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Editorial

Greetings from the Editorial team! The team takes great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the academic year 2011-12. The Report presents detailed information about the University, its Academic Departments and its Conducted Colleges in its three campuses. The layout of the Report has been prepared to provide a more inclusive and comprehensive coverage of the University and its events. The Report draws attention to the core values guiding the activities of the University in a focused manner and brings on to its radar screen new initiatives in the areas related to academic, administrative, infrastructure, examination and student support services.

The current year witnessed the opening up of new vistas which in turn enabled the university to enter the age of internationalization in higher education. The setting up of the International Cell, launching of the E-Newsletter and initiation of the Maharshi Karve Memorial Lecture Series, Faculty Development Program through a series of ICT Training Workshops were among the few initiatives taken by the University in its march towards excellence.

The University spread its wings with the setting up of a new campus at Shrivardhan in Raigad district with the inception of Maharshi Karve Model College in its commitment towards the cause of women's empowerment in rural Maharashtra.

The Report outlays the topography of the myriad activities of the University underscoring some of the landmarks achieved by the University in its journey towards realizing the dreams of its Founding Father Bharatratna Maharshi Dr. Dhondo Keshav Karve.

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Foreword

I have great pleasure in writing a foreword to this Annual Report 2011-12 as the 11th Vice Chancellor of SNDT Women's University. While I have taken up this position as recently as May 14, 2011, I have been with this prestigious institution as a faculty member since 1983 and as a Head of the department since 1986. I am also a proud alumna of this university as I received my MA Degree in Sociology from SNDTWU in 1986. As a part of my job I meet many people from the society, and I am gratified to find that people tremendously respect this prestigious university established with a focus on women's education by the great social reformer Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve.



I am pleased to present this Annual Report of the SNDT Women's University for the period June 2011 to May 2012. It reports summary of various activities conducted here, and provides a background to the governance of facilities planned, created and used.

The team of Vice Chancellor [with Prof. Vandana Chakrabarti as PVC, Dr. S Kumudhavalli as Director, BCUD, Mr. Virendra Jadhavrao as FAO (from March 2012)] immediately started preparing plans for creating a strong foundation to make SNDTWU a world class university. This included providing skills to students to become global citizens of 21st century, and creating fruitful relationships with National, International institutions. During this year we signed MOUs with foreign universities including Community College of Philadelphia's Center for International Understanding, USA, University of Sterling, UK, Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia, Canada and Universite du Quebec at Montreal, Canada etc.

In order to develop healthy ICT culture in the university, I constituted a Technology Committee to advise me on the ICT issues. I am happy to share that the strides in integrating ICT in University education are getting noticed even by the grant giving bodies as is evident by the enhancement in ICT grant by UGC from Rs. 1 Cr to 2 Cr. I am sure the fruits of these inputs related to ICT infrastructure, Faculty training, digitization will be visible soon.

SNDTWU is making significant contribution through its research by the faculty. Departments and Institutions organised 80 State/National/International programmes (Conferences, Seminars, workshops) and reached large number of academicians.

Our students have been very actively involved in cultural activities such as Yuva Mahotsav, Indradhanushya, Tejaswini, Ashvamedh, and other sports activities, NSS (Avhan), Research (Aavishkar), NCC, as well as IEEE, ACM Chapter activities.

Maharshi Karve established this first of its kind university especially for women to educate and empower them and enhance their quality of life. It brought awareness in the whole society about contribution of women towards societal development. In order to reach a large number of women and improve access to women's education SNDTWU initiated Education Fair in 2011-12. Education Fair carried information about more than 250 programmes offered by the university to the general public. Maharshi Karve Public Lecture series established in 2011-12, helps to create a vibrant academic atmosphere by giving the university community an opportunity to listen to and interact with rigorous researchers, senior academicians, high-ranking policy makers and well-known thinkers, writers, artists and change makers.

We know we have a dream to chase... to become a world class university... to be the first choice of New Age Women.... together we shall strive towards it and achieve it.

Prof. Vasudha Kamat
Vice Chancellor

Vice Chancellors of the University

(After the Statutory Recognition in 1951)

Dr. Premlila V. Thackersey	1951-1952 and 1957-1969
Divan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri	1952-1957
Smt. Sharada B. Diwan	1969-1975
Dr. Madhuri Shah	1975-1981
Dr. Jyoti H. Trivedi	1981-1986
Prof. Kamalini Bhansali	1986-1989
Dr. Suma Chitnis	1990-1995
Dr. Mariamma A. Varghese	1995-2001
Prof. Rupa B. Shah	2001-2006 (February)
Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy	2006-2011 (February)
Prof. Vasudha Kamat	2011 (May)-till date

Registrars of the University

Smt. Laxmi Thackersey	1951-1960
Smt. Kamalini Bhansali	1960-1986
Dr. Usha Thakkar	1986-1989
Shri. Parimal Thakkar	1989-1990
Dr. A. G. Bhalwankar	1990-1994
Dr. Naina S. Potdar	1994-1995
Dr. Hemlata Parasnis	1995-2000
Dr. A. G. Bhalwankar	2000-2001 (Additional-Charge)
Mr. P. V. Dabli	2002-2004 (June)
Mr. Kishor Bhide	2004-2006 (August)
Dr. Madhu Madan	2007-2012 (March)
Dr. S. Kumudhavalli	March - May 2012 (Additional Charge)