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Prof (Dr) Madhavi Dharankar is Professor and Head at Department of Educational Technology (DET), and SWAYAM Coordinator for SNDT Women's University. She joined Department of Educational Technology in December 2015 and was heading the department during May 2018 to May 2021. She held the Additional Charge of Center for Distance Education, SNDT Women's University in September 2021. Since March 2022 till-date she also holds additional charge of Women's hostel of the University on the campus. Prof Madhavi was with Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU – Nasik) from 2000 – 2015, where she was Assistant Professor in School of Education. Prof Madhavi also headed Department of Students' Welfare at YCMOU during 2014 – 15. Career-wise Prof Madhavi happened to get exposure of a variety of institutions – a private school, a teacher education college, conventional university, State Open University and now one-of-its-kind department in the first Women's University of South Asia.

Prof Madhavi is MSc (Biochemistry) from University of Mumbai, MEd (University of Mumbai), MA (Distance Education), (Indira Gandhi National Open University), MPhil (Distance Education) (YCMOU), PhD (Educational Communication) (YCMOU).

Prof Madhavi was a part of an international research project funded by Association of Commonwealth Universities, London (ACU) focused on "Development and testing of a course for Self-Help Group Facilitators" as a team member. She has completed a small research project on social media usage by women trainee teachers funded by SUUTI Research grant funded by SNDT Women's University as a sole researcher. She has also completed one major research project funded by MOE's Teaching Learning Center (TLC) at SNDT Women's University, Mumbai under the Scheme of Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT) on use of social media by the students and teachers in higher education as a sole researcher.

Prof Madhavi has guided over 64 masters' level dissertations. She is PhD guide at SNDT Women's University. One research scholar has successfully completed PhD under her guidance. This PhD work got selected for the best doctoral dissertation award 2022 by All India Association of Educational Research. Prof Madhavi is at present guiding two PhD scholars. Prof Madhavi was associated with the initiative "Open Education for a Better World (OE4BW)" by UNESCO both as a mentor and as developer since 2019. For 2021-22 and 2022-23 cycles she was entrusted with the responsibility as Hub Coordinator for the Hubs 'Train the Trainer' and 'Education-4' respectively for the same initiative.

Prof Madhavi was a member of Committee constituted by NCTE (New Delhi) for examining and suggesting a comprehensive strategy for monitoring the teacher education courses offered through ODL system in the country. She was also a member of Visiting Teams constituted by NCTE for inspecting Teacher Education Institutes. Prof Madhavi has been a member of international review board for several events and journals.

Prof Madhavi has several publications to her credit – 05 individual books, 12 Co-authored books, 07 chapters in books and 37 chapters in study material for distance learning. She has contributed 21 chapters in training material. She has 19 papers at International and 30 papers at national Conferences to her credit. Her 16 papers have been published in journals and 15 in popular magazines. Prof Madhavi has prepared 16 SRS (System Requirement Specifications) documents for B Ed and M Ed admissions. Prof Madhavi has been a developed 30 modules under NMEICT, e-PGPathashala, and SWAYAM.

Prof Madhavi was an awardee for the international scholarship award for attending workshop on "Mixed Method Dissertations" by University of Michigan, USA in June 2019. Prof Madhavi is a recipient of award for "The Most Admired Women in Educational Sector for India 2022 edition". Prof Madhavi has been felicitated with "InRes Academic Excellence Award 2023" by Institute of Researchers.

Prof Madhavi has passion for sustainable quilting, wherein she creates quilts from the scrap fabric discarded by the local tailors and garment-makers. She has contributed a pattern tutorial for India's first quilting magazine "Quilt Stories" and through youtube videos. Her work has also been featured in Worldwide Quilt Parade 2022 and 2023 initiated by American Quilters Society.

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