

## NOTE FOR PRESS CONFERENCE

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Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University (SNDT WU) completed 100 years on July 5, 2016. The celebrations began on **July 5, 2015** pre-Centennial Foundation Day programme where **Dr. Raghunath A Mashelkar**, National Research Professor and President Global Research Alliance, CSIR- National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, as chief guest, delivered the foundation day address.

The year went by with numerous international and national conferences, Sahitya Samelan, Music festival, Dance festival, involvement of SNDTWU with Swatch Bharat as well as Digital India campaigns, and many other events. The University strives to **gain Central University status**. According to the week Hansa Research 2016 SNDT Women's University is in top 50 Multi Disciplinary Universities in India and rank sixth in Western India.

Present Vice Chancellor of SNDTWU Prof. Shashikala Wanjari talking to the members of the press informed that the University would be taking striding steps in the direction of setting up Legal Cell, Health Centre, full time Public Relations Officer and follow up of already submitted proposals to the tune of 75 crores. We received **Rs. 20 crores for Infrastructure Development under RUSA**. We also have received Rs. 1 crore for RUSA Centre for Food Product Development and **55 lakhs for faculty research project**.

The focus would be on qualitative and inclusive expansion. No student should **drop out** of any academic programme and everybody in the University will work in the direction of supporting the women's empowerment as was the vision of our founder Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dr. Dhondo Keshav Karve.

SNDT Women's University will collaborate in the direction of skilling India, Start Up India and Stand up India. Being the University with the ALL INDIA jurisdiction and having 39 University Departments, 13 Institutions including conducted colleges, four centers, 174 affiliated colleges and an autonomous college. There are six institutions recognized by SNDT for Ph. D. Research. SNDT is a home to 1100 teaching and non-teaching staff members and more than 50,000 students spread across seven states and a union territory SNDTWU will continue its work in the direction of education for women's empowerment.

We are the first Women's university in India as well as in South-East Asia. We offer 250 programmes ranging from diploma to Ph.D. and has been awarded 'A' grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council. Today at 5.30 pm **Shri. Ch. Vidyasagar Rao, Honourable Chancellor and Governor of Maharashtra** will deliver Foundation Day address at the Sir Sitaram and Lady Shantabai Patkar Deekshant Sabhagriha at Churchgate. On this occasion **Shri. Devendra Fadnavis, Honourable, Chief Minister of Maharashtra** will be the special guest and **Shri. Vinod Tawde, Honourable Minister School Education & Sports, Higher & Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra** will be the Guest of honour. **Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Shashikala Wanjari** will preside over the function. A special postal stamp issued by Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Postal Department, Government of India will be released bearing the SNDTWU centennial year logo as part the Centennial Year Celebration.