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Editorial 2013-14

Greetings from the editorial team! We bring to you the Annual Report 2013-14 of the SNDT Women's University with a sense of pride. This is the third annual report of the team of new Vice Chancellor who joined in May 2011. The SNDT Women's University which was established in 1916 is geared up to celebrate its Centennial Year in 2015-16 and we see that enthusiasm getting translated into many new decision, activities, programmes etc.

The report presents a bird's eye view of the academic life at SNDT Women's University. The university always keeps students at the centre and plans all its programmes and activities around the wholesome development of the students. This ranges from curriculum development and redesign, faculty training in new areas of teaching/training, evaluation and assessment strategies to creation of infrastructural facilities, ICT facilities and purchase of online learning resources. This year 2013-14 was no exception. The reader will find many new initiatives this year too. From the Highlight Section the reader will get an overall picture of how exciting and satisfying the year was!

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.

Happy reading!

Foreword

I am pleased to present this Annual Report of the SNDT Women's University for the period of June 2013 to May 2014. It is a pleasure to write foreword after the whole report is ready, and going through it takes me back in the beginning of the year, gives me an experience of reliving the year again, discussions and debates before introducing new ideas, departments busy with programmes and activities, bustling students, guiding teachers, supporting administrative staff, and above all guidance from Hon'ble Chancellor in difficult as well as happy situations... so many memories.

I am sure the reader will be happy with the immense academic value of this annual report... it is not just a routine requirement, it is a valuable document which would remind all of us of our efforts to help students to realize their potential to the fullest!



Since the process of transformation in various areas was initiated in the year 2011-12, it has started bearing fruits in terms of resources, processes, products as well as services. Computer labs were ready to use, Classrooms, buildings were repaired and renovated, new online databases purchased, online admission process got stabilized, and many other academic as well as administrative milestones were created during the year.

Our efforts in Internationalization have started bearing fruits. This year we signed MOUs with 3 universities (Canada and Australia) and also with British Council, India for training teachers in use of Open Education Resources, as well as developing linkages with experts from UK to create a platform for interaction among educational technologists. A team of three officers including Vice Chancellor and Pro-Vice Chancellor visited University of British Columbia especially to discuss possibility of offering a joint Master programme of global educational leadership. This visit was supported by Shastri Indo Canadian Institute (SICI). I am sure within a year our university will develop the programme and offer it in collaboration with UBC for global women.

The 63rd Convocation was organized on Monday, Dec. 23, 2013 where Shri. Prithviraj Chavan, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Maharashtra delivered the Convocation Address. Shri. D. P. Sawant, Minister of State, Higher and Technical Education was present at the occasion. The Honoris Causa was awarded to Dr. Rohini Godbole, the world renowned Scientist, from Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore who graciously accepted the same. Her work in theoretical physics is far reaching. She is a role model for young women of 21st century.

SNDTWU is making significant contribution through its research by the faculty. This year the Department of Gujarati was awarded DRS (SAP) Phase-III by UGC. The Thrust Area is 'Feminism and Indian Prose Literature with its Contemporary Relevance Today'. But it was very sad that we lost our enthusiastic researcher, Head of the Department of Gujarati Dr. Nutan Jani on February 10, 2014. We deeply mourn her untimely exit.

There were 61 Major, Minor as well as other research projects completed/on-going by the faculty. Nearly 416 research papers were presented by the faculty in various national, international conferences, seminars. 148 journal articles, 55 books/ book chapters, 39 papers in the conference proceedings were published during this year. Departments and Institutions organised 111 State/National/International programmes (Conferences, Seminars, workshops) and reached large number of academicians. Two lectures were organized under Maharshi Karve Public Lecture series which were attended by more than 700 students, faculty and friends.

In the year 2011-12 we established UGC sponsored Maharshi Karve Model College for Women at Shreewardhan (Dist. Raigad). This year Maharashtra Government sanctioned 24 acres land for the College. On March 2, we performed Bhoomi Poojan for the College Building on this land. It was a great occasion. This is the first institution conducted by our University which bears Maharshi's name. We feel proud to be Maharshi's daughters.

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. But this student participation could be increased further substantially.

India Today survey in June 2013 had ranked us 24th in the country and 3rd among universities in Western India. In the year 2014 it ranked us 16th in the country implying growth and development as well as improved services to stakeholders.

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

Prof. Vasudha Kamat
Vice Chancellor

Highlights of 2013-14

SNDT Women's University continued its quest for excellence in the year 2013-14. Determined to give first-rate education to the students, it brought about important changes in the curricula. Research and internship were incorporated in all the PG programmes. Eight new programmes were added across 6 faculties giving the students an advantage of up-to-date professional education.



Five new colleges have been added offering B.M.S, B.C.A, B.Sc and B.A programmes. Two of the existing colleges have received permission from the State Government for Bachelor of Commerce - with Accountancy, Finance and Insurance. Internship and Research were introduced for all P.G. programmes improving the employment- worthiness of students.

In the 63rd Convocation held on December 23, 2013, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri. Prithviraj Chavan delivered the Convocation Address in the presence of Shri D.P. Sawant, Minister of State for Higher and Technical Education. Degrees and diplomas were awarded to 17077 students which include 57 Ph.D., 12 M.Phil., 2616 Masters, 228 P.G. Diplomas, 13712 Bachelor and 436 undergraduate diplomas as well as 16 certificates. The Gold Medals increased from 7 in the previous year to 36 in 2013-14 bringing cheer to the meritorious students. Actions to improve the examination system continued with preparation of Guidelines for appointment of Examiners, Moderators and Paper setters and uniform rules for revaluation.

Total funding received through donations and project grants from UGC, ICSSR, ICMR, Government of Maharashtra and other external funding agencies during the year 2013-14 was Rs. 6,78,47,737/- . Measures such as e-banking, e-tendering, etc. have brought in more transparency. University budget is uploaded on the University Website.

Library, which is an important academic resource, procured 3831 documents costing Rs.2711439 including Audio-Visuals. In order to encourage the reading habit in students, Granthotsav (festival of books) was organized from January 15-17, 2014. In addition, 65 training programmes were conducted and 1496 participants were trained in the usage of various information resources.

This year Annual Medical Check-up was organised by the L.T. College of Nursing and the Department of Students' Welfare in the months of August and September in all the three campuses. After the check-up, students suffering from ailments were counseled and corrective measures were suggested. 2860 students availed of this facility.

The faculty took up 62 research projects sponsored by UGC, ICSSR, DST, MHRD and other organisations. Among these 20 studies were completed. All the post graduate students of the University took up research projects. 2 students of C.U. Shah College of Pharmacy received awards at Avishkar-2013, a state level inter-university research competition.

The University was happy to receive 24 acres of land from Government of Maharashtra for University's Maharshi Karve Model College for Women at Shreewardhan. Bhoomi Poojan programme was organised on March 2, 2014.

The departments and institutions organized 5 conferences, over 60 seminars and workshops and many other academic programmes giving opportunity and space for useful academic exchange and for sharing of new knowledge and research. 140 faculty members from department and institutions presented 416 papers, chaired sessions, delivered keynote in a conferences and contributed as resource persons. During the year faculty members published 148 journal articles, 55 books, book chapters and 39 papers in conference proceedings.

Twenty faculty members travelled abroad. Two students completed their internship at Wawasan Open University, Penang, Malaysia. Three students attended meeting of Commonwealth Youth Programme in Malaysia.

Visitors from universities in Austria, Brunel, Canada, China, Darussalam, Italy, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, UK, and USA visited the University for seminars, conferences and meetings.

We are proud of our teachers who received important awards at national, state and university levels, as well as those who improved their qualifications with additional degrees and diplomas. Several of our students have received awards in academic, literary, cultural and sports activities. We are delighted by their achievements.

Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti
Pro Vice Chancellor

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(After the Statutory Recognition in 1951)

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