



Shreemati Nathibai Thackersey Women's University, Mumbai

70th Annual Convocation PRESS REPORT

Mumbai

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The 70th Convocation of SNDT Women's University was held **on 17th February 2021 at 11.00 am** at the Sir Sitaram and Lady Shantabai Patkar Deekshant Sabhagriha at the Churchgate campus of the University in hybrid mode taking into consideration norms of physical distancing in the light of pandemic. Live streaming of the function was done on the link: www.estv.in/sndt. Keeping in mind the relevance of the occasion for the prize winners and Medalists, the prize winner students were allowed physically to attend the programme.

In this convocation 16,485 student were awarded their Degrees/Diplomas. The proportion of Bachelor Degrees (13,778) is the highest followed by Master's Degree (2075), Post Graduate Diplomas (199), Diploma/Certificates (404) and Ph. D. students (29). Total 91 of the 120 Gold medalists and Prize winners attended the programme.

Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Honorable Governor, State of Maharashtra and Chancellor of SNDT Women's University virtually presided over the function. Pro Vice Chancellor Shri V N Magare welcomed the Chancellor in person. Delivering his presidential address from Raj Bhawan, Shri Koshyariji emphasized on the values in education and reminded the outgoing students to remember their roots for a brighter future. He focused on the importance of selfless service and compassion.

Hon'ble Chief Guest, Shri Mukul Kanitkar, National Organising Secretary **Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal** in his Convocation address congratulated the outgoing students on entering into a new phase of life and wished them for the upcoming challenges of life. Elaborating on examples of Gargi and Maitreyi, he implored the fresh graduating students to lead a purposeful life with a determination to serve the family and society.

Professor Shashikala Wanjari, **Hon'able Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women's University** welcomed the gathering and presented the convocation report. She informed the gathering about the initiatives taken by the University during the lockdown period like Mission Fight Covid, SNDT4U Everyday @ 1, Coursera on Campus, Jagriti Digital Yatra and other academic and extracurricular activities. SNDTWU was the only University in Maharashtra to have conducted Centralized examinations for all its departments and colleges during the pandemic.