

Prof. Usha Sharma

Bio-Note

Prof. Usha Sharma, the In-charge of Cell for National Centre for Literacy (CNCL) at the National Council of Educational Research and Technology (NCERT), has been at the helm of affairs since March 2021, following the cell's constitution which has been established to promote 'Education for All' by organizing capacity building programmes for State Resource Group (SRG), developing resource material (print and non-print) for children and teachers, Teacher Educators, conducting research in the area of Language and Literacy & Adult education and reviewing the resource material developed by the states.

Prof. Sharma has a vast array of knowledge in the field of Language and Education. She has garnered ample experience working as a school teacher in Delhi and as a lecturer in RIE Ajmer in the past and as a professor in the department of Elementary Education at NCERT, a role which she continues to essay in the present. She is also credited with establishing the first Demonstration Multipurpose School located in the premises of RIE Ajmer.

She has presented more than 60 papers at various seminars/conferences related to Language Education, Peace Education, Inclusive Education, Adult Education and Teacher Education, authored and co-authored several books in the field of education, language, reading and writing, contributed chapters in various books and edited many others in the areas of her specializations. Prof. Sharma has been a significant member in many professional bodies, boards and committees including the Advisory Committee for New Scheme of Adult Education 2021-2026 and Committee for the Framework of National Mission on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, MoE, Committee for Development of Template and Survey Questionnaires for Preparation of National Curriculum Framework, NCERT along with being the Member Secretary of National Focus Group for developing Position Paper on Adult Education, NCERT, New Delhi. In addition, she has also contributed towards the development of many major documents such as NIPUN BHARAT (2022), MoE, *Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat* (2014), MHRD, NISHTHA

Training package for Elementary Education (2019), NCERT as well as NISHTHA training package for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (2022), NCERT.

In recognition of her outstanding efforts in the field of Education, she has been bestowed upon with various awards viz. Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Award, Lala Ram Charan Aggarwal Memorial Award and Delhi *Gaurav Sammaan* for meritorious services in the field of Education, President Award, Bharat Scout and Guide, and Gandhi *Samaaj Seva* Scholarship, NSS to name a few.

Acting as a notable link between education and development of the society, Prof. Sharma has been inspiring many by sharing her views and ideas through the publication of various papers in affiliated journals on the subjects. She works as a member of Editorial Board of the journal *Bhartiya Adhunik Shiksha*, and as an editor of the journal *Prathmik Shikshak* and children's magazine '*Firkee bachchon ke*' for early grade learners – published by NCERT.