



Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve
(18.4.1858 - 9.11.1962)

S.N.D.T Women's University established in 1916 heralded the beginning of formal higher education for women in India and South-East Asia. The institution was the fruition of the founder, Maharshi Dr Dhondo Keshav Karve's vision for the empowerment of women. The realization was possible with the financial support of the philanthropist Shri Vithaldas Thackersey. The headquarters of the University is at the Churchgate campus in Mumbai and the other two campuses are located at Juhu, Mumbai and Maharshi Karve Road, Pune .

Founder of the University

Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve (18th April 1858 - 9th Nov 1962) was a Humanist, an evangel of emancipation both for Hindu widows and for womanhood at large. A pioneering figure moved by the magnificent instinct that upheld the progress of womanhood as the purest and surest test of the progress of civilization, the establishment of Shreemati Nathibai Damodhar Thackersey Indian Women's University was the culmination of an odyssey, which began with the establishment of Hindu Widow's Home Association in 1896 and the Mahila Vidyalaya in 1907. The Women's University was sculpted along the lines of the Women's University in Tokyo. The founding father advocated women's education as instrumental in women's empowerment by enabling them to be economically independent and to be able to think for themselves.

विद्यापीठ गीत

'संस्कृता स्त्री पराशक्ति' स्वर हमारा है।
विश्व है परिवार, भारत घर हमारा है॥
हम नहीं हैं दीन, कहता कौन हम अबला
है सबल संस्कृति हमारी, हम सभी सबला
ज्योति से जगमग हुआ, अंतर हमारा है॥
स्वप्न टाकरसी हुआ साकार है इसमें
महर्षि कर्वे तपस्या - सार है इसमें
हम दिशाएँ और यह दिनकर हमारा है॥
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SNDT Women's University

Vision

We envisage the SNDT Women's University as a world-class university striving to respond to the changing socio-economic realities by extending the boundaries of knowledge and its transference to the larger society. Its efforts are aimed at realizing the goals of gender equality and social justice enshrined in the Indian Constitution; it develops the innate capacities of women for the fulfilment of their personal aspirations and national development.

Mission

Committed to the empowerment of women by providing them access to higher education, the SNDT Women's University offers a wide range of courses, including professional and vocational courses, through its formal and non-formal teaching programmes. Through its curricular, co-curricular, research and extension activities it enables women to meet future challenges with integrity, compassion and purpose.

Motto

An Enlightened Woman is a source of Infinite Strength

Goals

In keeping with its vision and mission, the SNDT Women's University seeks to:

- Provide flexible and accessible education to enable women to accept the opportunities and challenges they face in their future lives, with courage and self confidence
- Encourage, develop and facilitate the research and creative potential of the students and faculty so that the University will attract the best academic and creative talents and will be the first choice for women students
- Foster linkages with other academic institutions, research and development organizations, government agencies, non-government organizations and industry so as to initiate a free flow of ideas between basic research and its application
- Strengthen lifelong learning and community outreach programmes to create an inclusive learning environment and enrich its academic activities
- Democratize knowledge creation by making available its resources to the larger community at the local, national and global levels and create a climate for the exchange of ideas and experiences
- Create multiple pathways for learning and knowledge transfer and ensure the outreach of education to the currently excluded student population across geopolitical boundaries

Core Values

At the SNDTWU we value

1. Education that is truly human and genuinely liberative, committed to human rights and justice
2. Education committed to nation building through economic development.
3. Education that will open worlds of culture and artistic excellence
4. Education that bridges theoretical and empirical knowledge
5. Education that focuses on development of body, mind and spirit.