



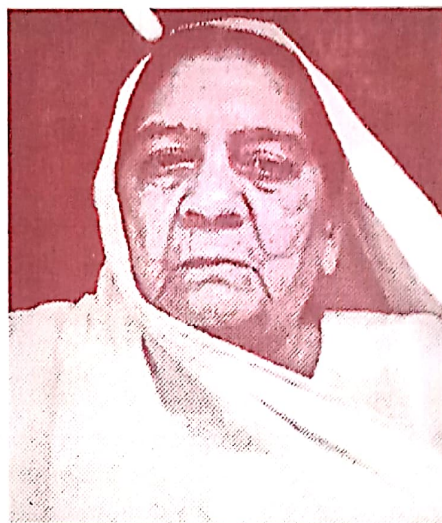
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Premilila Thackersey : Glimpses of her life and work

Premilaben Thackersey was a contemporary of Sarojini Naidu, Annie Besant, Hansa Mehta, Durgabai Deshmukh, Lady Rama Rau, Jaijiben Petit, Women of the Nehru family and several others who belonged to the above era, which influenced her lives and gave her an inner strength to contribute constructively for the good of society and the nation.



Lady Premilila Thackersey

Premilaben was a rare person, who possessed great practical common sense, a foresight and a sustained commitment to a cause in her case that of women, characteristics which commanded deep respect for her in academic, social and political circles. Though she was not a graduate of the formal system of education, she was much more enlightened than many of those holding the highest degree. In fact, she had the advantage of being a graduate of the "University of Life". She was a self-schooled person, drawing her strength from the wisdom of her illustrious husband, her own experiences and insights and her association with the great leaders of the country. Over several decades, she rendered the most distinguished service to women's education, making it the mission of her life.

Premilaben Thackersey, known to

those who were closely connected with her as 'Lady Saheb' and by her family as 'Chachi', was born on January 8, 1894 in a devout Bhatia family in Rajkot. In that age and time, she was fortunate to be a 'loved daughter' fondly named Bachuben, who was given education upto primary stage, in keeping with the prevalent social conditions. At the age of twenty, she married Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, a leading and enlightened industrialist of Bombay. Sir was strongly in favour of educating women, so that they could contribute in the progress of the nation. In one of his first letters to her, before their marriage, he defined his attitude towards life, his aim being service to society. He

held before her the ideal of Ramabai Ranade. What was the social context of Ramabai? The nineteenth and early twentieth century movements for women were orchestrated mostly by men. In this environ, Ramabai's was the contribution of a solitary woman, in the emancipation of women, as a challenge to patriarchy. Her motto was self-reliance and self-improvement for women. Hers was a pioneering effort in starting an institution to give shelter to widows to achieve the above goals. Although this was an extremely difficult challenge, specially for a person entering a new life, Premilaben there and then decided to reach the ideals placed before her and through her perseverance and dedication, the challenge was made a reality by her.

Sir Vithaldas further explained to her the value of wealth which was to be used for the welfare of others. Adding to the initial donation on different occasions, she took up the Thackersey endowment to rupees sixty lakhs for the university, and gave more to other institutions. This was no small sum, considering the value of money in those days.

In 1917, Sir Vithaldas and Lady Thackersey met Maharshi Karve

This issue is dedicated to Lady Thackersey on her 103rd Birth Anniversary on Jan. 8, 1997.

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during their first visit to the Hindu Widows' Home at Hingne in Poona. Dr. Karve had just recently started his Indian Women's University in 1916. Who would have imagined during the visit That Lady Thackersey's life would be entwined so deeply with the progress and development of this University and that she would be its benevolent mother?

In 1919, when the Thackerseys went on a world tour, they visited the women's University in Tokyo in Japan, which had inspired Maharshi Karve to establish the women's University in India. The Japanese university with 1700 women of whom 800 were residents, inspired the couple to build something on similar lines in India. Sitabai Annigeri, a mature student of Maharshi Karve's University had accompanied Lady Thackersey and she and Sir Vithaldas often discussed about the University with her. The world tour which took them to Japan, China, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada and U.K. had to be cut short due to the sudden indisposition of Sir Vithaldas. They returned to India on November 23rd when Maharshi Karve was present to receive them. Sir Vithaldas invited him to meet him and at the meeting offered him a sum of rupees fifteen lakhs. It was a fateful combination of a visionary and a benevolent donor espousing the same cause of education for women. The University in 1920 came to be known as Smt. Nathibai Thackersey Indian Women's University commemorating the memory of Sir Vithaldas's mother.

In 1920, Premilaben was initiated to the affairs of the University through her nomination on the Senate. She was just twenty-six years old and hesitant to be involved; but her husband's advice

that one always learnt by taking up responsibility and not evading it, helped her to take the first step, which later became a total identification with the University which she guided and served for nearly six decades. The words of William James quoted from her



Lady Thackersey with Smt. Indira Gandhi on the occasion of Golden Jubilee Function, 1966.

75th birthday celebration citation clearly and concisely describe her mission in life : "The great use of life is to spend it on something that will out last it."

Unfortunately, on August 12, 1922, Sir Vithaldas breathed his last. For Premilaben, this was an extremely traumatic period; at that time she was on a threshold of a future which had everything in store for her. She was desolate and for some time, cut herself off from all activities; but the teachings of the Gita gave her solace and courage and she plunged herself into work and never looked back. From 1926 on wards, when she was nominated to the Syndicate of the University, her main thrust of work was the University which she nurtured till her death on November 30, 1977.

In 1953, the SNDT Women's University gave her the D.Litt. which was followed by a second D.Litt. by the Banares Hindu University in 1956. In 1957, she was again

elected the Vice-Chancellor of the SNDT Women's University to office which she held for twelve years till 1969.

She was actively involved with three jubilees of the University-silver, golden and diamond in 1942, 1966 and 1976 respectively. On every occasion, she was able to invite the most leading personalities to bless the occasion. Dr. Radhakrishnan, Sarojini Naidu, Jawaharlal Nehru, Zakir Hussain, Indira Gandhi, Laxmi Menon, Durgabai Deshmukh and many others graced the important functions of the University at her behest.

She used every such occasion to raise funds for the University and hers would be the first donation in the drive, Dr. M.R. Jaykar once described her as India's third "royal beggar" after Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Malaviya.

It was but befitting that the country honoured her in 1974 by conferring the Padma Bhushan on her in recognition of her services to the cause of women.

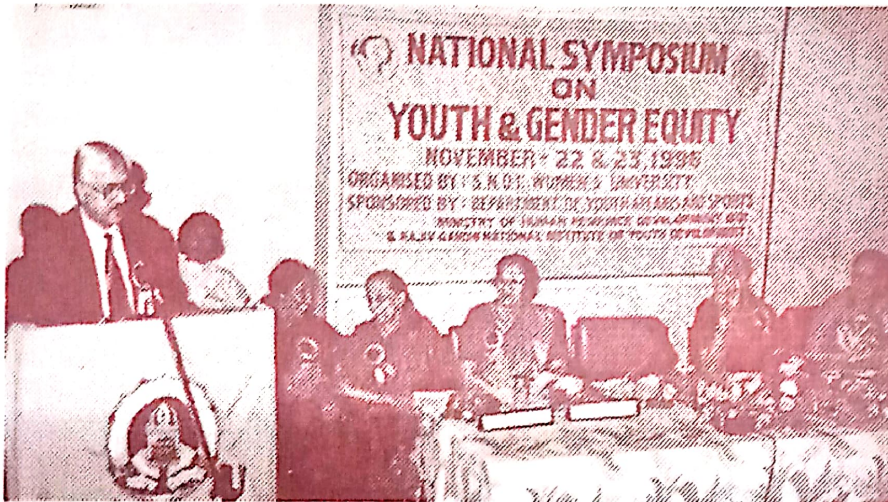
There was hardly an important occasion of the University when she was not present; in fact, it was not an occasion, if she was not there. The last such occasion was the convocation of the University in November, 1977. Even though she was not feeling well, she stayed till the end and stood erect during the national anthem. Even while leaving, her last words were: "May I leave? Is there any work?" That was her last visit to the University. In a few hours, in the early hours of November 30, 1977 she breathed her last ; leaving behind her, her memories and a value-oriented ethos.

Prof. Kamalini Bhansali

AROUND

THE CAMPUSES

Seminar, Workshop & Symposium



National Symposium on Youth & Gender Equity

The Dept. of Students' Welfare, S.N.D.T. Women's University had organised a two day National Symposium on "Youth & Gender Equity" on 22nd & 23rd November 1996. This Symposium was sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Department of Youth Affairs & Sports Govt. of India and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for youth Development.

The Symposium was inaugurated by Shri S.Y. Quraishi, Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Dept. of Youth Affairs & Sports, New Delhi, who explained about the objectives of preparing the National perspective plan for 1996-2020. Hon. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mariamma Varghese referring to the adverse gender development indices in

India, said 'India faces badly as compared to even neighbouring countries like Sri Lanka'.

Many eminent personalities from various fields like Dr. Malini Karkal, Dr. Minnie Mathew, Dr. Mathreyi Krishnaraj, Dr. Neeraben Desai, Prof. Kamalini Bhansali, Mr. Ramesh Jadav, Ms. Deepa Galhot,

Dr. Divya Pandey, Dr. Meera Kosambi, Dr. Vimal Patil etc. chaired and presented their papers. Thirty participants from different fields participated in this Symposium.

Women's College of Arts and Commerce, Jalgaon had organised a one day state level seminar on "Badaltiya Bharatatil Striyanchya Janiva" - ("बदलत्या भारतातील स्त्रीयांच्या जाणीवा") On 25th Oct.

1996, Mr. G.E. Patil, Vice President of A.D.P.M., Jalgaon presided over the function, Mr.S.B. Naphade Joint Director higher Education, Jalgaon, inaugurated the seminar and Mrs. Kamala Ajmera, former state minister was the chief guest at the seminar.

Post Graduate Dept. of Commerce, S.N.D.T. Pune Campus organised three day programme on Art and

Craft of public speaking in the month of Oct '96, sponsored by Leslie Sawhney Programme, Mumbai. Thirty five students from various post graduate institutions in Pune city participated.

The P.G. Dept. of Commerce, Pune organised a programme of Quality Circle Presentations on 15th October, 1996. Three Quality Circles viz. 'Shreyas' of Bajaj Auto Ltd., "Sudheer Smriti" of Alfa Laval Ltd. and 'Shramik' of electronic made their excellent presentations. The programme was largely attended by Jalgaon Faculty and students of commerce and Management.

QC Circles at S.N.D.T.

The meeting cell of the University has started a Quality Control Circle named EKTA, last month, with a view to improve the present work situation and enhance work related efficiency through staff participation.

Shri M.D. Shah College, Malad organised a ten day Jagruti Sankalp Programme, 'Gandhi Utsav' to celebrate to Birth anniversary of Gandhiji. Various programmes were organised on the occasion. An Exhibition on the freedom movement was organised and it was inaugurated by eminent Gandhian Dr. Ushaben Mehta. Eminent Freedom fighters like Usha Mehta, Kamalaben Chattopadhyay, Kusumben, Chitraben, Saralaben were honoured on this occasion. They shared their experience with the audience. The Mahatma Gandhi institute of Journalism had organised its Convocation Ceremony on 2nd October '96.

Seminar on "Education on the Internet"

The Internet is today the world's major technology development that is changing the paradigms of Information, Entertainment and Education.

To explore this new paradigm S N D T Women's University, ZED and Aptech jointly arranged for a seminar on "Education on the Internet", which was held on 7th Jan. from 10.00 to 1.00 p.m. at Patkar Hall.

The seminar explained the methods adopted by the Educational Institutions to offer their courses on the Internet.

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Dr. S.G. Deshpande Professor & Head, Marathi was invited to present his research paper "NIRVACHAN OF BRAHMA" in 'World Philosophers Meet' at Pune on

29.11.96. The research is highly acclaimed as it introduced a new direction to the thought.

Participation of faculty in International Conference

Dr. Naina Potdar & Mrs. A. Jaykulty presented a paper during 2nd International Holistic Health care conference for Nursing Professionals (18th - 21st Oct 1996) at Mount Abu. on "Bringing positive changes in nursing by adopting spiritual values" and "Current Concept in Clinical Nursing."

New Courses at S.N.D.T.

SNDT Women's University's Department of Continuing & Adult Education & Extension Work in Collaboration with PVDI College of

Education is offering a Course in "Models of Teaching" from January 1st, 1997. An attempt has been made through this course to systematically structure the various strategies in a form called "Models of Teaching" to sustain the interest of the students for effective learning.

New Colleges

On recommendation from S.N.D.T. women's university, the following two colleges received N.O.C. from the Govt for new affiliation from the academic year 1996-97

- Arunodaya Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's Arts and Commerce College at Dongar Kathore Taluka - Yawal, District - Jalgaon
- Rural Education Society's Home Science College Loni, Taluka- Shrirampur District - Ahmadnagar

Opportunities available

Sri Chhotu Ram National Award in Agriculture and Rural Development for the year 1996-97 have been announced. Open to Scientists of all fields engaged in research leading to the improvement in the agriculture/rural sector of India, it carries an award of Rs 25,000/- and a citation for outstanding research. The last date for the receipt of entry is 31st January annually '97. The entries should be sent to "Secretary, Sir Chhotu Ram National Award, Choudhary, Chorasi Singh, Haryana Agriculture University Hisar - 125004 (Haryana).

Satish Kunti Goyal Foundation Instituted an annual international Award in 1994 for outstanding literary work. The third Award in 1997 relates to depicting relevance of Lord Krishna and Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta in the present day context. The last date for receipt of entries is Aug 1, 1997. The entries should reach at one of the following address:

- Prof Satish C. Goyal, 1, Residency Road, Jodhpur, Rajasthan 342001. INDIA
- Prof Satish C. Goyal, 9, Welliamburg Circle, Northboro, M.A. 01532, U.S.A.

Our Hearty Congratulations

Dr. Harshida Pandit, Former Head of the Dept. of Psychology for the award of **"Outstanding Woman of the City in Literature"** Conferred by Marine Lines Junior Chamber, Mumbai.

A w a r d o f P r i z e s

Heartiest Congratulations to our distinguished students who were awarded for their meritorious performance during the Convocation – held on 20 Dec. 1996.

Bachelor of Arts :

1. Smt. Shah Dipali Y.
2. Smt. Moghe Madhura R.
3. Smt. Parekh Falguniben S.
4. Smt. Verma Anjana B.
5. Smt. Ganpule Swati A.
6. Smt. Dholabhai Purvi G.
7. Smt. Yadav Manisha Y.
8. Smt. Dudhgaonkar Sushama S.
9. Smt. Narkhede Annapurna D.
10. Smt. Shukla Rita N.
11. Smt. Jikadara Hema M.
12. Smt. Shah Hiral D.
13. Smt. Seth Rachna G.
14. Smt. Takte Archana A.
15. Smt. Arya Suhasini V.
16. Smt. Jadhav Varsha A.
17. Smt. Bhor Geetanjali V.
18. Smt. Mahasatiji
Kushalatakumari
19. Smt. Singh Neelam J.
20. Smt. Mollah Minara K.

M.A. Examination – May 1996

1. Smt. Basadia Sapana L.
2. Smt. Vaishnav Prity S.
3. Smt. Korat Shakuntala N.
4. Smt. Chavan Sangeeta B.
5. Smt. Doshi Trupti S.

6. Smt. Barve Suchitra S.
7. Smt. Utpat Mrinalini V.
8. Smt. Sharma Snehalata G.
9. Smt. Pathak Hina M.
10. Smt. Gupta Poonam J.
11. Smt. Mirwankar Sandhya D.
12. Smt. Upadhyay Bharti K.
13. Jagade Ramila R.
14. Smt. Rao Mrinalini S.

Master of Philosophy

1. Smt. Bhatia Meenakshi B.
2. Smt. Dave Shalini

Bachelor of Commerce Examination

1. Smt. Mani Neeta N.

M. Com. Examination

1. Smt. Shaikh Nausheen R.

Bachelor of Library and Information Science

1. Smt. Jeddy Zeebah
2. Smt. Kahladkar Shilpa S.

Master of Library and Information Science Examination

1. Smt. Nandi Sudipta K.

Ph.D. (Library Science)

1. Smt. Marolia Perin V.

Bachelor of Education Examination

1. Smt. Badve Dnyanada S.
2. Smt. Vyas Falguni G.
3. Smt. Malek Najamabanu M.
4. Smt. Yashwante Aruna S.

Bachelor of Education (Sp. Education) Examination

1. Smt. Jairaj Sandhya

M.Ed. Examination

1. Smt. Kale Savita H.
2. Smt. Patil Yojana M.
3. Smt. Save Chitra G.

Post Graduate Diploma Examination in Education Management

1. Dr. Chakrabarti Vandana

Bachelor of Home Science Examination

1. Smt. Patwardhan Smita S.
2. Smt. Athawale Vibhavari V.
3. Smt. Desai Alka P.
4. Smt. Sahni Neelam S.
5. Smt. Suri Jyoti

6. Smt. Parasramka Sonal V.
7. Smt. Mutha Nutan B.
8. Smt. Samant Mrudula S.

Master of Home Science Examination

1. Smt. Mittu Kapoor
2. Smt. Karmarkar Anupama V.
3. Smt. Ganapathy Sujetha
4. Smt. Sulemani Shabnam Aziz
5. Smt. Mishra Richa

Bachelor of Science (Nursing) Examination

1. Smt. Neeta A.V. Rajan

Master of Science (Nursing) Examination

1. Smt. Vellanki Satya Mrunalini
2. Smt. Susan Thomas

M.Sc. Analytical & Medicinal Chemistry

1. Smt. Bali Kevika V.

P.G. Diploma In Analytical Chemistry Examination

1. Smt. Coutinho Reena F.

Bachelor of Pharmacy (Final) Examination

1. Smt. Khadilkar Manjusha S.

P.G. Diploma in Computer Science & Applications Examination

1. Smt. Kedia Kavita M.

Master of Computer Applications Examination

1. Smt. Bhaskara Anandlakshmi G.

Dip. Examination in Commercial & Secretarial Practices

1. Smt. Shah Priya N.

Dip. in Medical Laboratory Technology Examination

1. Smt. Matalia Bina N.

Dip. in Apparel Manufacturing and Design Examination

1. Smt. Jain Deepika R.
2. Smt. Shah Divya V.

Dip. in Ophthalmic Technology Examination

1. Smt. Bhanushali Jigna B.

Obituary



Ms. Zarine Sanjana
(23-12-1936 — 7-12-1996)

Ms. Zarine Sanjana, Head Dept. of English, S.V.T. College of Home Science who was due to retire in December 1996 suddenly passed away on December 7, 1996 after a brief illness. She served the college for more than three decades, and was conscientious and a dedicated teacher who served till the last. In her sad demise the university has lost devoted scholar. May her soul rest in peace.

A C H I E V E M E N T S

OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

STUDENTS & FACULTY (N.C.C.)

Lohitha Shetty of S.Y.B.A. stood second in cross country race : f 3 lons (A.T.C. camp Navsari)

Ashwini Patil and Shilpa Patel attended R.C.T.C. at Kerla and won the shield

Under Officer **Asha Singh** was awarded as Batallion Senior Under Officer Rank for the year 1996-97.

Cdt. Sweta Poladia achieved 2nd Prize in Signal Competition.

In the Army Medical Attachment

held from 29th Nov. to 8th Dec. two cadet.

1. **Cdt. Aparna Potnis** received 2nd prize with 95% marks in Medical Examination.

2. **Cdt. Anita Kotian** received 3rd prize with 92% marks.

Mukta Sambrani, M.A.-II English Dept. reading seminar, on 'Literature and Politics' at the St. Xavier's College annual literacy festival called ITHKA. Her paper entitled, 'Women, Culture and the Politics of Expression' was awarded the first prize of Rs. 500/-.

Smt. M.M.P. Shah College, Matunga has been awarded a Trophy for the Best work in Literacy and Post-Literacy programme for the year 1995-96 by the Dept. of continuing and Adult education and Extension work. S.N.D.T. Women's University.

West Zone Inter University Youth Festival

S.N.D.T. Women's University has won the Over all Runner up Championship Trophy in the West Zone Inter University Youth Festival which was organised by A.I.U. Dept. of Youth Affairs & Sports and Ministry of Human Resource Development at the Sardar Vallabhai Patel University at Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand, Gujarat. More than fifty universities participated in this zonal festival.

Farewell & Goodluck

Smt. Ketaki Bulsara Dept. of Educational Management

Congratulation to Office Bearers of University Students Council

University Students' Executive Union following are the Office bearers of University for the Academic year 1996-97.

OFFICE BEARERS :

- Ms. Asha G. Singh – President (Elected on the University Senate), Shri M.D. Shah Mahila College, Malad, Mumbai – 64.
- Ms. Cherian Joice – Gen. Secretary (Elected on the University Senate), L.T. College of Nursing, Mumbai.
- Ms. Jagdala Sujata Laxman – S.N.D.T. College of Arts & Smt. C.B. College of Commerce & Eco. for women, Mumbai – 20.
- Ms. Panjwani Rizwana S., Sheth P.T. Mahila College of Arts & H.Sc., Vanita Vishram, Athwaline, Surat.
- Ms. Shah Chetna P. – Dr. B.M. Nanavati College of H.Sc., Matunga
- Ms. Doshi Kinnari H. – Smt. P.N. Doshi Women's College, Ghatkopar
- Ms. Rettiganti Swarna S. – S.M.R.K. Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Nasik
- Ms. Shruti Chatterjee – Dept. of Post Graduate Studies and Research in Home Science, Juhu
- Ms. Anila Cherian – Dept. of Post Graduate Studies & Research, Churchgate
- Ms. Kamble Swati Nivruti – Smt. Maniben M.P. Shah Women's College, Matunga
- Ms. Desai Hemangi C. – C.U. Shah College of Pharmacy, Juhu
- Ms. Ketaki Amrapurkar – S.V.T. College of Home Science, Juhu
- Ms. Gaia Reshma S. – Maniben Nanavati Women's College, Vileparle (W)
- Ms. Pawaskar Sunanda – G.E. Institute's Women's College, C/o. S.V. Joshi High School, Dombivali (E)

Forth Coming Programme

The Dept. of Students' welfare will be organising An Exhibition on "Women & Health" from 6th to 9th February at the Juhu Campus, Six of our colleges are putting up their stalls on various subjects pertaining to 'Women & Health Care'. Bizzwolld Marketing ad Astitva marketing are collaborating in this venture to put up commercial stalls to spread the message of Health care far and wide.

Target audience would be : students, youth, academicians and general public.

PUBLICATIONS

"Where there's, a will" – Written by Smt. Chandra Ganesh Iyer, the Asst. Dean of Students, Dept. of Students Welfare, based on the life and work of Dr. Mohanbhai Patel, eminent industrialist and Educationist was released on 4th Jan. '97 by Hon. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mariama Varghese.

'Man hoi to' in Gujarati written independently by Smt. Kalpana Dave, Lecturer Shri. M.D. Shah Mahila College was also relased by Shri Babubhai M. Shah, the Finance Member of Gujarat, on the same occasion.

Both the authors are the alumni of S.N.D.T. Women's University

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MANIBEN NANAVATI FOUNDER OF THE COLLEGE

MANIBEN NANAVATI WOMEN'S COLLEGE is the dream child of two dynamic and farsighted women – Late Smt. Kantaben Shah and Smt. Sunitaben Sheth. Their vision was to set up a college that would provide education to those women of the Gujarati middle class community who might otherwise

be denied admission to the elite colleges of Mumbai. Their primary aim was to give education to the girls leading to all-round development of girls taking into account not only the cognitive but the social, cultural and practical aspects of their personality. Their ultimate vision of the Nanavati alumni was that of a confident, self-reliant and responsible individual who would be a source of strength both to the family as well as the community at large. This was the dream that inspired our pioneers. They faced the

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obstacles and hardships strewn on the way with determination and defiance. They had a mission to fulfill.

Thus, was born Nootan Mahila College in the year 1972 with 110 students in Gujarati medium.

The dream had been given a concrete shape. Dr. Mani Kamerkar, a brilliant academician and scholar, took up the mantle of the post of the first Principal. Her primary aim, as she put it so succinctly in her interview given on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee, was to take students with low marks and transform them into all round exellers. More importantly it was to demonstrate that the college was on par with status of any affiliated college to Mumbai University.

With introduction of 10+2+3 system, Junior College was started in 1976 with Arts stream in Gujarati as well as in English medium and Commerce stream in only English medium.

It was as an acknowledgement of the progress made in above mentioned directions, that the college was granted permanent affiliation by SNDT Women's University in April 1979.

1979 was also a land mark year for the college. Shree Chandulal Nanavati Women's Institute and Girls High School took over the management in 1979 and the

college was renamed as Maniben Nanavati Women's College. It found its permanent home at the junction of Vallabhbai road and S.V. Road in 1981. Smt. Maniben Nanavati, born in 1905

retired in 1985. The task of taking the college through turbulent adolescent age to maturity was led by Dr. Yashoda Mahindar Singh, a dynamic and spirited educationist.



SMT. KAMALIBEN BHANSALI, SMT. KANTABEN SHAH, SMT. SUNTABEN SHETH, DR. M.P. KAMERKAR AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE COLLEGE 1972

is a staunch follower of Gandhian principles. She has infused the college with her dynamism and discipline. It is she who has inculcated in the college the principles of honesty, simplicity, dignity of labour and the need to give a meaningful and practical education to our students.

In June 1982 Arts Courses were restructured with Home Economics. A separate Department of Certificate and Diploma in Home Science was also set up in June 1989 and it offered other short term courses. This Department was renamed as "Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati Career Development Centre."

Dr. Mani Kamerkar led the college from infancy to adolescence and

Quality education has been the main thrust of the academic curricula. Our college students have excelled and held ranks at the University examinations. To name a few in 1986-87, Ms. Geeta Natrajan stood first in the final year B.A. and Ms. Bharati Marwadi stood first in Psychology. In 1992-93, Kaushangi Sanghavi got the highest marks in Psychology and

Ms. Parul Shah topped in History. 1994-95 saw a hattrick with three of our students Ms. Ghazala H. Shaikh, Ms Sheetal B. Joshi and Ms. Shilpa S. Thakkar topping at the University in Psychology, History and Gujarati respectively. Ms. Ghazala H. Shaikh also topped in the SNDT University B.A. III Examinations. As recently as 1995-96, Ms. Hiral Shah stood first in Social Sciences and Psychology. Several other students have also featured in the merit list over the last twenty five years.

A statistical analysis of the college results reveals the tremendous progress made by the college in the last twenty five years. The first year result of the college in 1974 was 76.4% and the number of students who appeared for the examination was 86. This number rose to 298 in 1996 and the

result in 1996 was 97.32%. The result of S.Y. and T.Y. is combined together as the same pattern is followed by SNDT University. The number of S.Y. and T.Y. students of M.N. College B.A. (English and Gujarati Medium) and B.Com who appeared in 1996 was 485 and the result was 91.34%. An attempt was made to compare the result of M.N. College with SNDT University results for a period of eight years (1989-1996). The analysis showed that M.N. College results were always better than overall result of University e.g. in 1996 the M.N. College result was 91.34%.

All this would have not been possible without the excellent library facilities and the dedicated staff of the college. The staff members are always going forward in knowledge upgradation and utilisation of library facilities.

Since 1970 the college has conducted numerous workshops & seminars on diverse topics in various



Departments devoted to widening the frontiers of knowledge.

While academic excellence has been given prime importance, the overall development of the students have been encouraged. The Students Council aims at unfolding the potential of students

through literary, performing and fine arts activities. It all started on a very small scale with activities held in the college. In 1977-78, for the first time in its history, the college won a few prizes at the intercollegiate competitions. The winning streak had been struck. Our students have never looked back since then. They have been winning prizes in Elocution, Quiz, Essay writing, Group and Folk dances and Personality Contests. however, the real source of pride and glory has been our Drama activities. Our first drama trophy for One-Act-Play was won in 78, then 79, 85, 89. The year 1990 saw the college set out on a trail of successes. Our Street Plays, One Act, Plays, Skits and Mono acting have won prizes at every major competition. It is only fitting that 1996-97, the Silver Jubilee year, has been a landmark year with the Drama team winning the first position at IPTA, Munshi, Copwud, SNDT Womens University and West Zone Inter University Youth Festival. The national Championship Trophy for overall excellence in Theatre events was won by our College, which represented S.N.D.T. Women's University.

The Nanavati students are being trained to take up their rightful place in the community. This is in keeping with the original vision of our pioneers. The N.S.S. programme was launched in 1974. The dynamic organization has given top priority to the social upliftment of the underprivileged sections of society. Four Gauthans at Mogarapada, Daulat Nagar, Mangalwadi were adopted in

Andheri, Vile Parle and Santacruz areas respectively. Several Health Care Programmes were conducted eg cleanliness drive, Immunization, nutrition programmes, lectures and film shows. Social issues such as Dowry, Marriage, Drug addiction were discussed with women groups. A literacy programme was launched and vocational training given to young girls. At the college level, a major Aids Awareness Programme was conducted through lectures, slides, slogan writing and street plays. Besides the regular Blood Donation Camps, complete Blood check-up was carried out for 1500 students in 1996-97. Our students visit Cooper and Nanavati Hospitals, and help their Blood Banks to get blood donors and try to boost the morale of the patients by reading to them and talking to them. Four special camping programmes were conducted during last five years. Two were at Shantiban in Panvel and two were in our college campus. 1100 persons were also interviewed by our volunteers as part of the Cancer Survey.

The Population Club was established in 1978 to draw attention to this major problem facing the country. Various activities, such as talks and competitions were held in the college. During 1985-1989 a Dhobighat slum was chosen and adopted. A concentrated effort was made to make the residents aware of the population problems and the need to improve the quality of life. In 1994-95 on 11th July 1994 the entire Junior

and Senior College Students were asked to appear for a test related to the Population problem. The 2080 students took part in the same and the result was gratifyingly good. The Club has organised several activities at Gokalibai School and St. Cathrines School in order to make the school children aware of the problem. Several skits and debates were organised in the college and in the community as the part of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations in the College and in the community.

In 1992, Maniben Nanavati Women's College was the first to set up an Environment Awareness Club, this was in keeping with the great concern the college has for the ever increasing degradation and depletion of our natural resources. This club along with the N.S.S. has organised several competition talks and visits so as to make the students aware of this important Global issue. A project "The Effects of Plastic Bags on Environment" has been undertaken by the club.

The students who complete 5 years in this college leave with the sense of pride and confidence. Not only do they have an all round education but they also have a sense of security, they know that they can always turn to the college at any point in their lives for guidance and support.

Certainly our students have done us proud. They have not been daunted by the various social and familiar hurdles they face. Five of our students are now a part of our

faculty. This is indeed a great achievement! At least 9 of our students are now teaching in different colleges in Mumbai. Nanavati students have also taken up diverse professions as Therapists, Bank Officers, Beauticians, Stage and T.V. Artists, Designers, Social Workers and Counsellors etc. While the majority of our students are Home makers their potential of using their education to get economic



SILVER JUBILEE FUNCTION

independence has not been lost. They have several options to make creative use of their spare time. They can and do take up Dress Designing, Interior Decoration, making and selling of Fashion Accessories and run Baby Care Centers as part time occupations.

The Silver Jubilee year has been also a time for reflection and analysis along with a year for celebrations. The entire college, students and staff, worked together to organise an Exhibition on the progress made by the college in twenty five years. It was

back to the roots journey for the college. A nostalgic trip down memory lane relieving our moments of glory, experiencing once again the trials and tribulations, the pain and the pleasure of setting up the college and turning the dream of our pioneers into a living reality. The exhibition was the culmination of the year long Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Three skits on "Violence against Women", an English play on "All My Sons" and dances were performed adding gaiety and colour to the proceedings.

The very caring, thoughtful and considerate Managing Committee of the Maniben Nanavati Women's College thought it appropriate to appreciate the efforts of each and every member of the Teaching and the Non-Teaching staff of the college and to felicitate them by requesting and inviting Smt. Kamaliniben Bhansali, Ex-Vice Chancellor of the SNDT Women's University, who was also present at the inauguration function of the college 25 years ago, to present to the staff Silver momentos and pearl string, along with individual citations.

The good wishes and the affections of all our well wishers at the SNDT University and our sister colleges have helped us to move from strength to strength. The lamp lighted on the auspicious day of June 12, 1972 has been burning bright. The vision of Kantaben, Mani Bai and Sunitaben Sheth is alive today with the hope to burn even brighter in the future.

MANIBEN NANAVATI WOMENS COLLEGE SILVER JUBILEE YEAR (1972-1997)

M i l e s t o n e s o f t h e C o l l e g e

- 1972 "Nootan Mahila College"
Started with 110 students of Arts Stream in Gujarati medium.
- 1976 The Junior College started with Arts & Commerce Stream.
- 1979 1) The College Received Permanent Affiliation to S.N.D.T. University for Arts Section.
2) The College is Renamed "Maniben Nanavati Women's College" & "T.C.L.V. Junior College"
3) Commerce Stream started.
- 1981 The College moved to the Present Building.
- 1982 1) Restructured Arts Stream with Home Economics Subjects
a) Food and Nutrition
b) Child Care in Gujarati as well as English medium.
2) "Department of Home Science" offering Certificate & Diploma Courses of Home Science started.
- 1983 Started short term extension courses in Department of Home Science.
- 1985 The College received Permanent Affiliation to S.N.D.T. University for Commerce Section.
- 1989 The Department of Home Science is renamed as "Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati Career Development Centre"
- 1990 Annual Celebration of "Library Week" started.
- 1991 Applied Textile Designing Course started.
- 1993 a) Dress Designing Course started.
b) Creative Craft Course started.
- 1996 Interior Design & Decoration Course started.
- 1997 a) Won National Championship Trophy for Theatre Events.
b) Won National level Prizes for one Act Play, Skit & Miming - Maniben Nanavati Womens College represented S.N.D.T. University.



"KNOWLEDGE IS THAT, WHICH LIBERATES"
"सा विद्या या विमुक्तये"

MANIBEN NANAVATI WOMEN'S COLLEGE has aimed at providing KNOWLEDGE, WHICH LIBERATES.
Liberation that helps our students to reach new heights of knowledge, Independent Thinking, Competence in work and Social Awareness.

MANIBEN NANAVATI WOMENS COLLEGE SILVER JUBILEE YEAR (1972-1997)

E v e n t s o f t h e S i l v e r J u b i l e e Y e a r

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| July 1996 | 1) Play – "Gandhi Viruddha Gandhi" |
| | 2) Celebrating "International Population Day" With Essay, Slogan, Debate & Poster Painting Competitions by Population Education Club. |
| August 1996 | 3) 'Environment Rally' organised by N.S.S. Environment Awareness Club, & Department of Sociology. |
| Sept. 1996 | 4) "Nutrition Week" celebrated by Food & Nutrition Department. |
| | 5) "Nanavati Utsav" – Inter collegiate competitions. & "Talk show" by Swaroop Sampat |
| Oct. 1996 | 6) "HINDI DIWAS" - Talk by Dr. Madhuri Chheda & Exhibition by students. |
| | 7) "Gandhi Jayanti" – celebration by Library Lectures by Dr. Harshida Pandit. Dr. Usha Thakkar & Dr. Divya Pandey on "Empowerment of Women – Past, Present & Future." |
| | 8) "Kavi Sammelan" by Departments of English, Gujarati and Hindi. |
| Nov. 1996 | 9) "Community Meal" by Department of Food & Nutrition. |
| Dec. 1996 | 10) 5 Days workshop on "Puppetry" by N.S.S. and Environment Awareness Club and Child Care Department. |
| Jan. 1997 | 11) "Quiz & Debates" by Departments of Commerce, English & Economics. |
| | 12) "Skits & Street plays" by Department of History. |
| Feb. 1997 | 13) Exhibition of "25 Years Development of the College" |
| | 14) "Felicitations of staff members" in Silver Jubilee Year. |
| | 15) "Rational Emotive Therapy" Workshop for staff members by Department of Psychology. |
| March 1997 | 16) Workshop for staff members on "Institutional Excellence" by Dr. Vandana Chakravarty |
| | 17) U.G.C. sponsored 3 days workshop by Library on "Improving Effectiveness of College Libraries of S.N.D.T. University" with S.H.P.T. Dept. of Library Science of S.N.D.T. University. |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

U.G.C. sponsored workshop – March 11-13, 1997 on "Improving Effectiveness of College Libraries of S.N.D.T. University"

* Dr. Mariamma Verghese, Vice-Chancellor, S.N.D.T. University will inaugurate the workshop on 11th March 1997 at 10.00 a.m.

Workshop on Rational Emotive Therapy in the month of March by Mr. Panimkar is organised by the College.

A C H I E V E M E N T S

BEST TEACHER'S AWARD

- **Shri Uttamrao Agnihotri**, Dept. of Music, S.N.D.T. Arts and Commerce College has been selected for Best Teacher Award for the year 1996-97 by the State Govt. of Maharashtra
- **Mr. Praful B. Godkar**, Lecturer, in the Department of Medical Laboratory Technology of Premila Vithaldas Polytechnic has been awarded Best Polytechnic Teacher in Maharashtra state by Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE)

Phd. Awards

- **Smt. Amarja Karandikar** has been awarded Doctor of philosophy degree for her thesis on "Assessment of Effects of Advertising on Consumers in India and Measures of Protection under the guidance of Dr. G.B. Nagpoorewalla.
- **Dr. Reeta Sonawat** had participated in "The National Counselling Training Programme for Intermediate Level Counsellor from 18th Jan. to 25th Jan. '97. The programme was sponsored by National AIDS CONTROL ORGANISATION, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India and organised by cell for AIDS Research Action and Training TISS Regional Centre - Western Region.

We are proud of our distinguished Alumni

Pramila Datar - Singer, Producer of Sunahari Yade
Bharati Achrekar - Stage, and T.V. Artist
Purnimaben Pakwasa - Social Worker in Tribal area

Vandana Gupte - Marathi Stage Actress
Malatibai Bedekar - Famous Marathi Writer

National Trophy for Theatre events

Students of Maniben Nanavati College had represented to University at the National Youth Festival 'Kshitij '97' in Mumbai, organised by Association of Indian Universities and Dept. of Youth Affair and Sports and won the over all Best Trophy for Theatre events.



CONGRATULATIONS

The 28th All India Optometric Conference was held in Bangalore on 1, 2, 3rd December, 1996. 51 Students and Dr. Anita Adapa, Lecturer of the Department of Ophthalmic Technology, Premila Vithaldas Polytechnic attended the conference. Following prizes and trophies were won by our students :

- All India Optometry Quiz Trophy
- Second best paper presentation in Optometry
Topic : Early diagnosis of Glaucoma
- Third Best paper presentation in Contact Lenses
Topic : Therapeutic Soft Contact Lenses
- Largest students delegation prize
- Second prize for posters presentation

AROUND THE CAMPUSES

The Special Education Department of S.N.D.T. Women's University, Juhu conducts studies and liaison with the State Government of Maharashtra of Uttar Pradesh, to improve the Education of disabled children through policy level discussions, planning for and training of the work force of the teachers.

Commerce organised three days Management Film Festival on 27th, 28th and 29th Jan. 1997 at its Mass Communication Centre.

Six Video Cassettes were presented by Dr. S.G. Bapat, Dr. Prabhat Ranade, Prof. Janaki Naik, Prof. Reshmi Hebalkar, Dr. Sudhir Alurkar and Prof. Vasanti Joshi. These Cassetts were

"Leadership" by Field Marshall Manekshaw,

"Communication" by Prof. Rushikumar Pandya,

"Be Prepared to Speak" by Toast

objective was to propagate the message of Health Living. Various projects on relevent topics were prepared by seven of our colleges which were very innovative and informative. Lecture series on Health related topics were organised in which eminent doctors like Dr. Rajiv Anand, Dr. Promod Niphadkar, Dr. Meena Kumar, Dr. Asmita Parekh and Dr. Rekha Shetty participated. Many School and College students and public visited the exhibition. The exhibition cum Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Mohanbhai I. Patel, Ex-Sheriff and Industrialist on 6th Feb. '97. Dr. Jyoti Trivedi, the Former Vice-Chancellor was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Function on 9th Feb. '97.



TEJASWINI CONTEST

The Department of Students Welfare had organised the 'Tejaswini Contest' to select the over all Best Student of the University. Miss Richa Zutshi of Dr. B.M. Nanavati College of Home Science won the 'Tejaswini' Title and the Trophy. Miss Seema Pillai of L.T. College of Nursing won the 1st runner up trophy and Miss Sunita Pannikar of P.V. Polytechnic College won the 2nd runner up trophy. Shri Anil Deshmukh, Minister of State for Education and Cultural Affairs was the Chief Guest and Smt. Usha Kiran, the Sheriff of Mumbai was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

Masters International, "Work ethics" by Mr. Sharu Rangnekar, "Sky is the limit" by Dr. P.N. Singh and "Street Smart Uncommon Common Sense" by I.S.T.D.

More than 60 participants drawn from various colleges and Management Institutes highly appreciated the Cassetts followed by discussion on Women and Health.

EXHIBITION CUM SEMINAR

The Dept. of Students' Welfare, NSS cell of the University had organised four days Exhibition Cum Seminar on Women and Health Care '97 from 6th Feb. to 9th Feb. '97. The main

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

DR. F.Z. TARAPORE, the founder Principal of S.N.D.T. College of Home Science, Pune, has retired after superannuation. She was served the University for nearly three decades and dedicated her service to establish and develop the college of Home Science at Pune taking it to the height of excellence. We wish her Best of Luck and a very bright future.

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International Women's Day Celebration

The Research Centre for Women's Studies, SNDT Women's University organized a special function on 13th March 1997, to celebrate the International Women's Day. The Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr. Mariamma Varghese, who presided over the function, released a book on Women, Empowerment and Political Participation, under the RCWS Gender Series Publications Programme. She commended the work of RCWS, the first and pioneering Women's Studies institution in India, which continues to provide leadership and direction to Women's Studies programmes all over the country.

The function began with the SNDT University song, which says that an enlightened woman is a source of strength. Dr. Meera Kosambi, Director of the RCWS welcomed the audience and explained the background of the International Women's Day, which is now celebrated all over the country, and even in the rural areas of Maharashtra. She also pointed out that the modern women's movement is not merely a western implant, but that the developing countries have contributed enormously to shaping the international agenda on women,

equality, peace and development. Priya Tendulkar, the well-known media personality graced the function as chief guest. In a simple but effective speech addressed to the University students in particular, she



Priya Tendulkar addressing the audience

said that Indian women were not so much in need of emancipation, as the Indian men who truly needed to

have their minds liberated from centuries of bondage to outdated chauvinistic ideas about women. She also said that the women's movement has gone a long way beyond presenting lists of demands for justice and equality, and we are now in the phase where women are beginning to assert their leadership role in society, and create space for themselves in various fields.

The students of the SNDT Post-Graduate Department of Home Science presented a short street play on Aids Awareness. The function, which was extremely well-attended by the faculty and students of the University, concluded with the national anthem.

Congratulations to Dr. Varghese

Our Hon. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mariamma Varghese has been conferred the Hon. Colonel Title in National Cadet Corps for the duration of Vice-Chancellorship issued by the Directorate General, National Cadet Corps, Ministry of Defence.



Women in Higher Education Management at the SNDT Women's University

Let me clarify at the outset that the experience of women in higher education management at the Shrimathi Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University (SNDT) does not necessarily reflect the experiences of women in other similar institutions in India. Established in 1916, the SNDT Women's University throughout its long and illustrious history of 8 decades has had many women at the helm of affairs. Although started by men, women have always played an important part in the development of the University from the very beginning, when there were 5 women on its Senate. This role of women in the growth and development of the University is particularly evident after 1951, when it received statutory recognition with an all-India jurisdiction. Out of the 9 vice chancellors and 8 registrars who have headed the institution since then, only 1 vice chancellor and 2 registrars were men. Other than that, almost all the top university positions such as principals of its 33 conducted and affiliated colleges, deans of various faculties and heads of departments, have been held predominantly by women.

This in my opinion is the main strength of the SNDT University, enabling it to introduce innovative ideas and programmes into the Indian academic scene. Breaking accepted moulds of university education, the University has explored new territories of education. To understand the unique contribution made by women who have shaped the University, I will have to describe its history and growth against the background of the socio-political developments in the country.

The Establishment of the University and a Period of Growth (1916-1951)

The University grew out of the tremendous zest and optimism that characterised the early 20th century, when along with a host of social and political issues, the question of women's upliftment was hotly contested. Born out of these social reform impulses, the University owes its origin to the coming together of two great men of vision - Dr. D.K. Karve & Sir Vithaldas Thackersey had an impressive track record of working fearlessly for the upliftment of women in western India. He had taken up unpopular causes such as the education of child widows, raising the age of marriage for girls, and in the course of his work established the Anath Balik Ashram in 1899, braving all social sanctions against him. It was while preparing for the National Social Conference of 1915 that he first hit upon the idea of a separate university for women based on the Women's University of Japan at Tokyo.

Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, on the other hand, was an industrialist with an abiding interest in women's education. Impressed with the Women's University of Japan at Tokyo during his visit, he resolved to make a generous grant of 15 lakhs towards the establishment of a similar institution in India. The nucleus of the Indian Women's University (as it was then called) was the college conducted by the Hindu Widow's Home with 4 students. Although the idea of a women's university in India originated from Japan, it was not a faithful replication of the Japanese model and had a definite philosophy of

education suited to Indian conditions. The Japanese Women's University had a very pragmatic approach to education and emphasized vocational training for women with subjects like dairy farming, poultry, laundry etc. The University established by Dr. Karve, on the other hand, was academic but with a vocational orientation. Based on his view that women had a distinct contribution to make in the family and to society. The courses taught included humanities and sciences as well as off-beat subjects like domestic science, child care and early school teacher training programmes. With such a broad based liberal education, women were expected not only to fulfill their roles as wives and mothers but also contribute towards the reconstruction of the nation through selfless service.

Guided by his ideas, the SNDT, in the early phase of its existence struggled to establish its distinct identity, different from the accepted standards of the academia at that time. First, the medium of instruction was the mother tongue. Second, it followed a flexible curriculum and subjects like domestic sciences and child development as university subjects. Third, it introduced the unheard system of self study to enable women who would not otherwise have the opportunity to get an education. In this, the SNDT University differed from the Women's Christian College in Madras and the Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, also established at the same time, to promote higher education for women. Moreover, unlike these colleges, the target group of the SNDT University was widowed and deserted women rather than women from the upper classes.

While evaluating the contribution of the University to women's education, it should not be forgotten that it was established at a time when the literacy rate among women was only 1.81 per cent in the country. Starting with 4 students, the University could within 20 years of its existence boast of 996 women graduating with liberal arts; 62 women with post graduation; 308 with training in primary school teaching and 15 with post graduate teacher training. Moreover, there were 3185 women appearing for their school leaving certificate; and another 922 appearing for their university entrance examination.

The Period of Consolidation and Growth (1951-1971)

An important milestone in the life of the University, at the turn of the 1950s, was the decision taken by the State Legislature granting it statutory recognition with an all-India jurisdiction. Over the next 2 decades, the University was guided by able women like Dr. Premlila Thackersey and Smt. Sharada Diwan as its vice chancellors and Prof. Kamalini Bhansali as its Registrar. What they attempted to do was to vocationalize education taking into account the growing opportunities available to women. During this period, the University introduced job oriented courses such as Nursing, Library Sciences and Home Science; expanded the scope of the existing teacher training programme; started the Department of Continuing and Adult Education to enable women, who would not otherwise have got university education, and also introduced non traditional vocational courses for women through the establishment of a polytechnic with subjects like Medical Technology, Food Technology, etc. The idea was to identify potential new openings in the job market and start courses for

women, so as to create a niche for women ahead of men in the job market. This direction which the University took was largely determined by the belief that the realization of the Constitutional guarantees of women's equality could be achieved through education in course of time.

In contrast to the decade of the '50s, the '60s was a period of overwhelming socio-political unrest. Impatient with the slow pace of social transformation, mass movements emerged on the political landscape. The universities across the country were not untouched by the political articulation of peasants, industrial workers, tribal and even housewives who protested against escalating prices, unemployment and their exploitation by the landlords, police and state officials. In this climate of idealism and disillusionment, academic women were also asking uncomfortable questions about the accepted theories and explanations about women's lives in their respective disciplines. Conscious of the sexism in the academia, they felt that there was need for women to have separate intellectual space to critique and conceptualize on women's lives. Paradoxically, taking into account the growing number of women entering the various universities, many educationists were questioning the relevance of an exclusive women's university which they saw as an anachronism in a modern world.

New Directions and Challenges of the University (1971-1996)

To resolve these issues, a Round Table Conference was organized in 1973; the idea was to discuss the relevance of a separate institution for women in the changed circumstances of free India and to chart new directions for the University. The

discussions underscored the continued gender gap in education and the need for separate educational institutions for women taking into account the resistance to co-education from the conservative sections of society. But, while this could justify separate institutions for women, it was not enough to justify the existence of a women's university. The purpose of a university, therefore was not just to communicate existing knowledge through its teaching programmes but to facilitate the growth of new knowledge through research. The interpretation of this mandate, in a women's university, would mean; 1) space for women to inquire into their live experiences; 2) generate new knowledge about society from the standpoint of women; 3) freedom to question and critique accepted theories in various disciplines. Appreciating these ideas put forward by Dr. Neera Desai the Head of the Sociology Department, Professor Kamalini Bhansali as the Registrar of the University was able to get a modest research grant, to start the Research Unit on Women's Studies appended to the Department of Sociology.

Since its modest beginning in 1974, the Unit soon came to be recognized as an autonomous centre within the University by the University Grants Commission. Recognised as a pioneering centre of excellence, the Research Centre for Women's Studies (RCWS) was expected to promote the development of Women's Studies in the academia. Despite the support of the management, the RCWS had to struggle for acceptance by the other departments of the University; for it was considered nothing short of academic hearsey to introduce an unfamiliar and off-beat subject in the academia. On the plus side, the research team headed by the Hon.

Director Dr. Neera Desai was singularly committed to women's development. Over the years, through its action oriented research and curriculum development, the RCWS has been able to give new directions to the University: First, through its rural development programmes it took the University closer to the villages. This programme subsequently developed into a full fledged Department of Rural Development undertaking research, consciousness raising, income generation programmes in the villages. Second, through curriculum development and teaching the the RCWS has facilitated the development of various Women's Studies courses in the University. Today there are a number of Ph.D and M. Phil researches undertaken in the University with a distinct feminist orientation.

This is not to imply that Women's Studies was the only direction in which the University developed. it has a well developed Department of

Higher Education Management which offers Diplomas in Education Management considered by the UGC as equivalent to the mandatory orientation and refresher courses that a teacher in any of the Indian universities has to undergo. Similarly, the Department of Special Education has broken new grounds in India by introducing Ph.D and M.Phil programmes in the area of the learning needs of children with mental disabilities. Through its Faculty of Technology, the SNDT University runs a college of Pharmacy and a Department of Computer Science. The MCA courses of SNDT were started before any of the other universities in western India even woke up to its potential in the job market. Similarly, the polytechnic college is continuously updating itself with courses that give women an edge over men.

The distinctive feature of the various teaching programmes in the University is that they provide

students with practical experiences. The Department of Child Development at the Home Science College runs a nursery school for children; while the Department of Food Science and Nutrition and Department of Extension Education runs various slum and rural development programmes through which students gain field experiences.

This brings me back to my first point. The University has developed on lines different from most of the other mainstream universities because of the leadership provided by women in management positions. With foresight and leadership women vice- chancellors like Dr. Madhuri Shah, Dr. Jyoti Trivedi, Professor Kamalini Bhansali and Dr. Suma Chitnis have expanded the scope and activities of the University, which is now being continued by the present Vice Chancellor, Dr. Marimma Varghese.

Dr. Veena Poonacha
Research Centre for Women's Studies

Donation received from Bajaj Trust for Institute of Management

The vice chancellor and the management of the university sincerely expresses their gratitude to Bajaj Trust for a generous donation of Rs. 50 lakhs to the University for establishing the Institute of Management studies. Their keen interest in the university growth and development is highly appreciated and acknowledged.

AROUND THE CAMPUSES

Consumer Day Celebrated

Department of Post-Graduate studies and Research In Home-Science, Juhu organised a Seminar entitled "Environment and consumer concern. Role of community and consumer organisations" on March 29, 1997.

The seminar was inaugurated by Shri. A Balak, Principal Secretary, Dept of Energy and Environment, Government of Maharashtra and presided over by the vice-chancellor Dr. M.A. Varghese, and Ms. S. Sailo, Dept of Non-conventional Energy Resources, Ministry of Environment Govt. of India.

The purpose of the seminar was to provide a forum for citizen and consumers to interact with several experts in the field and to suggest strategies for minimising risks and health hazards from pollution.

Nearly hundred representatives from Non-Governmental organizations, research institutes, academic institutes and consumer organizations as well as municipal corporation attended the seminar.

The subjects covered in the seminar were, waste disposal and Environmental Hazards, Present Scenario of Industrial Pollution and Environmental Impact, Pollution and Impact on Health, Consumer Awareness of Health and Environmental concern, Monitoring strategies for Environment pollution, Prevention and control measures for Industrial Pollution, Environment protection. Finally, panel discussion on Role of consumers, community and consumer organization in Environment protection was organised which was chaired by Mr. Kisan Mehta, President, save Bombay committee.

Graduation Ceremony at L.T. College of Nursing

The candle lighting and Graduation ceremony of students of Nursing College was held on 14th Jan'97. Hon vice chancellor Dr. Mariamma Varghese was the chief guest on the occasion, who gave away the prizes.

A talk on "Women's movement in Canada"

A talk on "Women's Movement in Canada" by Dr. Naomi Black, an eminent Political Scientist from Canada, was organised on February 5, 1997 jointly by Canadian Studies Programme and P.G. Dept. of Political Science, SNDT Women's

University. Dr. Neera Desai, an eminent Sociologist, presided over the function.

Workshop on HIV & AIDS

A 10 day National Workshop from 3.2.1997 to 12.2.1997 on 'Caring for People with HIV & AIDS' was organized by the L.T. College of Nursing in Collaboration with Thames Valley University U.K. & British Council.

Ms. B. Peters attended National Level Workshop on Total Quality Nursing (4.2.97-7.2.1997) and Dr. Maria Lobo attended Child Survival and Safe Mother Hood Workshop (10.2.97-14.2.97) at the R.A.K. College of Nursing, New Delhi.

Seminar on Corruption: Causes and Remedies

The department of Post Graduate Studies and Research, SNDT Women's University organized a Two day seminar on "Corruption : Causes and Remedies on 6th & 7th March '97 at Churchgate campus of the University.

Many eminent personalities like Justices H.H. Kautharia, Dr. Mariamma Varghese, Kumar Ketkar, Editor, Maharashtra Times, Shri. Dayanand Prabhu, Mr. Vivek Pandit, Mr. Mukut Sah, Dr. Usha Mehta etc. participated.

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

Dr. Usha Thakkar took voluntary retirement in Feb. 1997. Dr. Usha Thakkar joined the department of Political Science in 1974. She rose to the position of a Registrar in 1986. Having served as a Registrar for 3 years, in June 1989 she became Head of the University's Post-graduate Department and was appointed as a professor from 1993.

Dr. Usha Thakkar was recipient of several awards and fellowships such as Post-doctoral women in development fellowship at York University, Canada (1994), Post-doctoral Sr. Fulbright fellowship at Cornell University, U.S.A. (1990), Selection in ALIS Link programme of university with Sheffield City Polytechnic, U.K. (1987-1989), and Post-doctoral Fulbright fellowship, University of Chicago, USA (1981-82).

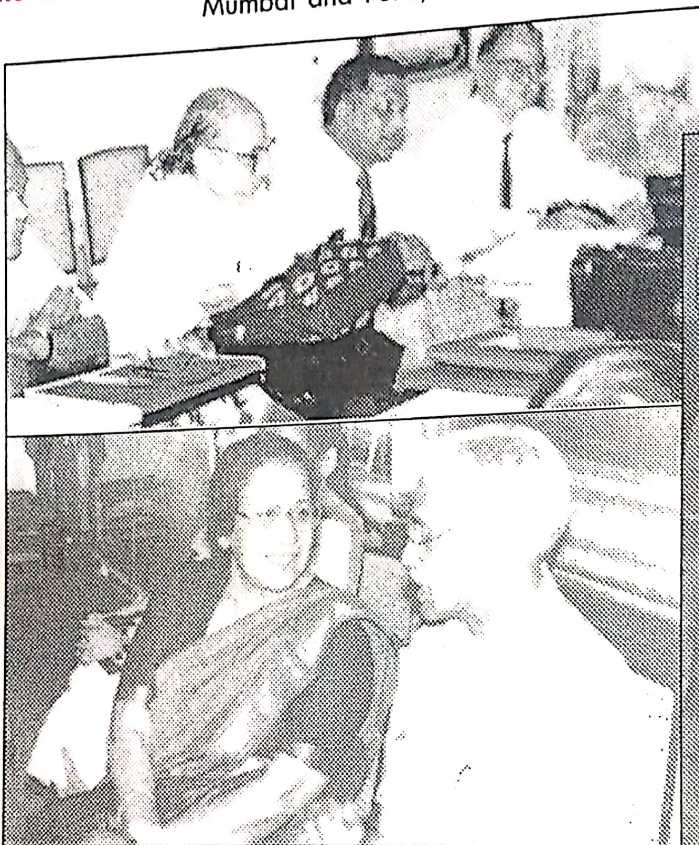
We wish her Good Luck !

U.G.C. Team visits SNDT

The achievements of SNDT University during the VIII Plan period and proposal for IX Plan period were reviewed by visiting team from University Grants Commission between 17-22nd February 1997, the team comprising distinguished academicians and administrators from various universities all over India. The Convenor of the team was Dr. Hemlata Swaroop, Former Vice Chancellor of Kanpur University and the Co-ordinator was Mr. A.K. Dogra, Deputy Secretary, UGC, New Delhi. The team visited the three

campuses of the University at Mumbai and Pune, and visited two

members, non-teaching staff and student representatives. They expressed positive impressions and were supportive of the unique needs of this large growing family of SNDT.



Dr. Hemalata Swaroop, Convenor

affiliated colleges; interacted with all heads of Departments and held discussion with many faculty

International Links

Dr. Meera Kosambi visited Japan in August 1996 on an invitation from the Economic & Social Commission for Asia & the Pacific (ESCAP) to attend an expert group meeting on Promoting Women's Rights as Human Rights. She presented a national paper for India and participated in discussions of the expert group held at Saitama on 7-9 August. In addition, she was also invited to give two talks on the topic of women's rights in India in Tokyo on 5-6 August at Open Forum seminars co-organized by Asian Women's Fund, ESCAP and the United Nations University, and one talk in Kyoto on 11 August, at an Open Forum co-organized by ESCAP and the Asian Women's Fund.

Dr. Veena Poonacha participated in a workshop Women in Higher Education Management organized by the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and Commonwealth Higher Education support Scheme (CHESS) in collaboration with the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka on 5-12 January 1997 at Colombo.

Achievements

State Award for N.S.S. Unit

The N.S.S. Unit of Shri M.D. Shah Mahila College, Malad, has been adjudged as the best N.S.S. Unit in the State of Maharashtra and the unit will be receiving a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 15000/-. Miss Mayuri Sukhya, N.S.S. Volunteer of the same college has been awarded the Best N.S.S. Volunteer & will be receiving a trophy and cash prize of Rs. 2000.

Miss. Harshada Rathod of Shri P.N. Doshi College has been selected as one of the members of the executive committee of Gujarat Economic Association to represent S.N.D.T. Women's University.

Dr. Mala Pandurang of Dr. B.M.N. College of Home Science has been awarded the "INDAL" Post doctoral Fellowship by the Asiatic society of Bombay. Her book post colonial African fiction was released by the International Novelist Yasmine Janeeratane at the National IACLALS conference, Hyderabad

The Dept of physical education had organised a workshop on Managing Strength and weakness in life and sports in collaboration with JNPT NAWA SEVA at JNPT ON January 11-12-1997 for sports teachers and Coaches. 40 members participated.

Congratulations – to the winners of Junior Inter-collegiate Sports Tournaments

1.	Volleyball	Winner Runnerup	S.T. Mehta, Ghatkopar SNDT Home Science, Pune
2.	Basketball	Winner Runnerup	SNDT Home Science, Juhu S.T. Mehta, Ghatkopar
3.	Kabaddi	Winner Runnerup	M.D. Shah College, Malad MMP Shah College, Matunga
4.	Kho Kho	Winner Runnerup	M.D. Shah College, Malad SNDT Arts & Comm. Churchgate
5.	Badminton —	Team Championship Winner Runnerup	SNDT Arts, Bombay T.S. Bafana Malad
		Individual Championship Winner Runnerup	Ashwini Joshi SNDT Juhu Ashwini Linaye SNDT Juhu
6.	Table Tennis —	Team Championship Winner Runnerup	SNDT Home Science, Juhu T. S. Bafna Malad
		Individual Championship Winner Runnerup	Minal Mehra HSc. Juhu Kiran Devsasthle, Malad

My experiences at SNDT

Mr. Joshi on his retirement

Three decades ago I joined as a Clerk-cum-Typist, with no experience, but lots of hope and desire to grow. Though I had acquired certificate of typing, I was scared due to my lack of command over English. However, the initiative and encouragement I received from my superiors and administrators helped me gain confidence to write and speak English language. In 1968, I was asked to join the team doing the paper printing work at Pune and in 1969 the designation was changed to Senior Typist. Though the nature of work remained complex, it involved clerical work where I was expected to work strictly within a pre-designed framework of stipulated rules and handle typing

I personally feel that this would not be complete if I do not express my inner feeling that though there was ample scope to appreciate my service keeping in view the nature of job in the designation of a Senior Typist which was assigned, but it is a mystery as to what more/better services would have qualified me for higher promotion.

There have been sweet and bitter experiences while carrying out my duties in the last 30 years at SNDT University but I am very much satisfied that every occasion has made me rich in carrying out my duties sincerely and honestly.

During all this time, the University kept growing. The Juhu Campus became functional. Many new departments started working, many new profile joined the work force of SNDT; new methods and ways of

teaching and administration were developed by all the Vice-Chancellors. I was happy to work in the university during these years of growth. We had to face many hardships but we always smiled with hope and worked with devotion and dedication.

I hope this spirit of growth and optimism will continue to grow in strength and develop into an empire of Education.

I take this opportunity to thank my colleagues, Superiors, Registrars and the Vice-Chancellors at the time of my farewell and wish that the University may progress into very diversified areas of Education and will acquire high reputation as a leading University above other universities.

Shantilal A. Joshi
Senior Typist, Affiliation Section

SONALI BHUJBAL OF PREMLILA VITHALDAS POLYTECHNIC WINS A SHOPPER'S STOP PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

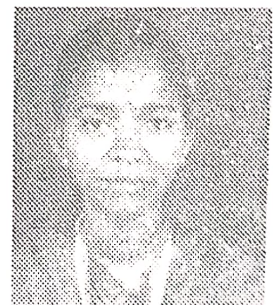
It was wide applause and clapping all around when judges announced the best Young Designer of the year as Miss Sonali Bhujbal of Apparel Manufacture and Design Department, Premlila Vithaldas Polytechnic. The second prize was also bagged by Shilpa Chavan of Premlila Vithaldas Polytechnic.

Shoppers Stop had organised a Designer Competition for the students on all India level, where Sonali of Premlila Vithaldas Polytechnic won the most coveted award of the best Designer.

Sonali won a Trophy and a 3 months training at Nottingham Trent University. Nottingham Trent University is a prestigious University in U.K. for Fashion Designing.

Congratulations to the Winners for their achievement!

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP WON



Ms. Suvarna R. Velale, B A III from Shri P.N.Doshi College, who has won the state and the National Championship in Rifle shooting has been Awarded the Govt of India, Sports, Talent Scholarship for the excellent performance in Rifle shooting for the year 1996-97. The college has been sponsoring her and encouraging her to achieve this feat.

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We are happy to inform that the University has received **50 lacs** as grant for building Pariksha Bhavan by the State Govt. of Maharashtra

MESSAGE



I am delighted that the SNDT Newsline has been appreciated by a number of our readers and well-wishers. It covers every month on different aspects of University and College profiles covering academic management, student and faculty achievements. I am sure it will grow in size, quantity and quality as we move on to the next year. I congratulate the editors and the Newsline Committee for establishing and sustaining their efforts to have the SNDT 'image' and 'voice' reach many people in our state, nation and internationally.

With all best wishes.

Dr. M.A. Varghese
Vice-Chancellor

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AROUND THE CAMPUSES

SEMINARS

Regional Seminar on Career Counselling and Personal Growth

A Regional Seminar on 'Career Counselling and Personal growth' was organised by the Department of Psychology on 20th March '97. (Sponsored by U.G.C.)

Regional Seminar on Futuristic Trends in Psychology

A Regional Seminar on 'Futuristic Trends in Psychology - 21st century perspective' was also organised by the Psychology department on 22nd March '97. (Sponsored by Western Re-

gional Centre, ICSSR, Mumbai.)

ORIENTATION

NAAC's Accessment and Accreditation processes have been initiated. The Director, Prof. Arun S. Nigavekar conducted an orientation session for the Steering Committee of the S.N.D.T. Women's University on 11th April '97.

VOCATIONALISATION OF FIRST DEGREE COURSES

Dr. Philomina D'souza, a member of SCOVE (Standing Committee for Vocational Education) appointed by the U.G.C. visited the colleges of the University where the vocational courses are offered, to monitor and evaluate exercise for preparing a case study.

QUALITY CONTROL CIRCLES

The effectiveness for the follow-

ing QC circles are appreciated

- Students' wing of the P.G. (Psychology) Dept., Churchgate.
- Faculty members' circle of P.G. Home Science, Juhu.

CHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ PURASKAR CEREMONY

Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Puraskar Ceremony was organised by State Govt. of Maharashtra, Dept. of Youth affairs and sports at Shivaji Park on 19th April 1997. Students from Shri M.D. Shah Mahila College represented our University in the traditional Maharashtrian dress to hand over the prizes to the dignitaries in the prize distribution ceremony.

DONATION FOR MANOSHAKTI

Dr Leo Barnes Foundation has donated Rs. 2,00,000/- to meet the running expenses of 'Manoshakti', the crisis intervention Centre run by the Dept. of Psychology, P.G.S.R, Churchgate.

Farewell

Ms. Mohini Mankekar, the Principal of Shri M.M.P. Shah College of Arts and Commerce, retired after superannuation in the month of April. The Management and Staff of Seva Mandal's Education Society organised a fitting farewell to her, the celebrations were stretched out for three days from 17th to 19th April '97. We wish her a happy, peaceful and fruitful retired life.

COURSES CONDUCTED AT THE S.N.D.T. WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

A glimpse at the Courses conducted at the S.N.D.T Women's University in its various Departments and Colleges.

S.N.D.T Women's University has 38 post graduate Departments, 11 Conducted Colleges and 23 affiliated Colleges spread over the states of Gujarat and Maharashtra. The Courses have been offered taking into consideration the needs of women. Many job oriented professional courses have been started and have been well received by the students.

Post of Graduate Studies and research in Home Science S.N.D.T Women's University

Offers Post Graduate Degree in the following:

POST GRADUATE DEGREE (M.Sc.)

1. Family Resource Management.
2. Food Science and Nutrition
3. Home Science Extension Education
4. Human Development.
5. Textiles and Clothing.

The Department of Post Graduate Studies and Research in Home Science has been recognised as one of the outstanding by the University Grants Commission and it has special funding under Dept. of Special Assistance. The Dept. is actively involved in providing vocational and professional education to a number of students coming from

different parts of India.

Post Graduate Diploma Courses offered at the Dept. of Post Graduate Studies and Research in Home Science, Juhu

DIPLOMA COURSES

Computer Aided Interior Space Design and Manage- ment :

Eligibility

1. Graduates in Hsc with Interior Design Specialization.
2. Govt. Diploma holder in Architecture.
3. Graduate / Diploma in Interior Design & Decoration course of Maharashtra.

Duration : 1 Year

Interior Space Design and Management :

Eligibility

1. Graduates in Hsc with Interior Designing specialization.
2. Govt. Diploma holder in Architecture.
3. Graduate / Diploma in Interior Design and Decoration Course of Maharashtra.

Duration : 1 Year

Consumer Services

Eligibility

Graduates in any discipline.
Duration : 1 Year

Hotel Hospitality Administration

Eligibility

Graduates in any discipline.

Duration : 1 Year

Diploma in Dietetics

Eligibility

Graduates in Foods & Nutrition Food Microbiology or Bio-Chemistry.

Duration : 1 Year

Diploma in Sports Science and Nutrition (also in Pune Campus)

Eligibility

Graduates in any Science discipline.

Duration : 1 Year

Diploma in Food Service Management

Eligibility

Home Science Graduate.

Duration : 1 Year

Early Childhood care and Education (Also in Pune Campus)

Eligibility

Graduates from any discipline.

Duration : 1 Year.

Computer Aided Textile Designing.

Eligibility

BSc. With Textiles and Clothing.

Duration : 1 Year.

● Communication and Media Development.

Eligibility

Graduates from any discipline with at least 50%

Duration : 1 Year.

S.H.P.T SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE.

A pioneering tradition has characterised the school ever since its foundation in 1961 as a constituent unit of the S.N.D.T Women's University. The school began by offering a Post Graduate Diploma programme in Librarianship. Over the years the school has evolved programmes which reflect the changing context of the profession, the increasing application of modern technology to well established information handling techniques and the expanding opportunities of the job market.

The school now offers the following

● Post Graduate Courses in Library and Information Science.

- Bachelor of Library and Information Science: BLISc.
- Master of Library and Information Science: MLISc.
- PhD in Library and Information Science.

DEPT. OF COMPUTER SCIENCE.

The pioneer Women's University has been at the service of Indian women from all walks of

life in a variety of ways for the last eight decades. In its endeavor to give the best in Science and technology as well as to enhance research functions, the University established its computer centre in 1985.

The following courses are conducted :

● Three years full time Masters Course in Computer Application (M.C.A) Two semesters each year.

Eligibility

Women graduates with mathematics up to Higher Secondary or its equivalent will be admitted to the First year of the three year programme.

Admission procedure :

Aptitude test will be held in Mumbai.

Annual intake :

Thirty five students from all over India.

Medium of instruction :

English

● One year Post Graduate Diploma Course in Computer Science and Applications.

Eligibility

Any Woman Graduate with Mathematics up to Higher Secondary or its equivalent.

Duration : 1 Year.

DEPT. OF POST GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH,

CHURCHGATE, PUNE

The following courses are offered.

M.A — Two years.

M.Com — Two years.

M.Phil — One and half years.

PhD — Minimum three years.

There are Thirteen Departments:

- 1) English 2) Gujarati 3) Hindi
- 4) Marathi 5) Sanskrit 6) Economics 7) History 8) Political Science 9) Psychology 10) Art/ Painting 11) Music 12) Commerce 13) Sociology

Post Graduate degree and PhD are offered in all the 13 subjects and M.phil is offered in the following subjects:

- 1) English 2) Hindi 3) Marathi
- 4) Sociology 5) Psychology
- 6) History.

P V POLYTECHNIC, JUHU

Courses conducted and duration.

- 1) **Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology (Clinical Pathology and Microbiology)**
Five semesters and one semester of internship - 3 years.
- 2) **Diploma in Pharmacy**
Four semesters and one semester of internship - 2.5 years
- 3) **Diploma in Commercial and Secretarial practices**
Four semesters and one semester of internship - 2.5 years.
- 4) **Diploma in Apparel Manufacture and Design**
Four semesters and one semester of internship - 2.5 years
- 5) **Diploma in Interior Design**
Six semesters and one semester of internship - 3.5 years.

Medium of Instruction - English

CENTRE FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION.

A unique institution committed to the cause of women's education and upliftment, S.N.D.T Women's University was accorded statutory recognition in 1949 and enjoys jurisdiction all over India.

Current Academic Programmes offered at the Centre.

- University Entrance test in Arts & Commerce.
- Bachelor's Degree in Arts. (Languages & Social sciences)
- Bachelor's Degree in Commerce.
- Master's Degree in Arts. (Languages & Social science)
- Certificate course - Improve your English.
- Certificate course - Basics of Diet Therapy.

Courses under Revision

- Certificate Course in Family Savings and Investments.
- Certificate Course in Women and Law.
- Certificate Course in Techniques of Translation.

New course soon to be introduced.

○ Certificate/Diploma in Environment Development.

Eligibility

Graduate with 50% or H.S.C IInd Class with 2 years experience in relevant field.

Duration : 6 months for Certifi-

cate, 9 months for Diploma.

Course Details:

■ UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE TEST IN ARTS & COMMERCE:

The centre conducts University Entrance Test in Arts & Commerce for those women who wish to get admission in S.N.D.T's Arts & Commerce degree programmes but do not have 10+2 (H.S.C) level certificates. A preparatory course is conducted by the centre to prepare the students for the test. For admission there is no pre condition except that the candidate should be minimum of 18 years old. The course consists of four papers.

Women passing the test qualify for admissions to the First Year of S.N.D.T Women's University's B.A/B.Com. Degree courses.

Admissions - July, August.

Exams are held twice per year in Dec. and in May.

○ B.A/B.Com. Degree Courses

Eligibility:

H.S.C or equivalent examination students who have passed the University Entrance Test in Arts or Commerce can also seek admission.

Medium : Marathi, Gujarati, Hindi and English.

Admission : July & August.

○ M.A Degree Course.

Eligibility

Women who have passed B.A, B.Com, B.Sc from any statutory university and those who have passed in Nursing, B.HSC are

6) **Diploma in Food Technology**
Four semester and one semester of internship - 2.5 years.

7) **Diploma in Electronics**
Seven semesters and one semester of internship - 4 years.

8) **Diploma in Ophthalmic Technology**
Five semesters including 2 semesters of partial internship - 2.5 years.

L.T. COLLEGE OF NURSING, CHURCHGATE

○ Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

Eligibility

Passed HSC (Science) / Equivalent Certificates

Duration : 4 years

○ Master's Degree in Nursing

Eligibility

Passed B.sc Nursing / Post Certificate B.sc Degree

Duration : 2 years (4 semesters)

Shri. Hansraj Pragji Thackersey College of Science

○ Post Graduate Diploma in Analytical Chemistry

Eligibility

1. B.Sc. with Chemistry 7 units / Microbiology
2. B.Sc. (Home Science) with Food & Nutrition
3. B. Pharm.

Duration : Two semesters (Six months each)

Ist Semester - Sept. to March

IIInd Semester - March to July

also admitted provided the university declares them eligible

Department of Continuing and Adult Education & Extension Work

- 1) P.G. Diploma in Travel and Tourism
Duration : 1 year
- 2) Certificate Course in Catering Management
Duration : 1 year
- 3) Teachers' Training Course for Balwadi
Duration : 1 year
- 4) Certificate Courses in Textile Designing
Duration : 1 year
- 5) Certificate Course in Interior Decoration
Duration : 1 year

6) Certificate Course in Journalism (Marathi)

Duration : 4 months

CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA COURSE IN HOME SCIENCE.

🕒 Certificate in Home Science

Eligibility

S.S.C of Mumbai Board or Secondary School Certificate or any other allied examination duly recognised by the S.N.D.T Women's University as equivalent to the above examination

Duration : 1 Year

Medium : English and Gujarati

🕒 Diploma in Home Science.

Eligibility

Passed the Certificate course in

Home Science examination conducted by the S.N.D.T Women's University.

Duration : 1 Year.

The above courses are available in the following colleges affiliated to our university.

1. Dr.Bhanuben Nanavati Career Development Centre ,Vile Parle (west), Mumbai.
2. Smt.Shardaben Champaklal Nanavati Institute of Polytechnic, 338, R.A. Kidwai Road Matunga, Mumbai - 19.
3. H.M Nanavati Dept. of Home Science, Cama Lane, Ghatkopar (west), Mumbai - 86.

Shri. DOSHI COLLEGE, GHATKOPAR

Diploma in commercial and secretarial practice is being conducted at P. N. Doshi College

Vacation Classes

Dr. B.M.N. College of Home Science, Matunga conducted by Seva Mandal Education Society have organized Vacation Classes during the summer vacations. In all there are about 70 classes under the following categories :

- Computer Class ■ Art & Handicraft ■ Cookery
- Textile & Clothing ■ Personal Grooming
- Music ■ Personality Development & Many others.

The first batch of classes will begin from 28th April '97 & the second batch from 19th May '97.

NOTE : INTERESTED STUDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND COLLEGES.

ALUMNI

We are proud of our distinguished and note worthy Alumni who have excelled in their respective fields

S.N.D.T. College of Arts and Commerce, Pune.

Smt. Gangutai Patwardhan - Educationist
(from the first batch of 1916)

Smt. Padma Gole - Writer

Smt. Leelawati Bhagwat - Writer

Smt. Anjali Soman - Writer

Smt. Shobha Patki - Artist

Smt. Ranjana Pethe - Singer



Smt. Malati Bedekar - Writer

Smt. Sanjeevani Marathe - Writer

Smt. Uma Kulkarni - Writer

Smt. Sujata Bajaj - Artist

Smt. Swati Rajwade - Artist

Smt. Anjali Kanhere - Singers

Smt. Kamal Vyavahare - Present Mayor

- Pune City

S.H.P.T. School of Library Science

Dr. Maya Avasia
Librarian,
Tata Institute of Fundamental
Research, Mumbai - 5.

Mrs. Vasundhara Jadhve
Librarian,
I.C.I.C.I.,
Mumbai - 38.

Mrs. Chitra Rao
Librarian,
National Institute of Industrial
Engineering, Mumbai.

Ms. Pragnya Pathak
Librarian,
National Institute of Design, (NID),
Ahmedabad.



Mrs. Malvika Murlidharan
Regional Librarian (West India),
British Council Library,
Mumbai - 21.

Mrs. Divya Mehta
Librarian,
Indian Institute of Geomagnetism,
Mumbai - 21.

Mrs. Ashwini Vaishnav
In-charge,
Dept. of Library Science, Dr.
Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada
University, Aurangabad.

Ms. Swadha Mazumdar
Librarian,
Physical Research Laboratory Library,
Ahmedabad.

DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING AND ADULT EDUCATION VACATION COURSES

S.No.	Name of the Course	No. of Sessions	No. of Items	Date	Time	Fees
1.	Healthy Cuisines*	6	15	April 21 to 26	1.30 pm to 4.30 pm	Rs. 550/-
2.	Salad & Soups*	3	10	April 28 to 30	1.30 pm to 4.30 pm	Rs. 250/-
3.	Bakery*	10	20	April 21 to May 2	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Rs. 550
4.	Indian & Chinese* Cuisines	6	12	May 5 to 12	1.30 pm to 4.30 pm	Rs. 550/-
5.	Fabric Painting**	10	10 Styles	April 21 to May 12	10.00 am. to 12 Noon	Rs. 300/-
6.	Tye, Dye & * Block Printing	12	12	April 21 to May 6	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Rs. 300/-
7.	Calligraphy*	10	-	April 21 to May 3	10.30 am to 12.30 pm	Rs. 200/-
8.	Basics in Garments*	10	5	April 15 to 26	2.30 pm to 4.30 pm	Rs. 250/-
9.	Garments*	10	7	May 12 onwards	2.30 pm to 4.30 pm	Rs. 250/-
10.	Greeting Cards* Making	10	10	April 21 to May 3	1.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Rs. 200/-

* Class will be held from Monday to Saturday

** Class will be held on Monday, Wednesday & Friday

SHRI. M.D. SHAH MAHILA COLLEGE & JANSEVA SAMITI announces following

Vacation Classes

★ FASHION DESIGNING	1 year	★ INTERIOR DECORATION	1 year
★ BEAUTICIAN	3 months	★ TYPING & SHORTHAND	6 months
★ YOGA	6 months	★ BASIC MEHENDI	2 months
★ GIFT PACKING	1 month	★ KARATE	1 year
★ DECORATIVE BINDI	2 months	★ MUSIC	3 months
★ PUNJABI DISHES/CAKES/ICE-CREAMS	2 days		

The courses will commence from 15th April 1997 ★ The students will be enrolled on first come first served basis ★ Enroll yourselves at the earliest.

Contact :

Smt. Trupti Mehta

Shri M.D. Shah Mahila College

Room No. 7, B.J. Patel Road, Malad (West), Mumbai - 400 064. Phone : 882 4860

Shri. R.J. Chokshi
Director

Bharati Naik
Principal

NOTE : We have tried to make this as comprehensive as possible. We regret any errors of omission and commission. Please help us by forwarding the informations in time.



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UNIVERSITY CONGRATULATES THE MERIT HOLDERS AT THE H.S.C. (XII) EXAMINATIONS



Baig Zaibunisa Abdul Rahim
2nd in Merit List

H.S.C. (Voc.) Exam. (79.50%)
Smt. T.S. Bafna Jr. College of
Arts & Commerce,
Malad



Bhagat Heena Prabhudas
12th in the Merit List

H.S.C. (Voc.) Exam. (75%)
Smt. T.S. Bafna Jr. College of
Arts & Commerce,
Malad



Ms. Harsha Kulkarni
6th in the Merit List,

H.S.C. (Voc.) Exam.
S.N.D.T. Arts & Commerce,
Pune



Khot Leena Vishwanath
15th in the Merit List

H.S.C. (Voc.) Exam. (74%) Smt.
T.S. Bafna Jr. College of Arts &
Commerce, Malad



Miss. Zahida Mohiniddin of
Shri. P.N. Doshi College
secured **84%** Marks in the Child
Development Subject at the H.S.C.
Examination



Miss. Hume Abraham of
Shri. M.M.P. Shah College
stood **1st** in the Subject "Textile
& Laundry" at the H.S.C.
Examination

KUDOS TO MR. AGASHE

The Joint Director (H.E.) Mumbai has approved the upgradation of 13 peons in Library, 3 peons in P.G. Homesciences and 7 peons in Homescience college (Pune) to Attendants' Scale with retrospective effect. But for the initiative interest and insight of Mr. Agashe, Asst. Accountant, University this would not have been materialised. His efforts and sincerity are highly appreciated.

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AROUND THE CAMPUSES

FITNESS CAMP

"The Dept. of Physical Education conducted the following Sports Recreational fitness camps during the vacation :

— From April 20 to May 3, '97 for 110 children of nearby Juhu area.

— From May 12 to 19, '97 for 120 children of Andheri area in collaboration with Dr. Udipi & Staff (Service for the Poor) PGRS. HSc, Juhu at Juhu campus grounds.

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ACHIVEMENTS

C.Q.M.S. of S.N.D.T. Arts and Commerce college, Churchgate won the **Silver Medal** in Firing.

□

Miss Meenakshi Mehta of P.G. Sociology, Churchgate has been awarded **Miss Navsari** title in Dec '96. She also won **Miss South Gujarat** title at the Zodiac Group Competition organised by the Heart to Heart Club at Navsari.

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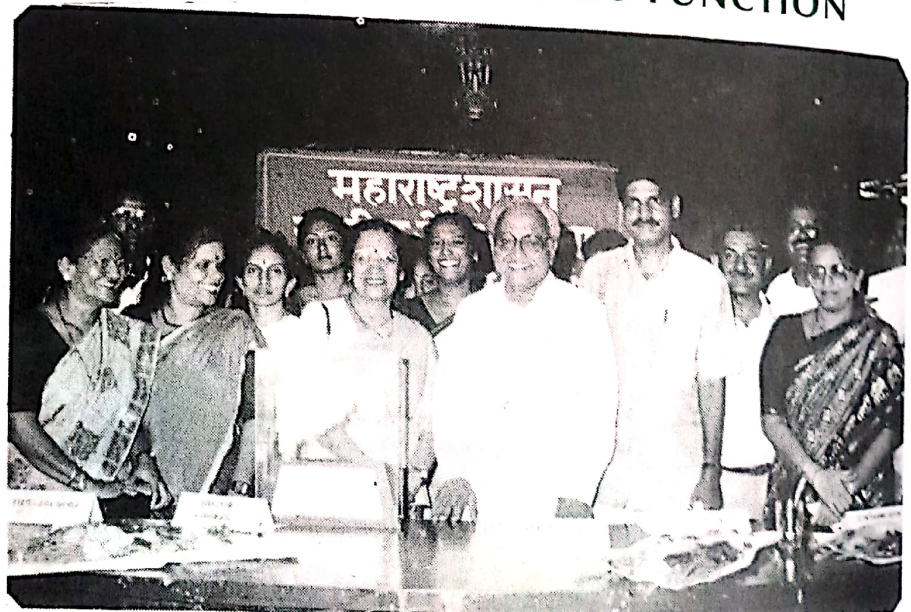
N.C.C. LEADERSHIP CAMP

Eleven Cadets had attended the Basic Leadership Group Selection Camp '97 from 12.5.97 to 23.5.97 held at Ulhasnagar in which four hundred N.C.C. Cadets from all over Mumbai from Group A attended the camp organised by Mumbai A Group N.C.C. Out of that 7 cadets were selected for the Basic Leadership Camp-I, an inter group competition which will be held in the month of July.

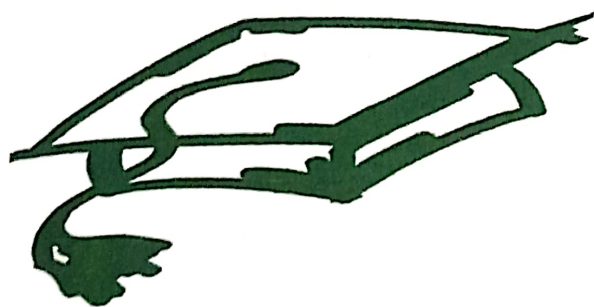
LIST OF SELECTED CADETS

RANK	NAME	COLLEGE
1. J.U.O.	GAYATRI BHARADWAJ	S.V.T. COLLEGE OF H.Sc.
2. C.Q.M.S.	SONAL GOHIL	S.N.D.T. COLLEGE OF ARTS AND COMMERCE.
3. C.Q.M.S.	APARNA POTNIS	S.N.D.T. COLLEGE OF ARTS AND COMMERCE.
4. SGT.	CHAYA CHEDDA	Shri. P.N. DOSHI College.
5. CPL.	VIJAYA SARVADE	Shri. P.N. DOSHI College.
6. CPL.	MANISHA TAWADE	S.N.D.T. COLLEGE OF ARTS AND COMMERCE.
7. CPL.	SANGITA GHODKE	Shri. M.D. SHAH Mahila College.

STATE LEVEL N.S.S. AWARDS FUNCTION



Shri. M.D. Shah Mahila College received the State Award for Best N.S.S. Unit. Receiving the trophy — **Smt. Sarayu Mehta**, the acting Principal of **Shri M.D. Shah Mahila College** & her staff from **Shri Datta Rane**, Minister of Education. Also present were **Dr. Mariamma Varghese**; Vice-Chancellor & other dignitaries.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF 1998-99 FULBRIGHT AND OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Applications are invited from successful candidates who will enter the respective fellowship program in the U.S. during the 1998-99 academic year.

Contact Address :

The Fulbright Programme of Educational Exchanges, 'Fulbright House', 12, Hailey Road, New Delhi - 110001.



GERMAN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) enables young highly qualified foreign scholars holding doctorates to carry out research projects of their own choice in Germany (age limit : 40 years). Applications may be submitted for long-term research stays of between 6 and 12 months and short-term study tours. Participation in conference or educational visits cannot be financed.

Research fellowships are offered on a world-wide competitive basis. Scholars of all nations and all academic disciplines may apply. There are no quotas in respect of either country or academic discipline. Up to 500

research fellowships are available per annum (number of applications in 1995: 1,700).

For further details please write to The Director, Board of College & University Development, SNDT University, Churchgate Campus, Mumbai - 400 020, with a self addressed envelope.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TRAVELLING ABROAD

The University Grants Commission has decided to provide to a limited number of teachers in Science, Humanities, Social Sciences & Engineering and Technology to and fro travel expenses in connection with their visit to foreign countries to avail of offers of fellowships from recognised institutions of repute for advanced research work and / or collection of source material not available in India. The travel expenses will be provided to such teachers for the above purpose who have assurance of financial support of maintenance in the country concerned for a Govt. Agency / recognised university and academic institutions of repute for a period not less than two months.



UGC RECOGNISED COURSES

Applications are invited for a Four week residential course for University and College teachers on "An Integrated Approach to Knowledge and Information" (6th Oct - 1st Nov 1997) at National Institute of Advanced Studies, Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bangalore.

UGC has recognised this course as equivalent to an orientation course.

- **Eligibility :** Teachers from any discipline, should be on permanent post and have between 6-8 years teaching experience and be less than 45 years of age.
- TA by train, boarding and lodging will be provided. No DA will be paid.
- Applications on plain paper with brief CV invited for selection to nominate 2 teachers from our University. Last date for application to reach office of the Director, Board of College and University Development, SNDT Women's University, Churchgate Campus, Mumbai - 400 020, by 5th July, 1997.



SOME OF OUR ALUMNI WHO HAVE REACHED TOP POSITIONS

L.T. COLLEGE OF NURSING

Name	Position
1. L. Naina S. Potdar	Principal, L.T. College of Nursing, SNDT, Mumbai.
2. Mrs. Shaila Bhalekar	Director of Nursing, P.D. Hinduja National Hosp.
5. Mrs. Vijaya Patil	Asst. Dir. of Health Services in Nsg.
6. Ms. Kanyakumari Gokani	Principal, School of Nursing, P.D. Hinduja Nat. Hosp.
7. Ms. Anuprita Gurjar	Principal, School of Nursing, K.E.M. Hospital, Mumbai.
8. Aleyamma Samuel	Principal, School of Nursing, L.T.M.G. Hosp, Sion.
9. Mrs. Salomey George	Director, College of Nursing, Kottayam.
10. Mrs. K.Thomas	Director, College of Nursing, Trivandrum.
11. Mrs. Carol Noronha	Principal, College of Nursing, Goa.
12. Mrs. Prerana Vaidya	Principal, Inst. of Nursing Education, Mumbai.

C. U. SHAH COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

1. Ms. Ujjwal Purohit	M.D. & Owner, Cosmetic Manufg. Unit at Vasai.
2. Ms. Srividya Raghvan	Technical Advisor to Managing Director, Themis Chemicals.
3. Dr. Kavita Inamdar	R & D Manager & Head, Camlin India Ltd.
4. Ms. Madhumita Bose	R & D Manager, Procter & Gamble.
5. Ms. Premlata Pariyani	R & D Officer, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals.
6. Ms. Vijaya Prabhu	R & D Executive, F D C Ltd.
7. Ms. Geena Ahluwalia	R & D Officer, Cipta Ltd.
8. Ms. Monali Shah	Director, Yash Pharma.
9. Ms. Rekha Mazgaonkar	Production Manager, Pfizer India Ltd.
10. Ms. Gauri Chaudhari	Product Manager, Knoll India Ltd.
11. Ms. Poonam Manji	Product Manager Goodrich Products Cleavland, USA.
12. Ms. Parimal Sail	Asst. Marketing Manager, Boehringer-Manheim.
13. Ms. Padmaja Pillai	Marketing Executive, Charak Pharmaceuticals.
14. Ms. Renu Minocha	Quality Assurance Officer, Pfizer India Ltd.
15. Ms. Shashikala Menon	In Charge, Immuno, Assay Laboratories at Ranabaxy Pharmaceuticals.
16. Ms. Sonal Mehta	Quality Assurance Officer, Lyka Labs.
17. Ms. Sonal Desai	Incharge, Hospital Pharmacy, Lilavati Hospital.
18. Ms. Vinda Thakur	Asst. Quality Assurance Manger, Unichem.
19. Ms. Vandana Sonavaria	Research Fellow (Best Students awardee) at University of Massachusetts, Boston, U.S.A.
20. Ms. Prit Joshi	Medical Services Officer, Medley Ltd.



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SNDT to Start Technology and Management Institutes

The Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University has added two more feathers to its cap.

The university is starting institutes for technology and management from the current academic year. And needless to say, only female students will be admitted.

The Institute of Technology and the Janaki Devi Bajaj School for Management have been approved by the University Grant Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education. The State Government has also given the green signal.

The courses in the Institute of Technology have been designed specifically for women. The institute will run three four-year degree courses. The three courses are Electronics and Communication Engineering, Computer Science and Information & Technology. Each programme has an intake of 60 students.

The institution would have its independent building of 10,000 sq. meters built up area at Juhu campus. The total capital expenditure over 4 years is projected at Rs. 850 lakh.

The Institute for Management has received a donation of Rs. 50 lakh from the Bajaj Trusts. It will be offering a two-year full time masters degree course in Master of Management studies. In the years to come, the institute would offer other part time and full time degree/diploma/certificate courses in new emerging areas as, Entrepreneurship management, Small business management, Non-government Organisation (NGO) Management and Hospital Administration.

CERTIFICATE COURSE IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

The Research Centre for Women's Studies, a Pioneering Women's Studies Centre in India Announces the Introduction of a Certificate Course in Women's Studies '97-'98 :

○ **Objectives :** To provide the students with a broad overview of the evolution of contemporary feminism and the women's movement towards greater empowerment.

○ **Eligibility :** A graduate in any discipline of a recognized university with at least a II class at the degree examination.

○ **Duration of the Course :** One year (two semesters)

○ **Time Frame :** Semester I : 8 August - 30 November 1997 Semester II : 5 Dec. - 31 March 1998

○ **Career Opportunities :** Teaching, Research, Training and Developmental Work, with State, National, International Agencies and NGOs.

Basic Papers :

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| Paper I | Feminist Theory |
| Paper II. | Status of Women
In Contemporary India |
| Paper III. | Feminist Research
Methodology |
| Paper IV. | Contemporary Women's
Issues |

For further information write/contact :

**RESEARCH CENTRE FOR
WOMEN'S STUDIES**

SNDT Women's University

Sir Vithaldas Vidyavihar, Juhu Campus, Juhu
Road, Mumbai - 400 049.

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Distinguished Visitors from Abroad

- ❖ Ms. Zehra Sefati, Professor at Alzehra University in Tehran and Fatenia Ladies Medical College in Qum & a prominent member of the Women's Advisory Board of Iranian Parliament visited the Juhu Campus of the University along with the officials of the Iranian consulate on 2nd July to know about development of the University and its courses.
- ❖ Dr. Richard Strickland (Project Director, PROVID) and Dr. Nata Duvvury (Project Manager, ICRW) from the International Centre for Research on Women, 1717 Massachusetts Ave. N. W; Suite 302, Washington DC 20036 USA, visited the RCWS on 5 May 1997 and 9 May 1997. During discussions on the research project "Best Practices Among Responses to Domestic Violence in the states of Gujarat and Karnataka" undertaken by the RCWS, some key concepts,

research methods, technical and financial details of the project were sorted out.

– Ms. Marsha Henry, Centre for Study on Women and Gender, University of Warwick, Coventry, England, United Kingdom, CV4 7AL, was an affiliated scholar with the RCWS from 16th March - 19th April 1997.

– Dr. Jane Haggis, Department of Sociology, Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia - 5001, visited RCWS from 6-7 May 1997, to discuss research collaborations with Dr. Meera Kosambi, Director RCWS.



Faculty Members Visits Abroad

- ❖ Dr. Meera Kosambi, Director, Research Centre for Women's studies visited Beijing for a week in April 1997 on the invitation of the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) in order to participate in the joint India China Seminar on "Challenges of Urban Development in India and China". The Seminar was organised jointly by the ICSSR and the Chinese Academy of Social Science (CASS).
- ❖ Dr. Pushpa Pai, Head of Language Teaching was invited to present a paper on "Linguistic Situation in India and Language Teaching" at

a conference in Zagreb by Croation Society of Applied Linguistics on 16th & 17th May '97. She was also invited to conduct an 'Intensive Reading Course' in Bengali at the Dept of Indology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb.



University Staff Welfare Committee Formed

Following are the Members of the Committee :

1. President - Dr. Hemlata Parasnis, Registrar)
2. Vice-president - Finance & Accounts Officer
3. Observer - Dr. Smt. Ravikala Kamath, Director, BCUD
4. Secretary & Member- Mr. Sharad Joshi (Pune)
5. Jt. Secretary & Member- Mrs. Purnima Joshi (Churchgate)
6. Jt. Secretary & Member- Mr. Ramesh Sawant (Juhu)
7. Member - Mr. C. D. Gandhe (Pune)
8. Member - Mr. B. S. Mondkar (Churchgate)
9. Member - Mr. Madhukar Kewte (Juhu)

Tenure of this Committee is for period of 3 years, from 23.5.1997.

Forth Coming Event

The Dept. of Students' Welfare N.S.S. Cell will conduct "A Five day Workshop on Dramatics" (Focussing on AIDS) from 21st to 25th July '97. Seventy five students from fifteen universities will be participating in this workshop. The workshop is being sponsored by the Directorate of Health Services (AIDS Cell) and N.S.S. Cell of Govt. of Maharashtra. Eminent theatre personalities Shri Dinesh Thakur and Shri Jaydev Hattangadi will be coordinating the workshop.

Farewell & Goodluck

We bid adieu to Shri. S. G. Joshi, Finance officer and Dr. Jyotsna Dhruv, Director, Centre of Distance Education who have cast their shadow through their dedicated service. We wish them all the best.

A C H I E V E M E N T S

- ❖ Dr. Bapurao Desai, Principal of N. P. Arts College, Amalner is the First person to do **D. Litt in Hindi** in Maharashtra. He has 22 books to his credit. His book **Khandeshi Sahitya Surabi** received the G. L. Dholak Award for rural literature.

His second book **Akkhai Hayati**, first in the Airani language received the award for the Best book from the hands of Shri Sudhir Joshi, State Education Minister on 10th May '97.

Mr. Desai is also elected as the Secretary of Maharashtra Hindi Parishad from S.N.D.T. University.

- ❖ Ms. Rakhee Dahake, an

M. Phil Student of S.N.D.T. University, Canadian Studies, researching on "Feminist and Political Perspectives in poetry by South Asian Canadian and Caribbean Canadian Women" for her dissertation, is awarded Graduate Scholarship by International Council for Canadian Studies, Ottawa. This will enable her to visit Canada for one month to consult experts and collect material for her research. She is the first one in India to benefit the ICCS programme for Scholarships and only one from India to receive it this year.

- ❖ Dr. Reeta Sonawat, the Reader in Human Development P. G. Dept of H.Sc is a recipient of

the 1997 National Award for "Teacher Trainee" in Innovative Teaching for the project "Improving Classroom Environment-Towards Quality in Education", implemented in a Primary School in Bombay. A National Seminar for Awardees was organised by NCERT, New Delhi to felicitate for awardees.

Dr. Reeta Sonawat, also received the "Faculty Research Fellowship" Award by Indo Shastri Canadian Institute for project titled "Adolescents of Minority Groups: Sense of Belongingness to Society". The study was conducted partly in Carleton University, Ottawa and at Concordia University, Montreal, Canada from 18th May to 23rd June, 1997.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MERITORIOUS STUDENTS

Bachelor in Home Science Degree Examinations

- ❖ **Ms. Ahuja Amrita** of S.V.T. College of Hsc, Juhu stood overall 1st at the Bachelor of Home Science examination
- ❖ **Ms. Bhakey Aarti** of S.N.D.T. College of Hsc, Pune secured the highest number of marks at the Bachelor of Home Science with Family Resource Management Major
- ❖ **Ms. Zutshi Richa G.** of Dr. B. M. Nanavati College, Matunga secured the highest number of marks in Food Science and Nutrition Major

- ❖ **Ms. Rohra Sheetal** of S.V.T. College of Hsc, Juhu secured the highest number of marks in composite Hsc.
- ❖ **Ms. Sita Falwalla Farida K.** of S.V.T. College of Hsc, Juhu has secured highest number of marks at Home Science Extension Education Major at the B.Hsc examination.
- ❖ **Ms. Chetna Shah P.** of Dr. B.M. Nanavati has secured highest marks at the Human Development Major.

Bachelor in Commerce Degree Examinations

- ❖ **Jain Nita R.** - Smt. B. M. Ruia College
- ❖ **Dangi Madhubala G.** - Shri. P. N. Doshi College, Ghatkopar
- ❖ **Chug Anupama A.** - S.N.D.T. College of Arts & Com., Churchgate
- ❖ **Rizvi Daraksha S.** - Shri M. D. Shah Mahila College, Malad
- ❖ **Kimatani Sulakshana G.** - Smt. N. C. Gandhi and Smt B. V. Gandhi Mahavidyalaya, Bhavnagar

SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPURTUNITIES AVAILABLE

POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Women Graduates Union is pleased to announce the International Federation of University Women's Scholarships for Post Graduate study, research and training programmes for the academic year 1998/99 tenable in Japan, Canada, Great Britain & Switzerland.

For further information kindly contact the office of the Women Graduates Union, Women Graduates Union Road, Colaba, MUMBAI - 400 005. Tel. No. : 2186220.



CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY OF BOMBAY O.D.A SCHOLARSHIP (OCT 1998)

In collaboration with Overseas Development Administration and the Cambridge Society of Bombay, the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust offers a scholarship to enable a graduate from India to pursue a one year taught post graduate course at the University of Cambridge in a subject relevant to the needs of India. Last date for completed applications September 1, 1997. Those interested please contact : Administrative Officer,

Nehru Trust for Cambridge University, Teen Murti House, New Delhi 110011.

Churchgate Campus, Mumbai - 400 020



CAMBRIDGE NEHRU FELLOWSHIP

Cambridge Nehru Fellowships for India (October 1998) for graduates from India to pursue a course of Research leading to Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge. Last date for issue of applications : 19th August 1997.

Contact : Nehru Trust for Cambridge University, Teen Murti Marg, New Delhi - 110011.



DIPLOMA IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Dept. of Language Teaching at Centre of Education, S.N.D.T. University conducts a Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics, with the thrust on communication language teaching. The course is open for all languages teachers of English, Hindi, Marathi and Gujarati. Details of the course and Admission forms can be obtained at following address.

Centre of Education, P.V.D.T. College of Education for Women, SNDT Women's University,

RESEARCH SUPPORT

The Spencer Foundation in Chicago, supports researchers that "Investigate ways in which education can be improved". Proposals duly forwarded, to be sent to Vice President, The Spencer Foundation, 900 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2800, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-1542.

(Brief information booklet available for reference with Director, BCUD, SNDT University.)



CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Indo-Netherland Cultural Exchange Programme : For Indian Teachers to visit Netherlands during 1998. Duration of visits 10 days to 4 weeks per person (20 scholarships per academic year for senior visiting scholars, and researchers to engage in research work at academic institutions). Interested applicants please contact : Director, BCUD, SNDT University.

Last date for completed applications to reach University : 6th August 1997.



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INAUGURATION OF PREMLILA THACKERSEY CHOWK & SUNDERBAI CHOWK

Premilila Thakersey Chowk opposite Eros Cinema and Sunderbai Chowk at the junction of Maharshi Karve Marg and Nathibai Thackersey Marg were inaugurated on 14th July '97 at 9.30 am by Shri. Digambar Kandarkar; Chairman, Works Committee & Shri. Kishan Jadhav; Oppn. leader and many Municipal Councillors, including 'A' Ward councillors were present. It was followed by a formal function at the Patkar Hall.



BOOK RELEASE



MY KARNABHOOMI

The autobiographical account of Smt. Kamalini Bhansali's association with S.N.D.T. Women's University was released on 14th July '97 by Dr. Usha Mehta, Eminent freedom fighter and Educationist. The function was attended by Ex-Vice Chancellors and other dignitaries. The book is available for sale at the S. N. D. T. University Library, Churchgate Campus.

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UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME

A Training programme on University Management was organised by Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration from 28th July '97 at Pune. Four officers of S.N.D.T. Women's University : Shri. Vinod Dahate; Dy. Registrar (Exam Dept.), Shri. S.S.Samant; Asst.Registrar (Affiliation Sec.) , Shri. Umakant Jadhav; Asst.Registrar (Meeting Cell) , Shri. L.G.Rodrigues; Asst. Registrar (Gen.Adm.Dept.) attended the programme. Shri. S.S.Samant presented a paper 'The Working and Difficulties faced by the Affiliation Section of the Universities'. Shri. Datta Rane; Hon. Minister of Education was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Shri. K.P.Sonawane; Director of Education, Higher Educational Grants, Pune was also present.



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YOUTH PARLIAMENT ORIENTATION COURSE

Youth Parliament Orientation Course was held at Delhi from 14th July'97 to 17th July '97 organised by the University Grants Commission. The main objective of the course was to strengthen the rules of Democracy and inculcate healthy habits of Discipline, tolerance of the views of others and to enable the student community to know something about the working of the Parliament. Smt. Rekha Talmaki of P.G.R.S. Dept. of Economics represented the S.N.D.T. Women's University at the orientation course.



STREET PLAY COMPETITION

A Street play competition was organised on 8th Aug'97 by the Dept. of Students' Welfare. The theme was 'Fifty Years of Indian Independence' and was held at the Badminton Court, S.N.D.T. Women's University.

- ❑ The first prize was bagged by Shri. M.D. Shah Mahila College, Malad.
- ❑ The Second by S.N.D.T. College of Arts & Com., Churchgate
- ❑ Third prize by LT. College of Nursing.



N.S.S. LEADERSHIP CAMP AT DHULE

N.S.S. Cell of the University had organised a Leadership Training Camp for selected N.S.S. volunteers from 2nd to 5th July'97 at W. K. Bhagini Seva Mandal's Arts & Commerce College, Deopur, Dhule. More than Sixty N.S.S. volunteers from Twenty colleges had participated. The programme was inaugurated by the Collector of Dhule district. The objective was to train student volunteers to help the teachers in the N.S.S. activities. Besides, the programme included a visit to a rural area to give them exposure to the Adivasi culture. The students had interaction with the Adivasi community. The visit was sponsored by W.K.B. Mandal's College, Deopur, Dhule. We appreciate the college for the initiative and co-operation in making the programme a grand success.

STATE LEVEL INTER UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP ON DRAMATICS



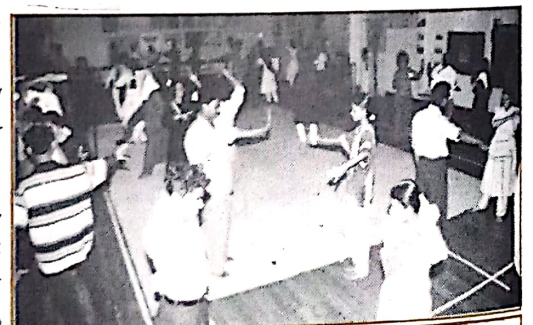
The Department of Students' Welfare, N.S.S. Cell organised a State Level Inter-University Workshop on Dramatics from 21st to 25th July'97 in the Churchgate



Shri. Satish Tripathi, Secretary, Governor of Maharashtra speaking at the Inaugural function on 21st July.

Campus of the University which was sponsored by the Directorate of Health Services through the N.S.S. Cell; Government of Maharashtra. More than Sixty students from Eleven Universities from all over Maharashtra participated in the Workshop, with 35 female delegates and 25 male delegates. The focus of the Workshop was on AIDS AWARENESS and the objective

was to create a network by training the teachers in every corner of Maharashtra who will carry the message and propagate it in every nook and corner of the state by making this process a chain of activities to create an awareness regarding AIDS and awaken the masses. Shri. Satish Tripathi; Secretary; Governor of Maharashtra was the Chief Guest at the inauguration on 21st July'97. Shri. Govind Swarup; Secretary; Cultural Affairs was the Chief Guest and Dr. S.R. Salunke and Shri. Dinesh Thakur, Eminent Theatre Personality was the Guest of Honour at the Valedictory function on 25th July'97. Eminent Theatre Personalities like Shri. Jaydev Hattangady and Shri. Dinesh Thakur co-ordinated the workshop. Shri. Rajan Welukar; S.L.O.; Maharashtra, and Dr. P.N. Shinde; Dy. Director; Health Services were present throughout the workshop motivating the students.



Student Delegates at the Workshop

FELLOWSHIP

German Academic Exchange Services (GABS) offers Fellowships for Advanced Studies and Research in the Federal Republic Of Germany for 1998-99 in the following fields: National Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Law, Sports, German Language and Literature. Teachers with knowledge of German registered for Ph.D. may apply. Last date for application to reach U.G.C. is 30th August 1997. (Format available with Director, SCUD).



For Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute Fellowships for Teachers and Graduate Scholarship for Ph.D. students Contact : Dr. Nita Ramaiya, Director, Centre for Canadian Studies, 7th Floor, Patkar Hall Bldg, S.N.D.T. University.



INSA- Visiting Fellowship : (1998-99)

Indian National Science Academy announces for Indian citizens the award of INSA-Visiting Fellowships for 1998-99 for conducting advanced research or undergoing specialised training in Indian Research Institutes/ Laboratories.

These Fellowships will be awarded on competitive basis to the scientists for furtherance of their research and/or research capabilities for carrying out collaborative research, undergoing training in specific techniques or utilising facilities not available in their own institutions. (Duration: minimum period of one month to a maximum of 12 months)

These Fellowships will carry an honorarium of Rs. 5000/- per month in addition to the scientist's own salary from his parent institution. Last Date for application forms duly filled 15th November 1997. For the prescribed forms and details write to : The Assistant Executive Secretary (Basic Sciences), Indian National Science Academy, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002.

VISIT ABROAD

Dr. Nita Jamarwala, Head of Ophthalmic Technology Department, P.V. Polytechnic College attended A.O.C.I.E. (Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators) Summer Workshop at the Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, U.S.A. from 5th -8th June'97. She was a nominated member of the International Association of Contact Lens Educators. The theme of the workshop was 'Teaching Clinical concepts in a Didactic setting and Legal & Ethical Issues in Education'.



NATIONAL WORKSHOP

Dr. Vijaya Kumardas of L.T. College of Nursing participated in the National Workshop on 'Harm Minimization - Drug Addiction' held at the K.E.M. Hospital from 25th to 27th June'97.

ACHIEVEMENT



□ The Jewellery Design and Manufacturers Department of S.N.D.T. University participated in the 'Jewellery Design Competition' in January'97. De Beers: the leading International Diamond Company and H.Goldie of London were the co-sponsors. 833 entries were received. It was examined by a panel of International judges who shortlisted 20 entries; 10 in

each category namely Bridal and Casual. Out of these 20 shortlisted entries 10 were bagged by the students of the J.D.M. Dept of the S.N.D.T. Women's University.

Mr. Gondkar, the Lecturer of the Dept. won the award for the Best Design in Bridal Category which includes the scholarship to go to Europe for 3 weeks in September to study the Jewellery trends.

□ **Ms. Suvarna Vetale**, a student of Shri. P.N.Doshi College has been awarded a Scholarship of Rs. 6000/- from the Sports Authority of India, Netaji Subhas National

Institute of Sports, Patiala.

□ **Ms. Harshada Rathod**, Lecturer in Economics at Shri.P.N.Doshi College, Ghatkopar has been awarded the Degree of Philosophy and has also been designated as Reader with effect from 2nd June'1997.

□ **Ms. Virbala Brahmabhatt**, Lecturer of History at Maniben Nanavati College has been selected by the Asiatic Society of Mumbai for the Chief Justice Chagla Fellowship for her work on 'The Bhattas Of Gujarat : Their Historical Development in the 18th & 19th century'.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MERITORIOUS STUDENTS

- ❑ **Ms. Cheryl Perriera**, the Nanavati Queen, the Dalmia Queen, Rizvi Queen of Maniben Nanavati College (1995-96) has stood 2nd in the University (Overall Merit List) and 1st in D.C. Psychology.
- ❑ **Ms. Honey Pandya** who was the Nanavati Queen and M.D. Queen (1994-95) of Maniben Nanavati college has stood 4th in the University and 1st in D.C. Sociology.
- ❑ **Ms. Priti Sharma** of Maniben Nanavati college stood 3rd in the University and 2nd in Psychology.
- ❑ **Ms. Rekha Rani Gupta** of L.T.college of Nursing won the Gold Medal at the MSc. Nsg. examinations at the University.
- ❑ **Ms. Shweta Patel** of L.T. College of Nursing won the Gold Medal at the Sr. BSc. Nsg. examination at the University.

MERIT HOLDERS OF JUNIOR COLLEGE

The following students of S.N.D.T. of Home Science, Pune have secured highest marks in the following subjects and have stood in the Merit List at the Pune Divisional Board.

- ❑ **Kavita Anant Padmanabhan** received the 1st Prize in the subject of Psychology by securing 89% marks.
- ❑ **Ms. Dixit Prache** and **Kavita Anant Padmanabhan** stood 1st in the subject : Textiles, Laundry and Clothing by securing 94% marks.
- ❑ **Ms. Hamid Fatima**, **Ms. Kelkar Sonali** and **Sardesai Rajas** stood 1st in the subject Child Development by securing 90% marks.



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CELEBRATIONS OF FIFTY YEARS OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE



Chief guest Shri. Datta Rane, Minister of Education, Dr. Mariamma Varghese, Dr. Hemlata Parasnisi, Mrs. Vidhyut Khandwal, Kusumtai Kulkarni, Dr. Mohanbhai Patel & other dignitaries at the function.

S.N.D.T. Women's University celebrated fifty years of Indian Independence with a difference on 14th August. A programme was organised at Patkar Hall to felicitate the freedom fighters who were our alumni viz. Smt. Kusumtai Kulkarni and Smt. Vidhyuth Khandwala. Dr. Jagdish Thackersey, Dr. Mohanbhai Patel, Dr. Jyoti Trivedi and many eminent members of the S.N.D.T. family were felicitated who contributed a great deal towards the development & progress of the University. Dr. Usha Mehta; the eminent freedom fighter was also felicitated.

Education Minister, applauded the women's contribution especially, the work of Women's University fifty years. Smt. Tarjini Vakil said "As a nation we have to move ahead with determination consolidating our talents collectively".

The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mariamma Varghese welcomed and introduced the guests. She also stated that a series of programmes will be organised to celebrate the fifty years of Indian Independence. The celebrations have begun today with the students programme and will continue in the form of workshops and symposium throughout the year; she said.

The mass singing of the national song by more than seven hundred students electrified the audience and kindled the patriotic fervour. The students were trained by the Eminent Music Composer Shri. Somnath Parab.



Our Alumni; Mrs. Kusumtai Kulkarni, the freedom fighter was felicitated.

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Our Faculty; Mrs. Vidhyut Khandwala, the freedom fighter was also felicitated



A Scene from " Bharat Ke Badalte Rang "

The street play put up by the 1st prize winner of the street play competition, Shri. M.D.Shah Mahila College pointed out the loopholes of post Independent India. The Drill display of L.T.College of Nsg ; presented the development aspect of Indian democracy with the theme, "Freedom for Movement and Formation".

The Ballet on " Bharat ke Badalte Rang " depicted the Indian history from 1857 to 1997. The glimpses of Indian history presented with great enthusiasm & zeal by more than hundred students of Shri. M.D.Shah Mahila College rekindled great expectations and hopes for the future. The Department of Student's Welfare strived hard to make the programme a grand success.



Drill Display by the students of L.T.College of Nsg

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON WOMEN AND HIGHER EDUCATION

A National Seminar on " Women and Higher education - Role of Universities in Nation Building : Focus on Extension " will be held on October 1, 1997 at the Pune Campus. Dr. Armaity Desai; Chairperson, UGC will deliver the inaugural address; Dr. Ramlal Parikh; Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapeeth will deliver the keynote address; Prof. Kamalini Bhansali; Former Vice -Chancellor, SNDT University has kindly consented to give special address on "Thrusts of Extension Work in Higher Education". Group discussion topics will include (i) Integrating Extension Work in the curricula (2) Extension and Policy Related Research (3) Field Outreach : Its potential for Socio- Economic Transformation.

15th AUGUST CELEBRATION



Flag hoisting ceremony at the M.D.Shah Mahila College, Malad.



Students of the SNDT College of H.Sc, Pune participated in "Dandi March" on 20th Aug'97 to celebrate "Sadbhavana Diwas"



Street Play by the students of SNDT College of H.Sc, Pune

ON 15TH AUGUST, DR. MARIAMMA VARGHESE; HON. VICE CHANCELLOR who is also the HON.LT.COLONEL in the N.C.C. hoisted the flag to mark the Independence Day as the N.C.C cadets led a parade and took the oath of dedication. The mass singing by the N.C.C.cadets was enthralling. The programme was attended by many principals, faculty and students. The Dept.of Student's Welfare and N.C.C. organised the programme.

Many of the colleges have celebrated the fifty years of Independence by organising various programmes like street plays, re-enactment of the Dandi March, Prabhat Feris, group songs etc. A glimpse :

1. M. D. Shah Mahila College, Malad.
2. S.N.D.T. College of H.Sc., Pune





Inauguration of the Post Graduate Complex



Dr. Varghese; the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Alexander; the Governor of Maharashtra and other dignitaries at the Inauguration of the Post Graduate Complex.



Dr. Mariamma Varghese speaking at the function.

The Governor of Maharashtra; Dr. P.C.Alexander stressed the need to explore the potential of women for the development of the country. Dr. Alexander was speaking at the inauguration of the post graduate complex of the S.N.D.T. University.

Though women have come a long way after independence, majority women are still deprived of the basic rights, he lamented. Speaking on "Women's education and development in post- independence India" Dr. Alexander said that the role of women should not be limited to the 'home maker', but should also include technical fields.

Dr. Alexander also paid rich tributes to Maharshi Karve, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr.Harsha Mehta who played a very prominent role in the liberation of women.

Dr. Mariamma Varghese; the Vice-Chancellor; while welcoming the guests said that the universities should take up the challenge of women's emancipation. Ms.Varghese said that though women have progressed after independence, they have a long way to go to acquire social justice and equality. Dr. Varghese also spoke about the various programmes of the college and added that the college had planned to start a technical and management course this year. Gangutai Patwardhan and Sanjeevani Marathe were also felicitated at the hands of the Governor on the occasion.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

Workshop on Development of Research Proposals for Minor Research Grants from UGC and Other Agencies for SNDT Faculty
Workshop Dates are as follows :

- ◆ 10 Oct. '97 - 10 am. To 5 pm. P.V. D.T. College of Education for Women, Churchgate Campus
- ◆ 14 Oct. '97 - 10 am. To 5 pm. Committee Room, Juhu Campus
- ◆ 17 Oct. '97 10 am To 5 pm. Post Graduate Department, Pune Campus

Please contact : Dr. A. G. Bhalwankar, Principal, P.V.D.T. College OF Education, Churchgate, MUMBAI - 400 020

INAUGURATIONS

At the Juhu Campus - Inauguration of the Ramakrishna Bajaj - CFBP Consumer Education & Testing Centre by His Excellency Dr.P.C.Alexander, Governor of Maharashtra on the new building on Saturday; October 4; 1997

At the Pune Campus - Inauguration of the new building of the sub - centre of the Dept. of Continuing and Adult Education and Extension by Dr. Armaity Desai; Chairperson, University Grants Commission.

AROUND THE CAMPUSES

NATIONAL WORKSHOP

The Department of Special Education, S.N.D.T. Women's University organised a "National Workshop on Standardization of M.Ed. Special Education Syllabus" from July 24th to 26th '97.

This workshop was sponsored by Rehabilitation Council of India. Madam Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Mariamma Varghese inaugurated the workshop. Resource persons and participants from all over India were invited to deliberate on the syllabus. The workshop culminated in a draft syllabus for M.Ed. course. Dr. Jyotiben Trivedi presided over the valedictory function.



MEDICAL CHECKUP CAMP

The Dept. of Student's Welfare organised a "Medical Checkup Camp" for the new entrants at the Churchgate campus from 19th to 21st & on 25th August '97 and at the Juhu campus from 2nd to 3rd Sept. '97.

At the Churchgate campus, more than 1500 students were examined. The examination

included Blood Checkup (Group, Haemoglobin), B.P. Checkup, Eye Checkup, Dental & General Physical Checkup. Dr. Gitika Masrani conducted the blood checkup. The M.O. of the campus Dr. Usha Shah, along with three other doctors conducted the physical checkup. The M.Sc and B.Sc Nsg students of L.T. College of Nsg. helped in the organisation of the medical checkup camp as volunteers.

At the Juhu campus nearly seven hundred students were examined. Dr. Gitika Masrani conducted the blood checkup. The M.O. of the Juhu campus Dr. Thakur and Dr. Usha Shah conducted the physical examination. The volunteers from P.V. Polytechnic, C.U. Shah and P.G.R.S. Hsc; Juhu and Ms. Pragna Dubbal; the Hostel Superintendent helped in the organisation of the medical checkup camp. The followup will be carried out by the Medical officers of both the campuses.



WORKSHOP ON DRAMA

The Adhyapak Sangh of Gujarati in collaboration with Shri. M.D. Shah Mahila College organised a Drama Workshop for the lecturers of Gujarati from Gujarat, Maharashtra and Saurashtra at Shri. M.D. Shah Mahila College on 22nd, 23rd and 24th Aug '97. It covered all the aspects of Drama like plot, Acting, Back Stage Management, etc. Gujarati stage artists performed live demonstration



WORKSHOP ON CONSUMER AWARENESS & CONSUMER MOVEMENT

A Workshop on "Consumer Awareness & Consumer Movement" was organised by the Government of Maharashtra, Food and Civil Supply Department at Nasik (7-8 June '97) to consider and recommend the introduction of various related aspects of the 'Consumer Movement' in the syllabi of different disciplines in the University education both at under-graduate and post-graduate levels. Dr. G.Y. Shitole of P.G. Dept. of Commerce, Churchgate campus and Smt. Sujata Phadke of P.G. Dept. of Home Science, Juhu campus participated in the workshop and shared with the group the initiatives taken by the S.N.D.T. University in including the issues of Consumer Education and Guidance in the syllabi of Home Science and Commerce faculties.



PROGRAMME ON RABINDRANATH TAGORE'S SONGS

Dr. Nalini Madgavkar, Head, Dept. of Gujarati (P.G. Churchgate campus) has conducted & directed a programme on "Influence of Indian classical music & western music on songs of Rabindranath Tagore". The programme was sponsored by 'UDAYAN' in collaboration with N.C.P.A., on 20th of August 1997, at the Godrej Dance Academy Theatre, N.C.P.A. The programme was appreciated by the large number of audience.



OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

UGC SPONSORED COURSES

Academic Staff College, University of Kashmir, Srinagar proposes to organise a series of UGC sponsored General Orientation and Refresher Courses in Social Science, Humanities, Science subjects, Commerce and Management Studies, Library & Information Services. For further details write to : The Director, Academic Staff College, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, 190006 Or Dr. L.K. Verma, Dept. Of Education, University of Jammu, 180004.

UGC has notified the shifting of the 'Selection and Awards Bureau of the Commission'. The new address for the correspondence on the schemes of that section will be UGC office, Delhi University South Campus, Bently Juarez Marg, New Delhi -21.

The following publications of ACU Award Series have been received by us and will be available for reference only with the Main University Librarian at Churchgate Campus only.

◆ Awards for University Teachers and Research workers -1996-98

◆ Awards for University administrators and Librarians -1996-98

◆ Awards of P. G. study at the Commonwealth Universities -1997-99

◆ Awards of First degree Study at Commonwealth University. -1997-98



Research Fellowships by the Lok Sabha Secretariat : With a view to encouraging and supporting original studies on subjects of Parliamentary interest, the Lok Sabha has instituted **TWO** Annual Research Fellowships (value; Rs. 1,50,000- each). For the rules relating to the same: Write to the Director, BCUD, SNDT University (with stamped self-addressed envelope). Closing date for completed applications to reach Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi : 15th October 1997.



The Shastri Indo - Canadian Institute with funding from the Canadian International Development Agency, invites applications in the following categories :

1. Faculty Research Fellowships
2. Doctoral Research Fellowships
3. Pilot Project Awards
4. Visiting lectureships

Since these awards are a part of the Institute's Development Studies Programme, work to be carried out

during the fellowships must have a clear developmental significance.

For Further Information, Contact :

Vice President, India office,
Shastri Indo Canadian Institute,
5, Bhai Vir Singh Marg,
New Delhi - 110 001

Last Date for receiving completed applications : 15th October '97



The Shastri Indo - Canadian Institute with funding from the Canadian International Development Agency, invites applications from established Indian Scholars under development Studies Fellowships in Social Sciences & Humanities for the Academic Year 1988 - 99.

Research projects that have a development focus will be entertained within the following broad thematic areas development and the environment, social and economic reform, private sector development and gender and development.

For Further Information, Contact :

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Congratulations to Office Bearers of University Students Council

Following are the Office Bearers of the University Students Union Council for the Academic Year 1997-98 :

OFFICE BEARERS :

- ♦ Ms. Rita Patel - President (Elected to the University Senate), Maniben Nanavati College, Vile Parle (w).
- ♦ Ms. Manjari Barve - Secretary (Elected to the University Senate), S.V.T. College of Hsc, Juhu.
- ♦ Ms. Saritha Menon - S.N.D.T. College of Arts & Com., Churchgate.
- ♦ Ms. Rachana Mehta - Dr. B.M.N. Ruia College.
- ♦ Ms. Veronica Marnathe - M.M.P. Shah College of Arts & Com., Matunga.
- ♦ Ms. Korbalkar Mugdha - S.M.R.K. College.
- ♦ Ms. Suruchi Phadke - Dept. of Computer Science.
- ♦ Ms. Kulkarni Varsha - G.E.I. College of Arts & Com., Dombivali.
- ♦ Ms. Shah Neha - P.N. Doshi College of Arts & Com., Ghatkopar.
- ♦ Ms. Bhat Varsha - C.U. Shah College.
- ♦ Ms. Josny Joseph - L.T. College of Nursing, Churchgate.
- ♦ Ms. Hemangi Katkar - M.D. Shah Mahila College of Arts & Com., Malad.
- ♦ Ms. Khemka Ruchi - P.V. Polytechnic.
- ♦ Ms. Mali Pramila Jeevan - W.K. Bhagini Seva Mandal's College of Arts & Com., Dhule.

FORTH COMING EVENT OF THE MONTH

S.N.D.T. College of Arts & Com. Pune will be organising "Entrepreneurship Development Programme" on a grand scale as a homage to the great pioneer and the founder of our university Late. Sir. Vithaldas Thackersey on his 75th Death Anniversary and has planned to celebrate the year as "Entrepreneurship Year".

Important Activity of the Month

S.N.D.T. YUVA MAHOTSAV '97

ORGANISED BY DEPT. OF STUDENTS' WELFARE

Nearly twenty two competitions comprising of performing Arts, Fine Arts, and Literary events will be organised from 17th to 21st Sept. '97.

The Mahotsav will be inaugurated by Shri. Deepchand Gardi and Shri. Javed Akhtar, the eminent writer and poet on 17th September '97. Smt. Hema Malini will distribute the Trophies and prizes to our winning students on 21st September '97 at 4pm at Patkar



The QC Circle 'Shakti' of the Staff of Dept. of P.G. Studies and Research in Home - Science made a presentation of the genesis, growth and successes at the SNDT Juhu Staff Club Meeting on September 11, 1997

WORKSHOP ON INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE

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Principal; Mrs. Bharati Naik, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Varghese, President of Jan Seva Samiti; Shri Mohanbhai Patel & others at the inaugural function of the Indian Classical Dance at M.D.Shah Mahila College, Malad

AWARDS, RECOGNITION & ACHIEVEMENTS

FACULTY : Dr. (Mrs.) Suman V. Jain, Principal, B.M.Ruia college was awarded the " **Outstanding Woman of the City Award** " by the Marine Lines Junior Chamber which was celebrating the 'Jaycee Week' from 9th to 15th Sept.'97. She was selected for her dedicated services in the field of Education. She was also interviewed on the BBC World Service Network, London in June'97 to speak on her activities, achievements and interests.

STUDENT : Ms. Jayshree Panchal, Indira Gandhi Youth Award winner, has been selected as a **National Representative** for the Regional Youth Forum by the Common-Wealth Youth Programme, Asia

Chapter by the H.R.D. Ministry. She is the student of the P.V.D.T. College of Education at present.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME PARTICIPATION

Smt. Laxmi Furia; Registrar and Smt. Heena Vyas; Librarian of Shri. P.N.Doshi College attended the fifteen days orientation programme for computers arranged by the Academic Staff College, University of Mumbai.



VISIT ABROAD

Dr. Subalaxmi, Director of P.G.R.S., H.Sc, Juhu participated and presented a paper on " Anti Oxidants in Indian food " at the

World Congress of Clinical Nutrition held at Banss, Canada. She also presented two papers on "Microbiological Status of fluid milk and packaging of milk products" & " Pen friend approach in changing micro-nutrient, malnutrition behaviour of mothers " at the 16th International Congress of Nutrition held at Montreal, Canada in the month of July.



FAREWELL

Smt.Chand Malhotra, Lecturer of English, Shri. P.N.Doshi College retired after thirty years of service. We wish her all the best.



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RAMAKRISHNA BAJAJ- C.F.B.P. CONSUMER EDUCA- TION & TESTING CENTRE

*Inaugurated by His
Excellency Shri. P. C.
Alexander, Governor of
Maharashtra.*

The CFBP-SNDT Testing Centre, established in the year 1992 was the outcome of the generous donation of Rs. 35 lakhs from Shri. Ramakrishna Bajaj and The Council for Fair Business Practices. The Centre renamed as Ramakrishna Bajaj-C.F.B.P. Consumer Education and Testing Centre in the honour of late Shri. Ramakrishna Bajaj, was inaugurated by His



Excellency, Shri. P.C. Alexander, the Chancellor, SNDT University and Governor of Maharashtra on 4th October, 1997. As part of the inaugural function

ribbon cutting and unveiling of the plaque was carried out by His Excellency Shri P.C. Alexander

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UGC CHAIRPERSON VISITS SNDT, PUNE CAMPUS

INAUGURATION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE BUILDING & NATIONAL SEMINAR ON WOMEN AND HIGHER EDUCATION BY DR. ARMAITY DESAI

Community Centre Building from where Department of Continuing and Adult Education's Pune Sub-centre will function, was inaugurated by Dr. Armaity Desai, Chairperson, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, on October 1, 1997. On this occasion an exhibition of University's extension activities was organised by the department.

Dr. Desai was the chief guest for the National Seminar on "Women and Higher Education: Role of Universities in Nation Building" organised by the SNDT Women's University, at its Pune Campus on October 1, 1997. This seminar was one of the series

of academic programmes the University had planned to mark the 50th anniversary of the country's independence. The main objective of this seminar was to rethink the role of university's departments and colleges in taking the education to people. A lot of thought was given to how university can move out to

the community through extension education of groups who will never otherwise enter the university or college or through field out-reach activities. About 150 persons representing various academic institutions, governmental and non governmental organisations participated in this national seminar

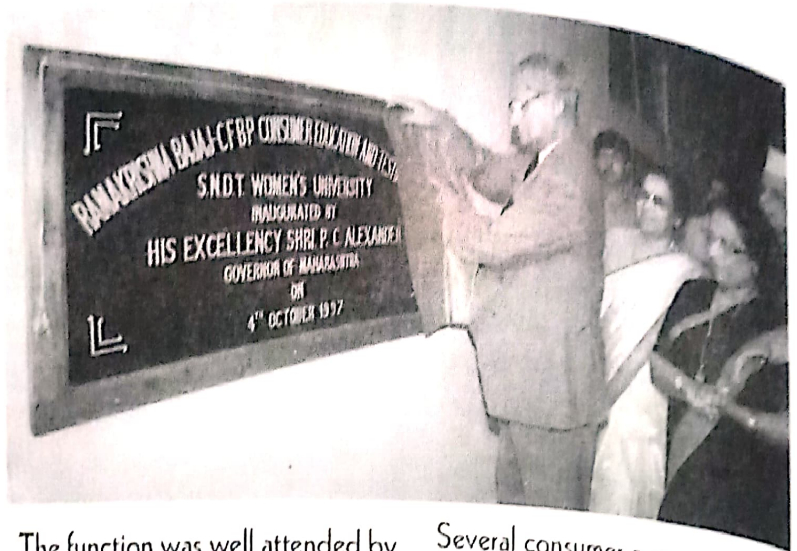


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A Computer presentation projecting the aims and objectives, services rendered and functions of the lab was presented for the benefit of the dignitaries.

The guests of honour were given a warm welcome by Dr. M. A. Varghese, Vice Chancellor, S.N.D.T. University. Speeches were rendered by Shri. P. C. Alexander and Shri. Shekar Bajaj, Chairman - C.F.B.P. Dr. G. Subbulakshmi, Director, Dept. of P.G. Studies & Research in Home Science gave away the vote of thanks.



The function was well attended by dignitaries and executive members of the Council for Fair Business Practices.

Several consumer organisations and staff of BIS had put up their stalls for the occasion.

STUDIO FOR COMMUNICATION MEDIA FOR CHILDREN OPENED

Gandhi Jayanti this year on Pune campus, especially for the SNDT College of Home Science was a very special one. It saw the inauguration of 2 buildings, creating space for the Post graduate programme in Food Science and Nutrition. It consists of laboratories, classrooms and staff rooms. An additional wing to the studio gave the department of Communication Media for Children an independent building.

A small informal function was organised in the CMC department. At this function Dr. Desai spoke warmly, expressing surprise at the diversity of programmes being offered at the University. She said the university with its path breaking, innovative programmes could play a leading role in showing other universities what needs to be done in order to make education meaningful in the 21st century. Dr. Mariamma Varghese also spoke encouragingly about the university's commitment to its new

and need based programmes for women. Mrs. Freney Tarapore, former Principal of College of Home Science spoke

made by student from the Textiles and Clothing department Dr. Desai accepted them saying that the walls of



about how the CMC department was conceived and the travails of it, in the initial years. Radha Mishra, Prof. & Head gave a brief account of the growth of the department of Communication Media for Children.

At the function, Dr. Desai was felicitated with gifts from the colleges on the campus. College of Arts and Commerce, presented her with a painting done by a student and College of Home Science gave her a batik wall piece also

U.G.C. office in Delhi will now be brighter and beautiful.

The S.N.D.T. College of Home Science had also up an exhibition, which Dr. Desai visited. She impressed everyone with her keen interest, as she spoke to students and interacted with them freely. She was particularly enthralled by puppets at the CMC department who welcomed her to inaugurate the building.

Around the Campuses

SNDT-CUSAC UPDATE :

Under the CUSAC (Commonwealth Universities Study Abroad Consortium) Programme for the period 1993 May 1997, we have had a total 14 students and visitors from the Universities Adelaide, British Columbia, Carleton, Edeth Cowan, Guelph, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe. Of these 7 students from the University of Guelph have earned their credits for one semester by enrolling for specific courses in our University. One more student from the University of Guelph will join us in November 1997.

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Gururamchandra Moorthy, Gururanjana Zaveri, Guru Rabindra Atibuddi were among those who participated in the workshop.

CAMPS

Two students attended of Malad college students leadership camp from 1st of August to 4th of August at Leslie Sawhney centre. Deolali.

Names of the students

Harpreet Kaur & Samanthi Pachero

One student Sunit Singh participated at University workshop on "AIDS Awareness" at sevagram from 28th August to 30th August 1997.

SARITA SINGH

INTER-COLLEGIATE SINGING COMPETITION

To Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence and to instill a feeling of patriotism, the Hindi Association of Shri. M. D. Shah Mahila college and T. S. Bafna Junior College on the Occasion of the Hindi Day Saptah Celebrations Conducted an inter-collegiate singing Competition of patriotic songs, on 22nd September, 1997. 22 students of 11 Colleges all over Mumbai participated.

The first prize was won by Sayyed Johra of Nagindas Khandwala College. The second prize was given to Geeta Bhatkar of Mittal College. The third prize was secured by Asmita Gokhale of Gokhale College.

The Dhirajben Chimanlal Gandhi Trophy was won by Mittal College for securing the highest scores.

Smt. M.D. Mahila College along with T. S. Bafna Junior College also conducted an inter-collegiate debate

competition on 20th September, 1997 in the Surajba Hall the topic was - "Are we truly Independent,?"

Students of 12 colleges all over Mumbai participated.

First prize was awarded to Laxmi Tiwari, T. S. Bafna Junior College. Second prize - Shalini Jani Shri Ghanshyamdas Saraf College, Malad. Third prize went to Poonam Ked Shri. B. N. Ruia College, Gamdevi. Sunita Yadav, Shri. M. D. Shah College and Rekha Tiwari of B. M. Ruia College were given Consolation prizes.

LEELABAI THACKERSEY COLLEGE OF NURSING

The F.Y.B.Sc. Nursing students won the 3rd prize, a shield, for their album on AIDS Awareness. Ms. Priscilla Wilson, Sr.B.Sc. Nursing won the 2nd prize for Poster on the same occasion, held on September 12th 1997.

1st Prize-Western Group Song - Sr. B. Sc. Nursing (Mime)

2nd Prize-Western Solo - Ms. Sheetal More, Sr. B.Sc. Nursing.

3rd Prize-Dumb Charades - Ms. Yogini, A., T.Y.B.Sc. Nursing Kudos to all T.Y.B.Sc. Nursing.

PUBLICATIONS

Publications released by University Library:

1. The Second Sex in Higher Education in India A bibliography - Rs. 50/-
2. The Second Sex in Higher Education in India : Selected Statistics-Rs. 20/-
3. The second sex in Higher education in India : Select Policy statement Rs. 100/-

SNDT CELEBRATES YUVA MAHOTSAV '97

The Department of Students Welfare, S.N.D.T. Women's University Organises the S.N.D.T. Yuva Mahotsav, A Mega Youth meet' to provide a platform for the students of "The University to exhibit their innate and inherent Talents every year the SNDT Yuva Mahotsav organises a festival of Performing Arts, Fine Arts and literary events in which this year more than 600 Students from 32 Colleges and Departments affiliated and conducted by the University from Maharashtra and Gujrat have participated.

The Inauguration of SNDT Yuva Mahotsav was held on 17th September at 10.00 A.M. At the Patkar Hall, The chief Guest Shri Deepchand Gardi created a lively atmosphere by stating that the Yuva Mahotsav is being inaugurated by a 80 year old young man. He exhorted the youth to usher India into the 21st Century as a Super Power. On the occasion he donated Rs. 51, 000 to the Department of Students welfare for Starting an AIDS awareness cell. Dr. Mariamma Varghese while speaking about the youth power asked them to use it positively and strengthen the hands of the Govt. and the elders in the development of the Nation.

The Yuva Mahotsav included various competitions, Group Song Competition in which 132 students from 24 Colleges and Departments had participated. In the light Vocal Solo Competition there were 18 entries. In the classical solo competition there were 10 entries. In the classical dance competition the students presented Mohini Attam Bharat Natyam, Kathak and Oddisi. In the western group song and solo there were 8 entries each in the Fine Arts

competition. There were 32 entries in poster painting competition and 25 each

over all Fine Arts Trophy was won by P.G.Dept. Pune. The Music Trophy was



in other competition i.e. on the Spot Painting, Collage, Clay Modelling, Rangoli, Cartooning. In the literary events there were 52 entries in the Elocution competition, 24 in Turn court debate, 18 teams in the Quiz and 14 in spin a yarn and 11 in Dum Charades. In the Theatre event which comprised of one act play, Mime and Script. There were various Competitions included in Yuva Mahotsav'97 group song.

Smt. Hema Malini, eminent film personality was the chief Guest at the Valedictory function on 21st September 1997. She distributed the trophies and prizes to the winners. P.V. Polytechnic college won the overall Literary Trophy. The

bagged by P.G.Dept., Churchgate. The Dance Trophy was won by SNDT Arts Churchgate and Maniben Nanavati College. The overall Runner up Championship Trophy was won by P.V.Polytechnic and the overall championship Trophy was won by P.G.Dept., Pune.

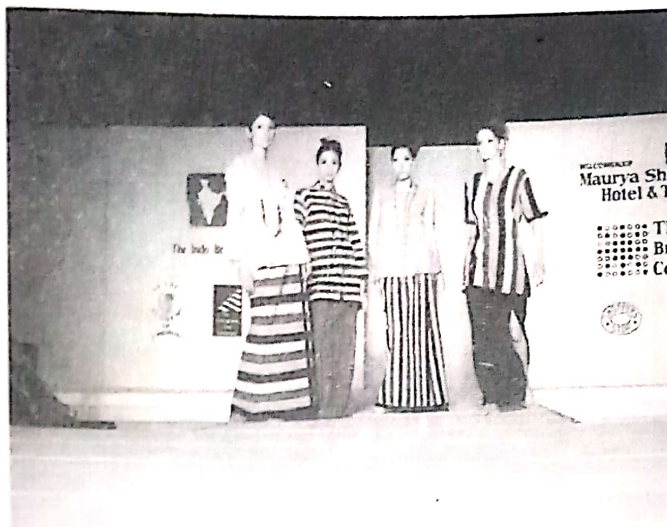
Thus the Five Days Cultural Bonanza was eventful and memorable. Smt Nilufer Ahmed, Smt. Chandra, Ganesh and the staff of the Department of Students' welfare along with the student council members and volunteers strived hard to make the SNDT Yuva Mahotsav a grand success.



ACHIEVEMENTS

PremilaVithaldas Polytechnic participates in Indo-British partnership towards 2000

To coincide with the visit of the Queen Elizabeth of U. K. to India, the British High Commission had organized an exhibition "Indo-British Partnership towards 2000" at Pragati Maidan in Delhi. One of the features was Fashion Show organized by Nottingham Trent University of U.K. The show featured three top design schools of India, one of which was Premila Vithaldas Polytechnic, SNDT Women's University.



Our 3 award winning designers works were displayed on international stage.

During this function a Fashion Show by Polytechnic was presented.

Ms. Malavika Shetty, M.Phil Student of the Department of English has been awarded the overseas Development Authority (ODA) Scholarship (administered by the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust) to study for the M.Phil degree in English and Applied Linguistics at the Research Centre for English and Applied Linguistics at the University of Cambridge for a year from October 1997. We are proud of her achievement and congratulate her.

Ms Mohini Mankekar Retd. Principal Smt. M.M.P Shah College, Matunga was presented the Vocational Excellence award at the Intercity forum for the year 1996-97 by the Rotary Club of Borivili.



Dr. Meera Kosambi, Director, RCWS, was invited in July August 1997 to the University of Adelaide, Australia, as visiting faculty under their six-week Distinguished Visiting Scholar programme. The invitation came primarily from the Department of Women's Studies at Flinders University, Adelaide. She also participated (by presenting papers) at three international conferences: "Women, Religion and Social Action" at Adelaide, "Translatings : A conference on Ideas about India since Independence" at Sydney, and "Lives, Stories, Narratives" at Monash University, Melbourne. The visit has strengthened the earlier linkages of RCWS with diverse universities and

Visits Abroad

academic institutions in Australia.

Dr. Veena Poonacha, Reader, Research Centre for Women's Studies was invited by the Center for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, as a Visiting Scholar in September-October 1997. The fellowship which was won in an open competition enabled her to interact with students, faculty members, activists and other scholars. She also gave lectures and seminars organized by the Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations and the Centre for India and South Asian Studies.

EMPLOYMENT CELL STARTED AT H.S.C. COLLEGE, PUNE CAMPUS

The College of Home Science, Pune invited Food industrialists to conduct Campus interviews and 13 students out of 15 were selected on the spot by the Industrialists.

New Appointments :

- Mr. V. R. Iyer as Director for Institute of Management Studies.
- Mr. N.K. Choudhury as Officer on Special Duty and In-charge Principal for Institute of Technology for Women
- Dr. M.L. Dutt as Director, Centre for Distance Education.
- Mr. Anilkumar Chaudhary, as Controllor of Examinations.
- 2/Lt. Neela Thaker as Co-ordinator for activities of the National Cadet Corps at the University and affiliated colleges.
- Ms Mohini Mankekar as Co-ordinator for the Vocational Courses at the first degree level.
- Mr Prashant Joshi as Site Engineer.

SNDT welcomes the new faculty and wishes them good luck.

Retirements

- Shri N.D. Jondhale, Sr. Clerk, Examination Section retired on 31-10-1997.
- Smt. P.B. Joshi, Jr. Head Clerk, Finance Dept., retiring on 31-12-1997.

Opportunities Available

Fellowships and Scholarships

UGC has instituted fellowships and scholarships for study and/or research in SAARC countries (in specified disciplines for respective countries)

Fellowships : (One Year)

Applicants must hold permanent post in College or University.

Scholarships :

(duration to coincide with course period applied for) Applicants must hold Bachelor's/Master's degree and intending to pursue Master's / Ph. D. Studies.

Last Date for filled application to reach UGC office : 10 Nov. 1997)
Further details, contact Director, BCUD.

SHASTRI INDO-CANADIAN INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES DEVELOPMENT STUDIES FELLOWSHIP

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is well known in the academic circle for its endeavour in research and other development studies. Every year the institute makes available a number of scholars and researchers with funds for their academic pursuit announces Development Studies Fellowships for the academic year 1998-99, under the two thematic areas.

1. Women and Development
2. Social Sciences and Humanities

CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

UGC implements Cultural Exchange Programme with foreign countries (Belgium, Hungary, Finland, Mauritius). Indian teachers may visit these countries for study-cum-lectures, exchange of views, training etc. for various periods. Last date for application : 11 November 1997
Further details Contact Director, BCUD

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Happy New Year

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25 years of Sheth P. T. Mahila College of Arts & Home Science, Surat



Sir Purshottamdas Thakordas

As the country celebrates its 50 years of Independence, Sheth P. T. Mahila College of Arts & Home Science, an affiliate of SNDT Women's University in Surat celebrates its Silver Jubilee.

It has been rightly said that when you educate a man, you educate an individual, but when you educate a woman you educate the family. Female education hence is 'Priority of Priorities', It was this noble concept that

founded the university and all its institutions across the states of Gujarat and Maharashtra. The Vanita Vishram group of educational institutions has been playing a significant role in imparting value based education to girls since 1907.

The P. T. Mahila College is the dream child and vision of several of its founding members.

It is the dream child of Late Dr. Premlila Thackersey, who nurtured the university. Lady



Dr. Premlila Thackersey

Thackersey was then the President of Vanita Vishram Managing Counsel Bombay. Her thoughts and efforts made it possible for the college to start in June 1972, inspite of many

odds. The college owes a great debt of gratitude to her, as it was under her personal care, guidance and encouragement that the college has grown from inception to its present status.

NEWSLINE COMMITTEE : Chairperson - Dr. Ranjan Parekh, Convenor - Dr. Ravikala Kamath, Editor - Ms. Nilufer K. Ahmed, Co - Editor - Dr. Nalini Madgavkar, Sub-Editor - Ms. Chandra Ganesh, Members - Dr. A. G. Bhalvankar, Dr. Ashwini Dhongde, Ms. Radha Misra, Ms. Tarla Joshi

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Smt. Padmaben Saraiya

Smt. Padmaben Saraiya, a devoted Social worker and second President of Vanita Vishram Counsel, played a critical role in the development of college. She was inspired by Lady Thackersey. Her

generous donation of Rs. 5 lakhs initially from the trust fund of her father Sheth Purushottamadas Thakurdas, a unique industrialist to name the college as Sheth P. T. Mahila college, helped the fledgling institution.

The trust later also donated Rs. 2.5 lakhs from Sir. P. T. & Diwaliba Charitable trust, to introduce a degree course in Home Science, a long cherished dream of Lady Thackersey.

The Vanita Vishram group of educational institutions has been active in the field of women's education since 1907. Its motto has been development of women through education with self reliant personality. The sprawling campus spread over 12 acres of land (donated by late Smt. Shivgauri Gujar and late Smt. Bajigauri Munshi) is located in the heart of Surat city. It provides education in Gujarati & English medium from nursery to graduation. The facilities on campus include hostel facilities, swimming pool, and large sports ground.

Present Scenario

The Sheth P. T. Mahila College offers courses in Arts-Home Science and Vocational courses. The diploma in Home Science is an unique course in the South Gujarat Region. The Course

which started in 1980 has since gained popularity in the the region and fulfilled a definite need amongst the students.

The college also offers short term courses in Music & Dance, Spoken English, Book-keeping, embroidery & Doll Making, Food Preservation & Fancy Cooking, Flower arrangement and serveral other need based courses.

The increasing popularity of these courses proves its relevance in today's world.

The popularity of diploma encouraged the college to introduce a degree course in Home Science. This had been a long cherished dream of Lady Thackersey. The degree course is equally sought after by students.

Educational Institutions being part of larger society, also need to inform the people about its activities. One of the annual features of the college is the Home Science exhibition. Over the years the exhibition has been an attraction to people who come and see the beauty and utility displayed in an exquisite manner. To create further devolvment of students various competitions like quiz, debate, rangoli, flower arrangement etc are held.

N S S activities

To promote national spirit and empathy for all sections of society, N. S. S. activities have been an integral part of the college, since its inception. Every year a N. S. S. camp is organised and students are involved in various service based activities throughout the year. Students work with handicapped people, conduct camps to create awareness about Aids, population education, they promote messages in the national campaign for Polio Eradication, Mass literacy, Blood donation etc.

N. S. S. students have done the university proud. In 1992, they represented university in "Gujarat State Inter University Integration Camp" and were awarded the Best Discipline Shield.

With Deep Sense of Gratitude

We owe a debt of gratitude to all those whose constant zeal and enthusiasm has nourished & enriched the college.

They are :-

- 1) Late Shri Vasantbhai Mashruwala : Managing Counsel, Vanita Vishram, Bombay
- 2) Late Hon. Sec. Smt. Kantaben Khandwala : Managing Counsel, Vanita Vishram, Bombay
- 3) Shri Vaikunthbhai Shastri : Chairman, Vanita Vishram, Surat
- 4) Late Shri Niranjanbhai Siswala : Vice Chairman, Vanita Vishram, Surat
- 5) Late Shri Morabhai Siswala : Vice Chairman, Vanita Vishram, Surat
- 6) Late Hon. Sec. Shri. Bhupatibhai Dholabhai
- 7) Late Shri Bhupatbhai Kapadia
- 8) Late Smt. Kumudben Mushruwala
- 9) Smt. Dhrulataben Parekh
- 10) Smt. Kumudben Patwa
- 11) Late Smt. Parvatiben Desai : Hon. Suptd.

We are also grateful to generous donations from local dignitaries and our well wishers in Surat city.

Star Value

Shining stars of our college Diploma Students who are university Rankers.

Nayana Jariwala, Damyanti Parmar
Shaili Malhotra, Kiran Agarwal
Geeta Khemani, Bhavana Desai

Rakhi Zaveri, Ritu Gupta
Darshana Sanghvi, Meena Parmar
Purvi Dholabhai

* Rank holders in certificate & other courses

Reena Jain, Parabia Fariyal
Benaca Mehta, Sujata Shetty
Meena Birla, Seema Jariwala
Arpita Vakil, Shilpa Patel

* Sports & N. C. C.

Menakshi Cheva, Vashi Toral, Diana Dalal
Trishla Dholakia, Radhika Parmar.

P. T. Mahila College was also awarded the best Disciplined University College Shield for 1991-92 at 1st Inter State Camp of University of Rajpipla.



Dr. Indira Shah : Source of Inspiration

Dr Indira Shah has been at the helm of the college since its inception. An enlightened academician. Dr. Shah is an efficient administrator and successful teacher. She has displayed in her actions and work, independent thinking impartiality and it is under her stewardship that the Institution has grown from strength to strength.

Silver Jubilee Function



Vice Chancellor Madam Varghese cut the ribbon in the morning of 28. 9. 97

Mangal Deep Pragatan on the eve of
28. 9. 97 by V. C. Madam Varghese,
Dr. Ashwinbhai Kapadia,
Shri. Praffulbhai Gandhi



Folk - Dance
Presented in S. N. D. T. YUVA MOHATSAV

AROUND THE CAMPUSES

The Department of Health (AIDS CELL), Govt of Maharashtra, with the help of the Dept. of Students' Welfare, S.N.D.T. University, organised a five-day camp on the 'Art of Living' from the 20th October, to 24th October, 1997.

This camp was hosted by Shri. M. D. Shah Mahila College Malad (W). Fifty students from colleges of North Mumbai enthusiastically participated in the camp.

SNDT Women's University Library

The SNDT Women's University Library organized a week-long workshop on MINISIS set of software products from Nov. 17-24, 1997. The programme, which was part of MINISIS Resource Centre Project between the University and International Development Research Centre (Ottawa, Canada) sought to develop training capacity among MINISIS users. Mr. Bill Swift from IDRC and Ms. Niyati Shah from the MRC project were the main resource persons.

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Department of Special Education, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai., is organizing a workshop on "R.C.I. B.Ed. Special Education Syllabus and its implementation" on November 27th, 1997 in Committee Room, Juhu Campus of the University. The target group will comprise of teacher/educators from teacher training colleges offering special education courses.

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A workshop on "Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities" is being organized by Department of Special Education, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai in collaboration with University of Melbourne, Australia at mini-auditorium of Juhu Campus of University, from Dec. 17th to 19th 1997. The resource persons Dr. Ishwar Desai and Dr. Bob Pillay are eminent field workers, academicians and researchers having experience in policy development, curriculum design and conducting inservice teacher training programmes across the world on integrated education. The participants of workshop will comprise of principals and teachers from teacher training colleges catering to regular and special schools.

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SNDT college of Arts and Commerce, Pune organised a two days joint programme with WIMA in which successful women entrepreneurs shared their experiences with students. Various lectures giving information about how to start a new business and how to run it were arranged on the occasion. An industrial exhibition was displayed as demonstration and practical training.

A five days residential camp on behalf of the dept. of Health (Aids cell) Govt. of Maharashtra, with the help of the Dept. of Students Welfare of SNDT University was organised by SNDT college of Arts and Commerce, Pune from Dec. 24 to Dec. 28, 1997. N.S.S. students of Sr. and Jr. college and from Pune District participated in it.

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National Seminar

"Towards Media Policy for Children"

The department of Communication Media

for children S.N.D.T. college of Home Science organised a 3 day Seminar "Towards Media Policy for Children" in collaboration with UNICEF, Mumbai. The seminar aimed at bringing together media professionals, academicians, teachers and others to formulate guidelines for a policy. Some of the issues raised at the seminar were 1) lack of adequate appropriate media for children, 2) lack of funds in preparation of media material for children, 3) need to have some guidelines with regard to violence, obscenity, and stereotyping not only in children's media but also in all media consumed by children.

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Training

The National AIDS Control Organization has initiated a programme for counselling, training of personnel in the field of HIV/AIDS. Dr. Reeta Sonawat from Post Graduate Studies & Research in Home Science, S.N.D.T. Women's University, and Ms. Karen Pinto from CCDT have jointly organized first grassroot level counsellors' training in HIV/AIDS on 31st July to 2nd Aug, 97, and second training 21-23rd Oct. 1997. The training was for twelve Non-Government Organizations and Voluntary Organizations.

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One day Seminar on Capital account convertability was held on 27th Sept. for teachers of Economics in Smt. P. N. Doshi College of Arts, Ghatkopar.

The Dept of Sociology of Shri. M. D. Shah Mahila College organised a two-day workshop on the 'Dynamics of Marriages and Adolescent girls' on 22nd and 23rd Nov, and the dept. of child-care conducted a two-day workshop on puppet-making on the 20th and 24th Nov.

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The Department of Post Graduate studies and Research in Home Science, is conducting Refresher courses in Home Science for teachers in Home Science. These will be three refresher courses

i) Human Development

Feb. 17 to March 10, 1998

ii) Foods Science and Nutrition

Jan 5 to 24 1998

iii) Home Science Extension.

Jan 27 to Feb 16, 1998

Those eligible and interested in doing the course may contact

The Director

Post Graduate Studies & Research in H.S.C

SNDT University, Juhu Campus,

S'cruz (W) - 49

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Retirements

1) Dr. Arvind Nagarkar from SNDT College Pune retired on 31st Dec. 1997.

2) Dr. Ayesha Banatwala, Reader and Head Dept. of English retired on 31st Dec. 1997 after 35 years of service.

3) Smt. Chand Malhotra, lecturer in English from Ghatkopar retired on 30st Sept. 97 after 29 years of service.

We wish all of them a healthy and meaningful retired life.

Opportunities to catch

Applications are invited from the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, Rajendra Bhavan, 210-Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi - 110002, for the award of Fellowships (Senior, General, Jr. Research, Short Term, Residential and for Preparing Learning Material.)

Details of the Fellowships and application forms can be obtained from the above office by sending self-addressed Rs. 6/- stamped envelope on or before January 31, 1998. The last date of application is February 20, 1998.

* Alexander & Onassis Public Benefit Foundation, Athens invites applications for the annual programme of research and educational grants and scholarships (1998-99) for study/research in Greece.

- 5 grants for a one month stay for academicians and professors.

- 5 grants for 6 month each offered to University faculty.

- 10 PG research scholarships for a maximum of 12 months

(Humanities, Political Science, Architecture, Fine Arts)

Last date for completed application forms to reach Athens : 30-1-1998.

Application forms available with Director, Board of College & University Development, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai - 400020.

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* UGC sponsored Refresher Course in Interdisciplinary Research (Feb 16 - March 10, 1998) at the Department of Applied Research, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram -

624302, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu.
Interested teachers are advised to write to :

The Director

Gandhigram Rural Institute

Gandhigram - 624302

Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu.

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Congratulations

1) Ms. Harsha Parekh, Professor of Library Science & University Librarian has been awarded the IATLIS Motivale Best Teacher Award for 1997, by the Indian Association of Teachers of Library & Information Science.

2) Dr. Bapurao Desai, Prin. Rukminital Kala Vanijya Mahavidyalaya Amalner received Phanindranath Renu Puraskar for his book by Maharashtra Hindi Sahitya Academy.

3) Dr. Anjali Saman, from SNDT College of Arts and Commerce, Pune received the Maharashtra State award of best literary criticism for her book 'Marathi Kathechi Sthiti-Gati.'

4) Dr. Arvind Nagarkar received Manavseva Puraskar in Delhi for his outstanding career in Economics.

We are thankful to
Sheth P. T. Mahila College of
Arts and Home Science, Surat
for sponsoring this issue.



Dr. Mashelkar, Chief Guest, giving Convocation Address.

List of students who are awarded Ph.D. degree at the convocation held on 23.12.1997

No.	Name of the Student	Subject
Faculty of Arts		
1.	Vineeta B. Deshmukh	English
2.	Mamta M. Muthal	English
3.	Adhav Nilima A.	English
4.	Hira Wasnik	Hindi
5.	Pushpalata Shetye	Marathi
Faculty of Social Science		
6.	Harashada S. Rathod	Economics
7.	Nambiar B. Thankam	History
8.	Divya Joshi	Politics
Faculty of Fine Arts		
9.	Asha Mandpe	Music
Faculty of Education		
10.	Rukhminiyamma Ramaraju	Education
11.	Manik A. Kotwal	Education

No.	Name of the Student	Subject
12.	Sulbha Vidhate	Education
13.	Harkara Karuna	Education
14.	Indira Adhagale	Education
15.	Bharati Sahasrabudhe	Education
Faculty of Home Science		
16.	Manjitkaur Chauhan	FRM
17.	Chhaya A. Badiger	EXT. Edu
18.	Vasudha Atreya	FRM
Faculty of Library Science		
19.	Bharati Sen	Library Science
Faculty of Technology		
20.	Sudha Rathod	Pharmacy
21.	Abha Doshi	Pharmacy
22.	Kavita Inamdar	Pharmacy
Faculty of Computer Science		
23.	Sunita M. Mahajan	Computer Science

The SNDT Women's University held its Forty Seventh Annual Convocation on Tuesday December 23, 1997, when 7224 candidates were awarded various degrees and Diplomas including 26 doctorates of the University. The Chancellor, Governor, Dr. P. C. Alexander awarded various prizes to 78 students.

Delivering the Convocation Address, Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Director General, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research and Secretary, Department of Science & Industrial Research, congratulated the University for its achievements, its progressive,

proactive culture and the emphasis placed on building linkages. He believed that networking is emerging as the new paradigm in higher education. He expressed his faith that institutions such as SNDT Women's University will play a key role in making this dream of "India Unlimited" come true.

Earlier, reviewing the work of the University during the year, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. M. A. Varghese, highlighted the activities and achievements of faculty and students.