

PRESS REPORT

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Today on **11th January 2019 at 11.00 am** SNDT Women's University's celebrated its **68th Convocation** ceremony at the Sir Sitaram and Lady Shantabai **Patkar Deekshant Sabhagriha at Churchgate**. Total 12,644 students including 9902 bachelors, 2158 Masters, 381 Diplomas/Certificates, 174 PG Diplomas and 32 Ph.D. students were conferred the degrees/diplomas during this convocation. 71 Gold medals and one Silver Medal by 211 donors were given to the 118 winners. Dr. Jyotsana Ashok Kukde, Gynecologist and obstetrician and Dr. Nivedita Bhide were awarded the Degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) in this Convocation.

Prof. Shashikala Wanjari, Vice Chancellor of SNDT Women's University presided over the function. Prof. Vishnu Magare, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University welcomed the gathering and presented the convocation report. Dr. Nivedita Raghunath Bhide, All India Vice President of Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari presented the convocation address. Her advice to the graduating students was to be a learner for life even after the formal degree from the university. She suggested the need to work for the larger interest of the society, country and humanity in general and become a team player. Citing Swami Vivekananda, she concluded by focusing on the role of Indian women in national regeneration.

Dr. Jyotsana Ashok Kukde in her acceptance speech narrated her journey of 54 years of work and expressed her gratitude to her patients, coworkers, hospital staff, family and friends for having made her the person she is today and for inspiring her to work for the community in general and women in particular. She was glad that her advocacy efforts of Bharatiya Shree Shakti to stop commercial surrogacy have been acknowledged by the Government.

The Convocation was webcast live on the link: www.estv.in/sndt