

## WGU Annual Scholarships 2018 Awarded

On 20th December 2018 at 11 am the Amy Rustomjee Hall was buzzing with anticipation and excitement. It was time to award 98 WGU Scholarships to meritorious students in research, graduate and professional courses.

"These Scholarships are funded by donations from those who share WGU's vision of a society that offers equal opportunities for capable girls to receive quality education towards a life of self-sufficiency," says Dolly Sagar, Chairperson, Scholarships Committee.

Chief Guest for the morning was renowned physicist Dr Sunita Mahajan who was part of the group of scientists of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) that set up India's first super computer, ANUPAM. A member of the Computer Society of India, Dr Mahajan is also an active member of the Indian Women Scientists' Organisation. She devotes her time to improving student-teacher interaction and newer and better methods of teaching.

### Meet Some of our Scholars:

Yashika Mirchandani, Aishwarya Shetty and Vrundali Shinde are involved in bio medical projects towards their PhD qualification. They are researching the latest drug delivery systems, based on nano particles, to reduce the toxic side effects of some recent drugs used for rheumatoid arthritis and chemotherapy.

Yashika has an MSc in Microbiology while Aishwarya and Vrundali have a BSc in Microbiology. Their career options? Aishwarya would like to continue in research work while Vrundali wishes to be a professor. Yashika sees various career options such as a post doctoral fellowship with CSIR or an assistantship with Institutes of Technology or with a pharmaceutical company.

### In the Spotlight

Pooja Moon is the first ever applicant for Theatre Arts. She grew up on her father's farm in Wardha and is now studying Theatre in Mumbai. "The course is very comprehensive", says the delighted Pooja. "It covers direction, writing, acting, set and costume designing, makeup and the history of Theatre". WGU wishes her a starry future as she continues on her journey in acting on the Hindi and Marathi stage.



WGU President Bina Thadani presents a token of appreciation to Dr Sunita Mahajan



Scholar Vrundali Shinde shares the salient points of her project



Dolly Sagar, Chairperson, Scholarships Committee congratulates the young awardees



Scholars Yashika Mirchandani and Aishwarya Shetty listening to Dr Mahajan's exciting experiences at BARC