



## A Report on the 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of the University of Mumbai Graduation Ceremony of CoHaB's three Early Stage Researchers

The University of Mumbai held its 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 2017. A total of over 100,000 degrees were awarded out of which 326 were PhD and MPhil degrees. The Governor of Maharashtra & Chancellor of the University of Mumbai, Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao was the Chair to the Convocation. The Convocation Address was delivered by the Guest of Honor, industrialist, Mukesh Ambani. The Vice Chancellor, Dr Sanjay Deshmukh delivered a speech about the expansion of the University of Mumbai and the setting up of campuses outside India.



**From left to right: Vice Chancellor, Dr Sanjay Deshmukh, Governor of Maharashtra & Chancellor, Ch. Vidyasagar Rao and the Guest of Honor, Mukesh Ambani**

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The Convocation was held at the Convocation Hall in the University's heritage Fort Campus. The Convocation Ceremony also commemorates the 160<sup>th</sup> year of the University of Mumbai



**At the forefront: Dr Ruby Rana**

CoHaB is proud to announce that the project's three ESRs (Early Stage Researchers), Dr Ruby Rana, Dr Iulia Rascanu and Dr Melanie Wattenbarger were awarded their PhD degrees at this Convocation. Dr Rascanu and Dr Wattenbarger received their degrees in absentia while Dr Ruby Rana received her degree in person and was in the convocation procession. CoHaB IDC's Director & Scientist-in-Charge, and the ESRs' PhD Supervisor, Professor Dr Nilufer E. Bharucha also attended the Convocation.

Dr Rana's PhD thesis is titled *Changing Faces and Places: Reimagining the Contemporary Indian Diaspora*. Dr Rascanu's project is *Transnational Networks, Identities and Homes: Diasporic South Asian Women in Fiction and Film* and Dr Wattenbarger worked on *Authorship and Authenticity: Exploring Ideas of Self-Image and Belonging among the Indian Diasporic Literati of Toronto*.

We congratulate all three of them.



**Professor Dr Nilufer E. Bharucha and Dr Ruby Rana at the Convocation ceremony**