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Editorial 2014-15

Greetings from SNDT Women's University!

We are happy to bring to you Pre-Centennial Year Annual Report of the year 2014-15. Yes, Pre-Centennial Year! SNDT Women's University is celebrating this year as the Pre-Centennial Year. Next Year 2015-16 will be the Centennial Year and all members of the SNDT Family are planning to celebrate it in big way. But this year is also no less important. You will find here many activities, programmes both academic as well as co-curricular nature organized by the departments, colleges and institutions.

As a true academic institution of higher learning, SNDT Women's University has the student in the centre and all activities are planned around this valuable stakeholder. All other stakeholders like teachers, administrators, staff, are there to support and make the student life cycle more meaningful, more enjoyable, more valuable! Many new academic initiatives like Internship, Vidyarthini Sahitya Sammelan, Student Led Conferences and such other interesting academic initiatives will catch readers' attention.

The Editorial Team is thankful to university authorities for giving us the opportunity to shoulder this responsibility of collecting and collating valuable information from 39 postgraduate departments, 13 institutions, 2 centres as well as administrative departments and presenting it in a meaningful manner to you.

Happy reading!

Foreword

SNDT Women's University, a renowned institution of higher learning was established by the great social reformer Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve on July 5, 1916 in Pune. The year 2015-16 will be our Centennial Year. We are celebrating the year 2014-15 as Pre-centennial Year. Many programmes were planned to celebrate Pre-Centennial Year.



I am pleased to present this Annual Report of the SNDT Women's University of the Pre-Centennial Year period from June 2014 to May 2015. The celebrations started from the Foundation Day July 5th. It was a great occasion to listen to visionary leader S. Ramadorai, Vice-Chairman of Tata Consultancy Services, Adviser to the Prime Minister of India in the National Council on Skill Development (NSDC), GoI and Chairman of the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA). I am sure the reader would enjoy reading the section on Programmes organized during this year.

As usual, this year's annual report is also full of activities, programmes, student activities, winning of prizes and awards at state, national, international levels, publications, faculty research as well as participation in varied academic activities.

The 64th Convocation (from the year of State Recognition and 96th Convocation from the year of establishment of the University) was organized on Monday, January 9, 2015. Shri. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, GoI delivered the Convocation Address. Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra and Chancellor of the University Shri. Che. Vidyasagar Rao presided over the Convocation ceremony. The Honoris Causa was awarded to Gan Saraswati Smt. Kishoritai Amonkar, Mumbai who graciously accepted the same. During this 64th convocation, the degrees and diplomas were awarded to 15661 students which include 70 Ph.D., 12 M.Phil., 2399 Masters, 210 PG Diplomas, 12599 Bachelors and 351 undergraduate diplomas as well as 20 certificates.

This year, many student-centric initiatives continued, some more were newly introduced. Internship and Research were made compulsory components of the curriculum and students enjoyed both. Internship gave them the real life experience, many students got job offers. Firsthand experience of conducting research was considered a very valuable experience by the students as it will give them one-up in their further studies. This year also saw establishment of 42 Subject Associations as every department established it. Many activities were conducted by the students as part of their subject association. This also must have helped in creating network of students studying in affiliated colleges with post graduate departments on campuses.

This year we started renovating the basement space in the Main Building at Churchgate campus. When completed, it will be a beautiful Seminar Hall Complex. In addition, we started constructing a new building of Janki Devi Bajaj Institute of Management Studies at our Maharshi Karve Vidyavihar, Pune. The work started in March 2015 and is expected to get completed by January 2016. It is a beautiful building with 35000 sq ft area which includes ground plus one floors and a 350 seated Auditorium. This is been possible due to generous donation from the Bajaj Group.

This year too we continued our efforts at Internationalization. A team of 10 members led by Prof. Liu Jinan, President of World Women University Presidents Forum (WWUPF), China visited SNDTWU on April 21, 2015. Two MOUs were signed: one with Hebei Institute of Communication, China and the other with University of Foreign Languages, China. We also signed MOUs with UiTM, Malaysia and Edith Cowan University, Australia. Vice Chancellor led a team of 5 members to UK to explore possibilities of creating a digital platform for Learning Technology Professionals in India as is done by the ALT, UK. They visited University of Bath, UK, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK and Association of Learning Technology, Oxford, as a part of Knowledge Economy Partnerships 2014 under the Internationalizing Higher Education Programme (IHE),

sponsored by the British Council, India. This year we continued our efforts to develop curriculum for Master Programme on Global Educational Leadership with University of British Columbia, Canada.

Our students have been very actively involved in cultural activities (Yuva Mahotsav, Indradhanushya, Tejaswini), Sports (Sports Meet, Ashvamedh), NSS (Avhan), Research (Aavishkar, Anveshan), NCC, as well as IEEE, ACM Chapter activities. This year SNDT Women's University hosted Avhan: Chancellor's Brigade (Training programme in Disaster Preparedness) during May 25-June 4, 2015. It was a great experience for all of us to host more than 1100 volunteers from all the universities in the state.

This will be my last Foreword to Annual report of this University as I will be keeping down the reigns of this prestigious university as its 11th Vice Chancellor on May 13, 2016. The next annual report of the Centennial Year will be published after I retire. Hence I wish to share my gratification for this opportunity to be able to work with the conscientious and committed faculty members, dedicated and hardworking non-teaching staff as well as enthusiastic and passionate students for the last five years as Vice Chancellor. We published six Annual Reports (from 2009-10 to 2014-15) and it was a rewarding experience.

As a Women's University, we shall strive to be the first choice of New Age Women....

Prof. Vasudha Kamat
Vice Chancellor

Highlights of Annual Report 2014-15

Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve declared his intension to start the Indian Women's University in his Presidential Address at the 29th Indian National Social Congress on December 30, 1915. It is a pleasure to place before the readers excerpts from this historic speech reprinted in this pre centennial Annual Report.



Dr. Suresh Prabhu Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Government of India, delivered the convocation address during the 64th Convocation held on January 9, 2015. Reiterating the importance of women's education, Hon'ble Minister said, "If there is one single solution to many problems, which will have spin-off benefits on many other sectors, that's women's education." Degrees and diplomas were awarded to 15661 students in this convocation by Hon'ble Chancellor, Shri. Che. Vidyasagar Rao.

In the previous year, Internship and Research were introduced for all P.G. programmes improving the employment- worthiness of students. In the academic year 2014-15, 1192 students successfully completed their Internship in 826 organizations.

During this year 45 Subject Associations were established to bring together students studying that subject in the post graduate department and affiliated colleges and to develop leadership qualities in students. They conducted many programmes including Vidyarthini Sahitya Sammelan and Student-led conferences. About 850 students participated in the Vidyarthini Sahitya Sammelan. More than 1700 students and 300 teachers participated in the 3 Student-led conferences held in Churchgate, Juhu and Pune campuses and about 200 students presented their papers.

Technology was deployed in a big way to derive long-term benefits. A Virtual Private Network named 'Maharshi' was established connecting the three campuses at Churchgate, Juhu and Pune. An Intranet Portal called 'Susamvad' was activated. VoIP based Intercom connectivity of the three campuses is in place. Both the VPN and Intranet Portal were inaugurated by Hon'ble Chancellor Che. Vidysagar rao at the inauguration of Student Led Conference organised by the Departments of Juhu Campus on March 10, 2015. Document Management System 'Auto doc' is under way for creating a repository of archival material. Biometric attendance, Network accessed IP based CCTV Surveillance in Pariksha Bhawan, establishment of repository of archival material, catalogues, past question papers, and other relevant documents through the library server have been achieved.

During the year 2014-15 the University had 172 affiliated colleges in 7 states. Two of the existing colleges received permission from the State Government for new specialization under 'Extension of Affiliation'. The University offered 183 academic programmes.

The University received a total funding of Rs.2,29,77,845/- through donations and project grants. Faculty members conducted 49 research studies. Forty three students defended their work in Open Defence and all were granted the Ph.D. degree.

The University departments conducted 75 activities including Conferences, seminars, workshops and others. This gave the faculty and students opportunity to connect with academics, share their research work and listen to experts in the field. Faculty participated in seminars and conferences, chaired sessions and presented 399 papers. During the year faculty members published 227 journal articles, 57 books, book chapters, 65 papers in conference proceedings and 21 other publications giving evidence of their engagement with their discipline.

The University had 10 international visitors and 23 faculty members and senior officers visited overseas institution for academic purposes.

Maharshi Karve library uploaded 126 theses on Shodhganga repository. The Maharshi Karve branch Library, Pune celebrated 2014-15 as the Golden Jubilee year. A total of 6872 books were added to the existing collection of the library. The databases were accessed 99,017 times, while the number of downloads were 77,853.

We are proud of our teachers who have been awarded for excellent work or have been placed in important committees and bodies in recognition of their expertise.

We are delighted to see five of our students and one teacher winning awards at Avishkar research contest. In Indradhanushya cultural festival, University team secured "Overall General Championship Trophy" at the 12th Indradhanushya State Level Inter University Youth Festival, at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati during November 5-9, 2014 after competing with 20 Universities in Maharashtra. The SNDT Women's University Cultural Team secured the Overall Runner up Trophy at the West Zone Inter University Youth Festival held at MDS University, Ajmer and third place at the National Youth Festival held at Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore.

The State Level Inter University Disaster Preparedness programme (Avhan) for the NSS Volunteers of 35 districts from 19 Universities of Maharashtra was hosted by the SNDT Women's University Mumbai from May 25-June 3, 2015. The SNDT Women's University successfully met this challenge to the satisfaction of both trainees and expert trainers. After the rigorous training these 1100 NSS volunteers became part of Chancellor's Brigade.

On the whole the pre centennial year was satisfying. The University is now gearing up for NAAC accreditation in its centennial year. SNDTWU values quality in all its activities and welcomes talented professionals and academically eager youth into its fold.

Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti
Pro Vice Chancellor

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