

Brief Profile of Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU



Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is the second women Secretary General of the Association in its more than 100 years of existence. Prior to joining AIU, she has been serving the higher education sector especially university education for more than 03 decades at the apex regulator of higher education, the University Grants Commission of India.

Dr. (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal is a **Fulbright Scholar** and has been a topper in MSc and PhD in Agricultural Statistics from IARI, New Delhi. She has a wide ranging **experience of more than three decades in Higher Education** in Policy Planning and Management of Higher Education. She is also Chief Commissioner (Guides) of Bharat Scouts and Guides.

Dr Mittal earlier served as the first **regular Vice Chancellor of Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Khanpur, the first rural women university of North India, in 2008, at a young age of 44 years** , to undertake an onerous task of developing a tiny Gurukul into an institution of repute. Dr Mittal introduced **a series of innovative practices and reforms** as the Vice Chancellor of the **only rural, residential, multi-faculty, women state university** of the country imparting education to 7000 girls from KG till PhD level in a holistic manner. During her stint as Vice Chancellor, Dr Mittal transformed the Gurukul into a university which is now on the international map. Her contributions in **Institution Building** coupled with blending of traditional and modern education is an exemplary contribution towards promotion of rural women folk in a unique manner.

Dr Mittal has visited a number of countries like **USA, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, Mexico, 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 on behalf of UGC, AIU and the

university. Dr Mittal had **led a delegation of 15 Vice Chancellors to UK** for academic collaborations.

Dr Mittal is also the recipient of following **Awards and Honours**:

- **Fulbright Nehru Scholarship grant for Educational administrators**
- **President of India Award in 2017 for Digital Initiatives in Higher education**
- **Honorary Doctorate-D. Litt. (HonorisCausa) from Karnataka State Women's University, Bijapur, Karnataka**
- **First Padam Shri Subhashini Devi Award 2018 for contributions in Societal Development and Community Engagement from the Chief Minister of Haryana.**
- **Qimpro Gold Standard Award for leadership in Education for the year 2018**

Dr. Mittal served as a member of various **High Powered Committees** and Professional Bodies including "Future of Education" of **NITI Aayog, Government of India**, General Assembly of the **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)**, New Delhi, Finance Committee, **Indian Council for Cultural Relations**, New Delhi, Committee for **Development of National Credit Framework** – Ministry of Education, Director, Indian Public Schools Society: **The Doon School, Dehradun, Steering Group of UKIERI** for Scoping Study on Higher Education Leadership and Management Programme, Programme Advisory Board and HRM Network Steering Committee on Human Resource Management of **Association of Common Wealth Universities, London**, Pay Committee for teachers in the State of Haryana, **Search Committee for selection of Vice Chancellor, Board of Governors, Kerala State Council for Higher Education, Visitor's nominee on Board of Management of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Central University, Lucknow, Central Counseling Board, All India Engineering Entrance Examination, Rehabilitation Council of India**, Indian Institute of Public Administration, **Coimbatore, Programme Advisory Committee of Department of Science and Technology**, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, **Haryana State Council for Higher Education, Haryana Innovation Council, Steering Committee of Planning Commission for formulation of XII Plan for Higher Education**, Sub-Committee of Planning Commission on **Leadership and Institutional Governance** and **Member-Convenor of Sub Committee of Planning Commission on Community Engagement of Higher Education Institutions** etc.

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**.