital Awareness
- Vibhuti Amarnath Agrawal of SNDT Law School, 1st prize - UG
- Semonti Pal of Usha Mittal Institute of Technology, 2nd prize - UG
- Khusboo Karwa of Department of Food Science and Nutrition Studies, SNDT Women's University, 1st prize - PG
- Mamta Ramanlal Sharma of Smt. B.M. Ruia Girl's College, 2nd prize - PG

### Debate on Digital Awareness

- Katyayani Prakash and Dhvani Nanavati of Usha Mittal Institute of Technology, 1st prize - UG
- Shrimpee A Upadhyay and Aasavari Deepak Kaley of Usha Mittal Institute of Technology, 2nd prize - UG
- Catherine Solomon and Aileen De Souza of the Department of Psychology, SNDT Women's University, 1st prize - PG
- Khusboo Karwa and Perna Mishra of the Department of Food Science and Nutrition Studies, SNDT Women's University and Department of Extension Education, SNDT Women's University, 2nd prize - PG

### Video Clip on Digital India

- Snehal Boricha of Smt. P.N. Doshi Women's College, 1st prize - UG
- Shalini Jha and Nidhi Pandey of Shri. M. D. Shah Mahila College, 2nd prize - UG
- Perna Mishra of Department of

Extension Education, SNDT Women's University, 1st prize - PG Category

- Jaimala jain and Sonal kakad of Jankidevi Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, 2nd prize - PG

### Innovative Ideas for Digital India

- Sejal Ramkumar Parmar of Usha Mittal Institute of Technology, 1st prize - UG
- Rupal Sharma and Vinita Aher of Usha Mittal Institute of Technology, 2nd prize - UG
- Rasika H Patil of Usha Mittal Institute of Technology, 3rd prize - UG

### Poster Making on Digital India

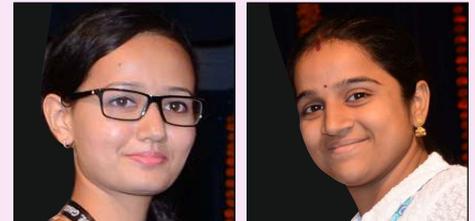
- Supriya Balu Thabe and Ashwini Sanjay Sannake of PG Department of Computer Science, SNDT Women's University, 1st prize - PG
- Nikita Atmaram Gaonkar of PG Department of Computer Science, SNDT Women's University, 2nd prize - PG
- Khusboo Karwa Department of Food Science and Nutrition Studies, SNDT Women's University, 3rd prize - PG
- Diba Shaikh of C.U. Shah College of Pharmacy, 1st prize - UG
- Ashleen JohnVieira and Kripa Radhakrishnan of Bachelor of Visual Arts Department, SNDT Women's University, 2nd prize - UG
- Surabhi Puri and Riddhi Patel of L.J.N.J Mahila Mahavidyalay, 3rd prize - UG

### Quiz on Digital Awareness (Students)

- Khusboo Karwa of Department of Food Science and Nutrition Studies, SNDT Women's University and Perna Mishra of Department of Extension Education, SNDT Women's University, 1st prize
- Bahirat Shivani Rajendra and Pakire Pratiksha Dattatray of SNDT Arts and Commerce College for Women, Pune, 2nd prize

### Quiz on Digital Literacy ( Teachers )

- Dr.Ganatra Kashyap and Mrs.Manjula Vyas of Smt. B.M. Ruia Girl's College, 1st prize
- Nitin S Pawar and Abdul Rahman of Dr B.M.N College of Home Science, 2nd prize



We are proud of our Prize Winners

# Events - Restored SNDT Kanyashala Heritage Building Inaugurated



**O**n August 12, 2015, the SNDT Kanyashala at Girgaon, a grade III heritage building was inaugurated. Conservationist Smt. Sangita Jindal was instrumental in the restoration project funded by the CSR wing of JSW Energy which was executed by Architect Abha Narain Lambah. The restored building was renamed as the Jindal Centre for Arts. Two art galleries— one exclusively for the works of the students and the other for artists of all hues— were opened to the public.

The University Department of Art and Painting as well as the Department of Art and Painting, SNDT College of Arts and SCB College of Commerce and Science for Women will conduct their BVA, MVA and PhD in Visual Arts from the renovated building. Aimed at raising awareness about fine arts amongst the common man, Jindal Centre for Arts will offer a host of short term programmes in drawing, painting, calligraphy, ceramics, pottery, clay modelling, digital and figurative painting, still life painting, landscape painting, animation, web designing, photography etc.



While the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vasudha Kamat highlighted the significance of the building in the vision of the university, the Pro Vice Chancellor in her address traced the history of the SNDT Kanyashala to focus on SNDT's role in the continuing conversations on the discourses of artistic production in the country. Smt. Abha Narain Lambah spoke on the heritage and the special features of the building as the Chief guest, Smt. Sangita Jindal drew the attention towards the discourses on the aesthetics and the historicity of the city

visa-vis heritage conservation. The musical presentation by the students from the Department of Music perfectly complemented the jubilant mood. The University felicitated our alumnae Payal Khandwala, Amy Billimoria and Arpita Mehta for their continuing contribution to the world of design.

Thanking the participants, the Registrar, Dr. Badgujar, asserted the role of the university in the contemporary dialogues on aesthetics and academia.



## 1. Events at the Department of Textile Science and Apparel Design

On August 5, 2015, the Department of Textile Science and Apparel Design organized an awareness programme on Organ Donation with the help of Public Health Department, Government of Maharashtra and Zonal Transplant Co-ordination.

On August 7, 2015, the Department of Textile Science and Apparel Design celebrated the First National Handloom Day and organized a talk and presentations on Traditional Handloom Products of various states of India as well as an Exhibition of Handloom Products of India.

On August 24, 2015, the Department of Textile Science and Apparel Design completed two programs for girl, school dropouts organised in collaboration with Manav Sadhan Vikas Sanstha, Kurla, Mumbai. These included a 50 hours course in Fashion Jewellery Making and an 80 hours course in Hand Embroidery. A training manual on Hand Embroidery was developed by Ph.D. scholars Dr. Anshu Sharma, Mrs. Nikhila Rane and Ms. Juhi Agarwal for the trainees.

## 2. Founder's Day at the SVT College of Home Science

On August 12, 2015, SVT College of Home Science celebrated Founder's Day with a Thanksgiving Programme to commemorate the magnanimous contribution made by Sir

Vithaldas Thackersey to the institution.

Mr. Raol Thackersey of the legendary Thackersey family was the Chief Guest and Dr Reeta Sonawat, Dean, Faculty of Home Science, presided over the function. There was a recounting of the history and the many academic achievements of SNTWU and SVT College of Home Science for the new entrants. Principal Dr. Jagmeet Madan in her inspiring address to the students urged them to contribute and take the institution to greater heights. Ms. Nandini Dhus, an International basketball player and Shiv Chhatrapati awardee, addressed the students on the occasion. The Student Council for the year was also instituted on this day.

## 3. Sanskrit-divas celebrated by the Department of Sanskrit

On August 19, 2015, Department of Sanskrit celebrated Sanskrit-divas Samaroh with students, teachers, alumni and guests. It was both a learning and an entertaining experience for students. Dr. Shashi Kashyap, HOD, welcomed the guests. The chief guest Dr. S.K. Bhawani, a noted Sanskrit scholar, spoke on 'Image of women



in Sanskrit Literature'. The Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti delivered the presidential address. Analyzing the ancient languages in a comparative frame, with particular reference to Egypt, the speaker highlighted the cultural continuity of Sanskrit's linguistic and literacy traditions. With the study of Sanskrit, the students were encouraged to continue this uninterrupted tradition. Sanskrit's negotiation with other media were explored in the interconnections that Shri. Raj Singh, a film and television actor, drew between reality and its representations in reel life.

Writer, director, and producer Shri Shivraj Deval's short film "aaj phir munnii mar gayi" on female foeticide enlivened the debate on changing texture of female representations.

The programme concluded with felicitation of the student achievers of the year 2014-15.

## 4. Granthotsav

From August 25 to 27, 2015, SNTD Women's University Branch Library, Juhu, organized Granthotsav a window to the wonderland of books, games and competitions, as part of the Centennial Year celebrations. The festival endeavoured to inculcate and enhance reading habits among library users. A three day book exhibition of nearly 5000 books from leading publishers was organized as part of the festival. The Chief Guest, well-known celebrity nutritionist, Ms. Rutuja Diwekar, delivered a talk on weight loss and healthy living.



# Events - Student activities



On August 10, 2015, the Department of Students' Welfare organized a medical checkup camp for students of first year of B.Sc Home Science at the Pune Campus.

On August 24-28, 2015, NSS volunteers of S.N.D.T College of Home Science, Pune made rakhis for sale. The proceeds from the sale of rakhis was donated to the NGO, Swadhar, under project Mohor which supports the children of commercial sex workers.

On August, 28, 2015, the Pune sub-centre of the Department of Continuing and Adult Education and Extension Work organized Samate kadevatchaal, a musical presentation of the history of the Women's Movement at the Maharshi Karve Vidyavihar. The musical highlighted milestones in the struggle for emancipation and its ultimate triumphs. It ended on a note of continuing commitment to gender equality in the present times. Samatekade Vatchaal was scripted and set to music by activist playwright Ms. Jyoti Mhapsekar, directed by Ms. Sushama Deshpande and presented by Stree Mukti Sanghatna.

Programmes conducted by the Department



of Physical Education

On 4,5,6 August, 2015, the Department of Physical Education conducted a Leadership Training Camp for sports leaders at Leslie Sawhny Centre, Devlali. 26 students from different colleges in Maharashtra participated in the camp. The camp focused on leadership skills,

personality development, importance of teamwork, fitness, time management and networking. Practical sessions that followed consolidated the objectives of the camp.

The Leadership Camp was sponsored by the Leslie Sawhny Centre. On August 20 and 21, 2015, the Department of Physical Education in collaboration with Smt. MMP Shah College, Matunga organized the senior inter-collegiate carrom, table tennis, yoga, chess, wrestling tournaments and elocution competition. About 400 students from 32 colleges participated in these 6 events with great enthusiasm.

The tournaments were inaugurated by Chief Guest Ms. Poonam Raut, National Cricketer and Mrs. Archana Patki, I/C Principal, presided over the event. Mr. Pravinbhai Shah, President of the college trust, presided over the valedictory session. Prizes were given away by the Chief Guest, Shri Uday Deshpande, Dadaji Kondev Awardee. Mrs. Neeta Tatke, Shiv Chatrapati Awardee, was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.



# Announcements



1. National Seminar on Innovations in Early Childhood Education (Sept 22-23) jointly organised by the Departments of Human Development, Educational technology and Education, Mumbai. This is organised from the Kamlati Kakodkar Endowment Fund.

2. International Geographical Union (IGU) Conference on "Landuse, Water and Climate in Changing Urban Environment" organised by the Department of Geography, on November 4-5, 2015 at Pune campus.

3. Two Day International Colloquium on "Digital Media Technologies: Impact, Issues and Concerns in Education, Health and Recreation", jointly organised by Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, SNDTWU and UiTM, Malaysia on

Dec 2-3, 2015. Students of both universities along with their teachers will participate in the same.

4. Vidyarthini Sahitya Sammelan, Churchgate campus will be organised on January 21-23, 2016. The theme this year is "Literature: Translated, Transformation (into different form) and Transformation (into different Media)

Bhashantarit Sahitya, Rupantarit Sahitya, Madhyamantarit Sahitya

5. Student Led Conferences on Churchgate and Juhu campuses are organised by Students and teachers of respective campuses at Patkar Hall

Churchgate: Dec 22-23, 2015

Juhu: Dec 18-19, 2015

## Donations

In the month of August, 2015 the University received a total amount of Rs. 149,000/-. We thank our donors for furthering the cause of women's empowerment through these endowments.

Donations for Gold Medal  
Medini R. Pradhan donated Rs. 100,000/- for "Smt. Devyani jadishchandra Kulkarni Centennial Year Gold Medal" to the student receiving highest marks in M.Sc. (Food & Nutrition).

We welcome contributions from our alumnae and well wishers to the cause of women's education and empowerment.

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## Obituary



With profound grief we announce the sad demise of Dr. Kalindi Randeri (1936-2015). She served the University in key administrative capacities such as the team of students (1966 - May 1976) and as the founder Principal of V.P. (June 1976 - 1996). As the first Women's Polytechnic under a University, the college blossomed into a premier institute offering unique courses such as Diploma courses in Jewellery Design and Manufacturing in 1995. Under her able leadership the college was honoured by the Government of Maharashtra as the 'Best Polytechnic' of the year (1994-95).

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