

# **SNDT Women's University's 102<sup>nd</sup> Foundation Day 2018**

## **PRESS REPORT**

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Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University (SNDTWU) synonymous with women's higher education celebrated 102<sup>nd</sup> foundation day at Sir Sitaram and Lady Shantabai Patkar Deekshant Sabhagriha at Churchgate campus of the University in presence of **Honourable Shri Nitin Gadkariji**, Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation; Government of India as the **Chief Guest** of the function. **Shri Hanumant R. Gaikwad**, Chairman and Managing Director B.V.G. India Ltd. and **Shri Sudhir Thackersey**, Chairman Emeritus Hindustan Mills Ltd were present as Guest of honour. The programme was presided over by **Vice Chancellor Professor Shashikala Wanjari** and **Prof V.N. Magare, Pro-Vice Chancellor** of the University.

2018 Foundation day programme began with the University song and Madam Vice Chancellor briefed the gathering about the historical roots and developments. Shri Hanumant Gaikwad shared his work of BVG Private Limited and BVG Foundation. He spoke about his own journey as a person and his work with farmers & students. He emphasized that it is essential to be excellent then only you will make a difference. He said that we are unique and uniqueness of oneself can give you self confidence. He said that in next 12 years he is attempting to transform lives of 10 million people. Shri Sudhir Thackersey remembered the contribution of Lady Premlila Thackersey in laying the foundation as the Vice Chancellor during 1951 to 1969.

Congratulating the University of completing 102 years, Shri Nitin Gadkariji emphasized the challenge of universalisation of education yet retaining the quality of education. While most students come to educational institutions for placement, the role of education is in creating citizens for the future of our country. Citing Shri Vivekananda, no philosophy can be taught to empty stomach, he stressed that the environment and conditions of our country and state is changing everyday and there is a need for entrepreneurship in changing times. Focusing on the importance of team work and leadership, he elaborated on the difference between confidence and ego, educated/ISHikshit and cultured/Sanskrit. He felt that there is a need to recognize that people are working under harsh conditions. Citing his reading of Richard Nixon's autobiography he said that man is not finished when he is defeated, but defeated when he quits. It is essential to keep trying with positive approach, commitment, fast track decision-making and vision to convert waste into wealth.

Five Alumni- Wing Commander Nikhila Pankar IT Graduate, Rtd. Major Shubhra Agrawal who did UG and PG from SNDTWU, Ankita Joshi from Music Dept, Ananya Prem Nath, Economics and Advocate Nirmala Sawant Prabhavalkar were felicitated. Priyamvadana Yalla from UMIT was awarded scholarship by Jadavpur University Alumni Association (Mumbai Branch) Trust in the memory of Late Shrimati Hemlata Trivedi.

As has been the practice on this foundation Day Maharshi Karve utkrushat Shikshak award was given to Dr Asha Menon, S.P.N. Doshi College Ghatkopar and Shikshketar Purskar was given to Anita Berryshetty, Junior Clerk at Seva Mandal Education Society's Dr. B.M.N. College of Home Science, Matunga. The Best College award was given to Sewa Mandal Education Society's M.P. Shah Women's College of Arts and Commerce, Matunga. Felicitations of first five donors of the Bhau beej Nidhi Scheme announced in the memory of the founder Shri Sir Vithaldas Thackersey in 2017 was also done.