

## Press Report

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The Investiture Ceremony to confer rank of Colonel to Professor Shashikala Wanjari, Vice Chancellor, SNTD WU was held **on July 3, 2018 at 12.00 pm** at Sir Sitaram and Lady Shantabai Patkar Deekshant Sabhagriha at Churchgate campus of the University.

The programme began with the introduction to the genesis and vision of the University by Dr Meena Kutte, Registrar (additional Charge), SNTDWU. Major Surekha Raut who compeered the programme familiarized the audience with the incredible journey of NCC through a film about National Cadet Corps, voluntary organization which exist since 1948 reaching 13 lac cadets across India. Colonel SajeevK.Bakshi, Co, 5 Mah (G) Bn, NCC introduced the guests of the function.

Brigadier Shardendu, Gp Cdr, NCC Group HQ Mumbai 'A' senior conferring the Honorary Colonel Rank to Professor Shashikala Wanjari informed that Professor Wanjari is the fourth Vice Chancellor of SNTDWU to receive the rank. Every year honorary rank is conferred to the Vice Chancellors who contribute to the NCC activities in their institutions. He added that the rank is given to those who have put in sustained efforts and provided leadership. Talking to the NCC cadets present for the function, he advised them to take their responsibilities seriously and be role model to youth. Focusing on the role of right environment for youth he expressed the need for more students to join NCC.

Professor Wanjari in her speech highlighted the definition of University by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who had been instrumental in making NCC possible in India. Honorary Colonel Professor Wanjari explained the spirit, essence and journey of NCC in India and listed achievements of four affiliated colleges of SNTDWU where for last two years cadets have been selected for RCC Parade at New Delhi.

Professor Wanjari took over the leadership of our esteemed University on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016 and she has been granted the rank of 'Honorary Colonel' for promoting NCC activities in the University. University was presented with the "Vice Chancellor Banner" for its contribution to NCC activities and competitive camps like RDC and TSC. The function was organized by 5 Mah Girls Bn NCC covering four of the affiliating colleges of the University.