

YUVA Mahotsav Finale September 2024 Report

Smt. Maniben M. P. Shah Women's College of Arts And Commerce co-hosted the SNTD Women's University inter-collegiate festival "YUVA Mahotsav" on the 20th and the 21st of September, 2024. It is a festival filled with art, culture, literature and vibrant glimpses of the rich cultural heritage of India that the university has been organising since its inception.

Inauguration

The festival began with the inaugural function on the 20th September, 2024 at 9:30 am, at Visanji Ravji Auditorium, with Ganesh vandana for invoking the blessings of Lord Ganesha. This was followed by the University song. Dr. Pramod Pabrekar, former Principal, ICLES Motilal Jhunjhunwala College, Vashi, Navi Mumbai graced the event as Chief Guest while Dr. Nitin Prabhu- Tendulkar, Assistant Dean, Student Development, SNTD Women's' University was the Guest of Honor. The Guests were joined by Dr. Dilip Trivedi, President, SMES and Dr. Archana Patki, Principal, Smt. Maniben M. P. Shah Women's College of Arts & Commerce for lighting the auspicious lamp as a tradition of offering prayers to the almighty. Dr. Trivedi felicitated the guests Dr. Pabrekar, and Dr. Prabhu-Tendulkar and invited them to formally inaugurate the festival.

Dr. Nitin Prabhu-Tendulkar shared the ethos of "Yuva Mahotsav" organised by the SNTD Women's University every year to encourage young talent. He informed that this year, the 'Dance, Literary, and Fine arts' events were being hosted by Smt. Maniben M. P. Shah Women's College on the 20th and the 21st September, 2024; while the 'Music and Theatre' events would be held on the 26th and 27th September, 2024, in the Churchgate campus of the SNTD University.

Principal Dr. Archana Patki, formally introduced Dr. Pramod Pabrekar and requested him to address the gathering. Dr. Pabrekar, highlighted the importance of the "Yuva Mahotsav" Festival in discovering the hidden talents of the students and its importance in the context of New Education Policy. He appreciated the contributions of the SNTD Women's University towards the education and progress of women for over a century and the efforts of the students in carrying forward the identity and legacy of the University.

The formal vote of thanks after the inauguration was delivered by Dr. Seema Shah, Assistant Professor, Smt. Maniben M. P. Shah College of Arts and Commerce.

The various events in the area of Fine Arts, Literary Activities and Dance were conducted at different venues in the college such as the Hall, Auditorium, Library, Classrooms, etc. The College Staff in small teams assisted by student volunteers conducted the events in an organised manner.

Valedictorian Function

The valedictorian function for the YUVA Mahotsav Finale events of 20th and 21st September, 2024, was held in Shree Ravji Jivraj Changdaiwala Hall, Matunga, SMES Campus, in the presence of SMES management members, Dr. Archana Patki, Principal, Smt. Maniben M. P. Shah College, the Guest of Honour- Ms. Tarunaba Yuvrajsinh Parmar, Alumna and State GST Inspector, Government of Gujarat and the Chief Guest- Shree Pravin Shah, Chairman, Seva Mandal Education Society, on 21st September, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the evening. The function commenced with Ms. Renuka Prajapati, Arts Faculty In-charge, Smt. Maniben M. P. Shah College, addressing the gathering.

Ms. Prajapati praised the participating students for the wonderful display of talents and their spirit of sportsmanship throughout. She congratulated and thanked the SMES Management, the Principal and the Teaching and Non- Teaching staff for the successful conduction of the herculean task. She expressed gratitude towards the management for their constant support and guidance.

After Ganesh vandana and the university song was performed by the students, Ms. Renuka Prajapati invited all of the dignitaries on the dais. The Chief Guest, Chairman Shri Pravinbhai Shah was felicitated by Dr. Nitin Prabhu-Tendulkar, Assistant Dean, Student Development, SNDT Women's University . Principal Dr. Archana Patki felicitated Ms. Taruna Parmar, the Guest of Honour. Ms. Prajapati requested the Chief Guest, Shri Pravinbhai Shah to address the gathering. He expressed the Management's desire to host more such events in order to provide a platform to encourage bonding among the students and develop their skills and talents.

Ms. Prajapati requested the participants and teachers to share their experiences of the two days' festival hosted by Smt. Maniben M. P. Shah College of Arts and Commerce. A student from the SNDT Juhu campus shared her experience in the form of a poem. She congratulated the college and the students for conducting the event successfully and especially praised how the staff was very cooperative and appreciated the hospitality offered by the college during the two days. Prof. Yashwant Kale from Usha Mittal Institute of technology, praised the efforts taken by the College, the Principal and the Management members for organising the event. He expressed gratitude for supporting the students from colleges over the state and thanked the college for hosting the event gracefully.

Ms. Prajapati introduced the Guest of Honour- Ms. Taruna Parmar, Alumna of the institution and State GST Inspector, Government of Gujarat. She had been a participant in YUVA as a student of the institution during the last time YUVA was hosted by the college and had won in a number of categories.

Ms. Taruna Parmar then addressed the gathering, sharing her gratitude and pleasure upon being invited to the event as the Guest of Honour and conveyed her appreciation towards Smt. MMP Shah College, Department of Students' Welfare and SNDT University. She expressed how as a student, the YUVA Mahotsav event had helped her develop her personality and later on, shaped her career as a civil servant. She explained how students always gain experience and learn the spirit of sportsmanship from the events such as the YUVA Mahotsav, if not the prizes, and said that such events help the students to shape their future. She congratulated all the winners and motivated other participants to keep taking efforts in the future. She quoted Abraham Lincon, "If I had eight hours to chop down a tree , I'd spend six hours sharpening my axe." One should spend time sharpening one's skills to achieve one's goals. She also highlighted how "Luck is when opportunity meets talent." She also quoted the SNDT University song lines about being independent, strong and self sufficient women.

Ms. Prajapati invited Dr. Gouri Mohan, Asst. Professor, Department of English, Smt. Maniben M. P. Shah College, to summarise the two day event; wherein she gave a brief review of the inauguration function, Literary, Fine Arts and Dance Events conducted and the participation received. She thanked the judges for their valuable insights, time and efforts. She praised and thanked the participants, volunteer students and the staff members for their efforts.

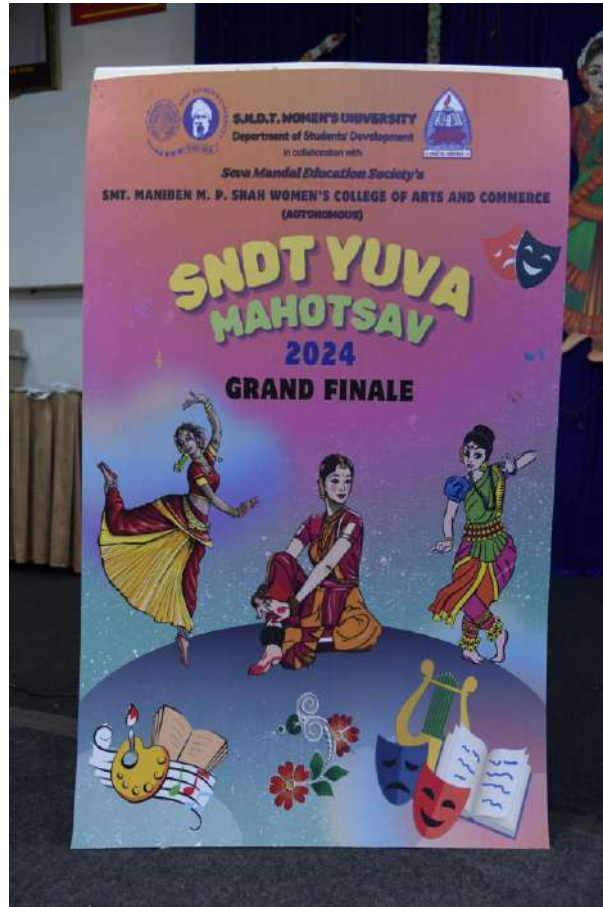
Ms. Prajapati then invited Principal Dr. Archana Patki to introduce the Chief Guest. The Principal thanked the university for giving the institution the opportunity to host the event. She congratulated the Guest of Honour, Ms. Taruna Parmar for her successful career. She welcomed the Chief Guest, SMES Chairman, Pravin Shah and mentioned how he has been a guiding light and force behind the success of the event and thanked him for the generous grant given by him. She appreciated how he goes to lengths to facilitate the development of the students. She proudly mentioned how he has guided the staff to conduct workshops for orphanages over the years in order to help the needy children flourish ahead in life.

Ms. Prajapati invited Dr Nitin Prabhu-Tendulkar to address the gathering. Dr. Prabhut-Tendulkar praised the meticulous organisational skills of the college for hosting and organising the YUVA Mahotsav Finale. He applauded the Guest of Honour, Ms. Taruna Parmar, as an inspiration for the students. He mentioned how under the NEP, cultural activities will be given a status of being a part of the curriculum. He mentioned that students should participate and go through the screening in the YUVA Mahotsav events organised by the different universities and states. He thanked the college for organising the event and gave best wishes for the future events.

Ms. Prajapati invited Ms. Sonal Mane, Asst. Professor, Smt. Maniben M. P. Shah College, to propose a vote of thanks for the dignitaries and the audience. Ms. Sonal Mane thanked the SMES management members and the members from the SNTD University for their mentorship. She expressed gratitude towards the judges and appreciated the Principal for her support and Vice Principal Dr Avneesh Bhatt for his guidance. She thanked the teachers and student volunteers for all of their tireless efforts and dedication. She praised and thanked the technical and non-teaching staff for their assistance and the participants for their wonderful display of talents. At the end, she expressed gratitude towards the Girnar group for their generosity.

Feedback from various stakeholders allows us to say that Yuva Mahotsav-2024 was a resounding success, thanks to the collective efforts of the organisers, participants, faculty, and volunteers. The event not only highlighted the creative potential of the students but also fostered a spirit of togetherness and healthy competition. It is our hope that future editions of YUVA will continue to grow in scale and impact, inspiring more students to participate and excel.

GLIMPSES FROM THE EVENT



INAUGURATION





DANCE EVENTS







LITERARY EVENTS





FINE ARTS EVENTS



