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## SNDT HONOURS DR. USHA MEHTA



Dr. Usha Mehta was conferred an Honorary D. Litt. degree (Doctor of Letter) at 47th Annual Convocation on 23rd Dec. '97

### CITATION

Dr. Usha Mehta, distinguished for the fearless participation in the freedom struggle, outstanding academic career and numerous voluntary services to society, the SNDT Women's University is proud and happy to confer upon you the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters.

At present, you hold the prestigious position of being president of six well-known organisations which include the erstwhile Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Mumbai Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Freedom Fighter's Sabha and similar renowned institutions. Your zeal is concentrated on social welfare and educational upliftment which goes to prove your continuous, ongoing, ever active interest and enthusiasm.

Ushaben, your academic career has been illustrious both in India and abroad. We are proud you have been associated with SNDT University in several capacities. All along you have played an encouraging role and enthused us to further progress. You are a Gandhian, a feminist, a freedom fighter, a reformer, an academican, an administrator, a writer, a researcher and a teacher all rolled in one.

The various awards you have won over the years reflect your multifaceted talent. Award won from the Central Government, Tamrapatra in 1967, and from the State Government Freedom Fighter's Award in 1992. Best Teacher Award from State Government in 1980, Swami Pranavananda Award from UGC in 1994; from the Rotary Club, South Mumbai, Eminent Citizen's Award in 1993 all indicate the horizons over which you have been able to spread your wings and endear yourself. You have worked tirelessly for the city, for the people and for the students.

Ushaben, the writer and researcher in you has contributed more than 100 articles in English and Gujarati and in addition books in both languages. Your writing voice Gandhian thoughts and also present a picture of the turmoil and sufferings during the years of the freedom movement.

We are proud of your achievements and it is indeed befitting that in this fiftieth year of our independence, SNDT Women's University should confer an honorary D. Litt on you.



## *Smt. B. M. Ruia Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Gamdevi Mumbai*

The pursuit and promotion of knowledge and education by an individual or an institution is in itself commendable. When women are the beneficiaries of such an enterprise and initiative, it becomes a truly laudable activity and has more far reaching consequences for the achievements of a nation. The work done by the Marwadi Sammelan is therefore truly noble and worthy of appreciation.

When the S. N. D. T. University for Women closed the Hindi Medium Section of its Degree Classes, many Girl Students who wanted to pursue higher studies through Hindi found it difficult to continue their studies after Matriculation. The Marwadi Sammelan, the pioneer in spreading and popularising Hindi, came forward and established Mahila Mahavidyalaya in the year 1958, with a handful of Students in Pre-University and T.Y. B.A. classes. In recognition of the sincerity, dedication and preservice of the Marwadi Sammelan, S. N. D. T. Women's University granted affiliation to the College in 1960. Around that time, the Smt. Bhagirathibai Manmal Ruia Trust donated Rs. 15,000/- to help the Management to expand the College. In honour of Smt. Bhagirathibai Manmal Ruia, the Mahila College was renamed Smt. Bhagirathibai Manmal Ruia Mahila Mahavidyalaya, in the year 1963. Meanwhile, as the number of students started increasing, the Management decided to shift the College from Sitaram Poddar Bhavan, Phanas Wadi, to its present address, at 11, Krishna Kunj, Wachha Gandhi Road, Gamdevi, Bombay 400 007, in 1968. Steady addition to the number of students created acute shortage of rooms, to solve the problem, three more floors were raised above the existing ones.

The College conducts both Degree and Junior Classes of Arts and Commerce. Arts students are taught through Hindi Medium and Commerce through English Medium. Owing to the demands

of many parents, the College has opened English medium sections of Junior College Arts in 1996. In June 1979, Smt. B. M. Ruia Mahila Mahavidyalaya was granted permanent affiliation by the S. N. D. T. University. Since 1989, Computer Application as a subject has been introduced for Commerce students. Besides the Commerce students, girls of other streams are also given training in Computers through short term courses. When, in 1981, the College opened Post-Graduation Studies in Economics and Hindi, many of our aspiring students who could not think of doing Post-Graduation because of language problem found their dreams had come true.

Along with regular studies, students are encouraged to take part in different co-curricular and extra-curricular activities as a means of developing their personalities as well as to show the hidden talents in them. Every year the students Council of B. M. Ruia Girls College organizes Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition, Elocution, Essay writing, Self-Composed Poetry Recitation, Talent-shows, besides Mehendi, Poster-Painting, Rangoli, Cartoon drawing, Greeting Cards making and Quiz. At the College level, the Students Council organizes Literacy Day, Teachers Day, Sadbhavana Day, etc. and on the occasion of Hindi Divas, an Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition is organised by B. M. Ruia Girls. From time to time, seminars and workshops are organised by different departments like the N. S. S. and the Population Education Section. Renowned academicians, professionals and experts are invited to enlighten the students through their lectures and informative observations. To make girls aware of the menace of AIDS and Population Explosion, the N. S. S. Unit and Population Education invites Doctors and Social Workers to hold work-shops on such issues.

To make the students aware of our Cultural heritage, S. N. D. T. University organises an Annual Youth Festival and every year our students take



active part in almost all the events. B. M. Ruia has a good record of producing students who secure high ranks and distinctions in various examinations of the S. N. D. T. University.

Marwadi Sammelan, is always ready to promote the cause of Women's Education. With a view to encourage intelligent students, the Sammelan has instituted many scholarships and needy students are given financial help.

The Smt. Kishoridevi Bhadwandas Lohia Library is the pride of our College. At present, there are 1500 books on different subjects like Literature, History, Economics, Sociology, Commerce, Accountancy, Computer Science, Religion, Art and Culture, Philosophy & Psychology and many others. There is a separate section for books on Law and Legal matters in the Library. Justice D. R. Dhanuka, has donated Rs. 50,000/- to the Library to open this section which is dedicated to the memory of his father, late Shri Ramlal Dhanuka, on 5th October, 1997. Members of the Marwadi Sammelan enrich the Library from time to time by donating books to the Library. Besides books, the Library subscribes to various magazines, journals and Dailies to keep students abreast with current affairs.

In 1989 - 90, the Marwadi Sammelan instituted the Sahitya Puraskar to honour litterateur in the Hindi, Marathi, Rajasthani and Gujarati languages. Since 1991, this Literary Award has been named as the "Shri Ghanshyamdas Saraf Sahitya Puraskar." The award is overseen and conducted by the Marwadi Sammelan. The Award was conceived by the Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) Suman Jain.

In September, 1993, in memory of Late Shri Ramprasadji Poddar, the College Hall was named, "Shri Ramprasad Poddar." In September, 1995, in memory of Shri late Shri Ramprasadji Poddar, an Annual Inter-Collegiate Bhajan Competition is organised by the College. Marwadi Sammelan instituted a shield to be given to the best performer. The Sammelan also has been organising an Annual Bhajan Sandhya to felicitate the Prize Winners. Renowed singers like Shri Purshottamji

Jalota, Shri Anup Jalota, Harendra Khurana, Smt. Manju Bhatia enthralled the audience with their divine songs on such occasions.

In September 1997, the Marine Lines Junior Chamber of Commerce awarded the "Out standing Women of the City Award" to our Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) Suman Jain. She was selected for her dedicated services in the field of education.

On 5th October 1997, in a brief but befitting ceremony, in the presence of Hon'ble State Minister, Shri Raj Purohit, Smt. Jayawantiben Mehta, (MP), and Shri Murli Deora (Ex-MP), the junction between Hughes Road and Wachha Gandhi Road was named "Manad Major Ramprasad Poddar Chowk." On the same day, two small boards were installed at both ends of Wachha Gandhi Road.

The sapling, Mahila Mahavidyalya planted 40 years before by the Marwadi Sammelan has grown into a huge tree of knowledge and wisdom spreading its branches in all the directions and offering refuge to all those who came in search of knowledge of enlightenment. At present 1150 students are studying in different classes and the Mahavidyalya is well known as the only Hindi-Medium College.



**B. M Ruia Girl's College Inaugural Function**  
Chief Guest Smt. Rajeshshri Birla, Chairperson Vice Chancellor Dr. M. A. Varghese, Trustee & President - Mr. Gaurishankar Modi, Trustee - Mr. M. Shrofji, Principal - Dr. Suman Jain





**B. M Ruia Girl's College Mahovtsav - 15th Dec. 1997  
 Inauguration Function**

"B. M. RUIA MAHOTSAV" was celebrated on a grand scale from 15th to 20th December, 1997. (1997 being the 40th Year of B. M. Ruia Girls College). Several Inter Collegiate Competitions and Cultural Programme like Rangoli, Best out of Waste, Mehendi, Self-Composed Poetry Recitation, Fancy Dress, Poster Painting, Flower Arrangements, Antakshari, Musical Rendering of Shlokas from the Gita, Talk-show, Music Concert and Prize Distribution Function were held.

## *Otihaas*

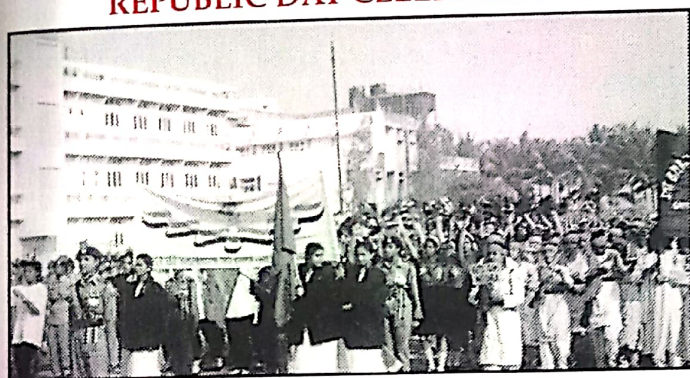
*(Smt. B. M. Ruia College, 1958 - 1997.)*

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- 1960 S. N. D. T. University grants Affiliation to the Mahavidyalaya
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- 1989 Computer Application as a subject is introduced.
- 1993 Mahavidyalaya is granted Minority Status.
- 1993 The College Hall is named as "Shri Ramprasad Poddar Hall."
- 1995 In memory of the late Shri Ramprasad Poddar, an Annual Inter-Collegiate Bhawan Competition organised.
- 1996 English medium Education is introduced in the Arts Section in the Junior College.
- 1997 The junction between Hughes Road and Wachha Gandhi Road, was named as  
 "Manad Major Ramprasad Poddar Chowk."
- 1997 The Library has opened a section with books related to the topic "Justice And Law" in memory of  
 Shri Ramlal Dhanukaji."



## AROUND THE CAMPUSES

### REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



Republic day was celebrated on various campuses with a variety of programs. On Juhu Campus the Dept. of Students Welfare, N.C.C and Dept. of Physical Education organised a grand programme, more than 600 students, participated in drill, songs, dance, Lazim presentation and many other items by students from various SNDT Colleges in Mumbai. Dr. S. Ramani Director N. C. S. T. was the Chief Guest.

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### 6<sup>th</sup> INDO-BRITISH SEMINAR

L.T. College of Nursing organised a seminar on Nursing care of people with HIV disease as a part of action research project which is ultimately designed to prepare nurses to initiate and manage. The changes in Clinical practice that will be needed to offer care to patients with AIDS. Prof. Robert J. Pratt from Thames Valley University, London gave the key note address.

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#### Farewell

Smt. S. Kukade, Principal SNDT college of Home Science and Head Dept. of Food Science and Nutrition retired after 29 years of service. We wish her happy and healthy future.

### AIDS AWARENESS



Mashal march was organised on 2nd Dec. 1997 to inaugurate the AIDS Awareness Fortnight Programme in the Colleges. Dr. Manamma Varghese, Ms. Nilufer K. Ahmed, Neela Thakur, Linda Denis and others

AID's awareness programme was organised by NSS cell at Churchgate and Juhu campus. Over 1500 Students formed a human chain and Mashal was handed over to Hon. V. C. who in turn handed torches to individual college representatives.

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### CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER IN EDUCATION

Dept. of Educational Technology organised a 2 day conference in connection with its Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Eighty teachers from schools, colleges and university departments attended the conference. Dr. P. S. Deodhar, former Chairman ET & T inaugurated the seminar and Dr. Sugata Mitra, Senior Vice President, NIIT gave keynote address.

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### SPORTS MEET

Inter collegiate Kho Kho & Kabaddi Tournaments (S.N.D.T. Women's University) was held at Women's College of Arts & Commerce, Jalgaon. In Kabaddi Arts & Commerce College, Pune won the trophy and the M.M.P. Shah College Matunga won the Kho-Kho trophy. Yogita Vinekar from Matunga was declared best Kho-Kho player and Sarika Kshirsagar from Pune as best Kabaddi player.



## *Opportunities to catch*

7 full tuition fee scholarships available in Art, Law, Social Science & Education (including Agriculture Food Science) for details contact Dr. Christine H. Humfrey, International office University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG 7 2 RD - U.K.  
(Last date for application - 18.5.98)

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National Social Science Documentation Centre of ICSSR is bringing out Quarterly Publication entitled 'Conference Alert' It will publish advance information on forthcoming conferences, workshops, training courses in Social Science. Send details to - "Director - National Social Science Documentation Centre, ICSSR, 35 Fewzeshah Road, New Delhi 110001.

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Citibank/ FCO Chevening Scholarships 1998-99, 3 scholarships are available to students to pursue, M. Phil in Economics, European Politics and Society and in International Relations at University of Oxford. Last date for scholarships - 20.3.98 Further information write to the International office, university of Oxford, University offices, Wellington Square. Oxford OX1 2 JD. Fax 44 1865. 270077.

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Training in Netherlands under Colombo Plan - Netherland following programme (1998-99)

Around 50 Post Graduate Courses are listed commencing at various dates from August 1998

The number of fellowships available to India is TWO only. Courses will be in English. Last date for applications vary depending on starting dates of the courses.

Those interested are requested to personally contact the Office of Director, BCUD, for further details.

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Royal Netherland Embassy offers Jan Tinbergen Scholarship Programme (TSP) designed to foster student exchanges between developing countries and the Netherlands. For details, write to NUFFIC, Rob Wielemann, PO Box 29777, 2502 LT The Hague.  
e-mail : wieleman@nufficcs.nl

## *Felicitating Dr. Usha Mehta*

Born of the morning before the sun : 1920,  
A lawyer at twenty one,  
Doctorate at thirty three,  
Fulbright fellow;  
The morning, the sun comes after.

Meanwhile, the man called Gandhi  
took your mind and spirit from you.  
He gave us you. You gave all to the country  
and when it came into its own, inhaled  
your free spirit with the nation's.

A friend of the people  
Friend to the state  
Reader, writer, teacher, finder, friend,  
we felicitate you,  
You bring us the sun and the morning.

And, when all else is gone  
like words on paper sheets'  
and the night before the morning,  
You will be with us here,  
Maker of our pre-dawn dreams.

**Ms. Mukta Sambrani**  
PG Dept. of English  
M. Phil IInd year

In the last issue the following names got wrongly printed. These should be Bankubhai Kapadia instead of Bhupathbai, Mororbhai Jariwala instead of Morabhai Siswawala. Radhika Pawar instead of Parmar.  
Errors are regretted - Editor.



## Students Achievements

Ms. Vinisha Chhabra of Dr. B.M. Nanawati College of Home Science won the All India Rotary Youth Leadership Award.

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Neha Pakai of Maniben Nanavati College sets World Record



CSM Neha Pakai from Maniben Nanavati College, Vile Parle. Youngest Girl made World Record to climb Lamchir Peak at Uttarkashi in Himalaya being felicitated by Col. M. A. Vargheese, Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women's University.

### Winners of the Tejaswani Contest

The department of Students Welfare had organised Tejaswini contest from 15-17th December 97. Following are the winners :

Tejaswani - Ms. Archana Iyer,  
Dr. B.M. Nanawati College of  
Home Science

1st Runner up - Ms. Neena R. Bajaj  
P.V. Polytechnic, Juhu

IInd Runner up - S.N.D.T. College of Home  
Science Pune.

Mrs. Parveen Agarwal, Managing Director, Dinners club was the Chief Guest.

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Mrs. Sunita Bemutha from Smt. C.B. Shah Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Sangli 10<sup>th</sup> MCVC H.Sc. Board, Kolhapur.

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Our students from Institute of Management Studies Mr. Supriya Kamath and Ms. Salma Rafat Ali won a Consolation Prize at the 12<sup>th</sup> Indira Gandhi Memorial Inter University Debate, organised by Indian Council of world Affairs.

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Ms. Deepali Mulik of S.N.D.T. College of Arts & Smt. C.B. Shah College of Commerce & Economics for women, Churchgate won a Consolation Prize at the Inter University Debate Competition organised by Anti Dowry Movement.

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Ms. Bhavna Deshpande, S.N.D.T. Arts & Commerce College, Pune won IIIrd Prize in Classical Vocal competition, Ms. Mansi Sabnis, Post Graduate Department, Churchgate won IIIrd Prize in Light Vocal & Ms. Ashwini Deshpande, S.N.D.T. Arts & Commerce College, Pune won IIIrd prize in Cartoon competition in West Zone Youth Festival organised by Nagpur University.

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Our students Ms. Rajshree Chouhan of M.M.P. Shah College and Ms. Sheetal Shinde of S.N.D.T. Arts & Commerce College, Pune were selected as N.S.S. Volunteers from Maharashtra to participate in the Republic Day parade at New Delhi.

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### SVT SETS THE TREND COUNTRYWIDE

SVT college of Home Science, Juhu became the first college in the country to get assessed by the National Assessment Accreditation Council (NAAC). The NAAC will give its appraisal report after 3 months. The college sent its 'Self Study Report to NAAC the NAAC team visited to assess the college. This shows the self confidence of the college" said Dr. A Gnanam Chairperson of NAAC. The committee of academicians met with staff and students of the college as a part of appraisal procedure.

We are thankful to Smt. B. M. Ruia Mahila Mahavidyalaya of Arts and Home Science, Mumbai for sponsoring this issue.



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## SNDT HONOURS CAPTAIN DR. LAKSHMI SAHGAL



SNDT University Confers Honorary Degree  
of Doctor of Letters on Dr. Lakshmi Sahgal

Capt. Dr. Lakshmi Sahgal is an eminent personality who has earned national and international fame. SNDT Women's University is indeed very proud and privileged to confer upon her the Hon. Degree of Doctor of Letters on the 19th day of March 1998 at the Special Convocation.

Capt. Dr. Lakshmi Sahgal, we are proud of your achievements as you are the first woman in the world to organize a Military Wing of Women under Azad Hind Fauj, the first woman in the world to reach to the position of Lt Col. in Military and also the first woman in modern India to be the Cabinet Minister with a portfolio of Women and Child Welfare, which was a very unique achievement in the late fifties.

It is with great pride in the fiftieth year of country's Independence that SNDT Women's University is

conferring an Hon. D. Litt. Degree on 19th day of March, 1998 at the special Convocation to a deserving and an outstanding daughter of our country, whose exemplary life of patriotism and dedication will remain a source of inspiration.

### FELICITATIONS TO HIS EXCELLENCY DR. P.C. ALEXANDER

We are pleased to know that we have the continued privilege of guidance by our Chancellor. We heartily welcome the decision of Government of India to give another term to Dr. Alexander as the Governor of Maharashtra. We extend our warm felicitations to him and Mrs Ackama Alexander.

NEWSLINE COMMITTEE : Chairperson - Dr. Ranjan Parekh, Convener - 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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## Bhoomi Pujan of Pariksha Bhavan at Juhu



Dr. Varghese, the vice - Chancellor performing the ceremony

### GRANTS SANCTIONED BY THE U.G.C. TO THE AFFILIATED COLLEGES DURING THE IXth PLAN

Sr. No.	Name of the College	Amount in lakhs
1.	M.M.P. Shah College, Matunga	11
2.	P.N.Doshi Women's College, Ghatkopar	11
3.	B.M.Ruia College, Gamdevi	9.5
4.	Shri M.D. Shah Mahila College, Malad	12
5.	Maniben Nanavati Women's college, Vile Parle (W)	10
6.	Dr. B. M. Nanvati Women's College, Matunga	8
7.	Smt. C. B. Shah Mahila College, Sangli	9
8.	W. K. Bhagini Seva Mandal's S.M.R.K. College for Women, Dhule	13
9.	Arunodaya Dnyan Prasarak Mandal's College, Jalgaon (No. 12-B)	9
10.	Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Baroda	12
11.	Smt. N.C.&B. V. Mahila College, Bhavnagar	11
12.	Sheth P.T. Mahila college, Surat	9
13.	V.D. Ghelani Mahila College, Savarkundla	6
14.	S.V.T. College of Home Science, Juhu (Autonomous college)	14
Total		144.5

### GRANTS SANCTIONED FOR NEW VOCATIONAL COURSES TO BE STARTED IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1998-99

Sr. No.	Name of the College	Course	Amount in lakhs
1.	B.M.Ruia College, Gamdevi	Office Management	7
2.	W. K. Bhagini Seva Mandal 's S.M.R.K. College, Dhule	Computer Application	15
Total			22





Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - Kanyashala

### **SNDT KANYASHALA CELEBRATES PLATINUM JUBILEE**

SNDT Kanyashala, Girgaum, Mumbai is celebrating its Platinum Jubilee Year from Feb. 1998 to Jan. 1999. The school was established on Feb. 1, 1924 by Maharshi Karve.

The foundation Day was celebrated on Feb. 1, 1998. Smt. Medha Mehendale, well-known entrepreneur (Tanvi Herbal Product) was present as a Chief Guest. Smt. Bhawalkar, Ex-Principal of this school and recipient of President Award for the Best Teacher presided over the function. Many dignitaries were present for the function. The school planned several programmes, both academic as well as fund-raising during this year. A platinum Jubilee Celebration Committee is formed with Hon'ble Madam Vice Chancellor, Dr. Verghese as a Chairperson.

### **SEMINAR ON CONSUMER EDUCATION**

A Seminar on "Fossil Fuels - Demand and Supply : consumer Concern" was held on 24th March, 1998 by the Department of Post-Graduate Studies & Research in Home Science in co-ordination with the Ramkrishna Bajaj - CFBP consumer Education & Testing Centre, SNDT Women's University at Juhu.

The Seminar was organised with the objectives of creating awareness and understanding of the global and national scenario of reserves of fossil fuel and its related issues. Developing a concern and responsibility among consumers for the conservation of fuels (oil) and to initiate the collective effort and disseminate the message of conservation of fossil fuel to each one of us.

The seminar was sponsored by : Hindustan Petroleum Co. Ltd., Bharat Petroleum & Indian Oil.

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### **RETIREMENTS**

1. Dr. Naina Potdar, the Principal of L. t. College of Nursing having served the university for more than two decades took voluntary retirement.
2. Dr. G. Subbulakshmi, the Director, Department of P. G. Studies and Research in Home Science retired from the eve of 31st Jan. 1998.

*We wish them good Luck.*

### **★ HEALTH CHECK-UP AT PUNE CAMPUS ★**

Medical check up for new entrants i.e. F.Y.J.C. and F.Y.B.H.Sc. and F.S.Q.C. was organised on 10th and 11th Feb. 1998 in collaboration with Rotary Club, Pune Metro. Total number of students examined were 425.

Dr. (Smt.) N. J. Chitale, Smt. J. Jamkhandikar, Smt. S. Lele, Smt. V. Ghatpande, Smt. S. Bhawe, Smt. M. Tisage, helped Smt. L. Pradhan for smooth conduct of medical check-up, under the guidance of the Principal Smt. S. R. Kukade Celebration of Science week 23-26 Feb. 98.



## Around The Campuses

### NATIONAL SEMINAR ON HINDI

Dept. of Hindi, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Pune Campus, organised a National Seminar on 2nd and 3rd March, 1998 with the assistance of Maharashtra Rajya Hindi Sahitya Academy, on "Sahitya Ke Samajshastriya Adhyayan Ki Dishayen."

The seminar was inaugurated by the famous Hindi critic Dr. Anandprakash Dixit and presided by the respected Hindi poet Shri. Harinarayan Vyas.



### "CLINICAL DIETETICS" AN UPDATE

The Department of Food Science and Nutrition organized a Seminar titled "Clinical Dietetics - An Update" on 17th and 18th of March '98. Eminent doctors from Sion Hospital were invited as resource persons. The Seminar covered a wide range of topics such as diet during renal disorders, cardiovascular diseases, respiratory disorders, dermatology, cancer, diabetes, burns etc., Dr. Vatsala D. Trivedi, Professor and Head of the Department of Urology, inaugurated the seminar and the exhibition organised on the occasion. She gave the keynote address on the topic "Clinical Nutrition in the Hospitals Today". The Seminar was well attended by staff and students of Nirmala Niketan, Dr. M. B. N. College of Home Science (Ghatkopar) and K.N.W. College, Vile Parle.



### EXPERT GROUP MEETING FOR QUALITATIVE EVALUATION OF POPULATION EDUCATION

An expert group meeting, sponsored by UNESCO Paris, was held at Population Education Resource Centre, S.N.D.T. Women's University during March 9-12, 1998 to prepare instrument for qualitative evaluation of Population Education programmes/activities in schools. Ten experts representing various national/ international organizations (UNESCO, UNFPA, Universities and NCERT) from Philippines, Thailand, Nepal and India had participated. A draft document was prepared which will be pre tested and finalized. The final document will be used by functionaries for evaluating various Population Education projects at school level sponsored by UNESCO and UNFPA in Asia-Pacific countries



### SEMINAR IN HISTORY

The Post-graduate Department of History, S.N.D.T. University organised a Seminar in association with S.N.D.T. College of Arts and Commerce for Women on 11th and 12th February, 1998 as part of the University programme to celebrate the Golden Jubilee year of country's Independence.

The theme selected for the Seminar contained all the three components appropriate to the occasion and the institution: INDEPENDENCE: WOMEN: HISTORY. It was inaugurated by Padmavibhushan Dr. Usha Mehta a veteran woman freedom fighter. The Inaugural session was chaired by Prof. M. A. Varghese, Vice-Chancellor of the University, who made a brief but beautiful presentation in Hindi, setting the tone of subsequent discussions.

The distinctive feature of the Seminar was that it was designed to be conducted in the vernacular in accordance with the philosophy of the Founder of the University.

During the Seminar a documentary film entitled "Bhitar Bahe Mukti Dhara" made by Sonal Shukla was also screened dealing with participation of several 'ordinary' women in the Freedom movement.



## REFRESHER COURSE IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

As part of its mandate of promoting Women's Studies within the University System, the Research Centre for Women's Studies (RCWS) undertook to organize an interdisciplinary refresher course in Women's Studies sponsored by the University Grants Commission from 2-25 March 1998.

The course was designed to give the participants a basic knowledge of Women's Studies as well as the effective teaching learning strategies that would generate interest in the classroom. It aimed at critically examining women's issues and concerns from an interdisciplinary perspective. The topics included:

- The growth of the women's movement
- The introduction of Women's Studies in the academics
- Its theoretical roots in feminist thought
- Women's status in society
- Indicators of health and education
- Economy and political participation
- Violence against women
- Religious fundamentalism and women's cultural expressions.

The 35 participants including 10 local and 25 outstation participants from Osmanabad, Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara, Solapur, Raigad and Hyderabad attended the course.



## REFRESHER COURSE IN NEONATAL NURSING

The Leelabai Thackersey College of Nursing, conducted 3 months Refresher Course in Neonatal

Nursing at national level for the trained nurses, from 12th January, 1998 to 7th April, 1998.

The L. T. College of Nursing was selected by The Directorate General of Health Services to conduct this course. It was funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, and World Health Organisation.

Five trained nurses were nominated from all over the country. The course included 80 hours of classroom teaching & 360 hours of clinical experience in various clinical areas of neonatal care in K.E.M. Hospital & Jethbai Wadia Children's Hospital, Nowrosjee Wadia Maternity Hospital. There was also observational visit to other neonatal units and community area.

The course was concluded on 7th April, 1998.

## GRANTS RECEIVED FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Centre For Rural Development, has received a grant of Rs. 2 lakhs from VOLKART FOUNDATION for one village programme to be conducted for three years
  2. British deputy High Commissioner, Western Region, Mr. Michael C. Bates, OBE has approved a two year grant of Rs. 3,33,000/- to the Centre For Rural development SNDT under the British Partnership Scheme. The Grant is to strengthen and extend the activities of the Audio - Visual Resource Centre Set up at Udveda
- SNDT university is grateful to the above funding agencies for their support for the good cause.

## UGC REFRESHER COURSES HELD AT SNDT

Refresher Course	Date	Participants
1. Home Science - Foods and Nutrition	Jan. 12 to 31	33
2. Home Science - Human Development & Extension	Feb. 2 to 22	23
3. Women's Studies	March 2 - 25	
4. Computer Applications in Teacher Education	March 23 to Apr. 15	29
5. Language Teaching	March 23 to Apr. 15	20



## Opportunities Available

**Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh  
announces Refresher Courses for year 1998-99**

Subject	Dates	Last Date of Application
Geography	Jul. 1-29	15 May
History	Jul 27-29	15 May
Library Sc.	Sep. 3-30	18 Jul.
Sociology	Nov. 26 to	10 Oct. Dec. 24

### APPLICATIONS FOR JRF

Guidelines and application formats for JRF in Engineering and Technology, revised for the IX Plan Period (UGC) is available in the office of Director, BCUD. Last date for application duly filled to reach UGC is 31st may 1998

Five scholarships for Indian nationals are offered by AL Azhar University, Cairo, for Post Graduate Studies in Islamic Studies. Details with Director, BCUD.

### INFORMATION ON SCHOLERSHIPS

UGC offers 20 JRF and 7 Research Associateships for scholars from developing countries for undertaking Doctoral and post Doctoral Research work in Indian Universities. Last date for application 15th June 1998. Details with Director, BCUD.

### TRAVEL GRANT FOR STUDY VISITS

The University Grants Commission has decided to provide to a limited number of teachers in Science, Humanities, Social Sciences and Engineering & 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 for maintenance in the country concerned for Government agency/recognized university and academic institutions of repute, for a period not less than two months. Application format available with Director, BCUD.

## WE MOURN THE SAD DEMISE OF :

**SMT. SHARADA DIVAN (1903 - 98)  
FORMER VICE CHANCELLOR OF SNDT**

Smt. Sharda Baburao Divan, born on Jan 31, 1903 : M. A. was a well known Gujarati Educationist, Woman activist and Social Worker. She was the first registrar, Dean and Vice-Chancellor (1969-1975) of the S.N.D.T Women's University, Bombay She helped to build and develop the S.N.D.T. University, a unique institution for women's education in the country. She was the member of Advisory Body, All India Radio; General Body, National Council of Educational Research and Training, Indian Universities Association of Continuing Education, Honorary Col. Commandant, N.C.C. She was Dean, Faculty of Arts, S.N.D.T. Women's University, 1957-1969. Participated in Interregional Expert Group meeting convened by the Human Rights Commission at U.N. Headquarter.

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**MS. AYESHA BANATWALA  
EX - Faculty of SNDT**

Ms. Ayesha Banatwala, Head of English Dept. passed away after a brief illness.

**Ms. GANGUTAI PATWARDHAN  
FIRST STUDENT OF UNIVERSITY**

Ms. Gangutai Patwardhan the first student of the SNDT university passed away.

**MAY THIER SOUL REST IN PEACE**



## Achievements

Dr. Durga Murari, Deputy Librarian, Pune selected for a Fulbright Scholarship for 1998 and is placed at the university of California, Los Angeles.

Dr. Suryakanta Ajmera Principal of Arts and Commerce College, Dhule is nominated as State Secretary for the Maharashtra State by the ICF for the year 1998-99.

### NATIONAL AWARD CONFERRED

Indian Society for Technical Education has conferred the 'National Award' 1997-98 sponsored by U.P. Government for the outstanding work done in the specified areas of Technology to Shri Praful Godkar, Lecturer P. V. Polytechnic, Juhu.



### JOHN DALVI AWARD RECEIVED

Dr. S. G. Bapat, Head of Department of Commerce, SNDT College Pune received the John Dalvi Award in recognition of the excellent work from Leslie Sawhny Programme.



**Hearty Congratulations**

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## STUDY IN RUSSIA

Cultural Centre of Russia invites  
applications for admission to various  
Institutes and universities of Russia

For details Contact : Cultural Centre of  
Russia 31-A Dr. Gopalrao Deshmukh Marg,  
Mumbai - 400 026.



### PUBLICATIONS OF SNDT COLLEGE OF H.S.C. PUNE

1. 'Aids Sathi Ahar Sanjeevani' (Authors S. Kukade and others) was published by Dr. Avinash Bhutkar - President, India Medical Association, Pune on Dec. 1 World AIDS Day.
2. Food Science manual in English - Smt. Kalpana Sadarangani and Smt. S. R. Kukade
3. Food Science manual in Marathi - Smt. Suneeti Bhawe and Smt. S. R. Kukade
4. 'Textiles and Clothing for XII Std. - Smt. I. P. Awasthee
5. 'The art of serving' - Smt. A. S. Kumar, Smt. S. R. Kukade

Dr. Smt. K. Jamkhandikar published Marathi books under the titles

- a) Sajeevanche Sahajeevan
- b) Adbhut Gharkule Nisargatil

- "Budhimapan Chachani" - Smt. S. Lele

### RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED

The research Projects completed by Dr. H. L. Kaila, Psychology Dept. SNDT University

1. "Occupational Health Survey of Women in Industry"  
- A ICSSR research Project, February 1998.
2. "Anxiety, Health and Smoking among Women"  
- a UGC / SNDT research Project, December 1997.
3. "Female Executive : a Psychosocial Profile"
4. "Health Effects of Computer among Women at Work"

The copies of these projects reports are available for reference in S.N.D.T. Women's University Library.

### CORRIGENDUM

In the issue of November - December, 1997 regarding article in respect of 25 years of Sheth P. T. Mahila College of Arts & Home Science, Surat, under the paragraph "With Deep Sense of Gratitude" the following are required to be read in place of incorrect names :

Late Shri Morarbhai Jariwala, and Late Shri Bankubhai Kapadia.

The College also owes sense of gratitude to Shri. Ambelal R. Desai, Smt. Nilima Shastri, and the members of the present management at Surat and Bombay.



AN ENLIGHTENED WOMAN IS THE SOURCE OF STRENGTH



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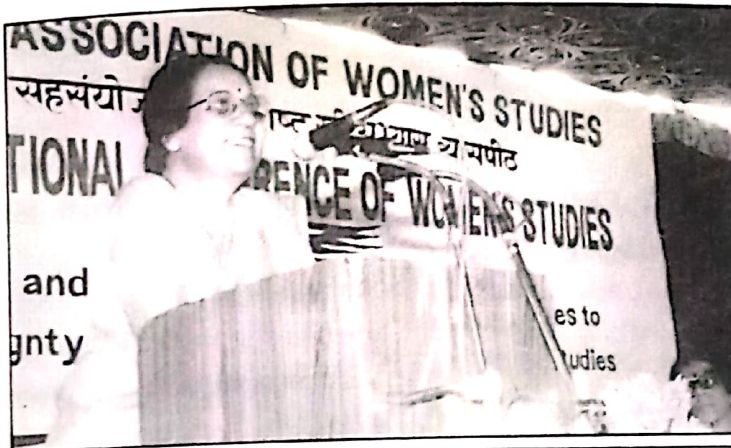
## VIIIth NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WOMEN'S STUDIES HELD AT SNDT CAMPUS - PUNE

In its four day long National Conference held at Pune's SNDT campus during 30th May - 2nd June 1998, Indian Association of Women's Studies, in collaboration with the Maharashtra Stree Abhyas Vidyapeeth, had wide ranging discussions on the broad theme of "Survival and Sovereignty" Challenges to Women's Studies. The Conference included four plenary sessions, on the following four themes :

1. Sustainable Livelihood for all Vs, profit for a few.
2. Economy and Ecology.
3. Our Households, Ourselves.
4. Culture and Resistance.

The Panel Speakers included several distinguished academics, well known human rights activists and Scientists working with grassroots people. There were several foreign delegates from Bangladesh, Srilanka, and Nepal as well as one from Trinidad and Tobago, Some of whom who also spoke at the plenaries.

The four afternoons were devoted to discussions on ten Sub-themes branching off from the main theme of the conference. The Comet Media Foundation organised a mela of some thirty crafts groups called Stree Vividha which



Dr. Varghese, the Vice - Chancellor, SNDT addressing the delegates during the valedictory function

was open also to its visitors from the city.

The IAWS had organised an evening of cultural activities. It included a one woman play enacted by Sushama Deshpande. "Vyay me Savithri boltye" and feminist bandishes by Neela Bhagwat.

One morning was devoted to a visit to the house of Jyotiba Phule and

to the statue of Savitribai Phule. The Indian Film Archives entertained the delegates to one evening of experimental films by women directors.

The Valedictory session was chaired by Dr. Mariamma Varghese Vice-Chancellor, SNDT University, who spoke about the persistence of patriarchal practices and the need for women's studies to analyse and combat their tendencies.

The IAWS members unanimous resolution condemning the recent nuclear tests in South Asia. They organised a silent march through the city on the evening of 1st June in which they were joined by workers from fourteen organisations from Pune.

The IAWS also unanimously passed a resolution condemning the recent gang rape of a woman who had undergone the same horror nine months earlier, as well as the Lokendra Muni case.

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## Achievements

\*SMT. T. S. BAFNA JR. COLLEGE OF ARTS & COMMERCE AND P.G. RATHOD MINIMUM COMPETENCY VOCATIONAL COURSE SECTION" has been awarded PSSCIVE AWARDS 1998 by "PANDIT SUNDERLAL SHARMA CAPITAL INSTITUTE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION. The award will be presented on 5th July at Bhopal by "Dr. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI, Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India.

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5 Students have secured First 5 ranks in the merit list in the University Examinations of B. Com. P - III, held in March 1998. Namrata Malpani of S. Y. J. C. Class (M. C. V. C. Course) stood IInd in Mumbai in H. Sc. Examination held in March, 1998.

The details of the Students are given below :-

Sr. No.	Name of the Students	Class	Rank
1.	Kum. Pinky P. Vora	B. Com. III	Ist
2.	Kum. Trilochana Patel	B. Com. III	II nd
3.	Kum. Parul H. Jain	B. Com. III	IIIrd
4.	Kum. Rinkal Patodia	B. Com. III	IVth
5.	Kum. Hetal M. Gopani	B. Com. III	Vth
6.	Kum. Malpani Namrata B.	S. Y. J. C. (M. C. V. C.) Course	IInd H.Sc. Exam.

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## OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

Ms. Archana Iyer, the winner of Tejaswini Contest December 1997 has been awarded District level Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award 1998. She will be the nominee of Zonta District 25, comprising of India, Bangladesh & Sri Lanka for international level Zonta international young women in public affairs award 1998

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## Opportunities

### SCHEME OF RESEARCH AWARDS

The U. G. C. has revised the scheme of Research Awards under the IX plan for teachers to pursue research for a brief time without having to undertake full teaching responsibilities. The Research Award will be given at three levels viz. Lecturer, Reader & Professor for a period of 3 years. The scheme permits permanent teachers of the University/College to devote time for research work in their academic career. Those teacher s will be selected who show excellent talent to pursue research and are not more than 50 years of age. The details of the award and the format for application are placed with the Librarian at the 3 campuses of the University.

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### ICSSR DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

See for Employment News 25-31-7-98  
Last date for applications 24-8-1998.

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### MAC ARTHUR FELLOWSHIP FOR POPULATION INNOVATIONS

Applications for Mac Arthur Fellowship for Population Innovations 1999 are invited. The objective of the Mac Arthur's programme is to identify and encourage a new generation of leaders in the population and reproductive health field. Brochure and application format are available in the office of the Director, BCUD or write to Country Coordinator, Mac Arthur Foundation, India Habitat Centre, Core C First Floor, Lodhi Road, New delhi 110 003

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## Forthcoming Events

### WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUGUST 7 - 8, 1998

The Family Resource Management Department of Post Graduate Studies and Research in Home Sc. has organised a workshop on Integrated solid waste management supported by IDRC, CANADA. The purpose of this workshop is to review critically the environmental and socio-economic aspects of Solid Waste Management (SWM) in India.

THE WORKSHOP WILL FOCUS ON :

- Environmental and social aspects of solid waste.
- Community based SWM.
- Efficient SWM Techniques.
- Recycling and reuse of waste.
- Waste to energy.

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### U. G. C. REFRESHER COURSES AT JUHU CAMPUS ( 1998 - 99)

Refresher Course in Home Science :

- Textiles and Clothing Oct - Nov' 98.
- Family Resource Management Dec' 98.

Refresher Course in Special Education January' 98.

Refresher Course in Women's Studies March'98.

### BEST COMMERCE TEACHERS AWARD

Dr. S. G. Bapat Head P. G. Dept of Commerce, Pune has been awarded Best Commerce Teacher from Maharashtra State Commerce Association.

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### VISITS ABROAD

Ms. S. C. Jhansi and Ms. Asha Patil had been to MASHAV, Israel, for international course on Adult Education, Basic Education and Lifelong Learning. The course was of 5 weeks duration from May 5, to June 8, 1998.

## New Courses at SNDT

### COURSE ON ENVIRONMENT

#### P. G. DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT :

(Offered by the P. G. Dept. of Family Resource Management, Home Science Juhu, from August 98)

ELIGIBILITY : Graduate Degree in any subject  
DURATION : 18 months.

#### COURSE INCLUDES :

Ecology and Environment, Environmental Pollution, Environmental Science and Engineering, Global Environmental Issues, Environmental Policy, and 6 months Internship / Placement in a reputed firm.

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### BACHELORS DEGREE IN MANAGEMENT STUDIES (B. M. S.)

B. M. S. programme to be offered at Smt. N. C. Gandhi & Smt. B. V. Gandhi Mahila Arts & Commerce college, Bhavnagar from the academic year 1998 - 99

Candidates will be admitted on merit basis at the Entrance Tests for admission conducted by the university.

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## WE ARE PROUD OF



**Smt. RATAN PARMAR** a sweeper awarded  
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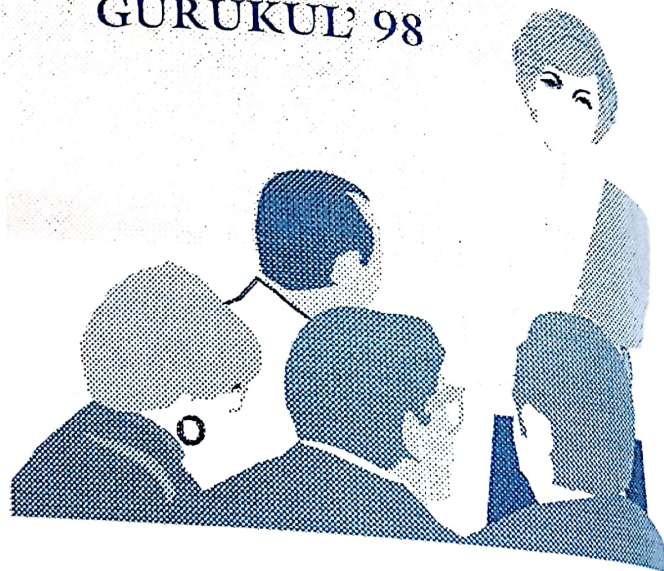
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**VISIT BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR  
AT THE VICE-CHANCELLORS  
GENERAL CONFERENCE  
OTTAWA, CANADA**

The theme of the Association of Commonwealth University Vice-Chancellors General Conference at Ottawa, Canada, 1998 was UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL CHANGE.

About 600 Vice-Chancellors/Presidents/Rectors and Principals from the Commonwealth countries attended the Conference from 15th to 22nd August 1998. India's representation was well covered and Maharashtra's representation was extremely good. The function started with the Convocation ceremony to confer Hon. Doctorate degree to two prominent personalities. Christodoulou and Julius Nyerere, that was a spectacular ceremony to begin the Conference.

Julius Nyerere was the keynote speaker at the ACU 1998 General Conference at Ottawa, Canada. He stated that the current drive by rich and powerful nations to liberalize and globalize markets and to push western style democracy on poor countries is being treated as if it is something that can be cloned like Dolly the Sheep and used anywhere and everywhere. He believes that we must manage our own democratic development and change. Dr. Nyerere further remarked that developing countries are also being pressured to adopt free-market economics which he calls dogmatic capitulation with its proponents believing it can be applied feasibly anywhere in the world. He was appreciative of the Association of Commonwealth Universities as a consultative body, does not exercise authority over its members rather it enables them to share problems and solutions and fosters mutual help.

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# PLATINUM JUBILEE YEAR OF S. P. R. J. KANYASHALA TRUST

With an aim to serve the nation, the pillars of S.P.R.J. Kanyashala trust launched before seventy five years the free education campaign for women. Recognising the pivotal significance of Women's education much before the Government adopted the policy of free education for Women, irrespective of class caste, creed and race; the trust introduced free education for women. This policy has been maintained for the last seventy-five years. Today, the institutions run by the trust cater to the needs of over 5500 students from K.G. to Under Graduate levels every year.

The most noteworthy aspect of this trust is that it is imparting knowledge free of charge to every student from K.G. upto the degree course. There is no such institution in the whole of Asia. The institution today spends around Rs. 1,00,000 over each girl student.

## THE EVOLUTION

Taking inspiration from Jain Pandit Shri. Ratna Chandraji, like minded social activists Shri. Durlabhjiibhai Khetani and Shri. Nyalchandbhai Sheth began classes for women. What started as religious classes blossomed as a school after the establishment of S.P.R.J. Kanyashala Trust. In 1942 Eminent Gandhian Scholar Smt. Yashodaben Patel became the First Principal of the School. The Trimurtis of the Trust Shri. Durlabhjiibhai Khetani, Shri. Nyalchandbhai Sheth and Shri. Bavchand Chitalia, then ventured upon the process of expansion. It became a full fledged school in 1955 and flowered into a Women's College in 1960. In 1966 the College was named after Smt. Prabhakunwar Doshi as Smt. P.N. Doshi Women's College of Arts. Smt. Pranaybala Koticha became the First Principal of the College and served the College as Principal for 32 years. In 1970, the present building of the College stood up. In 1976 and 1977 Jr. College for Arts and Commerce were added and in 1979, the College for Commerce was extended to Degree level which was named as U R Shah College of Commerce. In 1984, the Smt. Hiraben Nanavati Institute of Home Science and Smt. Kalavatiben Boda Institute of Commerce were established.



The Faculty with the Trustees



In addition to the regular library, Palanpurnivasi Late Smt. Maniben R. Mehta College Book Bank and various schemes such as Nibhav Fund, College Accessories Bank, Boda Nasta Fund, Living Expenses Fund and Publication Fund were started in order to help the students from K.G. to Under Graduate level.

The Present Principal Smt. Kumudhavalli had the good fortune to supervise the activities of the Home Science section as its Vice-Principal from 1987 to 1995. This, in a way proved to be a grooming exercise for her. It prepared her to take up the responsibility as the Principal of the Colleges and Institutes after the retirement of Principal Smt. Pranaybala Koticha.

Apart from the curricular and academic pursuits, the students excel in extra-curricular, sports and N.C.C.



Eminent Economist & Public Figure Shri. Nani Palkhiwala, President Shri. Pratapbhai Gandhi & Other Trustees at the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Trust.

activities.

The staff members of the Colleges have also participated and presented papers at State, National and International conferences; besides being appointed as executive members on various bodies of the S.N.D.T. Women's University.

Enrichment Courses like Tailoring, Embroidery, Batik work, Fancy cooking, Salad decoration, Flower arrangement, Cosmetology, Painting, Home furnishing, Public Speaking etc. and enrichment programmes like religious discourses, cultural programmes, film shows, literary seminars etc. have become regular features of education organised at the Trust's institutions. Various other features such as well equipped laboratories, training for yoga, a counselling centre, an audio-visual laboratory, an



Exhibition On Cultural Heritage of India, 1997

auditorium with a seating capacity of 650 people, medical check-up, guidance centres etc. facilitate the overall development of the students.

The Institution has decided to march ahead towards yet brighter success and progress to the next millennium with the following future plans :

- A Polytechnic for girls with classes for fashion designing, textile technology, mass communication, travel and tourism etc.
- Career Counselling
- Entrepreneurship Training Programme
- Enrichment courses for All Round Development
- Coaching classes for all Competitive Examinations
- Job Placement for Students



## ACADEMIC STUDY CIRCLE

### Workshops / Seminars / Conferences arranged by the College in the Immediate Past

- We were the First among the S.N.D.T. Colleges who prepared Post Literacy Material by the students.
- Seminar on "**CAPITAL ACCOUNT CONVERTABILITY**" was organised by our Economics department in 1997.
- Seminar on "**SECULAR VALUES AND PROBLEM OF COMMUNALISM**" was organised by our college with the help of the Centre for Study of Society and Secularism in the year 1997.
- Intercollegiate Seminar for students on "**SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES**" was arranged by the Department of Commerce.
- Workshop on "**AUDIO VISUAL AIDS**" was organised for our staff members.
- "**WOMEN ENTREPRENEUR**" development programme for our students was organised in 1997-98.
- Various programmes were arranged for our staff members like Meditation, Yoga, Acupressure.

## ACHIEVEMENTS



Ms. Jayshree Panchal



Ms. Nivedini Ande



Ms. Suvarna Vetale

## WORK ACCOMPLISHED IN VARIOUS FIELDS

Our Students have regularly secured ranks in the University and the H.S.C. Board.

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Our students have not lagged behind in extra-curricular activities. We have been reaping a regular crop of prizes in Sports and Cultural Activities at inter-collegiate and inter-university level.
- Our students represented the University for Kho-Kho, Volley Ball & Athletics five times during the past years.
  - **Miss. Suvarna Vetale** has won the National Shooting Championship held at Calcutta. She was awarded the Scholarship of Rs. 6000/- from Sports Authority of India, Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports, Patiala.
  - **Miss. Nivedini Ande** and **Miss. Usha Rathod** were selected to represent the University and Maharashtra N.C.C. at the Republic Day Parade, New Delhi in the years 1994 and 1995 respectively.
  - **Miss. Nivedini Ande** was selected to visit U.K. for three weeks under the Youth Exchange programme. She also won awards there in Dance, Elocution Competitions and Parasailing.
  - Our Folk Dance team won the **Best Entry Award** at the University for the year 1998-99.



## ADULT EDUCATION

Our **Jana Shikshan Nilayam (J.S.N.)** has been running the library for neoliterates. We have arranged various community programmes in the adopted areas. Our College has been adjudged the Best Centre twice over i.e. 1991-92 and 1994-95.

The Skill Training programmes that were arranged at the adopted areas were :

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mehndi      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fabric Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Embroidery |

## NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (N.S.S.)

In our College the place of pride goes to our N.S.S. unit which has been doing exemplary work. Our N.S.S. unit in the course of 25 years have adopted three nearby slums : Sainath Nagar, Indira Nagar and Barot Wadi.

The Programmes conducted under NSS include :

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Skill Oriented Training programmes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood Donation Camps              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AIDS Awareness Programme through Street Plays/Rallies  | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Camps for our students |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Camps in Rural/Tribal Areas  | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Check-up                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sale of Rakhees made by blind people   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> We had hosted 3 days Leadership Camp organised by our University in 1998-99.   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three day programme on Adolescent Health was organised by our College and volunteers from various Colleges all over Maharashtra had attended it in 1996-97.  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Student <b>Miss. Jayshree Panchal</b> received the <b>Best N.S.S. Volunteer Award</b> by Maharashtra State for the year 1995-96 and the <b>Indira Gandhi National Award for N.S.S.</b> for the year 1996-97. She was sent to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia & Brunei as the <b>Youth Representative</b> of the Government of India for the year 1997-98. |  |

## ACHIEVEMENT OF THE TEAM BEHIND

- ☐ **Mrs. Pranaybala Koticha**; Ex-Principal received the **Best Teacher Award** from the Government of Maharashtra. Dr. Koticha has now instituted the **Best Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Award** in memory of her achievement.
- ☐ **Mrs. Sukhmani Roy, Mrs. Vinodbala Patel, Ms. Harshada Rathod & Mr. Abhay Sardesai** are regular contributors of Articles, Short Stories in various magazines / newspapers.
- ☐ Our staff members had attended various National and International Workshops, Seminars and Conferences.

## SOME OF OUR GEMS FROM THE PAST

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|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. <b>Dr. Harshada Rathod</b>  | : | Now a Reader in our College with many papers and books published to her credit.   |
| 2. <b>Ms. Savita Khose</b>     | : | Former Tejaswini from the University - Now a Counsellor with a Tata Memorial Hospital, an active theatre personality with a string of awards. |
| 3. <b>Ms. Chandramma Patil</b> | : | University Rank Holder - Now Finance officer with Jet Airways.  |
| 4. <b>Smt. Pushpaben Mehta</b> | : | Principal of our School.  |
| 5. <b>Ms. Veera D'Souza</b>    | : | Senior Finance Manager in M/s. Feroz and Sons.  |
| 6. <b>Ms. Surbhi Tripathi</b>  | : | Working as a Police Sub-Inspector and takes care of the law and order situation.  |
| 7. <b>Ms. Usha Rathod</b>      | : | Our N.C.C. Cadet who took part in the Republic Day Parade is the Jr. Finance Officer in Videsh Samachar Nigam Limited.                        |
| 8. <b>Ms. Seema Dixit</b>      | : | Food and Nutrition Graduate is a Technical Director of American Soyabean Association.   |
| 9. <b>Ms. Varsha Puthran</b>   | : | Now working with Bush Allan and Company as Quality Control Manager.   |



## MILESTONES IN OUR LONG JOURNEY .....

- 1924 Religious classes under Sadhviji.
- 1942 Establishment of Pt. Shri. Ratnachintamani Jain Kanyashala Trust and School (Gujarati Medium) Road, Ghatkopar.  
Purchase of Cama Bungalow.
- 1944 Establishment of Sarvajanic Education Society.
- 1946 Construction of the present School Building.
- 1955 First S.S.C. batch of the School.
- 1957 SPR Mahila Mahavidyalaya Guidance Lectures were started.
- 1960 First Affiliation of SPR Mahila Mahavidyalaya to SNTD Women's University.
- 1966 The college renamed as Smt. P.N. Doshi Women's College of Arts.
- 1970 The present building of the College was constructed.
- 1971 First N.S.S. Unit was formed.
- 1972 Permanent Affiliation to S.N.D.T. Women's University.
- 1976 Jr. College was commenced.
- 1980 Primary School for English medium was started.
- 1982 First batch of Commerce Graduates passed out.  
Food Science Laboratory; Jr. College was constructed.
- 1984 Established as part of Diamond Jubilee Celebration :  
S.T. Mehta (English Medium) Secondary School  
Smt. Kalavatiben B. Boda Institute of Commerce  
Smt. Hiraben M. Nanavati Institute of Home Science  
Nandkumarben D. Kothari Textile Laboratory  
Late Smt. Maniben Mehta College Book Bank  
Shri. Dalichand J. Doshi College Educational Accessories Bank
- 1985 Shri. Manilal N. Parekh Psychology Laboratory was set up.
- 1987 Smt. (Dr.) Nanavati B.M. Women's College of Home Science, Ghatkopar was started
- 1990 First batch of Home Science Graduate passed out.
- 1991 Smt. Vinodini Selarka Fund for Publication and Research was obtained.
- 1992 Computer Laboratory for Commerce, Audio-Visual Laboratory & Biology Laboratory was set up.  
Publication of Sarvaiyyu - by the Gujarati Department was started.
- 1994 Hobby Classes in vacations.  
Minority Status for the Degree College.  
Publication of Vichar Mauktika.  
Opening of Students' Counselling Guidance Centre.
- 1995 Shri. Amritlal Yagnik Smriti Granth published by Gujarati Department.
- 1997 Retirement of Principal Smt. Pranaybala K. Koticha & Appointment of New Principal Smt. Kumudhavali.
- 1998 Vocational Course for Office Administration Management for Degree (B Com.) students.  
Platinum Jubilee Year.

## FUTURE PROGRAMMES

Under the Platinum Jubilee year following programmes will be organised

- Sept.'98 - Oct.'98 Cultural Programmes will be arranged
- December'98 Exhibition.
- Jan.'98 - Feb.'99 Kavi Sammelan, Seminar on Women's Education
- Aug.'98 Grand Closing Ceremony.



# AROUND THE CAMPUSES



## THE CANADIAN ASIA-PACIFIC AWARD

The Canadian Asia - Pacific Award newly introduced and announced by the Deputy Minister for Communications amounting to \$ 10,000 for two awards annually is to assist the people to write a scholarly article on an aspect of Canada's bilateral or multilateral relations with area, preferably focusing on Contemporary matters.

For further details Contact :

Dr. Neeta Ramaiya - Director;  
Canadian Studies Programme,  
S.N.D.T. Women's University,  
Churchgate, Mumbai - 400 020



## FELLOWSHIP

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute has just announced various fellowships for the year 1999-2000 which enables Indian scholars to visit Canadian Universities to do research in the areas of Social Science and Humanities. A detailed guideline will be available

at Centre for Canadian Studies,  
S.N.D.T. University, Mumbai - 20



## N.S.S. LEADERSHIP CAMP

Dept. of Students' Welfare & N.S.S. Cell of the University had organised the N.S.S. Leadership camp for nearly Sixty student volunteers from our N.S.S. Units from 24<sup>th</sup> July to 26<sup>th</sup> July at the P.N. Doshi College, Ghatkopar. The Leadership Camp was inaugurated by Eminent Industrialist & Environmentalist; Dr. Mohanbhai Patel. On the occasion a booklet on "Intervention for psycho social issues for HIV/AIDS by Dr. Rita Sonawat and Shweta Mathur of PGSR H.Sc, Juhu was released. The programme included yoga, group singing, lecture series, project work, group discussion etc.



## LEADERSHIP CAMP AT DEOLALI

The Dept. of Students' Welfare had interviewed and selected 26 students from all the affiliated and conducted colleges of the University for the Leadership Camp at Deolali sponsored by the Leslie Sawhney Centre from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Aug'98. The main objective of this Camp was to train the leaders in various techniques of leadership and to be an asset to their institute. The programme included Lecture

Series, Group Discussion, Debate,  
Cultural programmes, trekking etc.



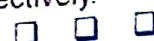
## HIROSHIMA COMMEMORATION DAY

The Dept. of Students' Welfare & N.S.S. Cell had organised a Panel Discussion on "In Today's Scenario Nuclear Disarmament is a Fallacy" to commemorate Hiroshima Day on 6<sup>th</sup> August'98. Shri. Venkatavardhan; Eminent Scientist, Shri. Suresh Bhamre; Human Rights Activist, Dr. Mariamma Varghese; Vice Chancellor of S.N.D.T. University and Shri. Kumar Prashant; Social Activist participated in the Discussion as panellists.



## WORKSHOP

Dr. B.M.N. Ruia College of Home Science had organised two workshops for their faculty on "Valuing Self and Others" on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June'98 and "Food Science and Quality Control - Present Scenario and Future Perspectives" on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July 1998 respectively.



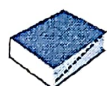
## RESEARCH PROPOSALS INVITED

The Research Centre for Women's



Studies (RCWS), SNDT Women's University, Mumbai invites small research proposals in Women's Studies from academics and activists. These awards will be made purely on merit and could reflect theoretical, historical or any of the current issues in Women's Studies. Based on the scope of the work and the kind of data required to be gathered, research grants of Rs. 10,000/- to 20,000/- will be made available for a period of 3-6 months. Those interested should submit their proposals superscribed "Small Research Grant Proposal" to the following address :

**The Director**, Research Centre for Women's Studies, SNDT Women's University, S.V.T. Juhu Campus, Juhu Road, Mumbai - 49



#### PUBLICATION

- ① A Monograph on "Parents and Value Education" (June 1998) by H.L. Karta of PGSR - Psychology was published by DAV Centre for Creative Education. A copy of the Monograph is available at the University Library.
- ② Mr. Mangesh Kulkarni; incharge P.G. Dept. of Politics; S.N.D.T. University has been appointed as Asst. Editor for News Quest, India's leading journal of ideas and creative writings.



#### ACHIEVEMENTS

**Ms. Archana Iyer**, the Tejaswini of the year 1997-98 was deputed by the Dept. of Students'

Welfare to represent our University for the Zonta National level Award for young women in public affairs. She was awarded the **Young Woman of the Year Award**. She is the student of Dr. B.M.N. College of H.Sc, Matunga.



Smt. T.S. Bafna Jr. College of Arts & Com. & P.G. Rathod Minimum Competency Vocational Course section, Malad has been awarded **PSSCIVE Awards 1998** by "Pandit Sunderlal Sharma Capital Institute of Vocational Education". The award was presented on 5<sup>th</sup> July'98.



The five top ranking students in the Merit list of B.Com III Examination of the University held in March'98 belong to Shri. M.D. Shah Mahila College, Malad. **Ms. Namrata Malpani** of the same college stood IInd in the Merit list at H.Sc Examinations (M.C.V.C. course) held in March 1998.



**Ms. Suvarna R. Vetale**; student of S.N.D.T. Churchgate and currently studying in MA II received NIS Sports Scholarship of Rs. 6000/- for the two years 1996-97 and 1997-98 for her excellent performance in Rifle Shooting. She has also excelled in N.C.C. as best shooter Co.1, 'C' Certificate holder and Best Cadet too. She was also the sports leader and has fared exceptionally well in all fields during her tenure.



**Aparna Sawant** secured 10<sup>th</sup> rank in the H.S.C. Merit list in the Pune Board.



**Mrs. Madhavi S. Dastane-Kulkarni** secured distinction marks (77%) in Advanced Diploma in Computer Software System Analysis and Application (ADCSSAA) conducted by Board of Technical Examination.



#### VISITS ABROAD

**Ms. Nilufer Ahmed**; Dean of Students participated in the "Regional Training Workshops on promoting enterprise and economic development" jointly organised by the CYP : Asia Centre, Chandigarh and Ministry of Samurdhi, Youth Affairs and Sports Govt. of Sri Lanka in Colombo from 25<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 98.



**Lt. Neela Thakar**, Co-ordinator of N.C.C. Department was invited at Geneva for participating in 12<sup>th</sup> World AIDS Conference organised by UNAIDS and INTERNATIONAL AIDS SOCIETY; where she presented a paper on "Developing a strong and committed group of Girl Students (N.C.C. Cadets) for AIDS Prevention in Mumbai, India".



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His Excellency Dr. P. C. Alexander, Vice-Chancellor  
Dr. Mariamma Varghese & other dignitaries at the  
Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony

## **FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY**

The Foundation Stone laying ceremony for the Management & Technology Complex was performed on 19th September 1998 at the hands of His Excellency, Dr. P. C. Alexander, Governor of Maharashtra.

In the inaugural address, Dr. Alexander stressed the importance of Technology and Management in development. He also congratulated SNDT for the timely ventures undertaken. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Rahul Bajaj, reiterated his confidence in SNDT University to achieve excellence in any task undertaken.

The highlight of the cultural event was a skit put forth by the students of the University.

## **48TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION**

The Forty Eight Annual Convocation of the University for conferring Degrees and Diplomas is fixed on Monday, the 28th December, 1998 at 11.00 am. Dr. P.C. Alexander, Governor of Maharashtra and Chancellor of the University will preside over the Convocation function and Dr. Armaity Desai, Chairperson, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, will deliver the Convocation address.

Visit By the Vice-Chancellor at the Vice-Chancellors  
General Conference; Ottawa, Canada



Our Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mariamma Varghese with His Excellency  
Julius Nyerere and Dr. Snehlata Deshmukh; Vice-Chancellor  
of Mumbai University at the Conference

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## WEST ZONE INTER- UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY SINGING FESTIVAL

The Department of Students' Welfare had hosted the West Zone Inter University Community Singing festival organised by Association of Indian Universities & sponsored by Dept. of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India, New Delhi. 18 Universities from the West Zone participated in the festival, 10 from Maharashtra, 3 from Rajasthan, 3 from Gujarat and 2 from Madhya Pradesh.

Shri. Anil Deshmukh, Minister of State for Education & Cultural Affairs inaugurated the



Vice Chancellor welcoming the Chief Guest Shri. Anil Deshmukh, Minister of State for Education & Cultural Affairs in the presence of Eminent Music Director Shri. Khayyam on 14th Oct '98



Guest King Shri. Jagjit Singh being felicitated by the Vice-Chancellor on the occasion in the presence of Shri. Pramod Navalkar on 15th Oct. '98

programme at Bhaidas Hall on 14th October '98. Music Composer Shri. Khayyam and Smt. Sharda, playback singer were the Guests of Honour. The prizes were distributed on 15th October '98 by Shri. Pramod Navalkar, Minister of Cultural Affairs & Transport and Shri. Jagjit Singh; eminent Ghazal singer.

University of Mumbai won the 1st Prize Championship Trophy, S.N.D.T. Women's University bagged the Runner-Up trophy, Indira KalaSangeetVishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh, Banasthali Vidhyapeeth, Rajasthan, Nagpur University, Nagpur bagged the 3rd, 4th & 5th prizes

## **AFFECTIONATE FAREWELL**

Shri. Shantaram Pujare who worked for 40 years in the University in various departments has retired on 30th September '98 after his long sincere and dedicated services. We wish him a happy retired life.

Smt. Tarla Joshi who was working in the Publication Department & Dr. Vijaya Kumardhas who is a Reader in L.T. College of Nursing have opted for voluntary retirement on 31-10-98. We wish them all the very best for their future.

## **LADY MEHERBAI TATA SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications are invited for the Lady Meherbai D. Tata Education Trust Scholarships to be awarded to young women graduates with a high academic record from an Indian University for higher studies abroad for specialisation in any of the following subjects only : Social Service Work, Child Welfare, Rural Organisation Work, Public Health and Hygiene & Social Hygiene.

Only those who have secured admission or have applied for admission are requested to apply for the forms giving full particulars of their academic records.

Duly completed applications should reach Mrs. B.J. Daruwala, Secretary, Lady Meherbai D. Tata Education Trust, Bombay House, Homi Mody Street, Mumbai - 1.



## AROUND THE CAMPUSES

### S.N.D.T. YUVA MAHOTSAV

The Mahotsav was held from 14th to 17th September '98. More than a thousand students from 35 colleges and departments from all the conducted and affiliated colleges of the University from Maharashtra and Gujarat participated in 21 events comprising of Theatre, Fine Arts, Literacy and Music events. The Mahotsav was inaugurated by Mr. Terence D'Souza, Regional Officer, Indian Council of Cultural Affairs, External Affairs Ministry. Eminent judges like Shri. Vijay Kadam, Kishan Sharma, Shivraj Ratnam and Dr. Rajan distributed the trophies and prizes on 17th Sept. '98 during the valedictory function. The Overall Championship was bagged by Post-Graduate Dept., Pune and S.N.D.T. Arts & Com. College, Pune were the Runner-Up winners.

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### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### NATIONAL AWARD

- Mr. P.B. Godkar, Lecturer, Selection Grade of Premila Vithaldas Polytechnic of Juhu Campus, has received the **ISTE National Award** for the year 1997 by the "U.P. Government National Award (Polytechnic)".

#### MERIT LIST OF S.N.D.T. ARTS & COM. COLLEGE, PUNE

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### COLLABORATION WITH HARVARD UNIVERSITY

S.N.D.T. Women's University has signed a one year agreement with the Department of Population and International Health at the Harvard University in U.S.A. to participate in their Global Reproductive Health Forum. Under this project, S.N.D.T. Women's University Library will digitise articles and reports by South Asian authors on reproductive health, gender justice and rights to enable the Forum to put them up on their website and thus become part of the ongoing global debate.

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### HOME STAY EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

**Inter State Home Stay Exchange Programme;** University Grants Commission Scheme for promotion of National Integration was entrusted to the Dept. of Students' Welfare by the Association of Indian Universities. Our Partner University was **Mother Teresa University, Kodaikanal** and **M.D. Shah Mahila College** was given the responsibility of hosting this programme. 11 student families were selected to house the students and the same team visited Kodaikanal.

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### SEMINAR

The Post Graduate Department of S.N.D.T. Women's University, Pune Campus organised a Seminar in

memory of Late (Mrs.) **Shakuntalabai M. Kanade** from 17th to 21st August '98. The theme of the Seminar was **"WOMEN AND HEALTH"**.

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### SPORTS PARTICIPATION FOR "ASHWAMEDH'98"

S.N.D.T. Women's University Sports teams will be participating in the 2nd Maharashtra State Inter University Sports Meet at the **"ASHWAMEDH 1998"** from November 27 to December 1, 1998 at the Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad. They will be participating in the Athletics, Swimming, Volleyball, Basketball, Kabaddi and Badminton events.

The Annual Junior and Senior Inter Collegiate **ATHLETIC MEET** and Senior Sports Essay, Elocution, Quiz and Sports Talent Competition will be held from December 9-10, 1998 at Mumbai University Pavilion and Churchgate Campus.

The Junior Inter Collegiate Tournament in the games of Kabaddi, Volleyball, Kho-Kho, Badminton, Table Tennis Tournaments and Essay, Elocution, Quiz and Sports Talent Competition will be organised for all the Junior Colleges from 16 to 18 December '98 at the Churchgate Campus and Samarth Vyayam Mandir, Shivaji Park.

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### INTERNATIONAL BREAST FEEDING WEEK

The **International Breast Feeding Week** was jointly celebrated by the S.N.D.T. Women's University's L.T. College of Nursing, Association for Consumer's Action on Safety and Health & UNICEF at the S.N.D.T. Women's University on 5th August '98.





His Excellency Dr. P. C. Alexander along with other dignitaries at the Platinum Jubilee Year function of S.P.R.J. Kanyashala, Ghatkopar

## DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING AND ADULT EDUCATION

- The Department is organising a three days **"Workshop on Legal Information & Education on Human Rights"** for Police Officers at Nashik Police Academy from December 8 to 10, 1998. There will be approximately 50 participants for this workshop. They are middle level Police Officers from all over Maharashtra.
- A survey to assess Health Awareness among college girls was organised by the Population Education Resource Centre, S.N.D.T. Women's University in collaboration with Institute of Research in Reproduction (ICMR), Mumbai. This survey was conducted among 2000 students from S.N.D.T. colleges in Mumbai. A meeting was organised on November 23, 1998 to finalise the questionnaire and work out the modalities of conducting the survey. The findings of the study will be used for developing training programmes on Health Awareness among girls.
- The Department is announcing its very popular course of a 5 month

duration in **Marathi Journalism** from the end of December, 1998. The eligibility criteria is graduation and some work experience. The course will be conducted on alternate days i.e. on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays in the evenings between 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. The course fees are Rs. 1,270/-.

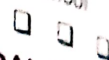


## OPEN HOUSE

S.N.D.T. Women's University Library and S.H.P.T. School of Library Science are holding an **Open House from December 17 to 19, 1998**. In the inaugural programme on December 17, media theatre and film personalities such as **Amol Palekar, Jayant Kripalani and Vithal Nadkarni** will talk on "Reading : Impressions and Expression". December 18 will be marked by competitions. An essay competition on **"The Library in 2020 A.D."** will be held for library science students and professionals. For the students of S.N.D.T. Women's University; a quiz competition on "Books and Libraries" will be conducted.

A get-together of alumni and past staff members of the library and the School will be held on December 19 as a concluding event.

During the 3 days there will be an exhibition on the development activities, resources and services of the Library and the School



## CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

U.G.C. implements Cultural Exchange Programme entered into by GOI with foreign Countries. These interalia provide for visits of Indian teachers to these countries for study cum lectures, exchange of views, establishing contacts, training for various periods. For the year upto 2000, such exchanges are possible with Uganda, Ethiopia, Egypt & Italy. For details contact : **The Director, B.C.U.D.**



## 94TH BIRTHDAY OF OUR ALUMNI

S.N.D.T. Women's University congratulates and wishes its alumnus **Maltibai Bedekar** on her 94th Birthday !

She is the Winner of State Awards for 'Bali' and 'Shabari' novels and has also been honoured with the Presidentship of Sahitya Sammelans at various places.



## VISIT ABROAD

**Mr. Mangesh Kulkarni** (Lecturer in Politics, Dept of P.G. Studies & Research) was awarded a 1998-99 Rotary International Grant for University Teachers to serve in Developing Countries. In July 1998 he visited to Malawi (Africa), where he served as a **Rotary International Visiting Lecturer** at the Dept. of Political & Administrative Studies, Chancellor College, during August-October 1998.



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## FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The Forty-eighth Annual Convocation of the S.N.D.T. Women's University was held on Monday, December 28, 1998 where 7060 candidates were awarded various degrees and diplomas of the University. His Excellency, Chancellor Dr. P.C. Alexander, Governor presided over the function and awarded prizes to 76 students.

Delivering the Convocation address, Dr. A.S. Desai, Chairperson, University Grants Commission (U.G.C.) congratulated S.N.D.T. Women's University as unique standard bearer in the field of higher education. She appreciated the S.N.D.T.'s contribution not only to women's education but also for its very innovative thrusts. Besides, its academic programmes, it has been the pioneer in Women's Studies for which it has further given leadership. Dr. Desai made a special mention of the commendable range of extension activities and field outreach from working with ragpickers to working in a sprawling urban slum as also in the village community, thus making teaching and research equally relevant to societal needs.



Speaking on the role of Women's Universities, she emphasised that they have a major challenge before them to undertake such programmes for their own students and teachers so as to reverse the process of gender biased attitudes and practices through their activities both within and outside the institutions. If they have graduated their students by simply reinforcing the traditional social attitudes to women and not made them the agents of change they have missed a great opportunity available to them to address the whole issue of gender equality in our society.

She exhorted women to unite across caste, class, ethnicity and religion, if change has to be brought.

Dr. A.S. Desai urged the graduating students to be effective agents for empowerment of women by developing self-confidence, retaining self-esteem and be contributors in the development



process in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

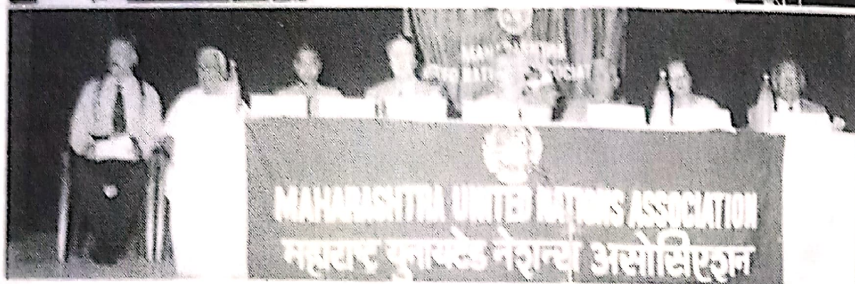
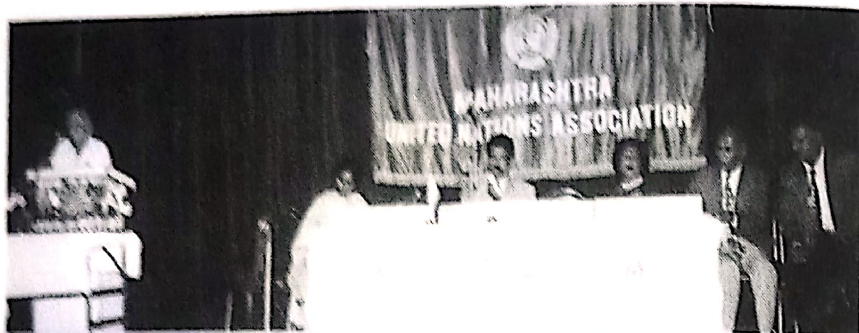
Earlier while reviewing the work of the University during the year, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. M.A. Varghese, highlighted the activities and achievements of faculty and students.

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## HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATION



Two programmes were organised in association with Maharashtra United Nations Association (MUNA) & Dept. of Students' Welfare at P.N. Doshi College Ghatkopar on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. '98 in honour of **Mr. & Mrs. Feodar Starcevic**, Director of UNIC. Guest speakers at the function were **Irfan Engineer & Retd. Justice Suresh**.

At the Patkar Hall with the S.N.D.T Arts & Com. College the dignitaries present were **Shri. S.P. Godrej**; President, MUNA, **Mrs. Mohini Mathur**, Ex-Chairperson; MUNA, Guests of Honour **Hon. Mr. Justice S.M. Daud (Retd.)**, Chief Guest **His Excellency Mr. Mohammed A.S. Al-Rasheed**, Council Member, Royal Consulate General of Saudi Arabia, **Mr. A.A. Syed**, Secretary General; MUNA and **Mr. K. Ahmed**.

General; Royal Consulate General of Saudi Arabia, **Mr. A.A. Syed**, Secretary General; MUNA and **Mr. K. Ahmed**.

### WORLD DISABLED DAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> DEC. '98



At the very near entrance of our University one meets an epitome of confidence smiling & boldly what one can misperceive as a disability; our very own receptionist **Ms. Asha Karkhanis** who has overcome her human limitations due to polio. She is a Post-Graduate from our own University, hails from a middle class background, was appointed as a Receptionist with the

University in the year 1974. She confidently says that she is completely independent & not a burden. At the same time she feels that society should not brand anybody as disabled just because that person may be unfortunate to have one or the other physical or any other limitation for no fault of theirs. As they can be fruitful to the society with proper understanding, care, support & empathy. The motto of S.N.D.T. is **संस्कृता स्त्री पराशक्ति**. We are proud of her.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### UGC SEMINAR

The SNDT College of Arts & S.C.B. College of Commerce & Economics is organising a two day UGC Seminar on the topic "**Development and the issues of Environment : The interdisciplinary perspective**" on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March 1999. This seminar is organised for academicians from the SNDT Women's University & Mumbai University.

#### PREPARATION FOR SET - EXAM

The Dept. of Continuing & Adult Education & Extension of SNDT Women's University organised a one day preparatory training on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1998 for the teachers/P.G. students who will be appearing for the SET examination. About 32 participants benefited from this programme. Training was arranged in the area of General Knowledge and Research Aptitude apart from the subject discipline. The major faculties covered were Home-Science, Commerce, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, History, Education and English.



# ACHIEVEMENTS

## SPORTS

- **Miss. Pratibha S. Patkar** of B.M. Ruia Girls' College, Gamdevi represented India at the International Karate Tournament, 1998 and won the Gold Medal. Since 1992-97, she has to her credit 6 Gold, 4 Silver & 4 Bronze Medals in State & National Karate Competitions.
- **F/C Uma Iyer** from Dr. B.M.N. College of Home Science had represented the Maharashtra Contingent in All India Vayu Sainik Camp and won prizes in Aeromodelling, Firing & Flying.
- **Ms. Deepali Somale** won the IInd prize in the Inter-Collegiate Judo competition organised by Maharashtra Government.
- **Ms. Divya Salian and Ms. Sheela Koparkar** have been selected for the Maharashtra State team of Korf-ball. They participated in the sixth Junior National Korf-ball championship which was held at Jammu from the 30<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1998.
- **Ms. Janice Singh** secured IIIrd rank in Long Jump in Athletic Meet organised by the Bombay City District Athletic Meet, held at Bombay University ground on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1998.
- **Ms. Vaishali Shetye, Ms. Varsha Nanoskar, Ms. Veena Gurav &**

**Ms. Vaishali Gharud** participated in the 4 x 100 Relay Race in the **Ashwamedh** Tournaments; State level Inter University Tournaments at Aurangabad.

- **Ms. Shubhangi Kondulkar** is participating in National Kho-Kho Tournament held at Jabalpur from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1998.

- **Ms. Vaishali Shetye, Ms. Shaila Jadhav & Ms. Seema Chikane** participated in the All India University Kho-Kho competitions at Indore.

- **Ms. Veena Gurav and Ms. Varsha Nanoskar** participated in the Kabaddi tournaments at Calicut.

## N.C.C.

- Silver & Bronze medals were awarded to the following NCC cadets at the International Award Scheme For Young People introduced by the **Duke of Edinburgh, London**.

### SILVER AWARD:

- **SUO. Gayatri Bharadwaj** – SVT College of Home Science
- **SUO. Pallavi Shetty** – Smt. Maniben Nanavati Women's College
- **SGT. Vijaya Sarawade** – Smt. P. N. Doshi College
- **SGT. Toral Desai** – SNDT Arts & Com. College; Churchgate

- **CDT. Suvarna Mhatre** – LJNJ College

### BRONZE AWARD:

- **CDT. Kalindi Parikh** – Smt. Maniben Nanavati Women's College
- **CDT. Dimple Ranjit** – SNDT Arts & Com. College; Churchgate
- **CDT. Sujata More** – M. D. Shah Mahila College
- **SUO. Aparna Potnis** is selected for the RDC 1999 January to Delhi. Her name is also short-listed for the foreign Youth Exchange Programme. Last year in October, she participated in the Basic Leadership Camp at Delhi.

- A Cycle rally was organised under the leadership of ANO of 5 Maharashtra Girls BN Coy : 3. Dr. Jyoti Khambatta from Mumbai to Nareshwadi (Dahanu) and back; from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November, 1998. A group of 20 NCC cadets from M.M.P. Shah College, Matunga and 10 cadets from various units participated in the same and were welcomed by the President of the Virar Municipal Corporation, Shri. Pradeep Tendulkar at Virar. This Rally was jointly supported by Lions Club of Wadala and Somaiya Trust.



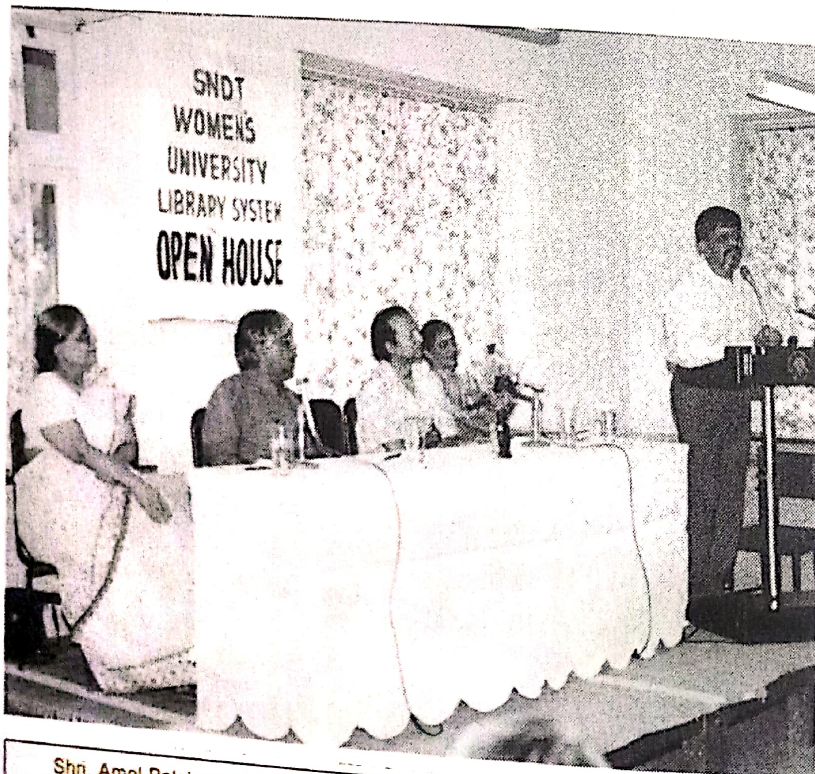
## VISIT TO TATTVAJNANA VIDYAPEETH



"Pujya Dadajee" Shri. Pandurang Shashtri Athavale, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mariamma Verghese & other members of the University team during the visit at Tattvajnana Vidyapeeth

About eighty members of the teaching and administrative staff of the S.N.D.T. Women's University from Churchgate and Juhu Campuses visited on 20<sup>th</sup> November'98 the Tattvajnana Vidyapeeth at Thane. established in 1956 by "Pujya Dadajee" Shri. Pandurang Shashtri Athavale. He promoted "Swadhyay" movement with less than 24 workers way back in 1954 with a singular aim of developing community living based on the ideals of the Bhagwad Gita which has now spread to nearly 100,000 villages as well as several foreign countries.

Our Vice-Chancellor; **Dr. Mariamma Verghese** presented Dadajee a silver casket, a shawl and a citation in which his noble work, innovative concepts and great movement were appreciated and applauded. The visit to Tattvajnana Vidyapeeth was organised by Dr. Lata Murugkar, Dept. of Sociology, S.N.D.T. College of Arts.



Shri. Amol Palekar, eminent actor & film director speaking at the Open House organised by the S.N.D.T. Women's University Library. Also present were Shri. Jayant Kripalani, eminent actor & other dignitaries

## OPEN HOUSE

The University Library organised an Open House from December 17-19, 1998. **Shri. Amol Palekar** emphasised the role of the home and school environment in developing a reading habit. **Shri. Jayant Kripalani** explained how through reading all senses are used to visualise and create an atmosphere. The interpretive aspect of reading was highlighted by Shri. Vithal Nadkarni, who talked about how reading is a unique experience.



# AROUND THE CAMPUSES

## REPRESENTATION AT YOUTH FESTIVAL AT KULU

M.M.P. Shah College, Matunga was recommended by the Dept. of Students' Welfare to represent the University at the Youth Festival organised by the Dept. of Cultural Affairs, Govt. of Maharashtra from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October '98 at Kulu, Himachal Pradesh. The same team was invited by the Govt. of Maharashtra to present the same programme as "Maharashtra Darshan" at the Agro-India Festival on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. '98.

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## PREMLILA THACKERSEY DAY CELEBRATION

SNDT College of Education for Women; Pune organised a symposium on "Innovations in Education" on the occasion of Premlila Thackersey Day; December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1998.

Secondary School teachers, winning the state and national level prizes for "Innovations in Education" by N.C.E.R.T. were invited to talk. Mrs. Jayshree Purandare from P.E.S. Girls' High School, Pune talked about her project regarding bulletin board. Mrs. Geetanjali Rao from Modern Boys High School gave information about various efforts done to make the students from Marathi medium talk through English. Mrs. Manisha Limaye from Agarkar High School explained various efforts done for 100

percent result in Mathematics. Mrs. Yashree Karve from Adarsh Girls' High School talked about her project regarding social service.

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## INTER-COLLEGIATE FESTIVAL "KSHITIJ '98"

Smt. M.M.P. Shah Women's College of Arts & Commerce for the first time organised the Inter-Collegiate festival "KSHITIJ '98" from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1998. Students from Bombay University and SNDT Women's University participated in various competitions like Solo-dance, Traditional attire, Dumb Charades, Turn Court Debates etc.

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## AKANKSHA'98

Akanksha'98, an exposition of the exciting face of Home Science was organised by the Dr. Nanavati College of Home Science & Smt. Nanavati Junior College of Home Science on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1998. The primary objective of the exhibition was to highlight the exciting vocational possibilities in Home Science and to clarify several misconceptions in the minds of the general public. 80 people visited.

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## WORKSHOPS

☉ A five day Workshop (9-13 Nov. '98) on "Mental Health Programme in Schools" (as per WHO recommendations) was conducted by Guidance and Counselling Dept. of S.N.D.T. Women's University in which 18 schools from all around Mumbai participated.

☉ G.E.I. Women's College, Dombivli had organised a Workshop on "Women Development 2001" & "Women & Law" for 50 women from different fields from Dombivli area participated in the same.

## INFORMATION

### U.G.C. SCHEME GUIDELINES

Following U.G.C. Scheme Guidelines are available with the Director, BCUD.

- 1) Innovative Programme (Revised during IX Plan)
- 2)a. Scheme for strengthening of infrastructure in Science and Technology (Cosist)
- b. Special Assistance Programme (SAP) (LAS / DSA / DRS)

Principals and HOD who wish to apply for the Scheme may write to the Director, BCUD.

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## LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The Inauguration function of the Legal Awareness Programme for the girl students was organised by Smt. Gandhi Mahila Arts & Commerce College, Bhavnagar with the co-operation of National Commission for Women on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. '98.

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## J.N. TATA SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are invited for the J.N. TATA ENDOWMENT LOAN SCHOLARSHIPS for the academic year 1999-2000 for higher studies abroad, in all disciplines. Selected Scholars will also qualify for gift scholarships.

Applicants should be graduates with a good academic record. Those who are in the final year of the degree course will also be considered. Academics and other mid-career professionals with creditable academic records and experience, going abroad for specialised qualifications, may also apply. Selection will be on the basis of a personal



Interview, which will basically assess the candidate's general knowledge and competence. Interviews will be conducted between March and June.

Applications can be sent only through post or courier service and should reach The Director, J.N. Tata Endowment, Bombay House, 24 Homi Mody Street, Mumbai - 1, not later than 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. '99. Ph. No.: 204 9131, 282 6092

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## COURSE ON HIV/AIDS

L.T. College of Nursing conducted a course on "Caring for people with HIV/AIDS" on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. '98. This course was conducted in collaboration with the British Council Division, British Deputy High Commission, Mumbai and Wolfson School of Health Sciences, Centre for Sexual Health HIV Studies, Thames Valley University, London.

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## THE SMUTS MEMORIAL FUND FELLOWSHIP

The Smuts Memorial Fund Fellowship at Cambridge (2000-2001) is for Commonwealth related aspects of the fields of Economics, History, Literature, Social & Political Sciences. Young scholars holding Ph.D. degrees with active research interest are requested to apply for the growth fellowship at Cambridge (15,000 pounds). Closing date for completed applications is 30<sup>th</sup> June 1999. Write to the Managers of the Smuts Memorial Fund, 4 Mill Lane, Cambridge, CB2, 1RZ, 1UK.

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## REFRESHER COURSE IN GANDHIAN STUDIES

Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad organises UGC sponsored Refresher Course in Gandhian Studies (10-2-1999 to 2-3-1999). Those interested

are requested to collect application forms from Director, BCUD, SNDT Women's University.

## HELPLINE

### GENDER ISSUES COUNSELLING CELL

The Research Centre of Women's Studies, SNDT University has established a Gender Issues Counselling Cell for the staff & students of the SNDT Colleges in the following manner:

(Personal/Family problems) at Workplace, Marriage Counselling (social/economic health). The timings are on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm at the Research Centre for Women's Studies, Juhu Campus.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### INDIRA GANDHI AWARD FOR THE BEST N.S.S. VOLUNTEER

Ms. Premila Shikare, the N.S.S. volunteer of M.M.P. Shah College, Matunga was awarded the prestigious 'Indira Gandhi Award for the Best N.S.S.



Volunteer' for the year 1996-97 by the Govt. of India, Ministry of H.R.D.

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## TROPHY FOR NSS

The excellent contribution by our NSS students for the "Pulse Polio Programme" for the last three years 1995-96, 1996-97 & 1997-98 has been duly acknowledged by the Mumbai Municipal Corporation in the form of a trophy.

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## JEWELLERY DESIGN AWARD

Ms. Aparna Karnik, Ms. Arpita Kapadia & Ms. Ritu Bohra; students from our Jewellery Design Dept., were selected for Shoppers Stop Jewellery Design Award.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Ms. Suhana Bhatia, student of P.G. Diploma in Communications and Media has won the first prize at the All India Inter-Collegiate Photography Contest "Tasveeren'98" organised by Sydenham College. Suhana's photograph of a "Child Beggar" won her the award in the colour category.

## Vice Chancellor's Banner

M.M.P. Shah College, Matunga has been awarded the "Vice-Chancellor's Banner" for the best performance by their NCC unit. The ceremony was held at Oval Maidan, Churchgate on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 1998. While handing over the banner, the Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Mariamma Verghese congratulated the NCC cadets. Also present were N.C.C. cadets, N.C.C. Officer Lt. Dr. Jyoti Khambatta & Honorary Secretary; Shri. Pravin Bhai Shah.



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