



# SNDT Women's University, Mumbai

S.N.D.T. College of Education, Pune

## Sharadiya Vyakhyanmala

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### Day 1 : Smt. Savita Sonawane



The program began with a warm and respectful welcome to all dignitaries, professors, students, and guests. The anchor extended heartfelt greetings on the auspicious occasion of Sharadiya Navratri, emphasizing that this festival is not merely a religious celebration but a period of deep spiritual reflection, inner strength, and devotion.

Navratri, celebrated over nine days, symbolizes the worship of the nine forms of Goddess Durga. Each form represents courage, wisdom, compassion, and energy. The importance of Navratri lies in its message of defeating negativity within and inviting positive energy and divine strength into our lives. This message set the tone for the lecture series by linking the power of Goddess Durga with the power of women in society. This initiative was organized under the guidance of Dr. Sangita Shirode, Principal, Additional Charge

Upholding the rich traditions of the institution, the program formally commenced with the recital of the University Song. All participants stood in respect, acknowledging the values and

unity that the song symbolizes. This act created an atmosphere of pride and collective spirit among the attendees.



Following the university song, a devotional atmosphere was created with the chanting of the sacred shloka:

"Ya Devi Sarvabhuteshu Shakti Rupena Samsthita,  
Namastasyai Namastasyai Namastasyai Namo Namah ||"

This shloka was explained in detail to the audience. It highlights the omnipresent nature of Goddess Durga, who resides in every living being as power, courage, intellect, and compassion. The description pointed out that:

- During times of hardship, she manifests as inner courage.
- In decision-making, she appears as wisdom and discernment.
- In service to society, she is present as compassion and motherly care.

The meaning reminded everyone that the divine feminine energy lives within each individual and guides humanity towards righteousness and strength. The essence of the "Sharadiya Vyakhyanmala" (Sharadiya Lecture Series) was elaborated. The word "Sharadiya" is associated with the autumn season and the sacred Navratri, while "Vyakhyanmala" means a chain of intellectual lectures. This initiative is not only spiritual but also intellectual in nature. It aims to create a platform where ideas, experiences, and cultural values are shared. Special emphasis was given to the message of honouring the "Super Women" of society — women who continuously work for social upliftment, education, equality, and empowerment. Their life struggles and achievements serve as an inspiration to all, especially the younger generation.



Dr. Deo delivered the introductory note of the program. Her speech provided an insightful overview of the objectives and vision behind the lecture series. She said that late Principal Dr. Hemlata Parasnus started this series in 2004. She also gave donation to organise the program. emphasized that the series is not just an academic exercise but a way to blend cultural traditions with intellectual growth.

Her words set a thoughtful foundation for the event and motivated the audience to view Navratri as a celebration of both devotion and empowerment. After her address, she was sincerely thanked for her guidance, time, and encouragement. The highlight of the program was the keynote lecture delivered by Prof. Savita Sonawane, a renowned scholar of sociology and an experienced research guide.

Her achievements include:

- Extensive research on women empowerment, rural development, social justice, and Indian culture.
- Publication of numerous research papers and books at national and international levels.
- Active participation in social awareness campaigns and women's organizations.

In her inspiring address, Prof. Sonawane spoke passionately about the role of women in shaping society. She stressed that women are not just contributors but leaders in education, family,

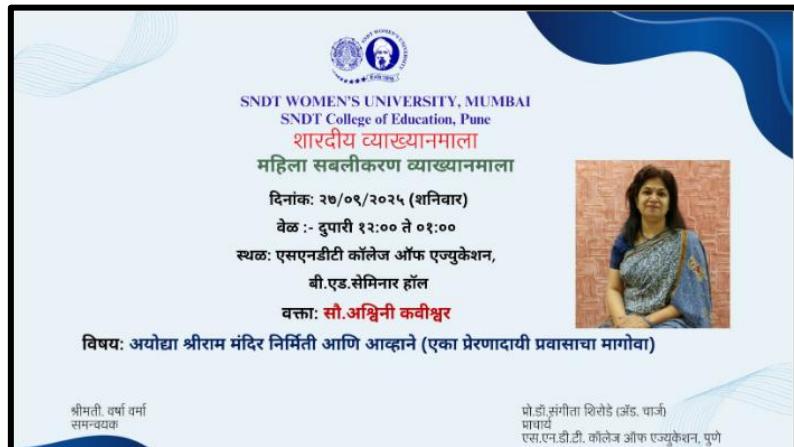
community development, and cultural preservation. Her words encouraged the students to believe in their own strength and to work towards building a more just and inclusive society.

Her lecture was received with great enthusiasm, and the audience felt enriched with new perspectives and motivation. Presidential address was delivered by Prof. Dr. More, who presided over the program. She beautifully summarized the discussions and highlighted the importance of such intellectual gatherings. She encouraged students to learn not only from textbooks but also from the experiences and struggles of role models like Prof. Sonawane. Her words provided direction and inspiration, serving as guiding principles for both teachers and learners. Program concluded with a detailed vote of thanks, where heartfelt gratitude was expressed to:

- Principal Prof. Dr. Sangeeta Shirode, for her continuous guidance and encouragement. Even though she could not be present physically, her support made the event possible.
- Chief Guest Speaker, Prof. Savita Sonawane, for her enlightening and motivational lecture.
- Dr. Dev Ma'am and Dr. More Ma'am, for their guidance and active participation.
- Smt. Varsha Varma, for her efforts in planning and coordination.
- All teaching faculty and students of FY, SY, TY, and B.Ed. classes, for their involvement and cooperation.
- Students who contributed by writing important notes and announcements on the blackboard during the program.
- The technical team, invited guests, and all attendees, whose presence and support made the event meaningful and successful.

The Sharadiya Lecture Series concluded on a note of gratitude, inspiration, and positivity. The event successfully blended tradition with intellectual dialogue, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present. The blessings of Goddess Durga were invoked at the end, with a collective prayer for strength, courage, and prosperity for all. The atmosphere was filled with devotion, respect, and inspiration, making the program a memorable occasion.

## Day 2: Smt. Ashwini Kavishwar



On Saturday, 27th September 2025, a lecture on women's empowerment was held for student-teachers. Smt. Jyoti Daware anchored the programme and introduced **Mrs. Ashwini Kavishwar** as the chief guest. Prof. Usha More was president and felicitated the chief guest. In her address, Mrs. Ashwini shared many practical insights and suggestions aimed at helping student-teachers internalize and actively promote women's empowerment.



The lecture emphasized the importance of self-reflection and goal setting for personal and professional growth. It encouraged individuals to identify their core values, such as professional excellence, ethical conduct, and commitment to service, and align their actions accordingly. Setting both short-term and long-term goals ensures continuous progress in technical competence, leadership, integrity, and social responsibility. Mentorship and networking were also emphasized, with participants encouraged to seek guidance from experienced mentors, regardless of gender, who have successfully navigated challenges.



As **Mrs. Ashwini Kavishwar** work as a different leading role at her work place, she also stressed the development of soft skills such as communication, negotiation, leadership, and presentation, as well as understanding ethical standards and legal frameworks. Participants were encouraged to take initiative by volunteering, participating in community or campus programs promoting ethics, gender justice, and empowerment.

She shared her experiences while working on the site of Shri. Ram Janama Bhumi Ayodhya. She also shared her work experiences as a architect as well as spiritual experiences. Also the faith and love of Lord Shri.Ram from all over the India.

The lecture also highlighted the importance of awareness and advocacy, promoting safe, inclusive, and respectful environments. Finally, the lecture stressed the importance of balance and resilience, reminding participants to acknowledge personal and societal challenges, strive for work-life harmony, and overcome biases and expectations with confidence.

## Day 3: Prof. Geetanjali Prakash Anjali



On 29th September 2025, the third lecture of Shardiya Vyakhyanmala series in SNDT College of Education, Pune was organised. The programme began with the University song at 11:30 am in the presence of Chairman Prof. Dr. Vijay Chavan and hosted by Ms. Aditi Mrudange.



This was a very interactive Lecture as it was conducted by Prof. Geetanjali Prakash Anjali, who is currently working in Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune. The event was held in the

B.Ed hall of College Campus. It was handled by the other team members as well. This initiative was organized under the guidance of Dr. Sangita Shirode, Principal, Prof. It was an interactive lecture since the students participated while it was conducted. All the students were answering the questions. In this lecture Prof. Geetanjali spoke about the importance of Navratri. She also told how Navratri holds an important role in India. Her team members spoke about Bhuri Bai – The Indian Bhil Artist, Kumud pawed – The Indian Dalit Activist, Anandi Gopal Joshi – First Indian Female Doctor for western medicine, Leila Seth – First woman judge in Delhi High Court and the first woman to become chief justice of a State High Court, Mary Kom – The first Indian Female Boxer and Arunima Sinha – The first female Amputee to scale Mount Everest, Mount Kilimanjaro etc. The objective of this Programme was to let the students know that they can excel in different fields if they stop self-doubting. Also the team addressed the students with real life issues that women are facing. One of the most prominent issues on which Prof. Geetanjali and her team are working is sanitation issues. They also talked about various social issues as well.



The Lecture was very interactive and knowledgeable. Many educators also appreciated the friendly and encouraging learning environment, and expressed their desire for more such lectures in the future. The overall feedback reflected a sense of empowerment and confidence in all the students. This Autumn lecture was a significant initiative towards promoting Women Empowerment. It successfully provided knowledge to the students about how they can fight for their rights. The event concluded with the distribution of Leaflets marking the end of an inspiring day of learning.