



PRESS REPORT

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The 69th Convocation Ceremony of SNDT Women's University was held on 18th January 2020 at 11.00 am at the Sir Sitaram and Lady Shantabai Patkar Deekshant Sabhagriha at Churchgate campus of the University.

The programme started with Professor Shashikala Wanjari **welcoming the gathering and introducing** the dignitaries. She shared that University raised Rs.16,60,000 under **the** Bhaubeej Nidhi scheme and supported ten students for the academic year 2018-19 through 56 individual donors. **The University received Rs. 7,72,8116 in total as grants** for research and fellowships/scholarship from UGC, ICSSR and other such **bodies. This Convocation witnessed doubling** of PhD students from 29 last year to 66 this year.

The Degree of Doctor of letters (Honoris Causa) was conferred on Dr. Aruna Dhere, renowned writer and poet and Smt. Pramiltai Medhe of Rastrasevika Samithi, The citation for Dr. Aruna Dhere alluded to her writing in Marathi literature of diverse forms and particularly poetry, her representation of relationships and life and emotions that have brought out translations, research, edited works which has immensely contributed to Marathi literature. Accepting her degree, Dr. Aruna Dhere remarked that human beings are mortal while their words and deeds remain immortal. The graduating students should emulate the same in their lives. Ms. Pamiltai Medhe in her acceptance speech said, a woman is a charioteer of life's chariot and her love propels it.

The Chief Guest for the Convocation Ceremony Dr. Nandita Pathak, Social Entrepreneur and Founder Director Udyamita Vidyapeeth JP Foundation of Social Work, the Chief Guest of the function in her Convocation address advised the graduating students to be a continuous learner, follow ethical and moral values and to remember that there are no shortcuts to success. She implored the graduating students to think of education beyond making money and contribute back to society in every possible way.

Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Hon'able Governor State of Maharashtra and Chancellor of SNDT Women's University advised the graduating students to learn from the past, accept challenges of the present and look forward to the future.

In this convocation total 13904 graduating students were awarded their Degrees/Diplomas. Proportion of Bachelor Degree (11197) is highest followed by Masters Degree (2167), Post Graduate Diploma (149), Diploma/Certificate (325) and 66 Ph.D. students. 62 Gold medals and 86 Prizes will be given to the total 120 winners. Total 143 degrees and diplomas under four faculties- Science & Technology, Commerce & Management, Humanities and Interdisciplinary studies will be granted in this convocation.