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Editorial

Greetings from the editorial team! We present to you the Annual Report 2012-13 of the SNDT Women's University with a sense of optimism and delight.

The report presents a bird's eye view of the academic life at SNDT Women's University. The formats of some sections of this report have been changed to make the report more readable and inclusive of details in areas like faculty publications, co-curricular activities, programmes organised by the university and so on.

This year too, the University has stressed upon student centric activities and faculty development programmes since students and teachers are the main stakeholders of the university. Importance given to use of ICT in classroom interaction as well as in administration has changed the way in which core activities of the university are carried out. Appreciable attempt have been made to place SNDTWU's Model College for Women on a sound footing in rural Maharashtra. With an eye for improving internationalization, several MoUs have been signed with overseas institutions enabling collaborative research, joint publication, seminars, conferences and staff and student exchange.

The University has started gearing up for Centennial year celebrations in 2015-16. Small but confident strides taken in the area of ICT infrastructure during the year will go a long way in improving university services and communication.

The editorial team is thankful to the students of MVA programme for allowing us to use their beautiful paintings that have made the report more attractive.

The Editorial Team is thankful to university authorities for giving us the opportunity to shoulder this massive task of collecting and collating valuable information from 39 postgraduate departments, 13 institutions as well as administrative departments and presenting it in a meaningful manner to the reader.

Foreword

I have great pleasure in presenting this valuable document of the university: the Annual Report 2012-13. Since the faculty and students of the university remained busy most of the time of this year, you will have lots of opportunities to witness reports of “happenings”. The new team of management joined in May-June 2011 and preparatory work for most of the innovative thoughts and ideas was initiated in that year. This year we started implementing most of those thoughts and ideas and hence this year’s report throws light on many achievements, challenges, successes and experimentation.....



In the year 2011-12 we initiated our efforts to harness Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to the benefit of students, teachers and staff. During this year we started working on creating ICT infrastructure on three campuses such as Virtual Classroom, Computer labs, Language labs, wifi and majorly getting connected. Fibre was laid for connecting three campuses.

The faculty training in the use of ICT in teaching-learning process (in collaboration with Commonwealth of learning) continued in this year too. This year it was extended to affiliated colleges as well.

We continued our efforts on Internationalization. One of the features was signing MOUs with universities outside India (such as the University of Sterling, Scotland; Université du Québec Montréal (UQAM), Montreal, Canada; University of British Columbia, Faculty of Education (UBC), Vancouver, Canada; Open University Malaysia (OUM) as well as Consulate General of Canada. Efforts were initiated at joint research studies, inviting professors to conduct synchronous sessions online etc.

The 62nd Convocation to award degrees and diplomas to deserving students was organized on Dec. 18, 2012 where Dr. Amrita Patel, Chairman, National Dairy Development Board, Anand (Gujarat) delivered the Convocation Address. The Honoris Causa was awarded to renowned social worker and medical professional Dr. Rani Bang who proudly accepted the same.

SNDTWU is making significant contribution through its research by the faculty. There were 75 Major, Minor as well as other research projects completed/on-going by the faculty. Nearly 426 research based papers were presented by the faculty in various national, international conferences, seminars. 120 journal articles, 36 books/ book chapters, 23 papers in the conference proceedings were published during this year. Departments and Institutions organised 130 State/National/International programmes (Conferences, Seminars, workshops) and reached large number of academicians. It was a valuable experience for the post graduate students as well.

Our students have been very actively involved in cultural activities (Yuva Mahotsav, Indradhanushya, Tejaswini), Sports (Ashvamedh), NSS (Avhan), Research (Aavishkar), NCC, as well as IEEE, ACM Chapter activities. The first Women’s University established by Bharat Ratna Maharshi Karve in the year 1916 has its glorious existence for the past 97 years and it is moving towards its centennial year. The programme Maharshi Karve Public Lecture series initiated in January 2012 is gaining importance.

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Our “Perspective Plan” for the 2012-2017 is approved by the Senate and this year we have started acting on it with full vigor and enthusiasm. India Today survey in June 2013 has ranked us 24th in the country and 3rd among universities in Western India.

We shall strive to be the first choice of New Age Women....

*Prof. Vasudha Kamat
Vice Chancellor*

Highlights of 2012-13

The year 2012-13 was an year of change. Changes were brought about in every area of university life – in academic structure, student interface, evaluation process, administration and finance. Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) was introduced at the post graduate level from 2012-13. This new structure increased the credits for Arts, Fine Arts and Social Science subjects to 80 credits (from existing 64 credits), and for programmes with 'practical modules' like Psychology, Human Development, Nutrition, Analytical Chemistry and so on to 96 credits. Three new programmes - Master of Library and Information Science, M.Sc. in Computer Science and B.Com –Banking, Accountancy, Finance and Insurance – were introduced. A unique certificate programme titled "Leadership of Women Representatives in Local Self Government" was launched in the distance mode. Twenty two new colleges were sanctioned.



One of the significant changes in our student interface was introduction of online admissions under e-Suvidha of MKCL from the academic year 2012-13. The newly designed Post graduate class room complex gave a better learning atmosphere to students. Repair of buildings was taken up on a priority basis. ICT infrastructure was strengthened with laying of Fiber Optics for networking of Juhu and Churchgate campuses. Wifi was provided in Hostels. Data servers were installed and data -capture for documentation initiated.

Tremendous progress was made by the finance section. The biggest relief was preparation, finalisation and statutory audit of annual accounts for seven years up to 2009-10, clearing of statutory dues, adoption of Accounts Code, introduction of Unique Coding System and e-Budget.

Examination reforms were carried out by introducing technology to make the system efficient, secure and less expensive.

During the 62nd convocation held on December 18, 2012, the degrees and diplomas were awarded to 23295 students who studied in 102 programmes. This included 68 Ph.D., 12 M.Phil., 2618 Masters, 243 P.G. Diplomas, 17846 Bachelors and 599 undergraduate diplomas.

Total funding received through donations and project grants during the year is Rs. 12,70,95,807.

During the year 2012-13 faculty from post graduate departments were engaged in conducting UGC sponsored Major and Minor research studies and also studies sponsored by other organizations. A total of 46 research studies were undertaken. Similarly faculty in conducted colleges on all three campuses conducted 29 research studies sponsored by UGC as well as other organizations. Thus, during the reporting period, a total of 75 studies conducted.

The University organized 11 programmes during the year 2012-13. Departments and Colleges organized 130 academic programmes which included International, National and State level conferences, workshops, seminars and other programmes.

Officers of the university (Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Director, BCUD), Faculty members from both Post graduate departments as well as conducted colleges actively participated in various conferences, seminar and workshops and presented 426 papers. Sixty Seven faculty members from 34 departments presented 261 papers/chaired sessions, delivered keynote in conferences and were invited as resource persons. Similarly 63 faculty members from one autonomous and eight conducted colleges presented 180 papers, were invited to deliver keynote addresses and as resource persons. A total of 441 faculty presentations have been listed in this report. Publications give a fair idea of the faculty engagement in the area of their studies, research as well as

teaching. During the year, faculty members published 120 journal articles, 36 books, book chapters, 23 papers in conference proceedings and 08 other publications.

This year saw 24 overseas faculty members visiting various departments of SNDTWU. Five MoUs were signed with different Universities abroad. The Vice Chancellor participated in the WISE Education Leadership Programme in Doha, Qatar. The Pro-Vice Chancellor visited 7 universities and 5 colleges in USA under Fulbright Fellowship for Senior Educational Administrators. The Director, BCUD visited Wawasan Open University, Malaysia for presenting a paper in the Regional Symposium on Open Education Resources.

The library had 311070 visitors, 37273 Electronic Reference Queries and lent out 286278 books during the year. The library added 5814 books during the year taking its total book stock to 384757. In addition it has 451 print and 23378 electronic periodicals, 6904 audio-visual materials, 15 databases and 10563 theses.

Students won accolades in state and national research competitions (Awishkar and Anveshan), sports competitions (including Ashwamedh) as well as in cultural fests (including Indradhanushya). The Yuva Mahotsav was celebrated with much fanfare. NCC with 270 cadets and NSS with 10,000 students provided ample opportunities for adventure events and social welfare activities. Participation in these events had a positive impact on the personality of participating students.

We congratulate all the teachers who received awards and honors and students who received prizes during this year and made the university proud.

*Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti
Pro Vice Chancellor*

**Vice Chancellors of the University
(After the Statutory Recognition in 1951)**

Dr. Premlila V. Thackersey	1951-1952 and 1957-1969
Divan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri	1952-1957
Smt. Sharada B. Diwan	1969-1975
Dr. Madhuri Shah	1975-1981
Prof. Kamalini Bhansali	1986-1989
Prof. Suma Chitnis	1990-1995
Prof. Mariamma A. Varghese	1995-2001
Prof. Rupa B. Shah	2001-2006
Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy	2006-2011
Prof. Vasudha Kamat	2011-till date