

Report of 7th Dr. Neera Desai Memorial lecture on 23-9-2016

Dr. Neera Desai Memorial Lecture (NDML) was co hosted by RCWS, and Economics Department of SNDTWU and Gujarat Research Society, Mumbai on 23-9-2016 at Mini Auditorium of Juhu Campus of SNDTWU, Mumbai. Renowned writer, literary and art critique Shanta Gokhale was invited to critically reflect on "Women in Marathi Theatre". It is a known fact that the recorded history of theatre movement in India does not acknowledge women's real contribution to theatre as not only actresses but also as directors, script writers, backstage artists and producers. But this generalization needs detailed examination with evidences. The listeners in the event were spellbound by her feminist critique of Marathi plays in the early 20th century and 4 plays of noted playwright Vijay Tendulkar in Marathi namely "*Shantata Court chalu Ahe, Sakharam Binder, Sakharam Binder and Kamala*". The function was presided over by Prof. Ruby Ojha, Director, BCUD and FAO, Prof. Archana Bhatnagar (Director, I/C) of Research Centre for Women's Studies gave a HERSTORY of 1st to 7th NDML. "Remembering Neeraben" a profile of life and works of Dr. Neera Desai was given by Prof. Vibhuti Patel, Head, Economics Dept. and the programme was beautifully anchored by Dr. Putul Sathe, Associate Professor of RCWS, SNDTWU, Mumbai. Video link of the event is available on www.rcwssndt.org