



## Editorial

The month of July is special to S.N.D.T. community as it brings with it the occasion of the Foundation Day (5<sup>th</sup> July) of our University. It would be appropriate at this juncture to revisit the pages of history to evoke contribution of the founder of the University - Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve. It is also a very illuminating exercise to know the processes and the hardships involved in the very genesis of a university specially established for Women. Such a review has been taken by Madam Vice Chancellor Prof. Vasudha Kamat in her presidential address on the occasion of the Foundation Day Programme and has been covered in this issue.

Dr. Dhondo Keshav Karve (1858-1962), a leading social reformer of Nineteenth Century, established the Widow Marriage Association, Hindu Widows Home, Mahila Vidyalaya, Nishkama Karma Math, and other institutions, culminating in the birth of India's first Women's University "Indian Women's University" in 1916. The vision of Maharshi Karve led to its

establishment and generous financial support of Sir Vithaldas Thackersey allowed it to prosper as S.N.D.T. Women's University. The University had two focal points: one, to impart education especially higher education in the vernacular medium and secondly, emphasis on home as the chief sphere of women's activities. It rightly echoed the ethos of the period.

Maharshi Karve received various prestigious awards for the pioneering work in the field of education. He received the Doctor of letters (D. Litt.) by the Banaras Hindu University in 1942. The University of Pune, S. N. D. T. Women's University and the University of Mumbai awarded him D. Litt. in 1951, 1954 and in 1957 respectively. The Government of India honoured him with 'Padma Vibhushan' in 1955. He received India's highest civilian honour 'Bharat Ratna' in 1958 i.e. when he became centenarian.

Today we have crossed an entire decade of the twenty first century. We are living in the era of globalisation. Our aims, objectives and ideas about

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women's education are bound to change with times. We wish to help our students not just to become good homemakers but self-reliant and independent individuals. Our students should be techno-savvy but should remain humane at heart. We should aim constructing a 'Brahmavadini' as spelt out in the Upanishadas meaning a woman who has realized the goal of her life. Globalisation along with new opportunities has also presented new challenges. Technology has helped us break the physical and geographical barriers making the world a 'Global Village'. Privatisation has opened up many new avenues. What about those girls who are at the periphery of this system?



Education should reach our sisters who belong to the marginalised groups in our society to whom the right to education has been denied. We hope that this newsletter will help us all connect, discuss and provide concrete ideas to overcome challenges of our times.

In this issue we are happy to bring you glimpses of various events celebrated across SNDT campuses. Along with the Foundation day, this month also saw workshops, lectures and other public events which kept the university buzzing with activity. Although the rain played spoilsport on a couple of days this month, it did not dampen the spirit of participation in community life on campus.

The month of August has an extraordinary significance in the history of India. We the Indians achieved freedom from

the clutches of the British rule on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947. But the movement did not aim merely at throwing the foreign rule. It was a multi-faceted movement which aimed at the modernisation of Indian society. It was an attempt towards creating a new identity of Indianness. Various classes such as peasants, workers, women, dalits, tribal people from all over the country participated in the movement. Today we are a free nation. But are our minds free from the colonial knowledge construction processes? Do we really have the freedom to shape our lives? A lot of us seem to be running in the rat-race of competition. The market forces many a times govern our actions and mentalities. Education should not be merely a tool to earn one's livelihood. Education should be able to liberate our souls.

We are happy to present to you few endeavours of the University in this regard. The S.N.D.T. University established the Maharashi Karve Model College for Women at Shriwardhan (Dist Raigad) - a Taluka which is educationally backward. We are coming up with some more exciting events such as Elocution competition on Corruption, a programme on 'Save the Girl Child' and many more events.

The editorial team is grateful to the SNDT family for its enthusiastic response to the Newsletter. We have received and continue to receive an overwhelming number of items for publication; it is only with the support of the wider community that we have been able to take another step forward. With this third issue of the Newsletter, we look forward to your continued participation in our efforts.

## *Appeal to members of SNDT Family*

*We request the SNDT Family (of conducted institutions) to share the news of their departments / college /institution for the e-newsletter. Pl ease send information regarding faculty as well as students. We are interested to know about your Ph.D. Students, those who have earned Ph.D. degree in the period of publication of e-newsletter, the title, guide etc.*

*You may like to send in some interesting photographs of the university campuses (Churchgate, Juhu and Pune) in each issue. Explore the beauty, the flora and so many other things in your campus which otherwise remain unnoticed. Capture them in photographs, and send them for the e-newsletter.*



## *from Vice Chancellor's Desk...*

*As promised in earlier issue, "Maharshi Karve Model College for Women" at Shreevardhan (district Raigad) is now a reality. The College is recently established with the full support from State Government of Maharashtra and UGC. We are thankful to Mr. Sunil Tatkare, Minister of Water Resource, GOM who inaugurated the college on 30th Aug.*

*In the recent meeting (on 16<sup>th</sup> Aug.) of Joint Board of Vice Chancellors (JBVC) conducted by His Excellency Chancellor of all Universities in Maharashtra, contribution of SNDT Women's University in introducing Credit Based Courses (both at Post Graduate and Undergraduate level) was appreciated. A 3-member committee headed by Vice Chancellor, SNDTWU is constituted to prepare a roadmap to introduce Choice Based Credit System in all non-agriculture Universities in Maharashtra.*

*West Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference in Udaipur (July 29-30) provided an opportunity to me to meet many vice chancellors from other universities in western region. This will help in developing linkages with their universities. The Best practices in each institution provide a learning experience to many. This is also true about our own departments and institutions. Faculty and HODs are requested to share their*

*best practices through this newsletter.*

*SNDTWU celebrated Independence Day with great fervour. Meeting Prof. Jyotiben Trivedi, ex-VC, SNDTWU at the occasion was an added bonus.*



*We had planned for skill up -gradation of all faculty members in Integrating Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in their day to day teaching-learning process.*

*Commonwealth of Learning (COL) Canada is partnering with us in bringing the new ICT tools to faculty. We strongly believe that the process of learning should be based on collaborative and cooperative processes as in the real life we have to resort to them for the contribution as Indian citizen. The 6-day workshops will commence from Sept. 2011.*

*I take this opportunity to thank Hon'ble members of Senate for extending their cooperation to me and SNDTWU. Their presence at the Foundation Day programme (on 5<sup>th</sup> July) after the Senate meeting truly spoke for their respect for Maharshi and also dedication to University.*



## Special Events

### Celebrating Foundation Day

5th July, Churchgate Campus, Mumbai:

The Foundation Day of the University was celebrated at the Patkar Hall, Churchgate campus. The program resonated with a joyous reaffirmation of the vision and achievement of the founding Father of the University, Maharshi Karve. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vasudha Kamat, the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti, the Registrar, Dr. Madhu Madan, Prof. Kumudhavalli, Director BCUD and invited dignitaries and well attended by members of the Senate, faculty members from the Churchgate and the Juhu Campus, the non-teaching staff as well as a large number of students.

The program began with the University song sung by the students of the Dept of PGSR ((Music) under the guidance of Prof Neera Grover. Though the University song is sung on all important occasions it has a special significance on the Foundation Day as it lyrically encapsulates the contribution of the founding fathers of the University.

This was followed by readings from Maharshi Karve autobiography in Marathi and in English to give the audience an idea of the life and mind of Maharshi Karve. The narratives were chosen to show how the great soul "saw his goal, (he) walked, (he) persisted, (he) achieved". Both passages resonated with the vibrancy and dynamics of Maharshi's philosophy, his simplicity and humanity. The first extract in Marathi was taken from "*Majhe Atmcharitra*" and was read by Shri Pravin Shirgaonkar from M.D. Shah Mahila College, Malad, Mumbai. The passage in English was from "*Looking Back*", the autobiography written in English and was read out by Dr. Mitra Mukherjee-Parikh, Department of English (PGSR, Churchgate Campus.)



Our source of inspiration: Sir Thackersey, Maharshi Karve and Lady Thackersey

The program included a rendering of a song written by Prof. Shirish Deshpande, Dean of Arts, and sung by Ms. Madhura Naik, ex-student of the University and currently a professional music composer. Prof. Deshpande had originally written the song in 1988 inspired by Maharishi Karve's vision of the 'enlightened women' and the SNDT Women's University, and it was first sung as a 'khayal' by the eminent classical music singer, Smt Prabha Atre, then a faculty in the music department of the University, at a conference in Netherlands.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vasudha Kamat in her presidential address highlighted some of the key ideas and events in the life of Maharishi Karve leading up to the formation of the SNDT Women's University. She drew our attention to the significance of mentoring and Maharshi Karve as a mentor who encouraged and fostered independent thinking in his students. Parvatibai Athavale was one such illustrious student whom the Maharshi encouraged and financed from the cash gift received by him on the occasion of his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, to visit the USA and the UK to



## Academic Events

### Interaction with Social Activist Sindhutai Sapkal

21<sup>st</sup> July, Churchgate Campus, Mumbai:

The Staff Academic forum S.N.D.T. college of Arts and SCB College of Commerce and Science for women invited well known social activist Smt. Sindhutai Sapkal. She shared her experiences with staff and students.



Sindhutai Sapkal interacting with students

### Celebrating Foundation Day (continued from Page 3...)

propagate the cause of women's education. Parvatibai visited these countries, spread the message, collected funds and came back triumphantly. The other, Mrs. Sitabai Annigeri, a widow, was encouraged to accompany Sir Vitthal Das Thackersey and Lady Thackersey on a world tour in the course of which they visited a Japanese Women's University. The visit impressed on Sir Thackersey the need of a Women's University in India. The visit and the intelligent conversations that Sir Thackersey had with Maharshi's student, Mrs. Annigeri in the course of the trip and the knowledge of the sincerity, hard-work and sacrifice of the Maharshi and his dedicated students and colleagues prompted him, on his return to offer financial help in establishing the University. Such was the power and influence of the Maharshi. Madam VC's words brought to the mind of the audience not just the significance of this inheritance but the responsibility of continuing in the momentous task so well envisioned and initiated by Maharshi.

The Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti spoke about how Maharshi Karve a hundred years ago envisioned and realized his dream of taking higher education to women by establishing an University

exclusively for them. She emphasized the necessity for us to take that dream further and make the same University a world class institution. The challenge today she felt was to give quality education to women which was relevant to the needs of a continually changing society.

The final event of the day was a dance performance by the well-known danseuse Smt. Rajashree Shirke and her troupe members. The dance-narrative presented a series of vignettes on the life and times of Maharshi Karve. The performance vividly captured significant moments in Maharshi's life which inspired his vision and compelled him towards the cause of women's education.

The entire programme was well compeered by Shri Kishore Desai. Just as the University song in the beginning of the programme had an inspired lilt which set the happy mood of the entire program similarly the sincere vote of thanks by Dr. Kumudhavalli continued to elevate many at the end of the day. From the first to the last the entire program resonated with the words and monumental achievement of a great soul like Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve.



## Special Events

### Foundation Day Celebration at Pune

5<sup>th</sup> July, Pune Campus, Pune:

The Foundation Day Programme of the SNDT Women's University was celebrated enthusiastically at the PGSR, Pune Campus of the University. Dr. Medha Deshpande, Director, PGSR, (Pune Campus) offered a floral tribute to the revered guru Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve. Dr. Subhash Patil enlightened the audience on the historical significance of the work of Maharshi Karve on women's education. He also took a survey of the progress done by the university in the years since its inception. The students of the Department of Music presented devotional songs. The programme ended with a rendition of the University song.



Dr. Medha Deshpande, Dr. Subhash Patil and Dr. Nagarale offered floral tribute to the revered Guru Maharshi Karve

## Academic Events

### Guidance and Counselling Project

5<sup>th</sup> July, Churchgate Campus, Mumbai:

The Post graduate Department of Guidance and Counselling has undertaken a one year project on counselling in collaboration with the alumni association of a school, Pupils Own Academy located in Khar Mumbai, headed by Dr. Kaneria, an eminent cardiologist. The project was formally inaugurated on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011, though the team had already started working on it from 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011.

The department will be playing an important role in undertaking career counselling and assessment, organizing career exhibition, conducting series of workshops for students, teachers and parents and will undertake individual counselling. Dr. Mrinalini Purandare conducted workshop on self-understanding for the students of standard 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> as a part of the project.

### Orientation Programme in Sports

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## Special Events

### Remembering Sir Thackersey

12<sup>th</sup> August, Pune Campus, Pune:

**S**.N.D.T. College of Education & Department of Education celebrated the birth anniversary of Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, a philanthropist who saw a dream in the eyes of Maharshi Karve and through his generous financial support made this dream come true in the shape of an educational institution for young women, which has today gone on to become SNWT Women’s University. On this occasion M.Ed. students organized an exhibition on the life history of Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, under the guidance of Dr. Surekha Bhagyawant. Principal Dr. Chitra Sohoni inaugurated the exhibition. Invited guests, students and faculty found the exhibition highly informative.



Exhibition on Sir Vithaldas Thackersey

### Towards Digitalization ...

**S**NDTWU is progressing ahead with the processes needed for digitization and ICT-enabled Governance of University. As a part of collaboration between SNDTWU and MKCL, Director of Centre for Distance Education Prof. Veena Deshmukh alongwith Dy Director Dr. Deolankar and Asst Director Mr. Kadam interacted with the MKCL team on 3rd August and viewed demo of e-Suvidha portal so as to exploit these services for admissions of distance education students.

The University’s major initiative was an extensive training workshop at Juhu campus. The two-day workshop was planned on

Aug. 23-24 where COE Dr. Mandhare, Dy Registrar Mr. Umakant Jadhav, staff members of Computer Centre, UMIT, Distance Education, Exam and Affiliation explored the system. The SNWT teams from these sections are now geared up to work together and make the system operational. Our students and staff will be able to get connected to the system and also benefit from the portal support in all processes right from admissions to examinations.

Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti personally observed the processes on the first day.



## Special Events

### SVT College Celebrates Founders Day



Vice Chancellor Prof. Vasudha Kamat lightening the lamp  
Dr. Jagmeet Madan on the left

12<sup>th</sup> of August, Juhu Campus, Mumbai:

Every year S.V.T. College of Home Science remember their founder Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, for his immense contribution in developing and strengthening the institute which enters its 53<sup>rd</sup> year of existence today. This day is special as every year they share it with Mr Sudhir Thackersey and Mrs Nina Thackersey the continuing legacy of the Thackersey family.

This year this day was special as Vice Chancellor Prof. Vasudha Kamat graced the occasion. The founders day function started

with the University song, sung by S.V.T. students reiterating the slogan Sanskrutastriparashakti, followed by the felicitation of the Vice Chancellor of S.N.D.T. Women’s University, Prof. Vasudha Kamat by our principal Dr. Jagmeet Madan. Madam Vice Chancellor shared history of the SNDT Women’s University. She paid homage to the founder by lighting the lamp and garlanding the photograph. She was joined by the other staff members of the college.

Ms. Manjiri Bhalerao, Vice Principal gave a presentation entitled “Remembering the Founder”. This was followed by a bhajan recital by students of SVT College followed by a performance by a professional Marathi singer and TV artiste Ms. Manisha Harshe which was very well appreciated.



SVT College Staff, Students with Vice Chancellor

### JDBIMS Celebrates Foundation Day

23<sup>rd</sup> August, JDBIMS, Mumbai:

JDBIMS celebrated its 14th foundation day and the occasion was graced by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vasudha Kamat who delivered the Presidential address. Chief Guest Ms. Bhavna Doshi, President, Indian

Merchants’ Chamber delivered the keynote address on “Likely Challenges for Women managers and Entrepreneurs 2012-2025 - How to equip oneself?”



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### Workshop on Life Skills

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July, Churchgate Campus, Mumbai:

A three day life skills education workshop was organized by the department of Adult and Continuing Education. It aimed at imparting information about and understanding the importance of acquiring life skills. Sessions included were concept and need for Life skills, Social Skills, Thinking Skills, Negotiation Skills, Communication Skills, Decision Making and Goal Setting. The workshop was conducted using various participatory methods. Almost all students felt the programme was innovative and that they were exposed to a number of

new ideas and concepts and these skills would improve their professional lives.

Panelists including Dr. Jayashree Phadnis, Principal, S.V. College, Chembur, Dr. Pratibha Gokhale, Incharge Head, Dept of Library Science and University Librarian, University of Mumbai, Mr. R. Venkata Kesavan, Chief Manager, Times Group, Mumbai, Ms. Vasumathi Sriganesh, CEO, Qmed Knowledge Foundation and Ms. Anujaa Navaratnaa, Manager, Library, and Knowledge Management, CRISIL, presented their expectations from Library Science graduates.

## Faculty Achievements

Dr. Meherjyoti Sangle (Assistant Professor, Department of History, Mumbai) obtained Ph. D. Degree in the subject of History from SNDT Women's University, in July 2011. Her topic was "Women's Health Care and Women Physicians in the Bombay Presidency (1886-1947)."

Dr. Shirish Gopal Deshpande (Professor and Head, Department of Marathi, Mumbai) was the recipient of "PU BHA BHAVE Puraskar" on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2011.



## Special Events

### Inauguration of Maharshi Karve Model College for Women at Shriwardhan



Shri Sunil Tatkare lightening the lamp

30<sup>th</sup> August 2011, Shriwardhan, Maharashtra:

The University established the Maharshi Karve Model College for Women at Shriwardhan under the Scheme for Financial Assistance for Opening New Model Colleges in Educationally Backward Districts in Maharashtra by the University Grants Commission, State Government of Maharashtra.

The College was inaugurated on August 30, 2011 by Shri. Sunil Tatkare, Honorable Minister of Water Resources, State of Maharashtra and the Guardian Minister for Alibag District. The college has started BCA course with thirty seven students with Computer Laboratory, Library and other necessary facilities for teaching and non-teaching staff.

The Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Vandana Chakrabarti, Director, Board of College and University Development Dr. S. Kumudhavalli and Controller of Examination Dr. Mandhare and In-charge Co-ordinator, Dr. Ashok Salve were present for the inauguration. The plaque of the College was unveiled by Shri. Sunil Tatkare.

Stage programme was conducted in a nearby hall where more than two hundred people were present. Dr. Kumudhavalli welcomed all the guests. Dr. Vandana Chakrabarti delivered the Presidential Address. Shri. Sunil Tatkare in his speech mentioned that it was his best achievement in his political career of twenty five years. The students sang the prayer and welcome song and ended with a motivational song. The Controller of Examination Dr. Mandhare proposed the vote of thanks.



COE Dr. Mandhare, Director, BCUD Dr. S. Kumudhavalli, Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Vandana Chakrabarti and Shri. Sunil Tatkare



## Academic Events

### 'Our Students, Your Pride' by SHPT School of Library Science

6<sup>th</sup> July, Churchgate Campus, Mumbai:

SHPT School of Library Science conducted an interactive programme 'Our Students, Your Pride'. The programme was planned to set future directions of Library Science Education in Mumbai. Library Science professionals were invited to interact with teachers and others interested in Library Science Education. The programme was presided over by Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Vandana Chakrabarti and chaired by Prof. Harsha Parekh, Former University Librarian and Head, SHPT School of Library Science.

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### Monsoon Music: Sawan ki Thumari

26<sup>th</sup> July, Churchgate Campus, Mumbai:

Smt. Dhanshree Pandit, an eminent artist and a senior disciple of (late) Smt. Shobha Gurtu, presented a concert in light classical vocal music on 'Sawan ki Thumari' in the Committee Room under the aegis of Naadrangan, a forum for the Performing Arts of the University Department of Music. Vice Chancellor Prof. Vasudha Kamat felicitated the invited artist and the accompanists with flower bouquets to welcome and initiate the proceedings of the concert. Students and staff members of Music department, the Junior College, Undergraduate College and PGSR attended this concert. Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti and Director, PGSR, Dr. Vibhuti Patel were also present at this event, hosted at the beginning of the current academic year.

In the tradition of the Naadrangan Concerts, Dhanashreeji interacted with the music students and the audience. She presented and articulated different feelings and moods of nayak-nayika in the background of sawan-ritu. She demonstrated how the voice culture and the emotive aspect of Thumari distinguish itself from Khayal-gayan in conveying and experiencing the same moods. She elucidated



Naadrangan Concert on 'Sawan ki Thumari' by

a variety of feelings via the same raga. She also presented an example of an admixture of a variety of ragas in a beautiful Thumari composition set to a main raga. She skilfully brought out the roles of swara, lyric and tala in the presentation and innovations in the progression of compositions in Thumari style. An enthusiastic participation and repertoire among our students and the artist in this two hours long concert made it a memorable experience for the entire audience.

Smt. Dhanashree Panditji was accompanied on the Harmonium by Dr. Sangeeta Bapat and on the Tabla by Shri Girish Nalavade from Department of Music.



## Special Events

### Celebrating the birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj



Department of History alongwith the guests

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011, Churchgate Campus, Mumbai:

The Department of History celebrated the birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011. Dr. Hari Narke, Mahatma Phule Chair, University of Pune was the Chief Speaker and Dr. S. D. Pawar, Former Principal, Siddharth College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mumbai was the Chairperson. Dr. Hari Narke congratulated the Department of History for organizing the birth anniversary function of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj and specifically stated that the Department of History, SNVT Women’s University was the first one in Mumbai to organise a function to mark this occasion.

### Orientation Programme in Sports

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### Towards a Greener Campus

6<sup>th</sup> August, Juhu Campus, Mumbai:

Tree plantation drive was held in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Bombay Seacoast. Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti was the Chief Guest. 155 students from various departments on the Campus took part along with Principals and Heads of Departments. Concept for tree planting was ‘MY TREE’. The Rotarians provided refreshments for all after the tree planting ceremony. President of Rotary Club of Bombay Seacoast, Rotarian Amarlal Bajaj and Rotarian Dr. Ashok Kothari took initiative to organise the programme. Several eminent Rotarians were also present.

## Faculty Achievements

Dr. Naghama Javed Malik (Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, Mumbai) was Selected as a Member of Managing Committee of Hindustani Prachar sabha Mumbai , on 26th July 2011.

She has been appointed as a member of the Management Committee of Hindustani Prachar Sabha founded by Mahatma Gandhiji.



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### Workshop on Leadership through Sports for Sports Student-leaders:

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Dr. Vibhuti Patel (Professor and Director, PGSR) is appointed as Advisor on “Gender for preparation of Human Development Report of Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Authority, 2012 by All India Institute of Local Self Government, Mumbai.”

She is appointed as Member, for Expert Committee (EC) for Science and Technology for Women, Ministry of Science and Technology, GoI, Delhi from 2011 to 2014.

She is appointed to prepare Base paper on Gender for Maharashtra State Human Development Report, 2012 by GoM as well.

She is also appointed as Advisor on “Gender for preparation of Human Development Report of Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Authority, 2012 by All India Institute of Local Self Government, Mumbai.”

Dr. Harsha Merchant (Associate Professor, P.V.D.T. College of Education) has been appointed as Joint Secretary of ISSA (Indian Social Science Academy) for the year 2011-12.

Dr. Mira K Desai (Associate Professor, Department of Extension Education PGSR) was invited a resource person for PhD scholars research methodology in Journalism and Mass Communication for University of Mumbai in August 2011.



## Special Events

### World Population Day



Dr. Nilofer Ahmed, Dr. B. B. Pradhan,  
Pro VC Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti, Sonali Kulkarni,  
Jyoti Mhapsekar and Prof. Vibhuti Patel

On the occasion of World Population Day on July 11th, 2011, Department of Students' Welfare and NSS of SNDT Women's University in collaboration with Forum against Sex Selection (FASS) launched a major awareness campaign on the issue of sex selection. A special Program "Save the Girl Child", reached out to student and youth population of Greater Mumbai. The Program was attended by eight hundred students from SNDT and other South Mumbai colleges of the University of Mumbai and representatives of civil society and the media.

In her Welcome and Introduction, Dr. Nilofer Ahmed, Dean of Student Welfare, SNDT Women's University and Shri. Harish Sadani, Coordinator Forum against Sex Selection (FASS) highlighted the phenomenon called "Missing Girls". The Inaugural Address by The Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vandana

Chakrabarti focused on discriminatory practices against girls and need for an affirmative action to stop declining child sex ratio (CSR).

Songs were presented by Smt. Jyoti Mhapsekar, President, Stree Mukti Sanghatana and her group to help raise awareness followed by a presentation on "Why girls are missing from the population?" by Dr. B. B. Pradhan, Principal, SNDT College of Arts and SCD College of Commerce, Mumbai. This was followed by a Dance Ballet: "Dil Hai Chhotasa, Chhotisi Asha" by students of Sophia Centre for Women's Studies and Development (SCWSD). A documentary on sex selection provided by Population First was then screened to urge the audience to join the campaign against sex selection.

This was followed by testimonies by 2 girls and 2 boys (through CCDT) on growing up as empowered youths fighting gender discrimination. There was a Street-play performance by a group of students (through Men Against Violence and Abuse) which stressed on equal treatment for boys and girls. Guest of Honor, film actress Sonali Kulkarni released campaign posters. A Panel discussion was held with Advocate Uday Warunjikar and Prof. Vibhuti Patel, Director, PGSR which focused on PCPNDT Act, 2002 and its implementation and a quarter century's efforts by women's movement to stop sex selective abortions. This was the first program to flag off the Campaign to Save the Girl Child after Census 2011 results (which showed a deplorable CSR). The effort was appreciated by the Government of Maharashtra and the mass media and had a massive snow-ball effect on all educational institutions in the state.



## Academic Events

### Training Programme on Rajyoga Meditation for Better Performance in Sports

22<sup>nd</sup> July, Churchgate Campus, Mumbai:

A Training Programme on Rajyoga Meditation for better performance in Sports was conducted by Department of Physical Education at the Badminton Court, Churchgate Campus for a hundred students of the Arts & Commerce College at the Churchgate campus. The students can inculcate the virtues of being calm, attentive by learning the art of Meditation. They also learn to be alert and can gain better performance in sports through discipline, hard work and commitment with regular fitness and training. The programme was conducted by Brahma Kumari Sister Gayatriben from the Colaba Branch.

### Question Bank Workshop

2<sup>nd</sup> August, Churchgates Campus, Mumbai:

S.N.D.T. College of Arts organized an One day workshop on Question Bank formation for Psychology Semester V & VI. The teachers of Psychology from affiliated and conducted colleges of S.N.D.T. Women's University were participated. The workshop was organised by Prof. Sonali Deshbhratar (HOD), Prof. Nilesh Thakre, Prof. Lata Bhosale and Prof. Prajakta Bhadgaonkar.

## Faculty Participation

Dr. Pratima Tatke (Associate Professor in Pharm. Chem., C. U. Shah College of Pharmacy) made presentation entitled "Marker based standardization of formulations containing BACOPA MONNIERI using BACOSIDE A BY HPTLC" at the 15th International Congress Phytopharm 2011 held in Nuremberg, Germany on 25-27 July, 2011.

## Faculty Publication

Dr. Mira K Desai (Associate Professor, Extension Education) (2011) Internet and education: Crisscross connection, Part III Internet Impacts In Rao Madanmohan and Osama Manzar (ed.), 15 years of Internet in India-Retrospectives and Roadmaps (pp.203-216). New Delhi: Netchakra Digital Empowerment Foundation

Dr. Varsha Shirgaonkar (Professor and Head, History, PGSR) (2011) *Exploring the Water Heritage of Mumbai*, New Delhi: Aryan Books International

Ms. Jaswandi Wamburkar, (2011, July 16-31). Maharashtra Prabodhan, Rashtrawad va Sangeet, Parivartanacha Watasaru ; (6), p.51-58. (reprinted)



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### Programme on Book Reading

17<sup>th</sup> August, Churchgate Campus, Mumbai:

**T**he Staff Academic Forum, S.N.D.T. College of Arts and SCB College of Commerce and Science for women organized a book reading session followed by discussion with the authors. The authors, Shilpa Phadke, Sameera Khan and Shilpa Ranade were invited to discuss on their book 'Why Loiter?: Women and Risk in Mumbai Streets'. The discussion was well attended by students and staff of the college.

## Faculty Achievements

**D**r. Sunita Sakare (Associate Professor & Head, Department of Hindi, Mumbai) was invited as Chief Guest by Western Railway Raj Basha Hindi Vibhag on 5th August 2011 on Premchand Jayanti Celebration.

**M**s. Vandana Sharma (Professor in Hindi, SNDT College of Arts) was invited as the Chief Guest at K. C. College, Churchgate on 28 th August,2011, Debate on "*Bhratachar ko Kaise Roka Jai*"

She was also Co-ordinator for "*Saral Hindi Kaksha- Course*" conducted by Hindustani Prachar Sabha approved by Ministry of Human Resource Development at SNDT College of Arts.

## Faculty Publication

**D**r. Vibhuti Patel (Professor and Director, PGSR)  
(2011)Economics of Education: Crucial Concerns, *Education Research Journal*,1(1), p.9-13  
Available online: <http://www.resjournals.com/ERJ>.

(2011)Education and Health of Girl Child in Urban India ,In Ragini Deep and Rakhi Roy (Eds), Child Labour in India pp.151-166. Jaipur: Pointer

(2011) Political Economy of Violence Against Women, In RCWS, PGSR and Population First: Background Essays for Facilitation Skills for Addressing Gender Issues, pp.1-14, Mumbai: Population First



## Academic Events

### Sports Leadership Camp at Devalali

31<sup>st</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, Churchgate Campus, Mumbai:

The Sports Leadership Camp for Specific Sports Leaders was conducted by Department of Physical Education at Leslie Sawhny Centre, Devalali. Twenty five students from twenty two Colleges of Mumbai, Pune, Shahada, Loni, Surat and Nasik participated. It was an excellent Camp on learning practical skills, interpersonal skills, understanding one's self, group training, personality skills, leadership qualities and cultural activities.

## Faculty Participation

Dr. Parul Zaveri (Associate Professor, SHPT School of Library Science) was invited as Panel Member for video conference on "The Role of Librarians in Today's Society" with Prof. David Lankes, Associate Professor, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University on Thursday, July 28, 2011 in Mumbai.

Dr. Naghama Javed Malik (Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, PGSR):  
'Shamsher Ka Sanvedan Sansar' broadcast on All India Radio, Mumbai on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011.

Dr. Chaitra Redkar (Associate Professor, Political Science, PGSR) inaugurated various Students' organizations on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 (Literary Club, Arts Clubs, Nature's Club, etc.) in the Bhausahab Vartak Arts, Commerce & Science College & Seth K V Parekh Arts & Commerce Junior College, Mumbai. Delivered lecture on 'Sane Guruji: Known and Unknown' on the occasion.

Delivered lecture on "Qualitative Research Methods" in two-day workshop on Research Methodology on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011. This programme was organised by the Dept. of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai for the Political Science faculty working in the colleges affiliated to Mumbai University.

Delivered lecture on 'Right to Equality and Equal opportunity' at the JN Engineering College, Aurangabad on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011. This programme was jointly organised by the NSS Open Unit of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University and Andha-shraddha Nirmulan Samiti, Aurangabad.

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## *New appointments and Promotions*

Ms. Vatsala Shoukla: Assistant Professor in Women's Studies, RCWS  
Ms. Bhakti Hublikar: Assistant Professor in Marathi, Arts, Pune  
Mr. Vinod Kumare: Assistant Professor in Marathi, Arts, Mumbai  
Dr. Veena Deshmukh: Professor cum Director, Center for Distance Education Juhu  
Mr. Amol Ubale: Assistant Professor in Education, PYDT College of Education  
Mr. Ramraje Rakesh: Assistant Professor in Education, PYDT College of Education  
Mr. Ganesh Chavan: Assistant Professor in Education, PYDT College of Education  
Mr. Mahesh Koltme : Assistant Professor in Education PYDT College of education  
Dr. Madhura Kesarkar: Professor of Education, Centre of Education, Mumbai  
Dr. Medha Deshpande: Professor of Economics, Under CAS, PG, Pune  
Ms. Jayashri Pazare: Assistant Professor in Library and Information Science, Library  
(Leave Vacancy)

## *Faculty Publication*

**D**r. Singh, K. K. (Principal and Prof. of Pharnaceutics, C.U.Shah College of Pharmacy), Shegokar, R., Jansch M, Müller, R.H. (2011). In vitro protein adsorption studies on nevirapine nanosuspensions for HIV chemotherapy, *Nanomedicine , Nanotechnology, Biology and Medicine ; (7), p.333-340*

**D**r. Naghama Javed Malik (Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, PGSR) (2011, July-Sept) Athah Dukh Se Upje Aakrosh Ka Kavya: Ab Aur Nahin, *Yudhrat Aam Aadmi*, p.111-113  
(2011, August) " Ana", *Shaer* , p.76  
(2011, August) "Beta "& "Udaan", *Vartman Sahitya*, p.65.

**M**s. Polly Hazarika (Assistant Professor, Department of English, PGSR) (2011, July 9th) "For Dignity"-Book Review *Tehelka Magazine*, 8(27)  
Available online at-  
[http://www.tehelka.com/story\\_main50.asp?filename=hub090711Fat.asp](http://www.tehelka.com/story_main50.asp?filename=hub090711Fat.asp)

(2011, 20<sup>th</sup> August) "When Fasts were not only for the Furious"- *Tehelka Magazine*8(33)  
Available online at-  
[http://www.tehelka.com/story\\_main50.asp?filename=Op200711When\\_fast.asp](http://www.tehelka.com/story_main50.asp?filename=Op200711When_fast.asp)

**D**r. Ruby Ojha (Associate Professor, Department of Economics, PGSR) (2011, July) Malnutrition in India; A Disturbing Phenomenon, *Journal of Global Economy*, p.146-155

**M**s. Vandana Sharma (Professor in Hindi, SNDD College of Arts) (2011, August) 'Manviya Sarokaron Ki Kahania', '*Adharshila*', 27(93), p20-21



## Academic Events

### Elocution competition on Corruption

30<sup>th</sup> August, Churchgate Campus:

An elocution competition was organized by Dept of PGSR, Churchgate, in collaboration with 'Hindustani Prachar Sabha' on at 2pm on the topic "भ्रष्टाचार का सामना कैसे करें" to promote Hindi. Dr. Vibhuti Patel was the Coordinator. Seventy five students from the Churchgate campus of SNDT Women's University registered their names. Fifty students from PGSR and PVDT College of Education spoke about "How to tackle Corruption?" The programme was very energizing. The students were very enthusiastic. On this occasion the honorary trustee & secretary of 'Hindustani Prachar Sabha', Mr. Shameem Dalvi,

Mr. Deepak Tralshshwala, honorary treasurer of Hindustani Prachar Sabha, Mr. Sudhakar Gupta, Managing Committee's member of Hindustani Prachar Sabha' and eminent Hindi Writer Kamlesh Bkshi were present. Mr. Dalvi gave introductory speech about 'Hindustani Prachar Sabha' and the importance of this programme. Dr. Ravindra Katyayan was the co-ordinator from 'Hindustani Prachar Sabha'. Dr. Vibhuti Patel honoured the guests by giving bouquets.

Dr. Susheela Gupta Honorary Research Guide, Dr. Priti Shrivastav and Mrs. Kusum Vishwakarma were the judges. The programme ended with a vote of thanks.

## Faculty Participation

Prof. Ramkumar Pradhan (Principal, SNDT College of Arts & SCB College of Commerce & Science) (2011, August 20) Presented a paper in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on "Folklore, Literature and Culture" entitled "Adivasincha Sanskrit Varsa: Gotul" Organized by L.J.N..J. Mahila Mahavidyalay Vile Parle Mumbai.

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## Student Achievements

The M.A. II (History) Students along with the faculty member Jaswandi Wamburkar visited the exhibition of the rare old photographs on Marathi drama organised at NCPA on 9th August 2011.

Ms. Andeep Kaur Randhwa, MA II student of Economics received I prize in Elocution Competition organised by Hindustani Prachar Sabha, Mumbai held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2011.



## Academic Events

### From Text to Performance

13<sup>th</sup> August , Churchgate Campus, Mumbai:

A workshop on Theatre was conducted by Shri. Atul Tiwari, Director and Screen play writer, alumni of National School of Drama and an eminent theatre and Film personality in University Department of English.

He spoke about distinguishing between drama, as a written literary form and theatre as a staged performance, which though usually included words, also involves space, props, actors, audience and the intricate relations between them at particular moment. The students enjoyed the various theatrical exercises demonstrated by Atul Tiwari. The Department plans to have some more of these workshops for better understanding of drama and theatre.

### A Tribute to (late) Pandit V R Athavle

Pandit V. R. Athavle has been a legend in the field of music as a performer, as a musicologist and as a Guru. He was born in Pune District on December 20, 1918 and he breathed his last in Mumbai on August 11, 2011.

Pt. V. R. Athavale had a decade long (1970-79) formal association with S.N.D.T. Women's University. He had joined as a 'Reader' in its Dept. of Music, and totally changed the face of the department. His great musical knowledge, experience and temperament of experimenting things in innovative ways enabled the department to reach higher goals in a smooth manner.

He used his immense knowledge and exposure to variety of books to build an unmatched collection of Music books and magazines in the library of S.N.D.T. Women's University. He kept updating the library with vigour during his tenure. This practice influenced the outlook of the library

### Flag Hoisting, Do's and Dont's

12<sup>th</sup> August, Pune Campus, Pune:

In anticipation of the Independence day, Dr. Madhav Puneekar organized a slide show cum demonstration lecture by Dr Gautam Londhe (Associate professor, B.Ed. College) on the topic 'Flag Hoisting Rules & Ethics'. Some M.Ed. students practiced to hoist the National Flag. Principal Dr. Sohoni gave her sincere thanks for the informative talk by Dr.



as a whole. Along with carrying as a singer, musician, Instrumentalist, professor, critic, organizer, guide, composer, he wrote prolifically as well and this gave him much recognition amongst his eminent peers.

One of the significant and lasting contributions of Pandit Athavle has been the design of balanced and ambitious syllabi for M.A. classes in Music and the initiation of research work leading to Ph.D. degree in Music from S.N.D.T. University. The strong foundation he laid down has let the department grow continuously ever since.

The entire Department of Music is very sad at his passing away. The staff and students of Department of Music would like to pay tribute to him by resolving to work for and sustain the high traditions that he set for this department.

We all SNDT Family share the grief of his passing away with the members of his family. We pray that his soul may rest in peace.

## Academic Events

### Workshop on "Facilitation/Skills for addressing Gender Issues in Colleges"

25th-26th August, 2011

**W**orkshop on "Facilitation /skills for addressing Gender Issues in Colleges" was organised by Population First (supported by UNFPA), Research Centre for Women's Studies and Department of Post Graduate Studies and Research of SNVT Women's University. Training Modules on Concepts, Media and Culture, Research Methodology in Gender Studies and Violence Against women were prepared by Dr. Gita Chadda (Associate Project Director, Avabai Wadia Archives on Women), Dr. Shadara (Director, Population First) Prof. Veena Poonacha (Director, Research Centre for Women's Studies) and Prof. Vibhuti Patel (Director, Department of Post Graduate Studies and Research) respectively. Teachers from K.J. Somaiya College, Dr. Ambedkar College, Nirmala Niketan of University of Mumbai; Population first team, PVDT College of Education, Maniben Nanavati College for Women, P.N. Doshi College for Women, Dept. of Continuing,

PVDT College of Education, Continuing, Adult Education and Extension and PGSR of SNVT Women's University took part in this interactive workshop that provided platform for critical questioning and conveyed that feminism is doing, explaining, theorizing, analyzing, questioning, integrating to construct knowledge that is gender sensitive. Though there were only three men in the workshop, Shree Bobby Sista (chairman, Population first), Dr. DayaKisanMangal (Head, UNFPA, Maharashtra) and Dr. Devre (PVDT College for Education), they were actively participating in discussions and group activities. With the help of power point presentations, documentary film screening, analysis of newspaper clippings, images, posters, handouts, excerpts of well-known writings from different disciplines animated deliberations were ensured. Tools of deconstruction, discourse analysis, focus group discussions were used in a non-threatening and non-judgmental environment. All participants promised to organise similar workshops with students, teachers and communities.





## **NSS/Students Welfare Unit of S.N.D.T. College of Arts and SCB College of Commerce and Science for Women, Mumbai**

The department of Economics, Political Science, Sociology and Psychology organized Study Visit to Kondhane Caves on 26th July, 2011.

Orientation of fresh volunteers and Inaugural programme of the college NSS unit, 28th July, 2011: This was a three hour programme attended by one hundred twenty new entrants and continuing volunteers, and the objective was to introduce freshly enrolled volunteers to the NSS. Ms Nilufer Ahmed, Dean of Students Welfare, SNDT Women's University presided over the event and delivered a lecture recounting her experiences with the NSS in the last twenty eight years. The programme comprised of a brief power-point presentation on the objectives and functioning of the NSS followed by landmark NSS activities of the college NSS unit by NSS POs. A documentary on rural poverty and food security titled 'Where is my dinner?'(29mins, TERI) was screened, followed by distribution of snacks to the assembled volunteers.

Lecture, 'Study prospects abroad', 11th August, 2011: The NSS unit coordinated with Edwise Consultants Pvt Ltd. and arranged an hour long lecture cum interaction with counsellors working with Edwise Consultants on study and employment opportunities

abroad. The lecture was attended by ninety volunteers as well as others.

Flag Retrieval Project, 17th August, 2011: NSS volunteers retrieved soiled flags from various parts of the city following the celebrations on 15th August, 2011. In all, thirty flags of various sizes were retrieved and volunteers took an oath to protect the honour of the national flag throughout their lives. The objective was sensitization towards the honour of the flag and volunteers successfully spread this message in their own localities.

Nature Walk in the Sanjay Gandhi National Park, 21st August, 2011: This was a half day programme. Thirty five volunteers were chosen to participate in the walk in the order they registered their names with the NSS unit. The NSS POs sought the expertise of the office bearers of the Bombay Natural History Society in conducting a nature walk along the Shilonda Trail in the Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivli. The volunteers entered the forest region after special permission from the Forest Department and were introduced to the flora and fauna in the buffer zone (Shilonda) of the park. The motive of this visit was to create awareness about the role and importance of forests and ensure that students learnt to appreciate the importance of conserving the environment.





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Street Play Workshop, 26th August 2011: The objective of organizing this workshop was to initiate the students to the importance of street theatre/ pathnatya/ nukkad natak for NSS and facilitate participation in the University inter collegiate 'Street Play Competition' slated to be held on the 24th September, 2011. The one day workshop was inaugurated by Mr Amrit Gangar, noted critic and jurist. The chairperson of the morning session was Ms Jyoti Mhapsekar (Stree Mukti Sangathana, Mumbai) who scripted the iconic play celebrating the girl child, 'Mulgi jhali ho'. Fifty five students attended the morning session.

Mr Kavita Pandya Assistant Professor, Gujarati Department conducted acting and improvisation sessions from 12.00 pm -4.00 pm in class room 804 (Patkar Hall Building). The second session of the workshop was attended by twenty three NSS volunteers. Following this workshop, twelve volunteers enrolled themselves for various theatre events of the Yuva Mahotsva. The workshop was a great success.



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