

SNDT Women's University



Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve
(18.4.1858 - 9.11.1962)

SNDT Women's University established in 1916 heralded the beginning of formal higher education for women in India and South-East Asia. The institution was the fruition of the founder, Maharshi Dr. Dhondo Keshav Karve's vision for the empowerment of women. The realization was possible with the financial support of the philanthropist Sir Vithaldas Thackersey. The headquarters of the University is at the Churchgate campus in Mumbai and the other two campuses are located at Juhu, Mumbai and Maharshi Karve Road, Pune.

Founder of the University

Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve (18th April 1858 - 9th Nov 1962) was a Humanist, an evangel of emancipation both for Hindu widows and for womanhood at large. A pioneering figure moved by the magnificent instinct that upheld the progress of womanhood as the purest and surest test of the progress of civilization, the establishment of Shreemati Nathibai Damodhar Thackersey Indian Women's University was the culmination of an odyssey, which began with the establishment of Hindu Widow's Home Association in 1896 and the Mahila Vidyalaya in 1907. The Women's University was sculpted along the lines of the Women's University in Tokyo. The founding father advocated women's education as instrumental in women's empowerment by enabling them to be economically independent and to be able to think for themselves.

विद्यापीठ गीत

'संस्कृता स्त्री पराशक्ति' स्वर हमारा है।
विश्व है परिवार, भारत घर हमारा है॥
हम नहीं हैं दीन, कहता कौन हम अबला
है सबल संस्कृति हमारी, हम सभी सबला
ज्योति से जगमग हुआ, अंतर हमारा है॥
स्वप्न टाकरसी हुआ साकार है इसमें
महर्षि कर्वे तपस्या - सार है इसमें
हम दिशाएँ और यह दिनकर हमारा है॥
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Vision

Today we visualise the SNDT Women's University as a world class university that continually responds to the changing social realities through the development and application of knowledge. The purpose of such engagement will be to create an inclusive society that promotes and protects the dignity, equality, social justice and human rights for all, with special emphasis on empowerment of women.

Mission

SNDT Women's University is committed to the cause of women's empowerment through access to education, particularly higher education, through relevant courses in the formal and non-formal streams. Further the university is committed to provide a wide range of professional and vocational courses for women to meet the changing socio-economic needs, with human values and purposeful social responsibility and to achieve excellence with "Quality in every Activity"

Motto

An Enlightened Woman is a source of Infinite Strength

Goals

The goals of the SNDT Women's University emerging from the Vision and Mission are to:

- Provide access to higher education for women through formal and non-formal streams including adult and continuing education.
- Provide a wide range of professional and vocational courses for women to meet the socio-economic demands.
- Develop scholarship and research in emerging areas of study, particularly with focus on women's perspectives.
- Inculcate among women positive self-concept, awareness of women's issues and rights with a rational outlook towards society.
- Enhance purposeful education with 'human values' and social responsibility by participating in outreach programmes.
- Achieve excellence in the academic disciplines, research and extension activities through emphasis on 'quality in every activity'.

Core Values

At the SNDTWU we value

1. Education that is truly human and genuinely liberative, committed to human rights and justice
2. Education committed to nation building through economic development.
3. Education that will open worlds of culture and artistic excellence
4. Education that bridges theoretical and empirical knowledge
5. Education that focuses on development of body, mind and spirit.