

### Dr. Vasudha Kamat

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Education: B.Sc. (Chemistry), M. A. (Sociology), M. Ed., Ph. D. (Education)

#### Membership

- Member, National Education Policy Drafting Committee (MHRD, GoI): June 2017 till date
- Member, Global Advisory Board, University of the Future in India (UFI), Nalanda 2.0 Initiatives
- Independent Director, IRCON International Ltd. A Company of Ministry of Railways: April 2016-March 2019
- Member, Board of Management, (President's Nominee) IGNOU, New Delhi: October 2015-Oct 2018
- Member, Education, Indian National Commission for Cooperation with **UNESCO**, nominated by **MHRD**: Since Sept 2015
- Member, Board of Governors, NIT, Trichi (by MHRD) 2015-2017

#### Positions held

- Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women's University. 2011- 2016
- Joint Director, Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi. Sept 2007-May 2011
- Head, Department of Educational Technology, SNDTWU. Dec 1986-Sept 2007

#### Honour

- Honorary COL Adviser under the Honorary COL Advisers Programme. (Jan 2019) COL (Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver, **Canada**) is an international organization created by Commonwealth Heads of Government to promote the development and sharing of Open Learning and Distance Education knowledge, resources and technologies.

## **Brief Biography**

Prof. Vasudha Kamat is well known for her significant contribution to the field of Educational Technology/Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Education. She has invested more than four decades of life in the field of education and has contributed to School Education, Higher Education, Teacher Education, Women's Education, Open and Distance Learning, Life Long Learning extensively.

She is nominated by MHRD, GoI to the **National Education Policy** Draft Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Kasturirangan since June 2017.

She was Vice Chancellor of SNDTWU during 2011-16 and has introduced many new thoughts into Higher Education in general and SNDTWU in particular.

Prof. Kamat has contributed richly to the field of teacher education in the area of ICT (Information and Communication Technology) integration. She has trained several teachers/trainers from higher education, school education as well as professional education in integrating ICTs in teaching-learning-assessment process. She has designed and offered online courses, has conducted online training programmes in Instructional Design for e-learning, has guided research in this area and has worked as Project Director of many e-content development projects.

She strongly believes in Cooperative and collaborative learning giving full control of process of learning to the learner. In this regard, she has taken it as her mission to introduce higher education faculty members to Flipped Learning Pedagogy.

She has conducted several research studies for various National/International organizations such as Indian Space Research Organization, UNDP, World-Bank, UNICEF, MHRD, etc. She has closely worked with Open Universities and National Institute of Open Schooling in various capacities.

Prior to joining SNDTWU as a Vice Chancellor she worked as Joint Director of Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), a constituent of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi. Before joining CIET, NCERT in 2007, she served SNDTWU in various capacities as Prof. and Head, Department of Educational Technology; Director, Centre of Education; Director, Centre for Distance Education etc.

She is recipient of the **Best Teacher Award** by Maharashtra State Government (2005-06), **Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship** for conducting research in the USA (2005-06), **Rotary International Fellowship** (2004-05) during which she taught at UiTM, Malaysia.

She strongly believes in Internationalization of higher education and has brought on board many universities from foreign countries.

Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada has invited her as Honorary Advisor to COL (2019), She worked as Senior Fulbright Scholar at Florida State University, **USA** (2006), taught at

University Technology MARA (UiTM), **Malaysia** as Rotary International Scholar (2004), was invited by Commonwealth of Learning, **Canada** to participate in international policy level meetings as well as workshops (2006), visited UK to explore the possibility of establishing Professional platform for the Instructional Technologists (2014) and also to conduct workshop on development of Self Learning Material in **Bangladesh** (2009), was invited by UNESCO to Paris, **France** to represent India in a World Teachers' Day (5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2010)), was invited to conduct teacher training programme in use of ICT by the Mauritius Institute of Education (2010), conducted a pre-conference workshop in **Singapore** for IACE on Concept mapping and mind mapping (2005). She was invited to conduct session in a One-week Course on open education Resources organized by UNESCO Chair in **Slovenia** (2018). She visited many other countries like **Belgium, Netherlands, Thailand, China, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Qatar**, etc. to participate in international conferences, international meetings, on teaching and research assignments, to develop linkages with the organizations. She has conducted workshops in India for participants from **Maldives**, Malaysia etc.

She has developed strong linkages with the Commonwealth of Learning, Canada, University of Regina, Canada, Mauritius Institute of Education, **Mauritius**, Wawasan Open University, Malaysia and many more universities in various countries. She believes in collaboration and cooperation with which Globalization and Internationalization of Higher education can be successfully addressed.

As a Regional Secretary of All India Association for Educational Technology (AIAET) she had organized several Annual Conferences at State, National as well as International levels. She has books, book chapters and Research Papers at her credit.

As a social activist, she works for the Society for Rural Reconstruction and Education (Narayan Ashram) working in Konkan region (Sindhudurg district) of Maharashtra since 1992.