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CELEBRATION OF CONSTITUTION DAY:

26th November 2026

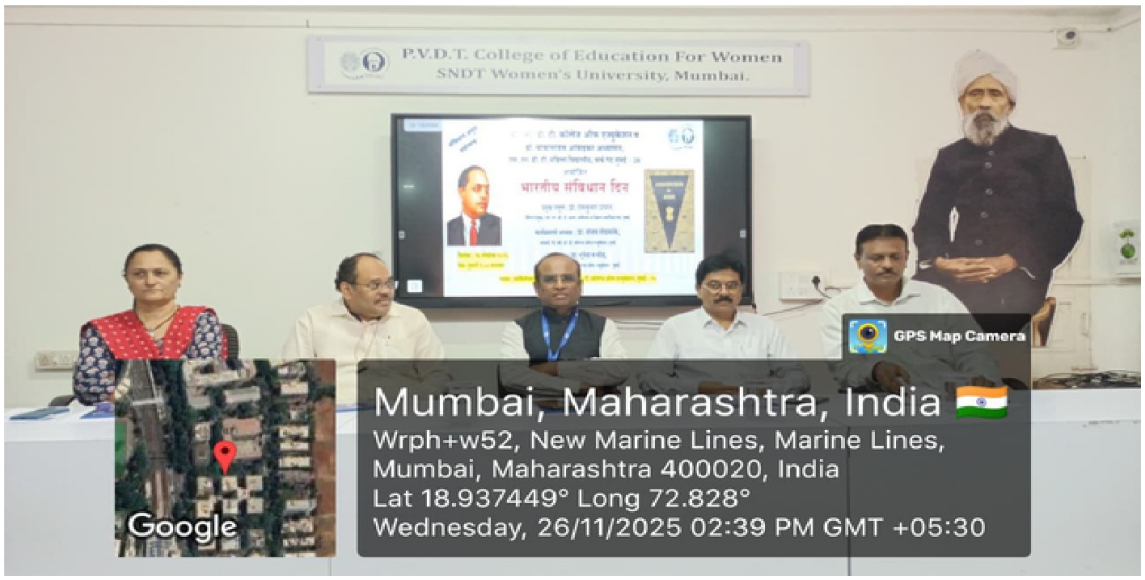
Dr Ambedkar Chair, SNDT Women's University, in collaboration with PVDT College of Education for Women, organized a special program to celebrate Constitution Day. The program was inaugurated by DR. Vilas Nandavadekar, Registrar, SNDT Women's University. The guest speaker for the event was DR. Ramkumar Pradhan, Vice Principal, Arts and Commerce College.

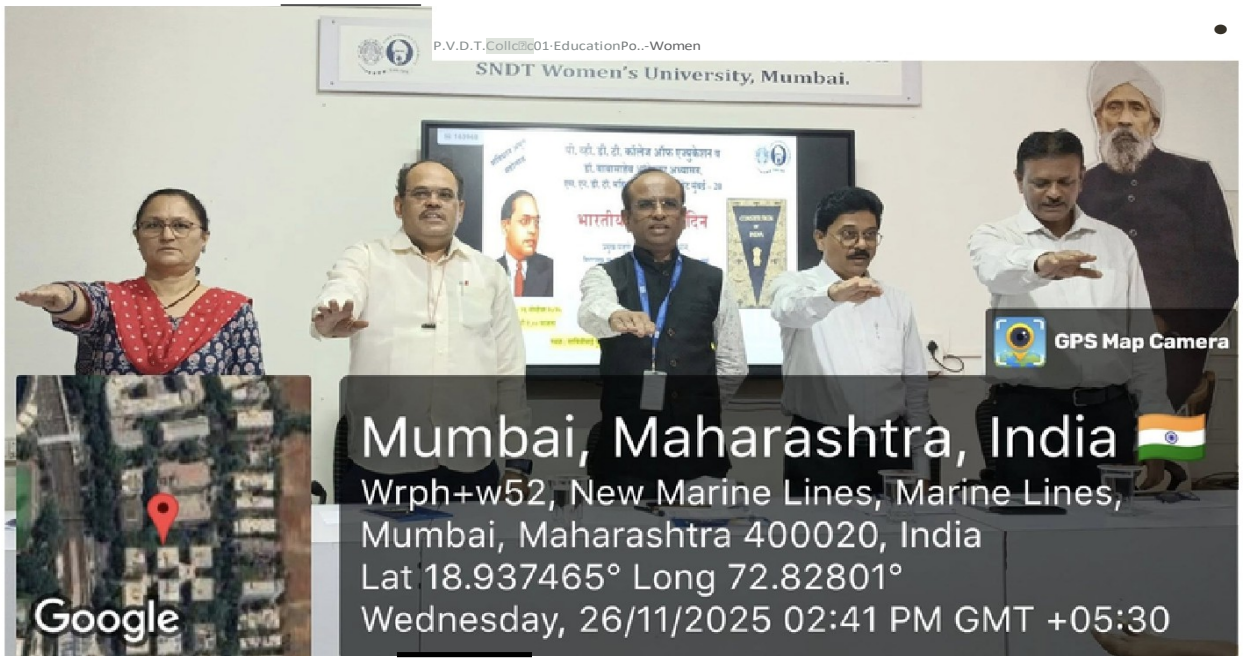
The program was chaired by DR. Sanjay Shedmake, Chair Professor (IC), Dr Ambedkar Chair. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Vikas Desai, Finance Officer, and Mr. Rakesh Valavi, Deputy Registrar. The introductory remarks were delivered by DR. Bhupendra Bansod, DR. Pravin Kale, DR. Pratibha Ursal, and DR. Pranali Savant. They provided valuable insights into Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar's contribution to the Constitution of India.

Students presented poetry based on the Constitution, adding a creative and reflective dimension to the celebration. Mrs. Chaudhary and Mrs. Rekha Gupta were also present for the program. The vote of thanks was proposed by Tulsi Gaikwad.

Need of the Program

The program was conducted with the aim of creating constitutional awareness among students, encouraging reflection on the vision of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, and emphasizing the significance of democratic values and civic responsibility.





Celebration of Constitution Day: 26th November 2026

CELEBRATED MAHATMA PHULE MEMORIAL DAY ON

28th NOVEMBER, 2025

(Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Chair and P.V.D.T.College of Education, S.N.D.T. Women's University, proudly celebrated Mahatma Phule Memorial Day on November 28, 2025)

Observing all these harmful social practices that fueled inequality, he decided to educate women. He began this initiative with his own wife; whenever Savitribai Phule brought the midday meal to Jyotirao while he was working in the fields, he would sit with her right there and teach her. He sent his wife to school for training. Together, the couple established India's first school for girls in 1848 at the Vishrambaug Wada in Pune.

The meaningful and inspiring program honored the unparalleled contributions of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule to social justice, equality, women's empowerment, and educational reforms. Their legacy continues to light our path!

We were privileged to host esteemed dignitaries:

- **Chief Guest: Prof. (DR.) Prashant Kale, Professor, Gokhale Education Society's College of Education and Research, Mumbai.**
- **Program Chair : Prof. Sanjay Shedmake, Chair Professor(IC) Dr. Ambedkar chair and Principal(Addl), P.V.D.T. College of Education, Mumbai.**

A special thank you to DR. Siddharth Ghatvisave and DR. Bhupendra Bansod, DR. Pravin Kale for his insightful speech that enriched the program and further highlighted the revolutionary work of the Phule couple.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the dignitaries, faculty members and guests who contributed to the success of the program.

Faculty and Coordinating Team:

- Coordinators: DR. Pravin Kale & DR. Pratibha Ursal
- Program Introduction by: DR. Pratibha Ursal
- Other Team Members: Mr. Chaudhari, Dr. Papal, Mrs. Khopkar, DR. Gupta.

The program concluded with a powerful message: to continue upholding the legacy of social reform and educational empowerment for a more just and equal society.



Celebrated Mahatma Phule Memorial Day On

28th NOVEMBER, 2025

Programme Highlights | Mahaparinirvan Day & Constitution Day Week: 7th January 2026

The programme was gracefully anchored by Mrs. Pradnya Khopkar**, setting a dignified and disciplined tone for the event.

The programme began with a warm welcome, followed by inviting the dignitaries to the dais. All present rose for the University Song, symbolizing unity and academic pride. The event commenced formally with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries on the dais. DR. Sanjay Shedmake introduced the programme, outlining its objectives and significance.

The Chair of the programme, Hon'ble Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo, Vice-Chancellor, SNDT Women's University, was introduced by DR. Kishor Kadam, followed by her felicitation by DR. Sanjay Shedmake.

The Chief Guest, Prof. Sanjay Salve, was introduced and felicitated by DR. Subhash Chavan Prof. Vilas Nandavadekar, Registrar, was felicitated by DR. Ram Pradhan.

The highlight of the programme was the thought-provoking address by the Chief Guest, Prof. Sanjay Salve, followed by the

**Presidential Address by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo, which inspired the audience to uphold constitutional values and DR. Babasaheb Ambedkar's vision.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by

DR. Subhash Chavan, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, organizers, and participants for making the event meaningful and successful.



One Day Multidisciplinary National Conference
On "Digital Tools for Effective Classroom Facilitation"
21st February 2026

A One Day Multidisciplinary National Conference on "Digital Tools for Effective Classroom Facilitation" was successfully organized by Mumbai B.Ed. College for Women, J.K. Jadhav Knowledge Centre, Wadala (E), Mumbai, in collaboration with the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Chair, under the aegis of SNDT Women's University, on Saturday, 21 February 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

The conference was organized with the objective of exploring innovative digital tools and technological interventions that enhance effective classroom facilitation, promote inclusive education, and strengthen teachers' digital competencies in the 21st century.

Inaugural Session

The seminar was graced by distinguished dignitaries.

- **Guest of Honor : Ashok Jadhav, District Judge and Registrar, Lokayukta Maharashtra Government**
- **Chief Guest: Prachi Jambhekar, Dy. Municipal Commissioner (Education), Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation**
- **Guest of Honor: Sudarshan Honwadajkar**

- **Chairperson: J. K. Jadhav, Chairman, Bharatiya Gramin Punarracahana Sanstha**

The programme was convened by DR. Kavita Thakur, Principal, and the Conference Director was Dr. Sanjay Shedmake, Director, Dr. Ambedkar Chair. The Co-Convener of the conference was DR. Sonal Phanse.

The inaugural session began with a formal welcome address highlighting the importance of digital transformation in teacher education. The dignitaries

emphasized the need for responsible use of AI, digital platforms, and innovative pedagogical tools to ensure quality and inclusive education.

Objectives of the Conference

The conference aimed to:

- **Integrate digital tools into modern pedagogy**
- **Explore AI-based teaching assistants and smart learning platforms.**
- **Promote blended and hybrid learning models.**
- **Encourage digital assessment, feedback systems and learning analytics.**
- **Strengthen cyber safety, data privacy, and digital citizenship among educators.**
- Promote liberty, equality, and fraternity in classrooms through technology.

Technical Sessions

The conference included multiple technical sessions covering diverse

sub-themes such as:

- AI-based teaching and smart learning platforms
- Interactive digital content creation
- Gamification and game-based learning
- Virtual laboratories and AR/VR applications
- Open Educational Resources (OERs)
- Digital tools for inclusive education and accessibility
- Cyber safety and digital citizenship

Scholars, faculty members, and research students from various institutions presented research papers aligned with the conference theme. The papers underwent review by the academic committee, ensuring quality and scholarly relevance.

The discussions were highly interactive, allowing participants to exchange ideas, experiences, and practical strategies for effective classroom facilitation using digital tools.

Key Highlights

- Strong participation from faculty members, research scholars, and students.
- Insightful deliberations on the ethical use of Artificial Intelligence in education.
- Emphasis on bridging the digital divide and promoting social equality through technology.
- Constructive recommendations for policy implementation and teacher training.

Valedictory Session

The valedictory session summarized the key outcomes of the conference. The organizing committee expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, speakers, participants, and volunteers for their valuable contributions. Certificates were distributed to participants and paper presenters.

The One Day Multidisciplinary National Conference on “Digital Tools for Effective Classroom Facilitation” proved to be an intellectually enriching and professionally significant event. It successfully provided a platform for academicians and educators to deliberate upon innovative digital practices in education. The seminar reinforced the vision of promoting inclusive, technology-driven, and value-based education aligned with national educational goals.



One Day Multidisciplinary National Conference on

"Economic Democracy and Inclusive Development: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on B. R. Ambedkar":

10th April 2026

Shri M. D. Shah Mahila College of Arts & Commerce, Malad, Mumbai
The conference was organized under the guidance of Prof Ujwala Chakradeo Hon'ble madam vice chancellor SNDT Woman's University Mumbai and Dr. Deepa Sharma, Principal, with DR. Ceena Paul, Head, Department of Economics, serving as the Conference Convener. The conference was jointly coordinated by DR. Sanjay Phad, Professor & Head, Department of Economics, SNDT Women's University, and DR. Sanjay Shedmake, Director, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Chair, SNDT Women's University, as Conference Co-Conveners.

The conference commenced with the inaugural session at 10:00 AM, which included the Invocation, Maharashtra Song, and University Song. The programme was formally welcomed by DR. Deepa Sharma, followed by an insightful overview of the conference theme by Dr. Ceena Paul. The dignitaries were introduced by DR. Sanjay Phad, and guests were felicitated.

The keynote address was delivered by DR. Manisha Karne, Professor and Director, Mumbai School of Economics and Public Policy, University of Mumbai. Her address emphasized the relevance of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's vision in achieving economic democracy and inclusive development. The session also witnessed the release of the Book of Abstract.

The academic component of the conference included two plenary sessions by eminent scholars–Prof. DR. P. S. Kamble and DR. Praveen Jadhav–who discussed themes related to economic democracy, social justice, agrarian economy, and land reforms.

Further, three parallel technical sessions were conducted covering the following themes:

- Economic Thought of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar & Public Policy
- Inclusive Development & Social Justice
- Agrarian Economy & Rural Development

These sessions witnessed active participation from faculty members, researchers, and students, encouraging meaningful academic dialogue and exchange of ideas.

The valedictory session commenced at 4:45 PM. The conference report was presented by DR. Ceena Paul, followed by the valedictory address by Prof. Dr. Reeta Sonawat, who appreciated the relevance and academic depth of the conference. Certificates were distributed to participants, and the programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks delivered by the undersigned.

The conference served as an important platform for interdisciplinary engagement and contributed significantly to academic discourse on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's vision of an inclusive and equitable society.

I sincerely express my gratitude for your continuous guidance and support.



135th birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar:

24th April 2026

The SNDT Women's University Karmchari Parishad and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Chair SNDT Women's University, Mumbai jointly organized a grand program on 24th April 2026 at Patkar Hall, Churchgate, to celebrate the 135th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

The event also marked the joint celebration of the birth anniversaries of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Maharshi Karve, and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, highlighting the contemporary relevance of their thoughts and contributions. The program was chaired by Hon'ble . Prof. Ujwala Chakradev, Vice Chancellor of SNDT Women's University. Eminent Ambedkarite writer and thinker Hon. J. V. Pawar delivered the keynote address, while DR. P. S. Kamble presented an insightful lecture on the social, educational, and national significance of these great leaders' ideologies.

The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Vilas Nandavedkar, Registrar of the university Prof Virendra Nagrale . Following the morning lecture session, lunch was arranged for all attendees. The afternoon session featured cultural performances, including an orchestra, Gaurav Geet, and the special presentation "Gaurav Bhimacha Adani Shivbacha," which captivated the audience.

Teachers, non-teaching staff, officers, employees, and students from the Churchgate, Juhu, and Pune campuses of the university participated in large numbers, making the event a great success. The successful execution of the program was made possible through the dedicated efforts of Parishad President DR. Siddharth Ghatvisave, General

Secretary Mr. Santosh Kushalvardhan, Director Ambedkar Chair Dr. Sanjay Shedmake, Treasurer DR. Bhupendra Basod, along with all office bearers and members.

The program served as a meaningful tribute to the values ofsocial justice, equality, education, and transformation, while effectively conveying the enduring legacy of these great social reformers to future generations.



135th birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar : 24th April 2026

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