

PRESS Release for National Conference on 'Unlocking the Potential of Early Childhood Education-*Igniting the sparks of change*' September 16-17, 2016

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Postgraduate Department of Human Development of SNTD Women's University, Juhu is hosting a National Conference on 16 and 17 September 2016, sponsored by Shreemati Kamalatai Kakodkar Endowment Fund. Shreemati Kamalatai Kakodkar was a teacher following the Maria Montessori method of education and Dr. Anil Kakodkar, her son was also her student. Shreemati Kamalatai did door to door teaching initially, and the base of Early Childhood Education was set by her with a lot of dedication and hard work which was followed by Tarabai Modak, Giju Bhai Badheka, Dr. Anil Kakodkar and many others.

The Conference will be inaugurated at J.H. Mini Auditorium on Juhu campus on **16th September 2016 at 10 am by the chief guest Dr. Anil Kakodkar. Prof Shashikala Wanjari, Vice Chancellor SNTD Women's University will preside over the function.** The conference will help Early Childhood (EC) Educators, parents, researchers and academics working in EC space. The conference consists of ten workshops on varied themes.

The workshop on **Story-telling** focuses on encouraging the listeners' imagination and expand horizons in various fields. **A.C.T.I.V.E Early Childhood Environment** focuses on merging traditional ideas and practices with current research facilitating the development of children. **Rubrics** is an authentic assessment tool used to measure students' work emphasizing on particular details as a model for students. **Technology in Early Childhood Education** which helps in strengthening visual attention, better eye-hand co-ordination and developing skills and talents. **Technology in Preschool Arena** will provide insight into effective preschool learning through software and applications. **Whole Language Approach** discusses reading by recognizing words as whole pieces of language benefitting children in reading, writing and learning. **Learning through games** will help increase the child's attention, language and math skills and problem solving abilities. **Music and Movement** engages and stimulates the brain enhancing higher forms of intelligence and abstract thinking of the child. **Dramatization** which builds confidence, increases concentration and develops language and communication skills of the child. The next session on **Montessori Method** is based on self directed activities and facilitates the learning of children by helping them explore through their senses. **Theme based Curriculum Planning** is a vehicle for teaching a range of skills and content building a foundation for literacy, numeracy, critical thinking and promotes a positive attitude.

The valedictory function will be held on 17th September 17, 2016 at 4 pm in J. H. Mini Auditorium on Juhu campus. Ms Swarup Sampat, actor, trainer and educationist will be the chief guest of the function.