



**ASSOCIATION OF  
INDIAN UNIVERSITIES**

**NATIONAL WOMEN  
VICE CHANCELLORS' CONFERENCE**

on

**PROMOTING WOMEN  
LEADERSHIP IN  
HIGHER EDUCATION**

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## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Taking a step towards promoting women's leadership roles in academia, Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is organizing the First National Women Vice Chancellors' Conference in collaboration with Shiksha Sanskriti Uttahan Nyas and IILM University Gurugram, Haryana. The conference is hosted by IILM University in the millennium city of Gurugram from July 17 to July 18, 2023. The conference aims to bring together women vice- chancellors, educators, administrators, and members of academic bodies to discuss the theoretical and practical implications of learning, teaching, research, and administration in order to create a conducive environment for holistic development.

The event will be attended by prominent women education leaders from India and abroad, serving as vice- chancellors of various public and private universities, and handling prominent organization.

Women in leadership positions are changing the world. The rise of female leadership in communities, businesses, and political positions redefines ideas of what it means to be an effective leader. Inclusion of women Leaders in Higher Education holding various positions (such as Vice Chancellors, Deans, Directors) has ensured diversity and inclusiveness and has witnessed greater impact on the culture of the institutions. Though women participation is encouraged in Higher Education, gender parity in top leadership roles at universities are still lacking. As per the most recent Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021, only 20 per cent of the top 200 higher education institutions the world over is led by women. The statistics on women leadership in India paints a dismal picture. While many make it to mid-ranking posts such as Deans, Heads of Departments and Controller of Examination, fewer than 7 per cent of Vice Chancellors in India are women with many of them relegated to women-only universities, where it is mandated that the post of Vice-Chancellor is to be held by a woman only.

Women leadership in Indian academia is heavily skewed with over 1000 universities but less than 70 women vice chancellors. As diversity and inclusion become well-entrenched ideas in the global workspace, it is important to consider the push and pull factors that determine the rise of women leaders. Even while clarion calls are made to promote and ensure gender equity through well-meaning policies and schemes, capacity building and mentoring of women for leadership roles assume importance.

Out of 989 Noble Prizes awarded till now, there are 61 women winners and 928 men have received the Noble Prize. We need a culture in science that encourages women to not just choose to enroll in STEM, but that also supports them to complete the graduation and join the STEM workforce. One of the key reasons that women do not persist in STEM is the combined effects of a “chilly,” “weed-out” and “masculine” culture of STEM, which favours men. STEM pathway or pipeline studies have shown that culturally responsive curricula and pedagogies, same-gender faculty mentoring, inclusive interactions with peers, and networks and women role models through professional associations are crucial factors to promote the retention of women in STEM fields.

On a global scale, Higher Education needs to close the gender gaps by promoting more women leaders, who would be instrumental in achieving all but more significantly the following three Sustainable Development Goals namely:

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth

Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries by 2030

## **Objectives of the Conference:**

This conference has multi-fold objectives as listed below:

- To sensitise top-level women academic leaders towards reforms and challenges in higher education
- To enable women academic leaders to focus on globalisation of higher education
- To provide ways and means of administering tech-enabled higher education system.
- To skill the women workforce to create Atmanirbhar Bharat.

## **Conference Sessions Details:**

### ***Session I: Gender Equity and inclusivity in Higher Education***

Gender Equality & Inclusiveness are fundamental to the development process. Equity is the provision of fairness and justice in the distribution of benefits & responsibilities between women, men, and all genders. Inclusiveness creates belongingness amongst the people in society. Gender Equity and Inclusiveness in Higher Education would fuel sustainable economies and benefit societies and humanity at large. Sustainable Development Goals 5 and 10 of the United Nations 2030 Agenda focus on achieving gender equity and reducing inequalities through social, political & economic affairs.

One of the key aspects of promoting gender equity in higher education is ensuring equal access to educational opportunities. Efforts have been made to remove barriers that prevent women and other marginalized genders from accessing higher education. Scholarships, grants, and financial aid programs have been implemented to provide support and increase enrolment rates for underrepresented groups. Additionally, outreach programs and mentorship initiatives have been established to encourage young girls to pursue higher education and STEM fields.

However, inclusivity goes beyond access and also focuses on creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment. Higher education institutions have to adopt & implement policies and practices that address gender-based discrimination and harassment. Anti-discrimination policies and codes of conduct need to be devised to ensure they are comprehensive and protect all students, regardless of their gender identity or expression. Further, training programs for faculty and staff are re-revised to

increase awareness and sensitivity to gender-related issues and create a more inclusive classroom experience.

Also, curriculum has to be diversified to include a broader range of perspectives and experiences. Of late, gender studies and women's studies programs have gained prominence, exploring the social, cultural, and historical aspects of gender, as well as the contributions of women and marginalized genders in various fields. This can help in eliminating gender stereotypes and in promoting a more nuanced understanding of gender issues. Focussed policy initiatives are required to increase the representation of women in leadership positions, such as university administration and department chairs to ensure that diverse perspectives are incorporated into decision-making processes. Similarly, efforts to diversify the faculty are required, with a focus on recruiting and retaining women and individuals from underrepresented groups. This will help in creating a more inclusive learning environment and in fostering diverse academic discourse.

Gender equity and inclusivity in higher education are essential for creating a fair and inclusive society. Higher education institutions can foster an environment that embraces and celebrates the gender diversity by ensuring equal access, promoting an inclusive learning environment, diversifying the curriculum, increasing representation, and supporting student-led initiatives. The efforts in this regard would benefit the individuals directly involved and contribute to a more equitable and inclusive society as a whole.

## ***Session II: Roles and contribution of women in promoting Higher Education***

Women's participation in higher education helps to achieve gender equality in the society and economy. The Gross Enrolment Ratio of Women in India is reasonably good, but yet participation of marginalised and disadvantaged groups is at the minimal. Measures such as 'Gender Inclusion fund' and 'Special Education Zones' (as proposed in NEP 2020) would pave for inclusion of socially and economically disadvantaged groups. Further, internationalisation of higher education becomes imperative for learner today which would be fostered through internationally relevant curricula, brand building of Indian HEIs, academic and research collaborations with foreign universities, credit recognition under twinning agreement, global citizenship approach and engaging with foreign alumni

Women have played pivotal roles in promoting higher education and have made significant contributions to its advancement. Throughout history, women have fought tirelessly for their right to education and have been instrumental in creating opportunities for themselves and future generations. Their contributions have been multifaceted and far-reaching, spanning various domains of higher education.

One of the key roles' women have played is in establishing and advocating for women's colleges and universities. These institutions have provided a safe and supportive environment for women to pursue higher education when traditional

universities were largely inaccessible to them. Women like Savitri Bai Phule paved the way for women education and helped establish the foundation for future advancements in women's education.

In addition to their roles as advocates and founders, women have made remarkable contributions to various academic disciplines. Women scholars have achieved groundbreaking discoveries and advancements in fields ranging from mathematics and science to literature and social sciences. For example, Marie Curie, a Polish-born scientist, became the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and the only person to win Nobel Prizes in two different scientific fields. Her work in radioactivity revolutionized the field of physics and inspired countless women to pursue scientific careers. India's rich history is replete with examples of several great scientists who have brought immense pride to the nation. Among them there are several women scientists like Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi, Janaki Ammal, Kamala Sohonie, Asima Chatterjee, Rajeshwari Chatterjee, Kalpana Chawla, Dr. Indira Hinduja and Dr. Aditi Pant who have contributed significantly to various disciplines of science. Their lives are role models for all girls who aspire to make a mark in the field of science and technology.

In leadership roles, women have made substantial contributions to higher education institutions. Women administrators and department chairs have brought a unique perspective to decision-making processes, promoting policies that support gender equity and inclusivity. By actively working towards increasing the representation of women in leadership positions, they can not only create role models for aspiring women leaders but they can also contribute to a more balanced and diverse leadership landscape in higher education.

### ***Session III: Enabling women for Tech enabled Higher Education including AI***

Covid 19 Pandemic has forced higher education to shift to online learning overnight. Women have lot of opportunities unlike olden days to learn and at the same time perform their household duties. Virtual classrooms provide lot a of flexibility along with reduced cost. Women need to leverage on this tech-based teaching-learning environment by equipping themselves with requisite computer skills and contemporary education technologies. Women need to thus prepare themselves towards interactive, diverse learning models and capitalise on the range of opportunities available in India and abroad

Enabling women for tech-enabled higher education, including artificial intelligence (AI), is crucial for fostering gender equity and preparing women for the opportunities and challenges of the digital age. In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the importance of women's participation in technology and AI fields, as well as the need to ensure their representation and inclusion in higher education.

To enable women for tech-enabled higher education, it is essential to address the barriers and challenges they may face. Access to technology and digital infrastructure is a fundamental requirement. Efforts must be made to bridge the digital divide, ensuring

that women have equal access to computers, internet connectivity, and relevant software and tools. This can be achieved through initiatives such as providing scholarships or grants for technology resources and establishing computer labs or technology centers in educational institutions.

In addition to access, there is a need to focus on building digital literacy and technical skills among women. Educational institutions should offer programs and courses that specifically target women, providing training in basic computer skills, coding, AI, data analysis, and other relevant areas. This will empower women to navigate the tech-enabled higher education landscape, participate actively in digital learning environments, and develop the skills necessary for future careers in technology and AI. Mentorship and support networks play a crucial role in enabling women for tech-enabled higher education. Establishing mentorship programs that connect women students with experienced professionals in the technology industry can provide guidance, advice, and support. These mentorship relationships can help women navigate academic and professional challenges, build confidence, and gain insights into career pathways in technology and AI. Creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment is also essential. Educational institutions should foster a culture that encourages women's participation in technology-related fields and AI. This can be achieved through the implementation of inclusive policies, such as gender-balanced recruitment and admissions processes, the inclusion of diverse perspectives in curriculum design, and the promotion of gender diversity in faculty and leadership positions.

By addressing barriers to access, building digital literacy and technical skills, providing mentorship and support networks, fostering an inclusive learning environment, showcasing role models, and fostering collaborations, women can be empowered to pursue education and careers in technology and AI. These efforts will benefit women and contribute to a more diverse and innovative technology sector and a society that values gender equity and inclusivity in higher education and beyond.

#### ***Session IV: International perspective on women leadership***

Across the globe, there is a realization that gender diversity in leadership positions is not only a matter of fairness and equality but also a strategic imperative for organizations, societies, and nations. Numerous studies have demonstrated the positive impact of women's leadership on various outcomes, including financial performance, innovation, decision-making, and organizational culture. Countries that prioritize gender equality and women's empowerment tend to experience higher levels of economic growth, social progress, and overall well-being. As a result, there is a growing demand for increased representation of women in leadership positions across sectors and industries.

International organizations and initiatives have played a crucial role in advocating for women's leadership and driving change. The United Nations, through its Sustainable Development Goals, has recognized gender equality and women's empowerment as key drivers of sustainable development. The UN Women agency works to promote women's leadership and political participation, emphasizing the importance of women's voices

in decision-making processes at all levels. Global campaigns such as He For She and International Women's Day have raised awareness and mobilized support for women's leadership. These campaigns engage men and women as allies in promoting gender equality and highlight the benefits of women's leadership in creating more inclusive and effective organizations and societies.

In many countries, efforts to promote women's leadership have resulted in the implementation of quotas or targets for women's representation on corporate boards, government bodies, and public institutions. For example, countries like Norway, Iceland, and France have successfully implemented board gender quotas, leading to significant increases in the proportion of women in corporate leadership roles. These policy interventions have been instrumental in breaking down barriers and creating opportunities for women to ascend to leadership positions.

However, challenges and barriers persist. Women continue to face systemic biases, discrimination, and cultural norms that limit their access to leadership positions. Gender stereotypes, work-life balance challenges, and lack of mentorship and networking opportunities also contribute to the underrepresentation of women in leadership roles. Addressing these barriers requires a multi-faceted approach that includes policy changes, organizational reforms, cultural shifts, and targeted interventions.

### ***Session V: Role of women in creating a humane society***

Women have greater responsibilities in creating a society dedicated to principles of justice, equality and fraternity as humane approach is innate quality of women. The role of a woman in modern society is continuously evolving with the changes in the world. Women by nature have the acceptability and tenability to play versatile roles in their society for well-being, growth and development. Throughout history, women's role in society, particularly as mothers in raising family has made her a catalyst in character-building and inculcation of values among mankind with care and compassion. This noble nature of women needs to be harnessed further in this fast-paced digital world that lacks moral values and oneness.

Women play a crucial role in creating a more humane society by promoting compassion, empathy, and equality. Throughout history, women have been at the forefront of social movements, advocating for justice, peace, and the well-being of individuals and communities. Their contributions range from addressing gender inequality and violence against women to championing human rights, education, healthcare, and environmental sustainability. One significant aspect of women's role in creating a more humane society is their commitment to promoting social justice and equality. Women have been instrumental in challenging oppressive systems and advocating for the rights of marginalized groups. Their leadership and activism have brought attention to issues such as gender discrimination, racial inequality, income disparities, and access to healthcare and education. Women's voices and experiences have shed light on the intersecting forms of oppression and have pushed for policy changes and social reforms that promote inclusivity and equal opportunities for all.

Women also contribute to create a better society through their nurturing and



caregiving roles. As mothers, sisters, daughters, and caregivers, women often take on the responsibility of providing emotional support, care, and compassion to their families and communities. Their ability to empathize and connect with others fosters a sense of community, empathy, and understanding. By nurturing and promoting positive values and behaviours, women help create a more compassionate and cohesive society. Women's involvement in education and healthcare initiatives has a profound impact on society's well-being. Women educators, researchers, and practitioners play vital roles in shaping the minds and lives of individuals. Their dedication to quality education, inclusive teaching practices, and holistic development empowers future generations with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to build a more just and humane society. In the healthcare sector, women's contributions as doctors, nurses, and healthcare providers are invaluable. Their empathy, compassion, and commitment to the well-being of others enhance the delivery of healthcare services and contribute to better health outcomes for individuals and communities.

Women's voices and perspectives are essential in decision-making processes that shape policies and practices. Increasing the representation of women in leadership positions, whether in government, organizations, or community initiatives, ensures that diverse perspectives are taken into account and that the needs and experiences of women are addressed. Women leaders bring a collaborative and inclusive approach to governance and decision-making, fostering a more humane and responsive society. Women's activism in environmental sustainability and climate justice plays a vital role. Women have been at the forefront of environmental movements, advocating for sustainable practices, conservation, and the protection of natural resources. Their holistic understanding of the interconnectedness of social, economic, and environmental factors enables them to promote sustainable development and advocate for environmental justice, particularly for marginalized communities disproportionately affected by environmental degradation.

### ***Session VI: Skilling women to create Atma Nirbhar Bharat***

Atmanirbhar Bharat which translates to 'self-reliant India' is our country's ambition initiative to become more efficient, competitive and resilient. Women need to become financially independent which is possible through education and employment. Women need to develop skills, take up jobs, start enterprises and stay empowered. Our country has shifted its focus from women development to women led development and lot of initiatives have been put forth to maximise women's access to education, skill training and institutional credit. Skilling Women to create a future-ready workforce of women becomes a priority for any country aspiring to become a global economic superpower.

Skilling women to create an Atma Nirbhar Bharat, is a critical step towards achieving gender equality and economic empowerment. Women constitute a significant portion of India's population and have immense potential to contribute to the country's progress and development. By equipping women with the necessary skills and knowledge, they can actively participate in the workforce, start their own businesses, and become drivers of innovation and change.

Skilling women involves providing them with quality education and training programs that address their specific needs and aspirations. This includes promoting digital literacy and technology skills, as well as providing vocational training in various sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, manufacturing, and entrepreneurship. By focusing on these areas, women can acquire the skills that are in demand in today's job market and leverage technology to enhance their productivity and efficiency. Skilling women should go beyond technical skills and encompass soft skills development. Effective communication, leadership, problem-solving, and critical thinking are essential for women to thrive in their chosen fields and navigate the complexities of the professional world. By empowering women with these skills, they can enhance their employability, adaptability, and ability to pursue entrepreneurial ventures.

Government initiatives and policies play a crucial role in skilling women and creating an Atma Nirbhar Bharat. Programs such as Skill India, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, and Stand-Up India have been launched to provide skill development opportunities and entrepreneurship support to women. These initiatives aim to bridge the gender gap in skill development and promote women's economic empowerment. Additionally, financial incentives, scholarships, and access to affordable credit are essential to enable women to invest in their skill development and entrepreneurial ventures. In addition to government support, partnerships between educational institutions, industry, and civil society organizations are vital for skilling women. Collaboration can help design and implement gender-responsive training programs, facilitate industry internships and apprenticeships, and create mentorship opportunities. Industry participation is crucial to align skill development programs with market needs and provide women with practical exposure to real-world scenarios. Creating a supportive ecosystem that encourages and celebrates women's entrepreneurship is vital. Providing women with access to business incubators, mentorship networks, and market linkages can help them start and grow their businesses. Building awareness about available resources, networking events, and funding opportunities is essential to inspire and motivate women to take entrepreneurial risks.

Skilling women to create an Atma Nirbhar Bharat has numerous benefits for society as a whole. When women are skilled and empowered, they contribute to economic growth, poverty reduction, and sustainable development. Women's increased participation in the workforce and entrepreneurship leads to higher household incomes, improved living standards, and greater financial stability for families. Additionally, women's perspectives and contributions drive innovation, creativity, and diversity, leading to more inclusive and sustainable solutions.

## ABOUT ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES (AIU)

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is an apex inter university representative body of universities and other higher education institutions in the country. Established in 1925 as the Inter University Board (IUB) of India, it acquired its legal status as a registered society in 1967 under the Societies Registration Act 1860 and was rechristened as Association of Indian Universities (AIU) in 1973. AIU is the second oldest university association in the world next to the Association of Commonwealth Universities which was established in 1913. It has the distinct feature of having the largest network of universities and other HEIs under its ambit with 954 members (938 Indian & 16 Associate Members of Foreign Countries). The membership of AIU includes all types of universities e.g., Conventional Universities, Open Universities, Deemed to be Universities, State Universities, Central Universities, Private Universities and Institutes of National Importance. In addition to Indian Universities, Universities / Institutes from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Republic of Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nepal, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom are its Associate Members. Since its inception AIU has played a very significant role in the development of Education in the Country.

Some of the eminent scholars and visionary leaders like Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Dr Zakir Hussain, Sir. A L. Mudaliar have given leadership to AIU. During such a long journey, AIU has carved a niche for itself by serving the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India as a research-based policy advisory body. Being an apex institution, it constitutes an integral part of all major decision-making committees and commissions in the country. As an academic 'think tank' organization, AIU supports the Government as research-based policy advisory body with the wider mandate of taking up research projects on higher education policy and capacity building. It also acts as a bureau of information on higher education; liaise with international bodies and universities for internationalization of Indian higher education among many others. The Vision of AIU is to emerge as a dynamic service and apex advisory organization in India by undertaking initiatives and programmes which could strengthen and popularize Indian higher education as leading-edge system in the world and promote greater national and international collaboration in Higher Education, Research, Extension, Sports, Youth and Cultural Activities. It is bestowed with the mission of promoting and representing the Indian Universities and other higher education institutions through strong liaison with the government and National/International organizations, sister associations world over and establish liaison between/among universities through active support, cooperation and coordination among the member universities and all its stakeholders for quality education, research and other academics and extension activities.

## ABOUT SHIKSHA SANSKRITI UTTAN NYAS

स्वतंत्रता के बाद यह अपेक्षा थी कि देश की शिक्षा का स्वरूप भारतीय दृष्टिकोण से अपनी आवश्यकताओं के अनुरूप होगा परन्तु ऐसा नहीं हुआ। हमारा मानना है कि देश की अधिकतर समस्याओं की जड़ दोषपूर्ण शिक्षा व्यवस्था है। इसलिए शिक्षा में परिवर्तन यह प्राथमिकता का विषय होना चाहिए। इस हेतु दिनांक 24 मई 2007 को शिक्षा संस्कृति उत्थान न्यास का गठन किया गया। न्यास का लक्ष्य है “देश की शिक्षा में नए विकल्प देना।” इस हेतु शिक्षा हमारी संस्कृति, प्रकृति एवं प्रगति के अनुरूप बने। इसके माध्यम से छात्रों के चरित्र निर्माण एवं व्यक्तित्व के समग्र विकास द्वारा देश का समुचित विकास करते हुए विश्व कल्याण का मार्ग प्रशस्त हो सके।

### इस हेतु :-

- शैक्षिक पाठ्यक्रमों में व्याप्त विकृतियों एवं विसंगतियों को ठीक कराना।
- शिक्षा का स्वरूप भारतीय सिद्धांतों के आधार पर आधुनिक आवश्यकतानुसार पाठ्यक्रम तैयार करना।
- शिक्षा स्वायत्त, मूल्य आधारित एवं मातृभाषा में हो।

### न्यास का मानना है कि :-

- देश को बदलना है तो शिक्षा को बदलना होगा।
- समस्या नहीं समाधान की चर्चा करें।
- माँ, मातृभूमि एवं मातृभाषा का कोई विकल्प नहीं हो सकता।

इस हेतु देशभर में विभिन्न शैक्षिक संस्थानों के साथ मिलकर हजारों की संख्या में संगोष्ठी, परिचर्चा एवं कार्यशालाओं का आयोजन करके “शिक्षा में नए विकल्प” का प्रारूप तैयार किया गया है।

उपरोक्त संकल्पनाओं को आधार बनाकर विभिन्न विषयों के पाठ्यक्रम तैयार किए जा रहे हैं। इसको क्रियान्वित करने हेतु अनेकों विश्वविद्यालय एवं अन्य शैक्षिक संस्थानों में अनुबंध (MOU) किये गए हैं।

इस हेतु सरकार, शैक्षिक संस्थान एवं सामाजिक शैक्षिक संगठन एक मंच पर आकर संयुक्त रूप से एवं अपने-अपने स्तर पर प्रयास को आगे बढ़ाए इस हेतु विभिन्न स्तरों पर ‘ज्ञानोत्सव’ का आयोजन किया जा रहा है।

## ABOUT IILM UNIVERSITY, GURUGRAM, HARYANA

IILM University aims at a Mission of “Empowering Global Citizens, Learning with Purpose. IILM was established in 1993, under the aegis of the Ram Krishan & Sons Charitable Trust. With more than 28+ years of experience in training future entrepreneurs and managers, it has emerged as one of the distinguished Universities in the Delhi NCR area. The University has been set up under The Haryana Private Universities (Amendment) Act, 2018 (Haryana Act No. 10 of 2018). It is located in Sector 53 Gurugram, with a built area of over 1.5 lac square feet known for its state-of-the-art facilities. We are centrally located with safe and secure campuses in New Delhi, Gurgaon, and Greater Noida.

The leadership team at IILM is committed to upholding and promoting the mission of the school: educate and develop innovative, entrepreneurial and responsible business leaders. With their diverse backgrounds and perspectives, the Board of Governors, the Advisory Body and the Director work together to lead the school forward, supporting the faculty and staff, spearheading a host of new academic projects and initiatives across its campuses and around the globe, and building and sustaining the collaborative, inclusive environment for students that encourages learning and invention. The vision states as “To be a leading institution of higher education that empowers students to become responsible global citizens and leaders in their chosen fields through an innovative, interdisciplinary, and inclusive approach to learning, with an emphasis on learning with purpose and preparing students for purposeful work.”

IILM University’s mission is to provide students with an education that is both intellectually stimulating and practically relevant.

We strive to foster a community of learners that is inclusive, diverse, and committed to social responsibility. IILM offer a range of programs that are designed to prepare students for successful careers and to inspire them to make a positive impact on the world.

We are dedicated to providing students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences.

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

TIME	SESSION
<b>July 17, 2023</b>	
09 .30- 10.30 AM	REGISTRATION/ WELCOME TEA
10.30AM-11.50 AM	<b>INAUGURAL SESSION</b>
10.30 AM	Arrival of the Chief Guest
10.32 AM	Lighting of Lamp with Saraswati Vandana
10.35 AM	Welcome of Chief Guest & Guests on the Dais
10.40 AM	Welcome Address: Dr Sujata Shahi, Vice Chancellor, IILM University
10.45 AM	Address: Dr S Y Quraishi, Chancellor, IILM University & Former Chief Election Commissioner of India
10.50 AM	Address: Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU
10.55 AM	Presidential Address: Prof. G D Sharma, President, AIU and VC, USTM, Meghalaya
11:00 AM	Address by Guest of Honour: Shri Atul Kothari, Secretary, Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas
11:15 AM	Address by Special Guest of Honour: Dr. Kiran Bedi, Former Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry
11.30 AM	Inaugural Address by Chief Guest: Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister, Women & Child Development and Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India
11.50 AM	Vote of Thanks: Ms. Shobha Paithankar, Convener, Mahila Prakoshth, Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas
11.52 AM	GROUP PHOTOGRAPH
11.55 AM -12.15 PM	NETWORKING TEA

12.15 PM- 1.45 PM	<p><b><i>Session I: Gender Equity and inclusivity in Higher Education</i></b></p> <p><b>Chairperson:</b> Prof. Shashikala Wanjari, VC, NIEPA, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Co-Chair:</b> Prof (Ms) Shalini Bharat, Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai</p> <p><b>INTERACTIVE SESSION</b></p>
1.45 PM-2.30 PM	LUNCH
2.30 PM-4.00 PM	<p><b><i>Session II: Roles and contribution of women in promoting Higher Education</i></b></p> <p><b>Chairperson:</b> Prof. (Dr.) Ami Umakant Upadhyay, VC, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad</p> <p><b>Co-Chair:</b> Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi</p> <p><b>INTERACTIVE SESSION</b></p>
4.00 PM-4.30 PM	TEA BREAK
4.30 PM -6.00 PM	<p><b><i>Session III: Enabling women for Tech enabled Higher Education including AI</i></b></p> <p><b>Chairperson:</b> Prof. (Dr.) Nupur Prakash, VC, The NorthCap University, Gurugram</p> <p><b>Co-Chair:</b> Prof Balvinder Shukla, VC, Amity University, Noida</p> <p><b>INTERACTIVE SESSION</b></p>
6.00 PM-7.30 PM	NETWORKING/ TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES
7.30 PM Onwards	GALA DINNER

## July 18, 2023

10.00 – 11.30 AM	<p><b>Session IV: International perspective on women leadership</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson:</b> Dr. Monica Kennedy, Minister-Counsellor, Commercial, Australian Trade and Investment Commission</p> <p><b>Co-Chair:</b> Ms. Gloria Berbena, Minister-Counselor, US Embassy in India</p> <p><b>INTERACTIVE SESSION</b></p>
11.30 AM - 12.00 NOON	TEA BREAK
12.00 NOON – 1.30 PM	<p><b>Session V: Role of women in creating a humane society</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson:</b> Prof. Najma Akhtar, VC, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Co-Chair:</b> Dr. V. Bharathi Harishankar, VC, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women University, Coimbatore</p> <p><b>INTERACTIVE SESSION</b></p>
1.30PM–2.30 PM	LUNCH
2.30PM–4.00 PM	<p><b>Session VI: Skilling women to create Atma Nirbhar Bharat</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson:</b> Prof. Neelima Gupta, VC, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar</p> <p><b>Co-Chair:</b> Prof Sushma Yadav, Pro-VC, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh</p> <p><b>INTERACTIVE SESSION</b></p>
4.00 PM–4.15 PM	TEA BREAK
4.15 PM–4.30 PM	CULTURAL PROGRAMME



4.30 PM–5.40 PM	<b>VALEDICTORY SESSION</b>
4.30 PM	Arrival of the Chief Guest
4.32 PM	Lighting of Lamp with Saraswati Vandana
4.35 PM	Welcome of Chief Guest & Guests on the Dais
4.40 PM	Welcome Address: Dr Sujata Shahi, Vice Chancellor, IILM University
4.45 PM	Address: Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU
4.50 PM	Address: Dr. Ranbir Singh, Pro-Chancellor, IILM University, Gurugram & Former President, AIU
4.55 PM	Address by Guest of Honour: Shri A Vinod, National Convener, Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas
5.05 PM	Presidential Address: Prof. G D Sharma, President, AIU and VC, USTM, Meghalaya
5.15 PM	Address by Guest of Honour: Ms. Kala Ramachandran, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Gurugram
5.25 PM	<b>Address by Chief Guest Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India (TBC)</b>
5.40 PM	Vote of Thanks: Ms. Shobha Paithankar, Convener, Mahila Prakoshth, Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas
6.00 PM	Bid Adieu with High Tea

# Profile of Participants

## SPEAKERS

**Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani**  
Hon'ble Union Minister, Women &  
Child Development & Ministry of  
Minority Affairs, Govt. of India



Born on 23rd March 1976, Mrs. Smriti Zubin Irani was elected to the Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of Indian Parliament representing the State of Gujarat in 2011. In August 2017 she was re-elected to Rajya Sabha from the state of Gujarat. In the 2019 General Elections, she was elected to the House of the People 'Lok Sabha' from the constituency of Amethi in Uttar Pradesh by defeating the then National President of the Indian National Congress. Mrs. Irani is currently serving as the Union Minister for Women & Child Development and Minister for Minority Affairs. She has previously served as the Union Minister for Education (formerly known as Human Resource Development) from May 2014 to July 2016, Minister for Information & Broadcasting from July 2017 to May 2018 and Minister for Textiles from July 2016 to July 2021.

As Education Minister, Mrs. Irani introduced various educational reforms to upscale India's capacities in the field of research, innovation and technology. She was instrumental in conceiving the New Education Policy of India and initiated several large scale projects including India's first MOOC platform SWAYAM, the National Digital Library and a Global Network of Academicians called GIAN. She launched IM-PRINT to foster research, innovation and technology among students and academia. In the last three years as Minister for Women & Child Development, Mrs. Irani has worked towards strengthening women & child protection services in India; including making child pornography a criminal offence through POCSO Amendment Act. While serving as National President of her political party the Bharatiya Janta Party's Women's Wing, she successfully pursued Permanent Commission for Women in the Indian Army by facilitating legal aid to women officers. She is credited with launching of 'Saksham' - the first ever Vision Document released by any political party in India underlining policies, programs and implementation tools for the upliftment of the Differently-abled in India. In the 126th Assembly of the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU), The World Economic Forum has named Mrs. Irani as the Young Global Leader from India for the year 2015. She has also served as the USAID Goodwill Ambassador to India for the WHO-ORS program before her political debut in India.

Besides being an active social & political activist, Smriti Irani has had a successful career as a Media Professional for over two decades starting from 1994. During this period, she worked across different fields of media including creating content for news & entertainment Television networks, films and theatre projects in 4 Indian languages. She has also authored a book and contributed as a column writer to 2 national dailies.

**Dr. Kiran Bedi**  
Former Lieutenant Governor  
Union Territory of Puducherry



Dr. Kiran Bedi, PPMG, PNBB (born 9 June 1949) is an Indian social activist, former-tennis player who became the first woman in India to join the officer ranks of the Indian Police Service (IPS) in 1972 and was the 24th Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry from 28 May 2016 to 16 February 2021.[2][3][4] She remained in service for 35 years before taking voluntary retirement in 2007 as Director General, Bureau of Police Research and Development.

As a teenager, Bedi was crowned the national junior tennis champion in 1966. Between 1965 and 1978, she won several titles at various national and state-level championships. After joining the IPS, Bedi served in Delhi, Goa, Chandigarh and Mizoram. She started her career as an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) in the Chanakyapuri area of Delhi, and won the President's Police Medal in 1979. Next, she moved to West Delhi, where she brought about a reduction in crimes against women. Subsequently, as a traffic police officer, she oversaw traffic arrangements for the 1982 Asian Games in Delhi and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 1983 in Goa. As Deputy Commissioner of Police of North Delhi, she launched a campaign against drug abuse, which evolved into the Navjyoti Delhi Police Foundation (renamed to Navjyoti India Foundation in 2007).

In May 1993, Bedi was posted to the Delhi Prisons as Inspector General (IG). She introduced several reforms at Tihar Jail, which won her the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1994. In 2003, Bedi became the first Indian and first woman to be appointed head of the United Nations Police and Police Advisor in the United Nations Department of Peace Operations. She resigned in 2007, to focus on social activism and writing. She runs the India Vision Foundation. During 2008–11, she hosted a court show Aap Ki Kachehri. She was one of the key leaders of the 2011 Indian anti-corruption movement, and joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in January 2015.

श्री अतुल कोठारी  
सचिव  
शिक्षा संस्कृति उत्थान न्यास



- शिक्षा संस्कृति उत्थान न्यास, नई दिल्ली के राष्ट्रीय सचिव।
- शिक्षा बचाओ आन्दोलन समिति के राष्ट्रीय सहसंयोजक।
- शिक्षा-संवर्धन के कार्यों हेतु निरन्तर राष्ट्र-व्यापी प्रयास।
- देश में शिक्षा क्षेत्र में सकारात्मक कार्य करने वाली संस्थाओं, विद्वानों एवं कार्यकर्ताओं को एक मंच पर लाने के लिए निरन्तर यत्नशील।
- “देश की शिक्षा में नये विकल्प” हेतु कृतसंकल्पित।
- शिक्षा के विभिन्न विषयों के विशेषज्ञ के रूप में देश के विभिन्न विश्वविद्यालयों एवं शैक्षिक संस्थाओं से सम्बद्ध।
- हिमाचल प्रदेश स्कूल बोर्ड के सदस्य।
- भारतीय भाषा मंच एवं भारतीय भाषा अभियान के संरक्षक।
- शिक्षा स्वास्थ्य न्यास के संस्थापक।
- दक्षिणा फाउण्डेशन के संस्थापक सदस्य।

### पूर्व दायित्व

- पंजाब टैक्निकल यूनिवर्सिटी के वेल्यू एज्युकेशन बोर्ड ऑफ स्टडीज अध्ययन बोर्ड के सदस्य।
- “चरित्र-निर्माण एवं व्यक्तित्व के समग्र विकास” पाठ्यक्रम समिति के सदस्य।
- विद्यार्थी काल (लगभग 1979) से ही सामाजिक क्षेत्र में सक्रिय।
- शिक्षा बचाओ आन्दोलन समिति (वर्ष 2004) के आद्य संस्थापकों में से एक।
- “शिक्षा बचाओ आन्दोलन के माध्यम से देशभर के पाठ्यक्रमों व पाठ्यपुस्तकों की विकृतियों व विसंगतियों को दूर कराने में यशस्विता के अर्जक व अभी तक 11 न्यायालयों के निर्णय शिक्षा बचाओ आन्दोलन के पक्ष में लाने में मुख्य भूमिका।
- अस्थायी रूप से शुरू हुए शिक्षा बचाओ आन्दोलन के स्थायीकरण में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका का निर्वहन।
- शिक्षा संस्कृति उत्थान न्यास के संस्थापक सह-सचिव 2010 तक।

### निम्नांकित विचार-सूत्रों के पुरस्कर्ता-

- “देश को बदलना है, तो शिक्षा को बदलना होगा”।
- “समस्या की नहीं, समाधान की” चर्चा करें।
- “माँ, मातृभूमि एवं मातृभाषा का कोई विकल्प नहीं”।

**Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar**  
Hon'ble Minister of State  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Govt. of India



Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar is an Indian politician currently serving as the Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare of India from 7 July 2021. Bharti Pawar was born on 13 September 1978 in Narul-Kalwan, Adivasi region of Nashik, Maharashtra, She is married to Pravin Pawar. Pawar earned MBBS in 2002 from N.D.M.V.P's Medical College, Nashik. She was elected to the 17th Lok Sabha, lower house of the Parliament of India from Dindori, Loksabha Constituency Maharashtra in the 2019 Indian general election as member of the Bharatiya Janata Party . She has been awarded as Best Women Parliamentarian in December 2019 - by Lokmat Media Group.

**Ms. Kala Ramachandran, IPS**  
Commissioner of Police,  
Gurugram- Haryana



Ms. Kala Ramachandran has created history and become the first woman Police Commissioner of Gurugram. Apart from being the first woman at this post, Kala Ramachandran has many feathers in her cap. She is only the second IPS Officer of ADGP rank, after Mohammad Akil, who has been given the charge of executing the duties of the Police Chief of Gurugram. Though her career remains largely dominated by her stint with the Intelligence Bureau, the journey to this place spanned across departments and was full of a variety of experiences.

Kala Ramachandran is originally from the Tamil Nadu cadre of officers. Her work with the Haryana cadre started only after she got married to the senior IPS officer Navdeep Singh Virk. While Ramachandran has also discharged her duties at the level of Joint Director, her husband Virk was also a former Police Commissioner of Gurugram. Ramachandran's career at the Haryana cadre had several stints like SP Rewari, Panchkula and Fatehabad. Her being posted at the ADGP rank happened only in Panchkula.

The appointment of the first woman Police Chief came at a strategic time when the Gurugram Police has found itself in the middle of several controversies. Be it the issue of crime in the city or alleged bribe cases of the officers, issues in the city's police have surfaced every now and then. Kala Ramachandran puts forward her ideas for the betterment of city and the police force. While her aim is to make Gurugram a safer and better city for its residents, especially women and children, she also wants to focus on traffic problems. Talking to PTI she said, "I will spell out my detailed plans when I join and meet my team but my basic goal of strengthening basic policing is very clear. As police personnel, I would ensure that the entire force works towards making the city and its residents safe and secure."

**Prof. G D Sharma**  
President  
Association of Indian University & Vice  
Chancellor, USTM, Meghalaya



Professor G.D. Sharma is a leading educationist, eminent scholar, reputed life-scientist, and well known academic administrator of India as a Vice Chancellor. Prof Sharma has been given various Awards like Birbal Sahni, Award by Indian Botanical Society, Best research paper award by Indian Phyto-pathological Society, Higher Education leadership Award by International Society, DEEDS award by Federation of Indian Universities, UNESCO, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Education Excellency Award in recognition of outstanding contribution in the field of Education conferred by Indian under ministry of education government of India.

During his tenure as Vice Chancellor, he was deputed by the Ministry of External Affairs to Myanmar (Rangoon University in 2005) to uplift the higher education standard. He has edited/authored 13 books published by Indian and foreign publishers. Prof Sharma has visited countries like USA, England, Canada, Japan, China, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand for various academic activities and assignments. Prof Sharma is currently working as Vice Chancellor, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya after serving Bilaspur State University in Chhattisgarh since June 2012. As a Founder Vice Chancellor, he has made significant contributions in Quality enhancements of Higher Education during his two terms of Vice Chancellor in the state of Chhattisgarh. At the same time, he envisions a rapid development of Central and North East India with his master plan. He has Fellowship of Academic Society from Royal Society, London, UK & INSA, India under exchange programme, Fellow of Indian Mycological Society, 2009 (FIMS), Fellow of Indian Botanical Soc.(FBS), Fellow of International Natural Resource and Environment Society (FINRES).

He has received several Awards/honours namely Dr. Narsimhan Medal award by Indian Phytopathology Society In 1993 for best research Paper, Rashtriya Ratna Award by International Study Center, 2003., DEED Award by Confederation of Indian Univs, IAWEA Affiliated to UNESCO, 2004., Birbal Sahni Award By Indian Botanical Society 2010, S.K. Barua Memorial Lecture at Calcutta Univ. 2009., CSIR Foundation Day Lecture at NEIST, Jorhat, 2009, Foundation Day Lecture, Dibrugarh University 2005, Education Excellence Award by CCLP Worldwide, Dec. 2010, Vidya Ratan National Samman 2015 By All India Higher Research Sanskrit, Raebareli, Outstanding Educational contribution Award by CMAI, New Delhi 2015 at National Chhattisgarh Education Summit, Swami Vivekanand Excellence Award by International Institute of Oriental in March 2019, Indo-Asian Eminent Vice Chancellor Award, 2020. Vivek Jyoti Ananya Samman (Lifetime Achievement Award) awarded by Swami Vivekananda University, Kolkata.



**Dr. (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal**  
Secretary General,  
Association of Indian Universities



Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is the second women Secretary General of the Association in its 97 years of existence. She has been serving the higher education sector for more than 03 decades at senior positions at the University Grants Commission of India. She is the Chief Commissioner for Guides of Bharat Scouts and Guides. She is also the Member of General Assembly and Finance Committee of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi.

Dr. (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal is a Fulbright Scholar and has been a topper in MSc and PhD in Agricultural Statistics from IARI, New Delhi. Dr Mittal has also served as the first regular Vice Chancellor of Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Haryana, the first rural women university of North India for two terms. Dr Mittal is also the recipient of many Awards and Honours like Fulbright Nehru Scholarship grant for Educational Administrators, President of India Award in 2017 for Digital Initiatives in Higher education, Honorary Doctorate-D. Litt. (Honoris Causa) from Karnataka State Women's University, Karnataka, First Padam Shri Subhashini Devi Award 2018 for contributions in Societal Development and Community Engagement, Qimpro Gold Standard Award for leadership in Education for the year 2018 and Smt. Sushma Swaraj Stree Shakti Samman 2020.

Dr Mittal has visited a number of countries like USA, Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, Japan, Australia, China, South Korea, Spain, Germany, South Africa, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Mauritius and Philippines to name a few, for academic purposes for presenting papers in international conferences and for academic exchanges. She has published a number of papers, articles, occasional papers and reports on issues relating to higher education and women empowerment in national and international journals.

**Dr. S Y Quraishi**  
Chancellor, IILM University  
& Former Chief Election  
Commissioner of India



Dr. S.Y. Quraishi joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1971 and after holding several strategic and key positions, rose to become the 17th Chief Election Commissioner of India. He figured in The Indian Express list of 100 Most Powerful Indians of 2011 and again in 2012. He also figured in India Today's Power List of 100 most powerful Indians, 2012. He has a postgraduate degree in History from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University and Ph.D from Jamia University New Delhi.

Dr. Quraishi hold many prominent positions in his career apart from being the Chief Election Commissioner of India such as Election Commissioner of India, Secretary, Govt. of India Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Director General, National AIDS Control Organisation, Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Steel, Director General, Doordarshan ( National Television), Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Haryana and many more such positions. As the Election Commissioner and Chief Election Commissioner of India, he introduced a number of innovative electoral reforms, established an Expenditure Control Division and a Voter Education Division in the Commission. By this he controlled money power elections and brought about a participation revolution among voters. He also founded the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management to professionalize election management and share it with the emerging democracies of the world. Over 70 countries have received training in this institute within five years. He has been a Member of the Board of Advisors of International IDEA (Institute of Democracy and Electoral Assistance) Stockholm. He was also a Member of the Advisory Committee to assist and advise the Global Commission on Elections, Democracy and Security, headed by Mr Kofi Annan. He founded the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development at Sriperumbudur (Tamil Nadu) and was its first Director. He has contributed to policy and program development in the health sector, women and child development sector through writing books, articles, educational Programs He puts India's AIDS program on the world map.

A known face in the international conferences in India and abroad, he has received several prestigious awards in recognition of his contribution to civil society and human development issues such as 'Nehru Fellow- Award from Nehru Children's Museum, Calcutta, Secular India Harmony Award, 1988, Silver Elephant in 1995, NDTV Indian of the Year in 2009 and 2013, Defender of Democracy by Chauthi Duniya Group of Newspapers in 2011. He has also received the FICCI Fellow in 2015 at London. He is a Distinguished Fellow at Ashoka University, Sonapat, Haryana

**Dr. Sujata Shahi**  
Vice Chancellor  
IILM University Gurugram, Haryana



Dr. Sujata Shahi is Professor of Organizational Behavior and Human Resource. Dr. Shahi holds an academic and administrative experience of over 4 decades. She has been engaged with IILM Gurugram for the past 17 years and has been in the steering seat for the IILM University since its inception in 2018 as the Vice Chancellor.

She has keen interest in analyzing the behavioral aspects of employees in organizations and has published various research papers in this area. Dr. Shahi has made significant contribution through research in the areas of consumer behavior, perception about retail sector, Corporate social responsibility, Innovation, Manpower management, mindfulness and Emotional Intelligence. She has also made a mark in the research domain through her PhD scholars, who under her able guidance, have come up with some very meaningful and socially relevant research work that has received acclaim across academia. She has also authored books on Diversity and Inclusion – a subject that going to make our organizations, society and the entire globe, a better place to be in.

She has conducted Management Development Programmes for organizations like Alcatel, BHEL EIL, PHDCCI, CII , Defense, Military Engineering Service, TI, Auto to name a few. She is the member of Professional Bodies like The All India Rail Safety Council, Editorial Board Member at Psychologists Magazine, National Human Resource Development (NHRD), Higher Education Committee (FICCI), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Editor for MBA Journals, Consortium E-learning network, Indian Society of training and development, AIMS International and the member of Executive Council and Board of Studies of different Universities.

## **Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh**

Pro Vice Chancellor  
IILM University  
Gurugram, Haryana



Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh is the former and founder Vice-Chancellor of National Law University, Delhi established by the Delhi Government in 2008. In just a short span of 12 years he has steered NLU, Delhi which has been ranked as the 2nd best law school of India in the NIRF – 2018 rankings. It's the acknowledgement of his administrative and leadership abilities that NLU, Delhi is now recognized not only in India but also at the international level. With over two decades of experience in heading the law school he carries the aura of a visionary who as an outstanding statesmen and academician shown immense commitment and contribution towards changing the legal education landscape of the country. Prior to his stint in NLU, Delhi, he was the founder Vice-Chancellor of NALSAR, University of Law, established by the Andhra Pradesh Government and had been at its helm since its inception in 1998. Prof. Singh's acumen took NALSAR to great heights as a well-known premier institution for legal education and research in the country. He has been a Vice-Chancellor for over 20 years now.

Prof. Singh's contribution in redesigning legal education in the country has been significant being a member of the Legal Education Committee of the Bar Council of India. His legal writings span the areas of Jurisprudence, Human Rights, Legal Education, Legal Aid, Personal Laws and Justice Education and has more than 50 research publications to his credit. He has edited two publications one on "Human Rights Education, Law and Society" and the other on "Cyber Space and the Law – Issues and Challenges". He has also authored along with Prof. A. Lakshminath two scholarly publications, one on 'Fiscal Federalism – Constitutional Conspectus' and the other on 'Constitutional Law'. Under his guidance several scholars have been awarded Ph.D. Degrees and his rich teaching/research experience enabled him to visit and participate in several International Conferences and Seminars and present papers in several countries like Australia, Brazil, Bhutan, China, Taiwan, South Africa Cyprus, Canada, France, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy, Pakistan, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Thailand, Russia, Germany, South Korea, U.K. and United States of America. He has visited best of law schools in U.K. and USA and interacted with leading legal academics and functionaries of higher judiciary in these countries.

.He has also been a part of the high level delegation which presented India's National Report on Human Rights in the third Universal Periodic Review at United Nations Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland held in May, 2017. Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh prepared the India's National Report for the First UPR, while he was the Vice-Chancellor of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad and the Second and Third UPR has also been prepared by Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh at NLUD on behalf of MEA and Govt. of India.

**Mr. P Dwarkanath**  
Pro-Vice Chancellor IILM University  
Gurugram, Haryana.



Mr. P Dwarkanath is B.Sc., B.L. and P.G.D. (P.M., I.R. & L.W.) He is retired as Director – Human Resource w.e.f. July 31, 2006. Since his retirement, he has been associated as Non-Executive Director till June 30, 2018 and now Nominee Director of the Company.

Mr. P. Dwarkanath served as the Advisor – Group Human Capital of Max India Ltd, a multi-business corporate with consolidated revenue of more than two billion USD and having business interests primarily in the insurance and healthcare space. Prior to this current, he was the Director – Human Resources and Administration, India/ South Asia of GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) for close to three decades. During his tenure, GSK was adjudged as one of the top five Best Employers in India for people related practices for several years. He was also a member of GSK's International HR team. He is on the board of several Companies / Institutions including GSK Consumer Healthcare Ltd. He brings a rich and varied experience of over four decades.

Mr. Dwarkanath has held several management positions in various professional bodies. To name a few, he was the President of the National Human Resources Development Network (NHRDN), President of Delhi Management Association (DMA), Regional President – Northern Region of All India Management Association (AIMA) and currently Treasurer of AIMA.

He has over 45 years of experience in the Engineering, Chemical, Pharma and Consumer Goods industry in the core functional areas of Legal, Employee Relations, Management Development, Leadership Development & HR Management.

He has won several prestigious awards for his valuable contribution in the field of Human Resources including the “Pathfinders Award” by the National Human Resource Development Network; “HR Professional of the year” by Mid-Day in association with DAKS, London and the “Career Achievement Award” by GSK International, “Life Time Achievement Award” by Asia's Best Employer Brand Award and “Chairman's Award” by Max India Group.

**Prof (Dr.) Shashikala Wanjari**  
Vice Chancellor  
National University of Educational Planning  
& Administration, New Delhi



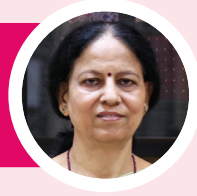
Prof. Shashikala Wanjari is presently leading National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi as a Vice Chancellor. She was also VC of SNDT Women's University Mumbai which is the first women university in entire South East Asia.

The rank of Honorary Colonel in the National Cadet Corp was conferred to her in July 2018. Prior to this she headed the Department of Education at RTM Nagpur University, Nagpur and led Nagpur Nagrik Sahkari Bank Pvt. Ltd as Ex - Vice Chairperson. She has 29 years of teaching experience, 16 years of research experience and 05 years' experience of heading women's university in Mumbai. She is the chairperson of syllabus cum teaching -learning material development committee for foundational stage of NEP:2020 which was assigned by Ministry of Education, GOI. She has authored 03 books;44 research papers and 13 articles. She has attended several International and national conferences and delivered more than 300 expert lectures in different academic programs. She is a member of different academic bodies. She also received award from common wealth council for educational administration and management (CCEAM) in 2014.She is recipient of Madam Marie Curie Award from Swadeshi Vidhyn Banglore.

She has significantly contributed to education domain in the capacity of Hon'ble visitor's nominee at Central University Panjab, Bhatinda and Ranchi and ex visitor's nominee in the central university Pondicherry. She had contributed in various apex national bodies like UCG, AICTE, ICSSR, NCTE, NCERT etc.

She has also guided 17 students for their Ph.D. in Education during her academic career. She chaired Yoga Committee of Maharashtra state. Teacher education is the area of her interest and to achieve the goal of NEP; 2020 she is keen to work passionately.

**Prof (Ms.) Shalini Bharat**  
Director  
Tata Institute of Social Sciences,  
Mumbai (MS)



Professor Shalini Bharat is Director/Vice Chancellor of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India and is known for her work on gender, equity and access issues with special reference to reproductive and women's health; social determinants of HIV and TB, including stigma, discrimination and human rights issues; health vulnerabilities in the context of migration; and demographic transition among minority communities.

Besides administration, teaching and research, Prof. Bharat leads the 'Saksham' program, a sub-recipient of Global Fund grant, for developing and implementing psycho-social counseling and social linkages for drug resistant TB patients in four Indian states. Prof. Bharat has published widely including a 4-Volume Series "Parsis of India: Continuing at the Crossroads" from Sage, and "Health and Wellbeing of India's Young People" from Springer.

## **Prof. (Dr.) Ami Umakant Upadhyay**

Vice Chancellor  
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar  
State Open University, Gujarat



Prof. Ami Upadhyay currently serves as the esteemed Vice Chancellor of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar State Open University, Gujarat since 2018. She holds an impressive academic background, with degrees in Bachelors, Masters, Masters in Philosophy, and a Doctorate in English Literature, as well as a Diploma in Naturopathy and Yogic Science. Prof. Upadhyay is a skilled Indian Classical Dancer and choreographer.

With over two decades of experience in the Higher Education Sector, Prof. Upadhyay has contributed her expertise to various committees constituted by MHRD/ Ministry of Education, UGC, AIU, NAAC, NIOS, State Education Department, Gujarat Sahitya Akademi, and numerous state and central universities across India. During her tenure, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar State Open University has achieved numerous accolades, including an A++ accreditation by NAAC – the only state university in Gujarat and the only State Open University in India to do so. Under her leadership, the university has also been awarded Category 1 autonomy by the UGC. Prof. Upadhyay has played a pivotal role in the successful implementation of NEP 2020 at BAOU, ensuring its adherence to the highest standards.

Prof. Upadhyay has been honored with several prestigious awards, such as the Honorary Fellowship by the Commonwealth of Learning, Canada, the Pride of Nation Award, Manbhai Bhatt Pratisthit Nagrik Sanmaan, Award of Honor by CEMCA and IDEA, Life Time Achievement Award by AIPC, and NGS Vibrant Leadership Awards. She has been instrumental in introducing numerous innovative courses and programs at BAOU. Prof. Upadhyay has over 30 publications to her name and has participated in more than 100 conferences and invited talks.



**Dr. Vibha Dhawan**  
Director General, The Energy Resource  
Institute (TERI), New Delhi



Dr Vibha Dhawan's long association with The Energy and Resources Institute dates back to 1985. During 2005-2007 she led TERI School of Advanced Studies in the capacity of Vice-Chancellor. She is a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India and is currently also serving as Adjunct Professor, Consul General South Asia Partnership, Michigan State University. Being driven by a deep academic and research interest, Dr Dhawan has authored 6 books and over 50 publications, which have added immense value in scientific research.

Dr Dhawan's thought leadership and engagement in research as well as policy development, both at the national and international level is widely acknowledged. She is currently a task force member of National Committees with the Department of Biotechnology, the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, and the Biotech Consortium India. Dr Dhawan is Co-Chair of the T20 Task Force 4 on Refuelling Growth: Clean Energy and Green Transitions, and a member of the Networks Strategy Council that advises Sustainable Development Solutions Network – a global initiative for the United Nations.. She has served on the boards of prestigious organizations in India and overseas including Jawahar Lal Nehru University, Ambedkar University, Ayurvet Foundation and Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI). Dr Dhawan was instrumental in establishing the highly successful Micropropagation Technology Park at TERI. Her other major achievements include developing e-contents for the post-graduate programme in biotechnology for the University Grants Commission. Her recent research interests are in the area of biofuels.

She was the key lead for the DBT-TERI Centre on Integrated Production of Advanced Biofuels and Biocommodities. Her role as an advisor to the Late Tarun Gogoi, the former Chief Minister of Assam specifically in the field of Bioresources and Biotechnology is worth placing on record. The honour bestowed upon Dr. Dhawan recently as one of Game-Changers from India by H.E. Sheikh Nahayan Bin Mabararak Al Nahayan, a respected Cabinet Member and the Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence in the UAE is another feather in her cap. She has been also conferred with the Social Impact Leadership Award early this year. Several other awards Dr Dhawan won include Indian Women Achievers Sammaan 2017 by NRI Achievers; Women Leadership Agriculture Award 2016 by the Indian Council of Food & Agriculture; First Biotech Product and Process Development and Commercialization Award of the Department of Biotechnology in 2000, the Kamal Kumari National Award for Science and Technology and the first All India Biotech Association (AIBA) award in 1998.

**Prof (Dr.) Nupur Prakash**  
Vice Chancellor  
The NorthCap University, Gurugram



Prof. Nupur Prakash is serving the NorthCap University Gurugram as Vice Chancellor since July 2021, after completing her term as founder Vice Chancellor of Delhi's first women's technical University called Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (Govt. of Delhi). A strong proponent of STEM education among girls, she has spent several years holding key leadership positions as an academic leader, researcher, and institution builder. She has served as a Scientist at CSIO Chandigarh (a CSIR lab), Dean Engg & Technology, Dean School of IT at GGS Indraprastha University, and Principal, Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology, Govt. of Delhi. Prof. Nupur Prakash possesses a work experience of around 37 years in teaching, research and administration. She graduated from IIT Roorkee (erstwhile University of Roorkee) with a degree in B.E. (Electronics & Communication Engineering) and M.E. (Computer Science & Technology) from IIT Roorkee. She was awarded with the Chancellor's Medal for being the best student of the outgoing batch. She holds a PhD degree in Artificial Intelligence from Punjab University, Chandigarh.

Prof. Nupur Prakash has received several awards for outstanding contribution to higher education in the last two decades. Recently she received the "Indira Parikh Award 2022" for being among the top 50 women Education Leader of the Country. She was also conferred with the title of 'Elite Academician 2022' by IEEE Industry Applications Society, USA. She has been an International Consultant for Asian Development Bank funded project at Tashkent, Uzbekistan in 2010 and has travelled extensively to 15 different countries for paper presentation, for chairing technical sessions and delivering invited talks. As an ICTP fellow she received the UNESCO fellowship and attended G8 summit in Italy. She also participated in the U.S. government- sponsored international exchange program for 'Women in Leadership' at University of Nebraska, USA in 2016.

She has guided 15 PhD scholars in Mobile Computing, Natural Language Processing, Wireless sensor Networks and Artificial Intelligence and has published more than 100 research papers and articles in various reputed national and international journals/conferences. She serves as an expert member of several prestigious committees constituted by DST, NAAC and Ministry of Electronics and IT, Govt. of India.

**Prof (Dr.) Balvinder Shukla**  
Vice Chancellor  
Amity University, NOIDA



Prof. (Dr.) Balvinder Shukla (Professor – Entrepreneurship, Leadership & IT) Vice Chancellor, Amity University Uttar Pradesh Prof. (Dr.) Balvinder Shukla is M.Tech from IIT Kharagpur and a Ph.D. from Queen’s University, U.K. She has over 3 decades of rich scholarly experience in Industry, Academia, Research and Administration. Currently, Dr. Shukla is a Professor of Entrepreneurship, Leadership & IT and Vice Chancellor, Amity University Uttar Pradesh.

Prior to this, Dr. Shukla has held numerous positions during 30+ years of career. With a strategic mindset and creative thinking ability, she has been one of the key team members, spearheading and instrumental in the exponential growth of Amity Group engaged in Higher Education. She is an astute architect of a unique Flexi Framework that includes Flexi Choice Based Credit System, Outcome Based Education and Education 4.0. Besides this, she has been instrumental in aligning the Learning Outcomes & Operational Outcomes with Strategic Plans of the University. At the same time she is a great Researcher and Academician and has authored numerous books, developed unique models namely- “Accelerator model for promoting and ensuring Incubator excellence” and “IT Enabled Strategic Operational Excellence Model for Higher Education Institutions”. Besides this, Dr. Shukla has been on advisory board as well as independent director on board of companies, National Institute of Immunology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, Khadi Design Council of India and various NGOs. Dr. Shukla is recipient of various prestigious awards and honours, such as Distinguished Academician and Outstanding Administrator 2012 by Balkan-Ji-Bari International, India’s oldest NGO founded in 1926 and “Bhartiya Manav Adhikar Samman -2012” for Peace, Harmony, Protection and Promotion of human rights. She is also honoured with “Outstanding Leader in Education” & “Person of the Year Award 2013”, Newsmaker’s Achievers Award 2014, 100 Most influential Directors of India’ Award 2016 by World Education Congress, Special Recognition Award 2016 by Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), Peacemakers Award 2017 by Global Peace & Prosperity Initiative, USA, Eminent Engineer Award 2017 by IET, Institutional Award for Excellence in Gender Diversity and Inclusion Practice 2017 by Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), India, ‘Outstanding Contribution to Education Award 2017 by Dewang Mehta Foundation & B-School Affaire, WomENABLER Award 2018 by TiE, the Phenomenal.

She was award for exemplary achievements & being “Phenomenal” by Indian National Bar Association, also has been recognized at top 5 personalities in Asia Pacific for Triple-E Awards in the category of “Lifetime Achievement in Entrepreneurship Award 2020” by Accreditation Council for Entrepreneurial & Engaged Universities (ACEEU, The Netherlands) on 10th January 2020. Honoured with Agriculture Today - Agri- Education Awards 2021 - Excellence in Entrepreneurship Development on 27th February, 2021.

**Prof (Dr.) Neelima Gupta**  
Vice Chancellor  
Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya  
Sagar



Prof. Neelima Gupta, M.Sc. (Gold Medalist), M.Phil., Ph.D. (AMU), D.Sc., Member, Governing Board, Indo- German Science & Technology Centre, DST, Govt. of India, Member, Higher Education Inward Mission–UK (British Council), Visiting Scientist Poland (DST-KBN; INSA-PAS Senior Scientist), Member, Governing Council, AIU, UGC Nominee, Member Governing Board, Consortium of Educational Communication (CEC), Govt of India, Member, Promotion of Indian Languages, University Grants Commission, Govt of India.

She is recipient of more than 70 awards including the exclusive Taxonomy award, NATIONAL (EK JANAKI AMMAL NATIONAL AWARD) and STATE (SARASWATI SAMMAN, VIGYAN RATNA) awards, Platinum Jubilee Award (Science Congress). She is President's Nominee, Executive Council, Central University of Tamil Nadu and UGC Nominee, Board of Governors, Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida. She has published 225 research papers (Highest impact 41.44), is author/editor of 8 books, and has participated in 424 [International -71; National -353] conferences. She was awarded "Centre of Excellence" by UP Govt. and has handled research projects worth Rs. 1.8 crores. She is Chairman/Expert/Peer Member of International (NRC, Cairo, Egypt), national (UGC, NAAC, UPSC, CSIR) & state level (PSC-UP, PSC Uttaranchal) academic bodies and selection committees for the appointment of Vice Chancellors.

She is Editorial Board Member and Peer Reviewer of 14 national & 14 international journals of USA, Egypt, Africa, Costa Rica, India. Exposure to 5 continents of the world including countries like USA, UK, Japan, Germany, France, Poland, Hong Kong, Thailand, Egypt, China, Singapore, Egypt, Australia. Pioneer woman Vice Chancellor of the country having served as Vice Chancellor of 4 different government universities.

## **Prof (Dr) Sushma Yadav**

Pro Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Haryana, Mahender Garh, Haryana & Member of University Grants Commission, UGC



Prof. (Dr.) Sushma Yadav was the Vice-Chancellor, Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat, Member of Press Council of India, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi. Professor of Public Policy & Governance at Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi, Chair Professor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair at IIPA. Chairperson, Governing Body, College of Vocational Studies, University of Delhi; Founder President of

National Social Science Association (RSVP); now Rashtriya Samaj Vigyan Parishad); President of Indian Political Science Association; Coordinator, India International Political Science Association (IPSA); Research Committee on Rethinking Political Development;

Prof. Sushma Yadava has also coordinator Working Group on SCs for the 12th Plan Approach Paper, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India; Member of the Governing Body, Indian Social Institute, New Delhi; Member, Peer Team, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore; A topper of Delhi University, Prof. Sushma Yadava has published more than 15 books and several research papers in national and international journals. She has played significant role in planning, implementation and evaluation of policies and academic activities as Chancellor's nominee, visitor's nominee and Member of Finance Committee, Academic Council and Executive Council of a number of Central and State Universities. Such as DU, JNU, IGNOU, Central University of Panjab, MDU, NLU Haryana etc.

Prof. Sushma Yadava is recipient of a number of prestigious awards like: Savitribai Phule Rastriye Shiksha Samman, 2023, International Woman's Day:- Woman Empowerment Award, 2023; Pride of the Nation Excellence Award 2019. Woman of the Year 2019 Award; Delhi Samman Ratan, 2015. Ambassador of Peace Award, 2015. Women Leader Award, 2015; Mahatma Jotiba & Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Balijan Ratna Award, 2014. Kasturba Award, 2008.

National Leader Award, 2006; She has also visited a number of countries like China, USA, Germany, Spain, Peru, Chile, Nepal and Bangladesh for academic, administrative and training assignments.

## **Prof (Dr.) Najma Akhtar**

Vice Chancellor  
Jamia Millia Islamia,  
New Delhi



She is the first woman Vice Chancellor of a Central University in New Delhi. She is currently serving as VC of Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. She is known for spearheading international educational administrators' course for senior officials from 130 countries for more than 15 years at National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA).

A widely acclaimed educationist, Prof. Akhtar is a gold medalist from Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and completed her Ph.D. (Education) from Kurukshetra University. She held posts of faculty and Controller of Examinations and Admissions and Director, Academic Programs at AMU. She was the founder director of State Institute of Educational Management and Training (SIEMAT), Uttar Pradesh, which was established for developing educational administrators for the country. She has earned international accolades, including Commonwealth scholarship and the prestigious National Science Talent scholarship. She studied in international institutes such as University of Warwick and Nottingham UK and IIEP Paris (UNESCO). She has been involved in collaborative research works with developing and developed countries. She has been actively consulted by UNESCO, UNICEF, DANIDA and other international organizations. Gender Equity has been part of most of her projects.

In 2022, Akhtar was awarded with Padma Shri by the Government of India. On 19 January 2023, she was conferred with the honorary rank of Colonel and appointed “Colonel Commandant” of the University.

**Prof (Dr.) V. Bharathi Harishankar**  
Vice Chancellor, Avinashilingam Institute  
for Home Science and Higher Education for  
Women University, Coimbatore, T.N



Prof. V. Bharathi Harishankar is the Vice Chancellor of Avinashilingam Women's University, Coimbatore. The Institution is accredited with NAAC A++ and is placed 81 st in NIRF. She is instrumental in starting the first AIU supported Academic and Administrative Development Centre (AADC) at her university.

She has also forged collaboration with IITM Research Park to inculcate a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation among students through Build Clubs. Prof. Bharathi is the Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA) and has made significant contributions in the areas of post colonial, gender and translation studies. She has also successfully completed national and international projects related to online learning and open educational resources funded by International Development Research Centre, Canada and Erasmus + Programme. Prof. Bharathi's notable achievement is the setting up of Gender Lab, the first of its kind in the country, to offer online gender sensitization workshops. She is also the recipient of the following Awards and Honours, MHRD's Leadership for Academicians Program (LEAP) at Jamia Millia Islamia and University of Virginia, Humanities Research Centre Travel Grant, Australia,

She is a Visiting Fellowships to Universities in New Zealand, Shastri Indo-Canadian Faculty Enrichment Fellowship, Honorary Adjunct Professorship at Athabasca University, Canada, Nominated Member of Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), Australia, Consultant Author for Commonwealth of Learning and UNESCO, Preliminary Panel Adviser for Sahitya Akademi Award in English, Member of the CII Southern Regional Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Member of the CII Southern Regional Committees on Affirmative Action.

**Dr. Monica Kennedy**  
Minister Counsellor Commercial,  
Australian Trade & Investment Commission



Dr. Monica Kennedy is Minister-Counsellor Commercial and Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, South Asia.

Monica leads the international education sectoral strategy and the Australian government's priority projects - Future Skills Initiative, Australia India Business Exchange and Australia India Innovation Network.

In addition, she also heads the marketing vertical for South Asia, drawing on her career experience in partnership development and growth in both the private and public sectors. Monica has led teams working across pathways, ELICOS, VE and higher education and in a range of modalities in India, China, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Bhutan and Sri Lanka.

With an academic background in the discipline of education, Monica is published in international journals and books on international education and practice-based learning in higher education. Her commercial acumen, coupled with her academic background informs Austrade's engagement in South Asia for the development of new opportunities for India-Australia education cooperation.



**Ms. Gloria F. Berbena**  
Minister Counselor for  
Public Diplomacy  
U.S. Embassy, New Delhi



Gloria Berbena joined the U.S. Diplomatic Corps in 1989. A member of the Senior Foreign Service, Gloria assumed her current posting as Minister Counselor for Public Diplomacy to the U.S. Mission to India in October 2021. She previously served as Charge' d'Affaires and Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in San Jose, Costa Rica; as Minister Counselor for Public Diplomacy at the U.S. Embassy in Rome; as Senior Advisor to the Executive Secretary in Washington, D.C.; Executive Assistant/Chief of Staff to the Undersecretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs; and as Director of the Office of Public Diplomacy in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs. Other overseas service includes public diplomacy positions in Havana, Athens, Naples, Rome and Bangkok.

Gloria is a graduate of the State Department's Foreign Affairs language programs in Spanish, Greek, Italian and Thai, and is the recipient of several Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards. In 2012, she received the State Department's highest honor in the public diplomacy field, the Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Public Diplomacy. Gloria is a native Californian and a graduate of the University of California.

## DELEGATES

**Prof (Dr.) Aparajita Chowdhury**  
Vice Chancellor, Rama Devi Women's  
University, Bhubaneswar (Odisha)



Professor Aparajita Chowdhury is the Vice Chancellor of Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha joined on 26th November 2020. Professor Chowdhury is the first Ph. D in Home Science in the state of Odisha and recipient of four prestigious International Fellowships such as –Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellow at the University of London, U.K; Fulbright Fellow at the University of Wyoming, USA; ICSSR - NWO Social Science Scholar at the University of Maastricht, The Netherlands, and DAAD (German Academic Exchange Program) Visiting Professor at Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Germany.

In addition, Prof. Chowdhury received “The Young Investigators” award from the Johann Jacobs Foundation, Zurich, Switzerland for her post-doctoral research work and completed major sponsored research projects of University Grants Commission and National Women's Commission, New Delhi. Her research interests include – Early Childhood Care & Education, Youth, Family, Gender Studies, Elderly Issues and Parenting across the culture. Professor Chowdhury is a trained assessor of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) for more than two decades.

She is a member of various national and international academic bodies as resource person, subject experts and engaged in social consultancy activities during her long professional career and till date. At present, Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury is the Vice Chancellor of a State Public University of Odisha – which is a Unitary – cum – Affiliating Women's University of the State and in the eastern region of the country.

**Dr (Ms) Alicia Gatphoh**  
Vice Chancellor  
The ICFAI University, Meghalaya



Dr. Alicia Gatphoh is the Vice Chancellor of the ICFAI University Meghalaya. She is an alumnus of the North Eastern Hill University from where she obtained her degrees right from under graduation up to Ph.D. She had served as a Lecturer in R. L. College, Shillong for 26 years and held such other important portfolios like Examination in-charge and several administrative duties before joining the ICFAI University Meghalaya in 2010. It is by dint of her hard work, devotion and meticulous perseverance that she was within a short span of time elevated to the highest position of the University.

Her responsibility as the Vice Chancellor of the ICFAI University Meghalaya is to assist thousands of young people in realizing their objectives and aspirations because it is on their shoulders that our nation will be built and will be led to greater heights of glory. She also has a duty to consider the requirements of the educators who work relentlessly to effect the necessary transformation in the lives of the students. She is a firm believer of the fact that the success of the educational system depends as much on the performance of the teachers as it does on that of the students. As the Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr. Gatphoh is committed to developing a new cadre of citizens with a high level of competence, a strong sense of ethics, and a commitment to the code of professional conduct. She believes in generating and disseminating knowledge and skills in fundamental and novel fields through creative educational programmes, research, consulting, and publishing.

Dr. Gatphoh has been an innovative and pioneering educational leader in her own rights in her profession. While navigating the period of reorganization and the changing circumstances, she instills faith and confidence in the employees and pupils. According to her, an avant-garde leader must not only have a clear vision for the future but also a strategy for achieving it.

**Prof. (Dr.) Anjila Gupta**  
Vice Chancellor  
Jamshedpur Women's University, Bistupur,  
Jamshedpur, Jharkhand



Prof (Dr.) Anjila Gupta is the present Vice Chancellor of Jamshedpur Women's University. The university under her able guidance, pledges to collaborate to surmount any hurdles impeding the institution's advancement, with the ultimate goal of elevating the university to greater heights.

The most able Vice-Chancellor expresses her gratitude for the several landmark achievement, accolades and awards won, managed and organized at the university. She speaks candidly about the difficulties encountered during the academic accomplishments year after year and restated her commitment to developing the university into a comprehensive institution of excellence, laying particular emphasis on research.

Gupta announces several initiatives designed to enhance the quality of research work at the university. She also plans for an several international conference, seminars and events to be hosted by the institution. She has won several awards for her contribution towards research-both national and international.

She raised concerns regarding number of hindrances and the scarcity of both teaching and non- teaching staff at the university and expressed hope that the government would consider this issue with the seriousness it deserved.

**Prof (Dr.) Anu Singh Lather**  
Vice Chancellor  
Dr B R Ambedkar University  
Kashmere Gate, Delhi



Prof. Anu Singh Lather, an eminent academician, is the 2nd Vice Chancellor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi. Prior to joining Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi, Prof. Lather was holding the charge of Pro Vice Chancellor, Delhi Technological University. Prof. Lather assumed charge as Vice Chancellor on 22nd February 2019. She is currently the member of EC of NAAC-the Apex Statutory body for Assessment & Accreditation in India. She is also the member of standing committee of NAAC for “Approvals & Appeals”. Prof. Lather’s diversified academic experience and doctrinal knowledge has contributed immensely in the field of learning and education and her administrative acumen has helped Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University to reach new heights in the educational arena of the city as well as nation.

Prof. Lather has a Post graduate in Psychology and MBA in Human Resource Management. She received her PhD in Human Resource Management & Psychology from Punjab University, Chandigarh. Prof. Lather’s field of specialization is Strategic Human Resource Management, Organizational Behaviour, and Organizational Development and Change Management, Business Communication and Technology & Innovation Management.

In recognition to her valuable and worthy research contributions, she has been conferred with the Best Researcher Award consecutively for 3 years i.e. 2010, 2011 & 2012 by GGS Indraprastha University. Faculty of Economics and Management, Slovak University of Agriculture, Slovak Republic awarded Gold Medal to her for Excellence in Academic & Research Activities. She received International Achievers’ Award for Education Excellence by Indian Achievers Forum in collaboration with Singapore Chambers of Commerce and Thai Chambers of Commerce at the International Summit at Singapore in 2011. Received Best Paper Award in the 8th International Annual American Business Research Conference held in New York, USA in 2016, Top Ranker’s Management Consultant Excellence Award in Research in Management in Jan, 2015, Szent Istvan Universtiy, Godollo, Budapest (Hungary) for excellent academic activities in 2010 and a medal from Faculty of Applied Economics & Rural Development, University of Debrecen, Hungary for Academic Excellence.

**Prof (Dr.) Archana Mishra**  
Vice Chancellor  
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National  
Law University, Sonapat



Dr. Archana Mishra is a distinguished academician and visionary leader who is currently serving as the Vice Chancellor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat and is also performing the additional duties of Vice-Chancellor, Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science and Technology, Murthal. With a strong background in academia and a passion for educational reforms, she has made significant contributions to the field of higher education throughout her career.

She has a 36 years long period of teaching, research and administrative experience. She has been Principal (equivalent to Professor) of Post Graduate College. She also worked as Joint Director Colleges, in the Directorate of Higher Education, Haryana. She worked as District Higher Education officer, Directorate of Higher Education, Haryana. At present she is Chancellor's nominee on the Executive Council of Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. She is also Chancellor's nominee in selection committee for faculty members of Rishi Valmiki Sanskrit University, Kaithal. She has been NAAC Peer Team member for more than 6 years. She has authored 20 books on various subjects and especially on Ecology, Environment and climate change. She has also authored Greenwich Series on Environment (0-5. She has notable publications in her name in reputed journals such as Springer of USA, Science Letter of NASI, National Human Rights Commission, India. She has presented several research papers in National and International conferences. She has also chaired plenary sessions in different National and International conferences. She has been associated with Environment Society of India, Haryana Police and Forest Department of Haryana for cleaning water bodies, establishment of Herbal/medicine parks in Haryana, plantation drive and afforestation.

She has been awarded for education, administration and for her outstanding contribution to Environment protection and conservation by various state and central authorities of India. She was awarded gold medal in M.Sc. (Botany). She has been awarded for excellent work for women education by Hon'ble Governor of Haryana. She is an academician and administrator who always have the fortitude to face challenges and overcome them. She stands out from the crowd due to her vision and optimistic outlook for the institute and the advancement of country.

**Prof (Dr.) Aruna Palta**  
Vice Chancellor  
Hemchand Yadav Vishwavidyalaya  
Durg (Chhattisgarh)



Hemchand Yadav University, Durg is a fledgling institution which came into existence in 2015. Dr. Aruna Palta took up the chair of Vice chancellor on 13th September 2019. Her Specialisation is Food Science and Nutrition. She has authored 17 Books and published 71 Research Papers in various national and international journals, along with 500 articles on multiple disciplines in various National Newspapers.

Prof. Aruna was felicitated by the President of India in 2008 for excellence in academics. She has played an important role in Framing of various policies of Chhattisgarh State pertaining to Nutrition as chairperson of State Planning commission for Nutrition Cell. She is in advisory board of number of committees of State Govt. as well as Editor of Asian Journal of Dairy and Food Research. As chairman of NAAC Peer team, she has visited number of Higher Educational Institutions across the Country and Abroad.

**Prof (Dr.) D. Bharathi**  
Vice Chancellor  
Sri Padmavathi Mahila Vishwavidyalayam  
Tirupati



Dr. Depuru Bharathi, Vice-Chancellor, SPMVV, Formerly Professor of Biosciences and Sericulture, Sri Padmavathi Mahila Vishwavidyalayam, Tirupati, A.P. Secured her Master's Degree in Zoology (1981) from Karnataka University, Dharwar; M.Phil (1982) & Ph.D (1984) from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati; Post-Doctoral Research from China (2001).

She was a Honorary foreign member of Sericulture Society of Zhejiang University, P.R.China,2000. Best Teacher Award from Andhra Pradesh State Government (2008); Best Research Award in Sciences from SPMVV, Tirupati (2017). Got second prize in mountain climbing held at International tour festival, Moganshan, China on 29th October, 2000; Lifetime Achievement Award in Zoology and Sericulture (2018) from Venus International Foundation, Chennai ; Young Scientist Grant Award, DST (1991); Shiksha Rattan Puraskar from India International Friendship Society, New Delhi (2008); Distinguished Researcher and Scholar Icon in Sericulture from Jupiter Publications Consortium, Chennai & Ingenious Cyberonics Pvt. Limited, Chennai (2017); Outstanding Educator and Scholar from National Foundation For Entrepreneurship Development, Coimbatore (2017).

Nominated as Member of A.P. State Level Expert Appraisal Committee by MOEF & CC, Govt. of India in consultation with A.P. State Govt. (2021 - 2024); Executive Council Member; Finance Committee Member (2016-2019); Dean, Academic Affairs (2019-2021); Dean, School of Sciences (2011-2014); Dean Examinations, (2016-2018); Convener, DST-CURIE Project (2010-2011); Convener, Central Purchase Committee, (2012- 2014); Non Official member in the Advisory Committee of SV Zoological Park, Tirupati, Forest Dept, Govt. of A.P (2013 -2016); Convener of Faculty Board for M.Sc. Zoology course(Distance mode), (2001 -2017); Vice President, Teachers Association (2009-2011); Member of Research committee for the evaluation of projects of Central Silk Board ,Bangalore (2000 -till date).

Countries Visited On Academic Assignment: China, Japan, Thailand, Nepal, Srilanka and Australia and acted as Keynote Speaker, Resource Person and also presented papers.



**Prof (Dr) G. M. Sundaravalli**  
Vice Chancellor  
Vikrama Simhapuri University  
Nellore (AP)



Prof. G. M. Sundaravalli grew up in Tirupati finished her schooling, graduation, post graduation from Sri Venkateswara University School, S. P. W. College & S.V. University respectively. She got her Ph. D degree from SVU in American Literature.

Started her career as Lecture in English in 1985 from Y. S. R. R. Degree College, Pulivendula and later joined as Assistant Professor of English in S. V. University in 1992. Since then she served the University in various capacities as Head, Dept. of English, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Warden of Girls Hostels for seven years and as Rector for two and half years before joining as Vice-Chancellor, Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore. She has 37 years of teaching experience. Published papers in National and International journals apart from conducting National and International Seminars.

The two major events organized are International seminar in Collaborations with IACS (International Association for Canadian Studies) and All India English Teachers Association. Conducted events in association with Sahitya Akademik, New Delhi. She has to her credit 22 Ph.Ds and 15 M.Phils. Now being the Vice-Chancellor of Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore she is trying to bring change to build the University as repositories and generators of knowledge, to develop the academic, research and infrastructure facilities.

## **Prof (Dr.) Geetanjali Dash**

Vice Chancellor  
Berhampur University  
Berhampur, (Odisha)



Prof Geetanjali Dash is the first woman Vice-Chancellor of Berhampur University, the premier university of south Odisha. Before joining as the Vice-Chancellor of Berhampur University, she was a Professor of Political Science in Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Odisha since 2008. Prior to that she was a Lecturer and Reader in different Government Colleges of Berhampur and Balasore from

1988 to 2007. She held various key positions like Chairperson, Post-Graduate Council, Registrar, Member, Executive Council, Dean of Social Sciences, Warden, Chairman, Board of Studies, Head of the Department, Director, Library, etc. in Fakir Mohan University between 2008-2021, which have enriched her administrative experience. She has been working on an ICSSR Major Project on Tribal Women, Climate Change and Social Equity in Selected Districts of Odisha.

She has more than 35 years of teaching and research experience. She was a student of elite institutions like Delhi University, Allahabad University, Utkal University and Berhampur University, before joining Orissa Education Service in 1987. She was a member of Executive Committee of Indian Political Science Association (2017-19) and is continuing as the Vice-President of Indian Political Science Association. Apart from that she is a Master Trainer of UGC SAM Programme for Women Academic Administrators. She is widely travelled and presented papers in 25th and 26th IPASA World Conference in Brisbane and Lisbon.. She is a member of BoS and examiner/ adjudicator for Ph.D. theses in various universities. She has successfully guided 5 Ph.D. scholars, 38 M.Phil. scholars and more than 80 P.G. students for their dissertation works. Six Ph.D. Scholars are presently working under her supervision. She has authored and edited five books and has published several research publications and book chapters. They include: National Development Council and Indian Federal System (2009), Globalisation and Consumer Rights: Emerging Dimensions (ed.) (2012), Climate Change and Politics of Development (2013) and Politics of Underdevelopment (2017).

She has been Life Member of various national institutes like IIPA, IPSA, OPSA, Gabeshana Chakra, AIWS. Her research areas are Political Economy, Odisha Politics, Gender Studies and Political Theory. She has received various awards like National Scholarship, UGC Teacher Fellowship, ICSSR Research Fellowship. She is a passionate feminist and strong believer in equality and human rights for all. She is a person with a positive attitude and strong conviction. She believes that she will be able to lead Berhampur University to reach a new height.

**Prof Dr. Hemlata Bagla**  
Vice Chancellor, Hyderabad (Sind) National  
Collegiate University (HSNC)  
Mumbai, Maharashtra



Dr. Hemlata Bagla (Vice Chancellor) is an accomplished academician and a pioneer educationist in strategizing excellence in institutions of higher learning. As the Senior Dean, Science and Technology, HSNC University, Mumbai and the Director of Niranjan Hiranandani School of Real Estate (NHSRE) and the Principal of K. C. College, she is engaged in planning, organizing and executing innovative and state of the art academic and professional courses backed up with her astute administrative experience.

She is a noted authority in nuclear and radiochemistry having guided students at Masters and PhD level for nearly 25 years. Her interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research interests cover the spectrum of chemical, radiochemical and biomedical domains. She obtained her Masters in Sciences having specialized in Organic Chemistry at the age of twenty and she was a top student at the Mumbai University. She obtained her Doctorate in Inorganic Chemistry specializing in Radiochemistry at twenty-five years of age. She has published more than 170 research papers in national and international journals of repute, including nine publications in NASA's Astrophysical database and has presented papers in national and international conferences and delivered a number of invited talks in various academic forums in colleges, universities and national and international conferences.

Under her guidance as many 15 students have obtained Masters and PhDs. She has spoken on a number of platforms as a panelist in order to guide students in their career choices and has contributed career related articles to the leading newspapers of Mumbai.

**Prof (Dr.) Ina Shastri**  
Vice Chancellor  
Banasthali Vidyapith  
Banasthali (Rajasthan)



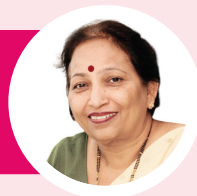
Professor Ina Shastri is currently the Vice Chancellor of Banasthali Vidyapith. She has been the Pro Vice Chancellor of the university for over 10 years and has been discharging the duties as a key Executive and Academic Officer of the University. Prof. Shastri received her M.A. (Music) and M.Ed. degrees from Banasthali Vidyapith before completing Ph.D. under joint supervision of Prof. Uday Pareek and Prof. Bala Sahab Poonchwale.. She has published around 50 National and International research papers and authored 13 books She has supervised over fifty Ph.D. thesis.

She has received a plethora of awards and honours from national and international organizations, the most recent ones being IMRF Distinguished Inspiring Musician Award, 2020 by International Multidisciplinary Research Foundation, Outstanding Asian Faculty Award of the Year 2020-21 by Women Icon, International Award 2020-21 for Academic Leader 'Certificate of Recognition' by 12OR, MSME, 2021, The Phenomenal She 2021 Certificate of Appreciation by Indian National Bar Association, Dainik Bhaskar Woman of the Year Award, 2022 for exemplary work done in the society and many others. She has been instrumental in Banasthali Vidyapith winning FICCI's University of the Year award 2022 and in strengthening its position in reputed University rankings like Times Higher Education and NIRE. She commanded the NCC contingent at the Republic Day parade in 1986 and was adjudged the all rounder best cadet in India and won many gold medals including those for shooting. She has also won gold medals for music & Dance at Inter University Youth Festivals organized under the auspices of Association of Indian Universities. Now, she is the key proponent in preserving, promoting and implementing the comprehensive Educational ideology of the Vidyapith and spearheads aesthetic development of 15,000 students every to. Under her leadership Vidyapith has won several national and international laurels and has emerged as an undisputed Champion in Music and Dance in the country for more than a decade. She started a small unit for khadi production where the women were initially trained to operate the mechanical looms and today women from virtually every family of villages in the vicinity have joined it where they weave khadi fabric and earn decent livelihood. In her efforts to advance the social development of rural women, she played a key role in establishing Radio Banasthali 90.4 FM at university campus which is the first community radio of Rajasthan state. It has become a beacon of social empowerment for the rural women folk engaging them in programmes of social relevance.

Of late, she is spending much of her time and energy for the overall development of Banasthali as its 'Conscious Keeper'. Prof Ina Shastri has made a difference to this institution, exemplified its mission and has positively impacted many lives. Her commitment to women's education, preservation of heritage and community service make her an erudite academician and a charismatic leader.

## **Prof (Dr.) Madhulika Kaushik**

Vice Chancellor  
Usha Martin University,  
Ranchi (Jharkhand)



Professor Madhulika Kaushik, an MBA and PhD in Marketing, has a teaching and research experience of over 44 year spread over different distinguished national and international Institutions. Having started her career as a research fellow in 1978 and rising to an Associate Professor at the University of Jodhpur, she joined the world of Open and Distance Learning in 1988, as a Reader in Management Studies at IGNOU. She was later selected as a Professor of Management in IGNOU in 1996 and continued to hold that position till January 2011. Since then she has served as the Education Specialist, Higher education, at the Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver from Feb 2011-Jan 2014 and as the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic at Wawasan Open University, Malaysia From February 2014 to July 2017. She is now serving as the Vice Chancellor , Usha Martin University Ranchi.

Besides being actively involved in the design and development of the Management Programme at IGNOU since its formative years, she also served the University as Director School of Management Studies, Director (Acting), Electronic Media Production Division, Director(Acting)Planning, and the first Director of the National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education. At the College, her major area of work included ODL policy at national and institutional level, quality assurance at higher education institutions, application of ICT in higher education, capacity building in OER, leadership in universities, ODL material development and research . At WOU she continued to work on ICT enabled ODL delivery and research in the area besides driving OER based Course development

At her present assignment as Vice Chancellor, Usha Martin University she has the oversight of all the academic programmes and processes at the university, is responsible for the growth and strategic direction of the university and is at the helm of its leadership team. She is in charge of all the schools of studies and has the responsibility for quality, mainstreaming technology applications in teaching and research programmes of the university.

**Prof. (Dr.) Manimala Puri**  
Vice Chancellor  
Pimpri Chinchwad University  
Pune, Maharashtra



She has worked as an expert member on the various teams of N.B.A (National Board of Accreditation) Dr Manimala Puri works as Vice Chancellor (I/C) Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune and Group Director, Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust.

Dr. Manimala Puri has over 30 years of teaching as well as administrative experience in the field of technical education and has held various positions like Group Director and Vice Chancellor at various Higher Education Institutes. She is M. Tech from N.I.T Kurukshetra and PhD (IT) from Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University , Delhi. She has also completed post graduate diploma in business management from I.M.D.R, Pune. She has had the distinction of working at All India Council for Technical Education (A.I.C.T.E) as Director where she has contributed to policy making and implementation in the field of technical education at the National Level.

Her experience as Director, AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education) included visiting different colleges for approvals .She was involved in policy making related to technical education, handled various faculty development schemes and administration of AICTE headquarters at Delhi and seven regional offices spread across the country.

She has published four books in the field of electronics. She has also presented and published various research papers in National and International Conferences and Refereed International Journals.

**Prof (Dr.) Meena Chintamaneni**  
Pro Vice Chancellor  
SVKM's NMIMS Deemed to be University  
Mumbai, Maharashtra



Dr. Meena Krishnakar Chintamaneni is Pro Vice Chancellor at SVKM'S NMIMS University, she has obtained M. Pharm., Ph.D. and her Areas of Specialisation is Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacy, her Experience is Total in years 19 (Industry - 0 years, Academics - 19 years). Her Interest Areas include Antiulcer and anti-inflammatory Activity, Toxicity Studies, Acute and Repeated, Toxicity Studies of herbal extracts, Immunomodulatory Activity, Antidiabetic Activity, Standardization of Herbal Extracts

Dr. Chintamaneni Research Publications include more than 50 paper, Books, Book, Chapters, Patents, Presentations -both International and National, Conferences/ Workshops/ Seminars. Academic activities include guidance to M.Pharm students for their research projects. She has guided 5 PhD students successfully and 2 candidates are registered under her supervision. Received Award for "Outstanding contribution to the profession of teaching in Healthcare Management" from Higher Education Forum organized by H R College of Commerce & Economics, Churchgate, Mumbai on 5th September 2012. Awarded Best paper entitled "Assessment of bioactive phytoconstituents of Acorus calamus Linn for hypolipidemia activity at World Ayurveda Summit, Bangalore, 2003. Awarded Best Faculty award from School of Pharmacy and Technology Management, SVKM'S NMIMS University in Year 2008 Received a minor grant (FAT GRANT) from UGC for a project entitled "Pharmacological Studies on hypoglycemic phytoconstituents from medicinal plants". Organized Anti TB campaign and won the first prize among all Pharma colleges in India, 2008-2009. Best Poster Award in the 43rd Annual Conference of IPS and International Conference of IPS, 2010. Dr. A. B. Vaidya Award in the 3rd Third International Annual Conference on 'Drug Discovery & Development – Challenges in Partnership organized by South Asian Chapter of American College of Clinical Pharmacology and Bombay College of Pharmacy, Kalina, Sntacruz (E), Mumbai-400098, Maharashtra, 2009.

Her Professional Memberships include Life member of Indian Pharmaceutical Association , Life member of Association of Pharmacy Teachers of India , Appointed as member of Ad-hoc board of studies of Pharmacy of Mumbai University, A reviewer of Indian Journal of Pharmaceutical sciences, Life Member of Indian Pharmacological Society.

## **Prof (Dr.) Neelam Vedprakash Mishra**

Vice Chancellor  
Krishna Vishwa Vidyapeeth  
(Declared as Deemed-to-be-University)  
Karad, Maharashtra



Prof. Dr. Mrs. Neelam Mishra, Professor Emeritus, Director Professor (Physiology) and National Head of Allied Sciences Bioethics Programme of UNESCO Chair, Haifa.

An academican par excellence having a total teaching experience of well over 34 years including that of a post graduate teacher for well over two decades and administrative experience of the similar period.

She happens to be the first lady professional in the State of Maharashtra to be appointed as the Pro- Vice Chancellor of a statutory University (DMIMS (DU), Wardha). She is designated as IMA Honorary Professor by the National Headquarter of IMA, New Delhi and is also conferred with the title of Professor Emeritus by Bareilly International University, Bareilly Uttar Pradesh. She has been designated as the National Head of Allied Sciences Bioethics programme of UNESCO Chair, Haifa. She has been an outstanding teacher and has been conferred with “Priyadarshani Award” in recognition of devoted services as a committed medical teacher and selfless mentor of the learners on 19th November, 2016 in the name of Late Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi. She was also conferred with ‘Best Teacher Award’ at the Govt. Medical College, Nagpur on the ‘Teacher Day’ on 5th September, 2017 and “National Women Empowerment Award” instituted by National IMA Woman Doctor Wing, New Delhi.

She was conferred with ‘Samaj Ratna Sanman-2015’ on 25th November, 2015 at Nagpur in recognition of yeomen services rendered by her to the societal cause and also being an inspiring role model.

She has been conferred with Honorary Fellowship by International Institute of Organizational Psychological Medicine, USA, UK, Australia and India at 06th Convocation held at Hyderabad on 1st December, 2018, Honorary Fellowship by Association of Medical Specialties, Indian Medical Association, Headquarters, Hyderabad in November, 2019 and also the Honorary Fellowship by Association of General Practitioners, Indian Medical Association, Headquarters, Chennai in November, 2019.



**Prof (Dr.) Neerja A Gupta**  
Vice Chancellor  
Sanchi University of Buddhist-Indic Studies  
Raisen (MP)



Dr Neerja A Gupta is at presently Vice Chancellors of Buddhist-Indic Studies, Madhya Pradesh.

She is also the Chief Coordinator for Bharat Shodh Sansthan, Ahmedabad and Chief Editor of International Journal Bharatiya Manyaprad, published by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Ahmedabad. She is on boards of Academic and Executive Councils of several Central and State Universities of India, administrative panels of sixteen International Universities, and Public Service Commissions.

She has published 22 books and several research papers with prestigious national and international publishers. She is a multilingual academic researcher, proactively contributing to the Nation Building.

**Prof (Dr.) Nilofer Khan**  
Vice Chancellor  
University of Kashmir,  
Srinagar (J & K)



A distinguished academician and administrator, Prof Nilofer Khan has a teaching experience of more than 37 years and has served the corporate life of the University of Kashmir in several important academic and administrative capacities, including Dean College Development Council, Registrar, Dean Faculty of Applied Science and Technology and Director Institute of Home Sciences. She also holds the distinction of being the first woman Dean Students Welfare of the University and Founder Director, Centre for Women's Studies and Research.

Having visited a number of countries abroad, Prof Nilofer has a vast exposure in the fields of academics and administration. In 2003, she visited several Universities in the USA to study academics and the examination system under an International visitors' programme. She has also visited a number of universities and colleges in Australia, Malaysia, Sudan and UAE. Prof Nilofer has also supervised more than 25 PhD scholars and 09 M.Phil. scholars. She has authored around

5 books of National and International repute, even as more than 70 publications authored by her have figured in various journals of National and International standing. Working with utmost dedication and commitment to discharge her professional responsibilities, Prof. Nilofer is a staunch supporter of empowerment and upliftment of women especially those from downtrodden and underprivileged sections of the society using education as a means to achieve this goal. She has also received an Award of Honor as a tribute to women academicians working for the cause of women empowerment.

On the current assignment at hand, Prof. Nilofer has embarked on a mission to make the University of Kashmir a true centre of excellence at the National and International level where cutting-edge research, multidisciplinary education, innovation ecosystem and dissemination of knowledge form the key areas of institutional focus. Alongside this ambitious vision, Prof. Nilofer is committed to take the University of Kashmir to newer heights in academics, research and extension education.

**Prof (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal**  
Vice Chancellor  
Himachal Pradesh National Law University  
Shimla (HP)



Prof. (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal is presently the Vice-Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla. She has served as Chairperson, Department of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh. She has been Dean Students Welfare and Chairperson of the Panjab University Committee against sexual harassment. She has been awarded British Academy Visiting Professorship in 1992 and has been designated as Mehr Chand Mahajan Professor of Law by Panjab University, Chandigarh. She was member of Chandigarh Commission for Protection of Child Rights and several other Government and University bodies.

Prof. (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal is a prolific writer and has authored six books on various subject of laws such as Environmental Law, Socio Economic Reforms, Right to Life and Personal Liberty, Criminal Justice System, International Environmental Law. One of the book authored by Prof. (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal “Environmental Law” second edition (2003) has been cited thrice by the Supreme Court of India in the landmark judgement reported as In Re: Noise Pollution (V), (2005) 5 SCC 733. R.C. Lahoti, the Chief Justice of India, has authored the judgement.

She is recipient of several national and international awards such as International Women’s Club Switzerland Chapter, Geneva, International Extraordinary Women Awards-2020, BW Legal Most Influential Women Academician Award, 2023 and Himachal Ratan 2022 Award conferred by All India Conference of Intellectuals.

**Prof (Dr.) Padmakali Banerjee**  
Vice Chancellor  
Sir Padampat Singhania University Udaipur  
(Rajasthan)



Dr. Padmakali Banerjee is an astute Academic Administrator and a Management Professional, a thought leader, an Institution Builder, a Leadership Coach, a Celebrated Author, and an influencer. A doctorate from University of Delhi, she is the Fellow of the prestigious Somatic Inkblot Society (FSIS-US). She is 2022 WELL Mind Advisor (World Advisory -- International WELL Building Institute PBC, New York, USA).

Her concepts and contributions on the Indian Skill development ecosystem have been widely recognized acclaimed on both national and international platforms. She spearheaded many innovative initiatives including the introduction of a flexible credit system, national and international academic accreditations, industry academic integration and internationalization. She has been instrumental in shaping of many organizations of repute as governing body/ editorial board member like Medanta Research Institute (one of the biggest hospital chains in India) Some of her recent awards include Esteemed Jury award 2021-22 by URS Asia One, a Pan Asia Business & News Magazine, Exemplary Leadership award in Education by Credenc & prestigious 2018 Greenbuild Leadership Award from USGBC for her contribution towards sustainability. Her book “The Power of Positivity - Optimism and the 7th Sense” published by SAGE is a popular choice globally. She is the creator of several psychometric test tools including ‘Optimism index’, a predictive tool for success, used as screening tool for selection and training and LEAPS Wellbeing Scale. As a life coach, she has a diverse network of professionals, from creative artists to corporate leaders and policy makers.

She has exhibited a passion for entrepreneurship by empowering youth and developing leaders in different walks of life. She has also established a Foundation for nurturing her keen interest in upliftment and betterment of the lives of the underprivileged. She believes that empowering and educating people, especially women and other marginalized sections of society, has cascading effect in social change, sustainable development, long-term equality, and fairness. Having a strong commitment to social change, her dream is to transform the world into a happier place to live in by instilling hope and optimism in today’s youth.

**Prof (Dr.) Renu Jain**  
Vice Chancellor  
Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya  
Indore (MP)



Prof. (Dr.) Renu Jain (born on Oct 06,1956) obtained her BSc Degree in 1974 and M.SC (Mathematics) degree in 1977 from Jiwaji University, Gwalior. She is awarded UGC Junior Research for pursuing her PhD in Mathematics which she completed in 1983 from Jiwaji University, Gwalior.

She served as Lecturer from March 1981 to 1985 against leave vacancy and on ad Hoc basis in MP Govt Colleges. Dr. Jain joined the School of Mathematics and Allied Sciences, Jiwaji University, Gwalior as lecturer in 1985, became a reader in 1987 on a direct selection post and then professor in

1998. Dr. Jain's research interest include Lie Theory and Special Functions, Fractional Calculus and the Mathematical Modelling of Biological and Ecological Systems. In 1989, she was awarded Nehru Centenary British (Commonwealth) Fellowship for working as a Post-Doctoral Fellow in Imperial College, London for one Year. She has supervised more than 29 PhD's and over 40 M.Phil students so far. She has published over hundred research papers, published in various Journals and proceedings. She has also organized and delivered sessions in several conferences, symposia and workshops. Dr. Jain has served as Member, Executive Council and dean, faculty of Sciences and co-ordinator, M. Sc ( Computer Science).

Dr. Jain has chaired many important committees at Jiwaji University. She is a life member of academic societies like Indian Mathematical Society, Society for Special functions and Applications, Etc. At present Dr. Jain is the member, editorial Board of the Vikram Journal of Mathematics, Executive member of Vijnana Parishad of India and Gwalior Academy of Mathematical Sciences. She also reviews several national and international journals and is also active member of NAAC Peer Team. Recently she is nominated Fellow of Vijnana Parishad of India.

**Prof (Dr.) Sangeeta Shukla**  
Vice Chancellor  
Chaudhary Charan Singh University,  
Meerut (UP)



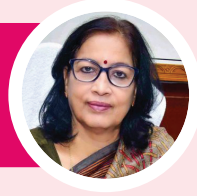
Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Shukla is the Vice- Chancellor of CCS University, Meerut (U.P.) Earlier she held the position of vice chancellor in School of Studies in Zoology Jiwaji University, Gwalior. She has been the member of executive Committee of NAAC (2013-2016); Vice President for Asian Continent of TEU, France; Council Member of International Society for Trace Element Research in Humans 2007-2013 and Coordinator, UGC SAP-DRS-II &II. She has held many more positions of repute in national and international organizations.

On Academic upfront, her expertise lies in toxicology and pharmacology, metabolism of drugs and contraception. She has authored four books and has around one hundred published research articles to her credit. On numerous occasions, she has been invited at inaugural lecture/guest speaker in foreign universities and conferences. She has guided fifteen research scholars under her supervision and received more than a crore from projects (ICMR, DST,UGC CCRUM, New Delhi & MPCST ,Bhopal) and 160 Lakhs with TeamProjects (UGC-SAP and DST-FIST, New Delhi). She has also filed one patent in the year 2009.

Her work has been professionally recognized by UGC and was awarded with one time UGC BSR grant of Rs 7 lakh for academic excellence. She is a recipient of Gold Medal by STOX, India for successfully organizing of International Conference on Toxicology, Toxic genomics and Occupational Health “ICTTOH”, 2007. She has received various other recognitions including Teacher of the year, Scientist of the year and many more in the early three decades of her career.

**Prof. (Dr.) Sabita Acharya**

Vice Chancellor,  
Utkal University  
Bhubaneswar, Odisha



Professor Sabita Acharya has joined as the Vice Chancellor of Utkal University, in 2020. She is the first Woman Vice Chancellor of the oldest University of Odisha. She has awarded Commonwealth Post Doctoral Fellow and joined in the University of Oxford, UK in 2002.

Professor Acharya is an eminent Indian Anthropologist having more than 30 years of teaching and research experiences, an expert in the areas of Socio-cultural Anthropology. During academic career she has presented research papers in various academic forums at Kunming (China), Manchester (UK), Florianopolis (Brazil), Poznan (Poland), University of Tuebingen University of Goethe, Frankfurt, University of Humboldt, Berlin, University of Groningen , The Netherlands.

**Prof (Dr.) Sasmita Samanta**  
Vice Chancellor, Kalinga Institute of  
Industrial Technology, (Deemed to be  
University) Bhubaneswar (Odisha)



Prof. Sasmita Samanta is an accomplished academician and administrator with more than two and half decades of experience in strategizing excellence in professional and technical education. Currently she wears the mantle of Professor of Management and Vice-Chancellor of KIIT Deemed to be University. She is a visionary, researcher, motivator, popular teacher, author, phenomenal orator and engaged leader with a deep commitment to create a sustainable ecosystem for all stakeholders in her sphere of involvement.

Prof. Samanta's intellectual capabilities is manifested in distinctions as Postdoc from Taiwan, Ph.D. in Management, a Stanford LEAD Alumna and Stanford Distinguished Scholar, Stanford Graduate School of Business, Stanford University, USA; Fellow of Royal Society of Arts (FRSA, UK); and Fellow of Computer Society of India (FCSI, India). She has been trained in leadership from the University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO), USA and CSC Leaders programme, Common Purpose Charitable Trust, UK. Her academic areas of interest and specialisation include Organisational Behaviour, Human Development, Spiritualism and Leadership.

She has held leadership roles in various domains ranging from admissions, human resource management, talent acquisition, general administration, governance and competency management. Her emphasis has been on engaging and retaining people, bringing transparency in the system leading to high motivation, ownership and commitment among the employees, and increasing their productivity for the triumph of organizational goals.



**Prof (Dr.) Savita Sengar**  
Vice Chancellor  
Jharkhand Rai University  
Ranchi (Jharkhand)



Prof (Dr.) Savita Sengar is an architect by education with Bachelor's degree in architecture from National Institute of Technology, Bhopal, Postgraduate Diploma in Construction Management from National Institute of Construction Management & Research, Pune and Doctorate in the field of Management.

Prof. Sengar is an educationist and a passionate academician, a believer in 'education for all' -especially girl child education. Prior to her revered stint as an inspiring leader in academics, she had served the industry for six years in a senior position as the policy maker of the organization. Currently, as the Vice Chancellor of Jharkhand Rai University (JRU), she is dedicatedly leading at the intersection of education bringing skill based education to students across Jharkhand and neighboring states.

Under the expert leadership of the Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Savita Sengar, Jharkhand Rai University has reached to the heights with the only private university having NAAC accreditation and UGC recognition in the state of Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal.

**Prof (Dr.) Seema Singh**  
Vice Chancellor  
U P Rajarshi Tandon Open University,  
Allahabad (UP)



Prof Seema Singh is presently working as Vice Chancellor, UP Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prayagraj. Before joining as Vice Chancellor, she was working as Professor in Faculty of Education, BHU, Kamachha, Varanasi. She did M.Sc. in Botany and switched over to the field of Education and got Gold Medal in M.Ed. She obtained her PhD as JRF in Faculty of Education, BHU. She holds Certificate in Computing, Teacher's Certificate (Deaf) and Post Graduate Diploma (Hearing Impairment).

She has interest and experience in the field of Teacher Education, Special Education and Educational Psychology. Professor Seema has her credit more than 90 papers in journals of national and international repute, authored ten books (including one Research Abstracts), completed one minor project from EdCIL, one major research project of UGC with one project sponsored from NUEPA. She has organized more than 60 seminars, workshops and Faculty Induction programs and Refresher courses. She has presented papers abroad also (Thailand, Nepal) and delivered more than 100 resource lectures in offline and online mode. She is associated with and member of several educational associations/organizations like RCI, UGC, UPHSC, UPSC, IATE, NCTE, NIOS, CEAM, MHRD, World Peace movement. She has edited and translated reading materials on Distance Education. She has also got experience of Adjunct faculty at Malviya Mulya Anusheelan Kendra and Part time faculty and Academic counsellor of B.Ed., M.Ed. and M.A. (Education) of IGNOU Study Centre, BHU. She also has two years' experience of working as Coordinator of Study Centre of Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University, Bhopal. She has worked for four years as Coordinator of Centre of Disability Studies, School of Education under PMMMMNMTT scheme of MHRD. She is also President of AAE (Alumni Association of Education), BHU.

She is also managing editor of International Journal of Education: Shaikshik Parisamwad and member of editorial board of several journals. She is recipient of Maitriyee Shikshak Samman, Hindustani Academy Award in the field of Education, Lifetime Achievement award from GERA, New Delhi, International Women Icon Award by CEAM. Her mission of life is to work unrelentingly in the field of education with special focus on women and towards the rehabilitation of special needs children.

**Prof (Dr.) Sudesh**  
Vice-Chancellor, Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila  
Vishwavidhyalaya Sonipat  
(Haryana)



Professor in University School of Management, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. Director, Women's Studies Research Centre, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Director, Human Resource Development Centre, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. Awarded prestigious Commonwealth Fellowship 2002-03 tenable at Cardiff Business School at Cardiff, United Kingdom.

Awarded Post-Doctoral Fellowship in 2009-10 by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi. She has 31 years of experience which is a blend of Academic, Administrative and Research exposure. Published many defining research papers in the area of Banking, Financial Services and Management. Has International exposure by way of visiting Universities of United Kingdom like Oxford University, Cambridge University, Warwick University, London School of Economics and the University of Sydney in Australia. Participated in Leadership for Academicians Program (LEAP) jointly conducted by Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) and Penn State University, USA in 2019. Participated in leadership training Programme 'SheLeads' organized by Streeshakti: the Parallel Force. The programme is designed to support aspiring women leaders across all backgrounds and to equip all such potential women leaders to negotiate in political and social spheres. Actively involved in the UGC Programme on capacity building for women managers in Higher Education, as trainee, trainer and coordinator of SAM and TOT workshops.

Privileged editorial board member of various Research Journals. Member of various statutory bodies of universities like Executive Council, Academic Council and Finance Committee. Associated with implementation of Choice Based Credit System in the University. Organized International Seminar on "Relevance of Gita in Modern Day Management" 9th December, 2016 and National Seminar "De-risking Indian Agriculture Crop Insurance Way, February 10, 2017 supported by NABARD. Member Expert Committee of UGC/AICTE for Assessment Accreditation and Administration of grants in aid for educational Institutions. Member of the Association of Commonwealth Scholars and Fellow (ACSF), New Delhi.

**Prof (Dr.) Suhrita Paul**  
Vice Chancellor  
West Bengal University of Health Sciences  
Kolkata (WB)



Prof Suhrita Paul has done her MBBS from Medical College, Kolkata in 1991 and MD Pharmacology from Calcutta University in 1998. She was Professor and Head of Pharmacology, Medical college, Kolkata, 2011-16., Medical Superintendent and Vice Principal, Murshidabad Medical College, West Bengal, 2016- 18, Principal, Burdwan Medical College, West Bengal, 2018-21.

Her Academic and Research Experience include more than 28 years' experience of teaching both UG and PG students, UG/PG examiner of many universities in India, Remained Guide/ Co-Guide of MD and PhD students since 2008, More than 28 years of experience in Clinical and Preclinical Research, More than 70 publications in various National and International Indexed Journals and Reviewer of various National and International Journals. Other Involvements include Member, Medical Advisory Council (MAC) of National Medical Commission (NMC), Member, West Bengal medical Council, Acted as Organizing Secretary, Organizing Chair, Guest Faculty/ Chairperson in a number of National and International conferences, Scientific Seminars and workshops organized by Govt. of WB and National and State academic bodies, Acted as resource person in various CME on Medical Education organized by Institute of Health and Family Welfare, west Bengal, Life Member of Indian pharmacological Society and Advisor, IPS West Bengal branch, Life Member, Indian Medical Association, Member, Indian Society for Rational Pharmacotherapeutics, Member, International Journal of Drug Formulation and Research, Member, expert committee for remodeling of West Bengal Medical education Services (Recruitment to teaching posts) rules 2010 vide order dated 22/07/2021, Member, governing body, Dr. B.C. Roy College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, Durgapur.

Prof. Suhrita was the Chairperson of Institutional Ethics Committee for Human Research, Burdwan university since 2018, Chairperson of Institutional Ethics Committee for Human Research, Rampurhat Govt. Medical college since 2019, Chairperson Member of Institutional Ethics Committee for Human Research, Institute of Post Graduate Ayurvedic Education and Research Since 2015 and Nominated by CPCSEA (Ministry of Environment & Forest Govt. Of India) As Member/ Chairperson of Institutional Animal Ethics Committee in Various Institutes Over West Bengal.

**Prof (Dr.) T Kumari Kharbamon**  
Vice Chancellor  
Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong,  
Meghalaya

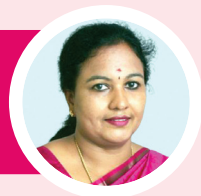


Prof (Dr.) Kharbamon completed her PhD in Applied Linguistics from North Eastern Hill University and then taught at Lady Keane College for 16 years before joining CIEFL, later renamed as the English and Foreign Languages University. She was deputed under the ASEAN project of the Government of India from 2007-2009 to coordinate and teach at the Cambodia-India Centre for English Language Training, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Prof. Kharbamon has participated and presented papers in national and international conferences and is a recipient of several scholarships awarded by the IATEFL, UK and TESOL, USA. She has published a number of articles and books, and is a member of several national and international professional associations, apart from being a founder member of the English Language Teaching Association of India Meghalaya Chapter.

She retired as Director of the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Regional Campus, Shillong, where she was also head of the Department of English Language Education. She has 45 years of teaching experience in India and abroad, and has been a professor of English for more than a decade.

**Prof (Dr.) T Sasipraba**  
Vice Chancellor  
Sathyabama Institute of Science &  
Technology, Chennai (TN)



Dr. T Sasipraba, completed her graduation in Computer Science and Engineering, started her academic career as a Lecturer in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology (Sathyabama Engineering College then ) in the year 1995. She grew professionally in a span of 25 years, which is evident from the various designations administered by her. As a Professor and Head of the Department of IT, from 1999-2010 she proved effective in teaching more than 11 batches of students, operated several research projects worth of 125 Lakhs as a Principal Investigator and 400 Lakhs as a Coordinator sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology ,AICTE,MHRD,ISRO etc and affiliated the department to various professional bodies which fetched her the Best Teacher Awards for the outstanding performance .She also received Cognizant Technology solutions 'Best Faculty Award' in recognition for her excellence in Teaching and Research.

Her dedication and commitment earned her the status of Pro Vice Chancellor of the 32-year old pioneer technical institution since December 2016. All through her career, she has been distinguished by her unique working style and has been a key person who has contributed to the development of various new initiatives of the Institution. She has been creating platforms for academicians and scientists to come together and share their ideas. She has been a reliable choice of the Management to represent the Institution in several international forums convened across the globe that gave wider visibility of our institution to students, researchers and teaching fraternity worldwide. She has represented Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology in NAFSA (National Association of Foreign Student Advisers) Annual conference and Expo, a networking event for all international educators who support international education, organized in USA, for three consecutive years from 2017-2019.

She also regularly participates in EAIE (European Association for International Education) Conference and Exhibition, organized in European Countries and EURIE, an International Higher Education Summit organized in Turkey. Such visits to countries like USA, South Korea, China, Turkey, Indonesia, Middle East, European countries have been a threshold to signing of several Memorandum of Understandings with good foreign universities like the University of Lorraine, France; University of Alaska, USA; University of Florida, USA; Georgetown University, USA for nourishing Students Exchange, Staff Exchange , Collaborative research and joint Conferences.

**Prof (Dr.) Ujwala Chakradeo**  
Vice Chancellor  
Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey  
(SNDT) Women's University, Mumbai (MS)



Vice Chancellor of SNDT Women's University. Earlier she was, Professor and Principal of Smt. Manoramabai Mundle College of Architecture Nagpur. Dr. Ujwala is an architect and urban planner. She graduated from VRCE- Vishveshwarayya Regional College of Engineering Nagpur in 1984, she is in teaching architecture since 1985. Completed M'Tech and Ph.D. from VNIT in 1989 and 2006 respectively.

Deeply involved in exploring methods and means of teaching architecture and other subjects. Her topic for Ph.D. was 'Impact of Social Change on Architecture Education of India.' Her experiences with her students are documented in a Marathi book 'Scale ani T Scale' published by Sahitya Prasar Kedra Nagpur in 2013. Experiments in experiential learning motivated her to document student's study tour work at Bhutan and Harsil Valley. She is co author of two books 'Anubhuti'-1 and 'Anubhuti'-2. A chapter on Lifecycle Assessment, Methods and Procedures in Encyclopaedia of Renewable and sustainable materials by Elsevier in 2019. Many research papers are to her credit. Fellow of The Indian Institute of Architects & Associate member of Council of Architecture.

Eleven scholars have been awarded Ph.D. under her guidance. Four scholars are pursuing Ph.D. at present under her guidance. Dr.Ujwala has six copyrights to her credit. Dr.Ujwala has undertaken professional projects as architect and interior designer for government and private clients. She is Member of various prestigious organisations, she was President of MASA- (Maharashtra) Association of Schools of Architecture), member of Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal All India Board of Town and Country Planning of AICTE, PG board of COA, NEP committee of COA. She was Management Council Member of IGNOU, Steering committee member of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan of UGC for fostering social responsibility amongst students of Higher Education. Member of Search Committee for appointment of Lokpal at Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. Member of Sub-Committee of Academic Advisory Committee (Architecture) of National Board of Accreditation, New Delhi. Appointed as Chairperson of committee constituted by Government of Maharashtra for implementation of National Education Policy in Maharashtra. Governor of Maharashtra appointed her as Acting Vice-Chancellor of Homi Bhabha State University, Mumbai. She was also appointed her as Acting Vice- Chancellor of Dr.Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli. Appointed by National Board of Accreditation as a Member of Sub-Committee of Academic Advisory Committee (Architecture).

She has founded post graduate programmes in Architectural Education and in Urban Design at Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj, Nagpur University, Nagpur in 2007 and 2020 respectively. She is an Architect and a fellow of Indian Institute of Architecture and Life Member of the Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage (INTACH).

**Prof (Dr.) Uma Bhardwaj**  
Vice Chancellor  
NOIDA International University  
Greater Noida (UP)



Presently working as Vice- Chancellor with Noida International University before that she was working as Vice-Chancellor with Mody University of Science and Technology and Vice Chancellor of Maharaj Vinayak Global University, Rajasthan. Total experience of working is 30 years in the University system and experience in senior positions in administration is more than 15 yrs.

Travelled more than 25 countries of the world. She is the member of IQAC Cell, Academic Council and Executive Council of many Universities. The areas of interest are Photo Biology, Cancer Biochemistry, Nutraceutical, Biochemistry & System Biology. The current research interest is in “Molecular mechanism of cur-cumin using Systems Biology”. She has published research publications in high impact factor journals like “Nature”, patents, and books of international repute. She has developed Commercial Products for Industries. She holds membership of many national and international Journals. She has been honored with 1. “Late Shri Ram Krishna Pandey Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award” 2022 by the Ayush Minister of Uttar Pradesh Dr. Daya Shanker Mishra 2. “India’s Most Impactful Vice Chancellor” by Daily Indian Media during the Edustar Leadership awards 2022” 3. “The Best Citizen of India Award 2019” 4. “Bharat Jyoti Award 2018” 5. The 3rd CMAI CCI Technology Education Excellence Award, July 2016, honored by his excellency Governor of Gujarat and the high commissioners and ambassadors of eight countries.

She was invited Plenary Speaker for 4th World International Conference on Wound Care 2020, Nursing & Tissue Science Amsterdam, Netherlands March 23-24, 2020. Invited Speaker “6th Edition of International Conference on Plant Genomics, Horticulture and Engineering” Scheduled from June 8-9, 2020 at Frankfurt, Germany. Associated with reputed Professional Institutions like IIT Roorkee, AIIMS Rishikesh, Rostock University, Germany to name a few.



**Prof (Dr.) Ved Kumari**  
Vice Chancellor  
National Law University  
Cuttack, Odisha



Professor Ved Kumari is former Dean and Head, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. She began teaching law in 1983 and has taught graduate and undergraduate courses in the University of Delhi, Jammu University in India, and Vanderbilt University (USA), supervised LL.M. dissertations and Ph.D. Theses. She has written many books and innumerable articles in national and international journals. Professor Ved Kumari's areas of primary academic interest are juvenile justice, criminal law, gender discrimination, clinical education, judicial training. She is the first and perhaps the only woman academic to hold such a prestigious position. She initiated several landmark changes in the teaching and training of judges during her tenure. She introduced participatory learning with a range of innovative participatory teaching methods in judicial training and organized two Training of Teachers Workshops to training judicial officers in the art of teaching.

The Village Immersion Programme for Judicial Officers is a pioneer programme evolved and introduced by her in the One-year Training Schedule for the newly recruited judicial officers to expose them to various social issues like poverty, gender discrimination, education, etc. at the grass root. She also conceived and successfully directed the first and so far the only E-course on Judicial Ethics and Conduct for judicial officers in collaboration with the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, Canada. She is the Fellow of Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, Canada (2010); Commonwealth Fellow at Warwick University, UK (1998); and Fulbright Fellow at Vanderbilt University, USA (1997). She spent one year in Russia doing research on the Law and Advocacy in Relation to Children in Russia as part of her sabbatical leave in 2005. Prof. Ved Kumari's greatest contribution is in the field of Juvenile Justice in India. She was introduced to Juvenile Delinquency in 1978 by Prof. Lotika Sarkar during her LL.M. course. Her first book Treatise on the Juvenile Justice Act 1986 published by the Indian Law Institute in 1993 is a pioneering book on the subject and has been referred to as the Bible in the field of Juvenile Justice by the social activists working with children. Her later books Child Advocacy International Perspectives (ed) (2004

She had pointed out in the book the lacunae in the classification of offences as petty, serious, and heinous and taken the position that the residuary offences not covered in these definitions should be classified as serious and not heinous. The same was held later by the High Courts of Delhi, Punjab, Patna and Bombay and confirmed by the Supreme Court of India in Shilpa Mittal decided on 9th January 2020. The JJ Amendment Bill 2021 as passed by Lok Sabha too has modified the definition to include the left over offences within the ambit of Serious Offences as suggested by her.

## **Prof (Dr.) Viney Kapoor Mehra**

Pro Vice Chancellor  
SGT University  
Gurugram, Haryana



Prof. (Dr.) Mrs. Viney Kapoor Mehra has been the founder Vice- Chancellor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat. Earlier she held the position of Commissioner, State Information Commissioner Punjab and Head, Department of Laws Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. She is the member of Autonomy Review Committee of UGC and on the panel of NAAC for Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions. She has been frequently participating in various activities with UPSC, UGC, NAAC, Prominent Universities and other Institutes of Higher Learning.

Dr. Kapoor has served as a member of advisory board of various universities including D.S National Law University Vishakhapatnam, Maharishi Markandeshwar University etc. She has held many more positions of repute in government and non-government bodies and has always justified the same. She has been bestowed, with many Awards and Honours during her career. On Academic upfront, her expertise lies in Women and Law, Family Law, Human Rights. Prof. Mrs. Vinay Kapoor Mehra is the recipient of Post Doctor Fellowship of UGC. She has authored two books and has several published research articles to her credit. On numerous occasions, she has delivered the keynote address and has been Resource Person/Chair Person/ Participant in more than one hundred academic exercises of repute. She has organised more than one hundred seminars / webinars/ guest lectures and camps during her spotless career which makes her an extremely dedicated academician. Dr. Kapoor has successfully guided six Ph.Ds and one Post-Doctoral Degree. She has guided more than 150 LLM dissertations and project Works.

During the Assignment as Founding Vice- Chancellor of DBRANLU her performance has been exceptionally well. She is credited with establishing it from a scratch. During the three years term by dint of the missionary Zeal, she has made it fully functional from its own campus, got approval from BCI, membership of CLAT, prospective admissions, collaborations with national and international educational institutions. With the blessings of the Almighty, her untiring work at DBRANLU helped the university in scaling up the ladder among all twenty-four National Law Universities in 2022. She believes in bringing a change in the education system with her continuous efforts and devotion to the academia.

## **Prof (Dr.) Vineeta K Saluja**

Pro Vice Chancellor  
Mangalayatan University,  
Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh



Dr. Vineeta Saluja is the Pro Vice-Chancellor at Mangalayatan University, Jabalpur. A doctorate in English Literature, she is a research supervisor for both M. Phil, as well as, Ph. D scholars. Presently, she is researching cross-cultural communication and actively training students in effective communication and soft skills. She completed a UGC funded major project on poems and short stories in tribal literature of Madhya Pradesh. Her persevering efforts have been recognized and well rewarded by national awards for academics as well as community service.

She says, “Leading with optimism improves your chances of leading a successful team. Focusing on everyone’s innate potential gives you more opportunities to leverage everyone’s unique talents. If your leadership philosophy is rooted in the belief that constant learning is both important and possible, you may adapt to changes with relative ease.” Reflecting the image of a true leader. Diversity is high on the agenda for institutions around the world right now, and for good reason. Learning environments that promote diversity of thought are more conducive to creativity and innovation. To promote this, Mangalayatan University is providing Scholarships to the vulnerable section. The student exchange programs have proven to be fruitful. Mangalayatan Jabalpur also has taken many other initiatives in this direction to promote diversity in the learning process under her leadership.

She firmly believes that “considering the evolving nature of industry and changes in the labour market, it has become essential for us to understand various requirements of the dynamic industry. The university curriculum is revised and is developed in accordance with what industry needs. Pedagogies are made more practical in approach. Case studies and industry interactions have proved to be extremely beneficial for everyone.”

**Dr. Amita Dev**  
Vice-Chancellor  
Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical  
University for Women, Delhi



Dr. Amita Dev, Vice-Chancellor of Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women, Govt of Delhi is a true leader, excellent administrator and passionate researcher. She is doing extensive research in the field of Deep Neural Networks, Speech Processing, Speech Modeling, Speech Recognition, Speech Synthesis etc. Having vast experience of more than three decades, she has unparalleled track record of Administration, quality Teaching, Innovation and Research. She has published more than 123 research papers in the Renowned International and National Journals and Conference Proceedings. She is an avid speaker and a great motivator and has been invited at various National and International forums.

In recognition to her valuable and worthy research contributions, she has been conferred with many awards viz. National Level AICTE Young Teacher Career Award" with Research Grant for pursuing, Advanced Research in the area of "Hindi Speech Recognition Using Connectionist Model", State Level Best Teacher Award" awarded by Govt. of Delhi, National Level Best Engineering Teacher Award" by ISTE for significant contribution in the field of Research and Technology, International ECONS Education Excellence Award" for Academic Excellence, Vittiya Saksharta Abhiyan Award" by the Hon'ble Minister for HRD, GoI for spreading Digital Literacy, Numerous Appreciation letters from State/Center for her Exemplary Performance and for her Outstanding Contribution in the field of Technical Education.

Dr Amita Dev introduced a series of innovative practices and reforms as the Vice Chancellor of the university. Under her able leadership and guidance, IGDTUW has achieved several milestones in a short span. Recently, University has been conferred Shrimati Sushma Swaraj "STREE SHAKTI SAMMAN" due to her vision and commitment.

## **Prof. Poonam Saxena**

Vice Chancellor  
National Law University  
Jodhpur, Rajasthan



Prof. Poonam Saxena is an eminent distinguished professor of law. She holds degrees of LL.B. & LL.M. from University of Delhi and has attained national scholarship for meritorious performance in academics. She obtained her Ph.D. from University of Delhi in 1988 on the "Similarities and Divergences in Inheritance laws in India: A feasibility study in Unification". She has also been the creditable recipient of Junior Research Scholarship by the University of Delhi (1982) and scholarship by the Indian Institute of Islamic Studies (1981).

She has a wide experience of teaching of 31 years in University of Delhi in various positions including her momentous experience as Professor, Law Centre-II, Faculty of Law University of Delhi, Delhi (2004-July 2013). She has been a versatile administrator as Professor in Charge, Law Centre-II, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi (2007- 2010 & April 2013-July 2013). She has also been awarded the prestigious Senior Fulbright Fellowship (1998) and Shastri-Indo Canadian Fellowship (2000). She has published around 50 articles in prestigious international and national journals covering diverse areas of significance in law and pertinent social issues.

She has been an illustrious writer of various books including Mulla's Transfer of Property Act, 1882 ( Lexis Nexis, Butterworth India), Family Law Course book (ICADR), Family Law Lectures, Family Law-II (Lexis Nexis, Butterworth India), Property Law ( Lexis Nexis, Butterworth India), Property and Easements, Halsbury Laws of India Vol 12 ( Lexis Nexis Butterworth India), Trusts and Charities, Halsbury Laws of India ( Vol 29(2)) ( Lexis Nexis Butterworth India), Family Law, Halsbury laws of India (Vol 26) (Lexis Nexis Butterworth India), Family Law-II, Halsbury laws of India (Vol 28) ( Lexis Nexis Butterworth India). Her success as an ingenious writer is evident from the publication of a number of successive editions of her books. Being a prolific writer, she is also on the editorial board of reputed national and international journals including "Ius Gentium" Journal of the University of Baltimore, Center for International and Comparative Law, Maryland, USA., National Capital Law Journal, University of Delhi etc. She has been invited by various Law schools across the country to share her vast experience in legal education. The philanthropic aspect of her personality is well reflected by her in-depth involvement in conducting various legal aid activities for women, children and other deprived sections of society. She is also actively involved with the gender justice programme. She is a committed humanitarian, a teacher par excellence and a versatile administrator.

**Dr. Anubha Singh**  
Vice-Chancellor  
Alliance University  
Bengaluru, Karnataka



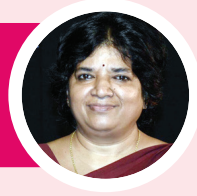
Prior to assuming this responsibility, Dr. Singh has worked in many different capacities at the University— Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academics, Research & Strategy), Dean of the Alliance School of Business, Director of International Affairs, Chairperson— Placements, to name a few.

Dr. Singh, a talented coalition builder, brings significant expertise and rich experience in international development. She has established 47 partnerships with reputed universities in 15 countries, specifically, 26 articulation agreements in Europe; 13 in North America and 8 in Asia. She has developed 23 exchange programs, 11 dual degree programs, 9 credit transfer programs and has been very effective in making significant contributions in the field of sustainable global development.

Dr. Singh has served on numerous international bodies and committees including the President of Asia Region of International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education, USA.

Dr. Singh has published numerous scholarly articles, reviews and research papers. She has provided consultancy to Microsoft Research Lab India for parallel corpus for statistical machine translation, and annotation and verification on the multilingual systems research. She is the co-author of Management Communication – A Case Analysis Approach with James S. O’ Rourke IV. Dr. Singh serves on the editorial board of numerous journals. She has presented papers in several conferences, conclaves and summits around the world. As a Cross-Cultural Management & Strategic Communication Trainer and Consultant, Dr. Singh has closely worked with leading Indian and Multinational organizations. She also actively engages with the industry through Management Development Programs. She holds a Ph.D. from Banaras Hindu University and held a fellowship during her research. She earned the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial award for academic excellence during her post-graduation in Linguistics. She also has certification in Computational Linguistics from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and certification in Natural Language Processing from University of Hyderabad. Her main research interests include international higher education landscape, cross cultural management, human resource management and linguistics.

**Prof. Supriya Pattanayak**  
Vice Chancellor  
Centurion University of Technology and  
Management, Odisha



Supriya Pattanayak comes with over 25 years of experience in the development sector and academia. She has earned a reputation of being a highly competent professional working with Bilateral, Multilateral, Government and non-government organisations. She has demonstrated excellent relationship management skills with multiple stakeholders for policy advocacy and good program management skills. She has specifically provided advisory support in all programs on social development and governance aspects. She has maintained oversight of all DFID programs in the State of Odisha over the past 15 years. She has taken on increasingly challenging roles in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating large programs with a focus on results.

In addition to this, Supriya maintains her interest in academics, being involved in teaching/ training/ supervision, research and conducting study tours across several continents. Presently Supriya holds the position of an Adjunct Professor at the RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia and is a Research Fellow at the St Petersburg State University, Russia. She has a number of publications to her credit.

**Dr Archana Mantri**  
Vice Chancellor  
Chitkara University  
Punjab



Dr. Mantri's areas of expertise include Project Management, Problem and Project Based Learning, Curriculum Design & Development, Pedagogical Innovation & Management. Her key areas of interest are Change Management, Education Technology, Cognitive Sciences, Predictive Analysis, Technical Writing, Assessment Technologies, Augmented Reality and Electronics & Communication Engineering. Dr. Mantri has handled numerous International and National research projects and has guided several PhD and ME scholars. Her contribution to the growth of Chitkara University has been tremendous: she established the Chitkara University Research and Innovation Network (CURIN) which in turn facilitated filing of 250 patents, with over 5000 ideas vetted and over 500 innovators getting benefitted. Research proposals written under her able guidance have secured 3 prestigious research projects – CLIL, OCULUS and PREVENT IT worth Euros 800,000 from ERASMUS+. She also established the Tech commercialisation wing of the University. Dr. Mantri has over 30 publications in refereed journals and international conferences. She has also edited 2 books, both published by Springer and is an esteemed member of the Global Engineering Deans Council, IEEE and an Advisor at IUCEE (Indo – Universal Collaboration for Engineering Education).



**Prof Kajal De**  
Vice Chancellor  
Diamond Harbour Women's University  
West Bengal



As the Vice Chancellor of this historical women's university, the empowerment and holistic development of young girls of the university would be my commitment. I am sure and confident that the vision and mission of the university will be taken a step further with the cooperation and support of the highly qualified faculty, efficient non-teaching staff, promising students and experienced alumni of the university. We all will be able to bring many more laurels to the university with our sincerity and hardwork. The university remains fully committed to ensure transformative impact on society through continual innovation in education, research, creativity, and entrepreneurship. The legacy set by all the outgoing Vice Chancellors i.e. Prof. Samita Sen, Prof. Anuradha Mukhopadhyay, Prof. Soma Bandyopadhyay will be carried forward in true spirit so that the university shines like the diamond forever.

**Dr. S Geethalakshmi**  
Vice Chancellor  
Dr M G R Educational and Research  
Institute, Chennai



Dr. S. Geethalakshmi is the 9th Vice-Chancellor The Tamilnadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, She has born on 04 January 1958 and completed M.B.B.S in 1979 from Stanley medical college and M.D (Microbiology), Madras medical college. She studied her Ph.D. in (Basic Science) - on Allergic Broncho Pulmonary Aspergillosis - 2007 The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University. Dr. S Geethalakshmi started her job as a Assistant Professor of Microbiology in Madras Medical College then she worked as a professor in various colleges and she has also worked as a dean in various medical colleges. Dr. S Geethalakshmi worked as a Director of Medical Education from 2014 to 2015 now she is working as a vice chancellor of The Tamilnadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University. In her career she has won many prestigious awards like best teacher award in 2011 and Life Time Achievement award conferred by The Organizing of the Conference - ARISE 2015.

**Dr. K. Kala**  
Vice Chancellor  
Mother Teresa Women's University  
Anandhagiri, (TN)



An erudite scholar and an administrator par excellence with 34+ years of experience at various levels and various positions. Dr. K. Kala is a graduate of Botany who had her Masters in the same discipline. She has been awarded Doctorate in Botany with the specialization of Medicinal Plants. She started her career as an Assistant Professor in Government Arts College, Karur; promoted as the Head of the Department of Botany and Principal of the same institution with a brief period of principalship in NKR Government Arts College for Women, Namakkal. As an educator, she is remembered for her teaching of 42 courses for UG, PG, M.Phil. & PhD. As an innovator, she has newly designed and handled some courses, modified some other courses in BOS. To prove her meticulous research flavor, she has authored 2 text books, published 20+ articles in National and International Journals; presented 11+ papers in seminars; organized 18+ seminars and conferences; chaired plenty of sessions in international seminars; acted as the Team Judge in National Science Congress; guided plenty of Ph.D. and M.Phil. Scholars; signed MoUs with some of the reputed institutions; mobilized 2 Crores of funding from RUSA, 44 Lakhs from various funding agencies; 26 Crores of Building Grants and multi lakhs in CSR scheme from KVB.

She has visited universities of Oxford, Cambridge and Sussex, interacted with them about academic affairs. She has served as the Member of Editorial Board of some International Journals. She has conducted Environmental Awareness Programmes; Played key role in the Massive Tree Plantation Scheme of the Government; Deputy Area Commander of Home Guard Service in Karur District Police Department; Delivered many motivational lectures; Encouraged young staff to apply for research funding; Trained young minds; conducted skill development programmes for students; Yoga programme for students.

Her dedication and commitment earned her the CM Medal for 14 years of best Home Guard Service; Twice rewarded Meritorious Medal and Award for Best Performance in the Flag Day Collection by the Governor; Award for Unblemished Academic Service from the Government of Tamil Nadu; 'Thiran Nirai Kalviyalar Award' from Her Excellency Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana in the Mathru Sakthi, Women Saints Conference, held in Velur on 01.07.2022 To highlight, she is an asset to wherever she is placed with sparkling skills of handling resources in any critical ambience.



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