

## PROFILE

**Dr. Panna Akhani,  
Secretary, since 16.04.2007.  
Was initially enrolled as Life Member w.e.f. 01.05.1994.  
Now enrolled as Donor Life Member w.e.f. 25.08.2007.**

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Dr. Panna Akhani was Principal of L.A.D. & Smt. R.P.College for Women, Nagpur, a largest and the oldest Women's college of the region from March'1991 to Nov'2008. She graduated in Home Science from the same college and later did her M.H.Sc. from M.H.College of Home Science, Jabalpur and Ph.D. from Nagpur University in Child Development and Family Relations.

Dr. Akhani was also the Head of the Post Graduate Department of Human Development and was visiting faculty for M.Phil. in Post Graduate Teaching Department of Nagpur University for a period of three years.

She was a recognized guide for Ph.D.for Nagpur, Parbhani and Nanded Universities. Seven of her candidates have been awarded Ph.D.

She has served as elected member in Board of studies in Home Science, Faculty of Home Science, Academic Council, Senate. She was Chairman,Board of Studies, Dean, Faculty of Home Science (two terms), nominated member on Academic staff college Advisory committee for three years and Management Council, Nagpur University, from 1998-2000.

She had authored two text books in Child Development for Standard XII of Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Pune and has edited and published fifteen issues of Journal of Human Development and also published number of research papers and articles in reputed Journals. Published four books on '*Indian Cookery*' compiled and

published on behalf of Women's Education Society, Handbook on Event Management and A Handbook for Teachers on Ethics.

She has participated in, chaired and conducted many seminars, symposia and conferences. She was also an examiner for number of Universities.

She is actively connected with number of educational and social organizations and was a programme officer of Seminary Hills unit of N.S.S. of L.A.D. College for over a decade.

She is recipient of the following awards –“Ratna Shiromani Award” by India International Society for Unity, New Delhi (1994).

“Shiksha Visharad” Gold Medal by Industrial Technology Foundation, New Delhi (1995).

“Swayam Siddha Sharda” award by Magnum Foundation, Nagpur (1999).

‘BEST TEACHER AWARD’ by the Government of Maharashtra, for the year 1999-2000.

“Vocational Excellence Award” by Rotary Club of Nagpur (2000).

‘Ojaswini’ Award by Hindi Sahitya Sangh, Nagpur (2004).

‘Jewel of India Award’ by International Institute of Education Management, Delhi (2005).

Ursula Arora, ‘Women Welfare Award’, 2009 by Praachi Psycho- Cultural Research Association, Meerut.

‘Senior Citizens Award’ for dedicated service to the society, by Vidarbha Hindi Sahitya Sangh, Abhinandan Manch, Nagpur (2012).

Her biographical note is included in almost thirty National/ International/WHO'S WHO.

On 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1995, she participated in the Seminar to discuss draft charter for creation of 'SAARC Federation of University Women' and also presented a paper on 'Access of Women to Managerial and Technological Employment', at Colombo, Srilanka on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1995.

Again she visited Srilanka on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1997 and attended Executive Meeting of SAARCFUW and Workshop on "The Women Decision Maker Shattering the Glass Ceiling".

Attended Ninth Triennial Conference of 'World Council of Curriculum and Instruction' from 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1998 at Bangkok and presented a paper on 'Educating for Balance Integrating Technology and Human Spirit on Global Scale.'

Attended 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Association of India held in Kathamandu Nepal from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 1999.

Attended SAARC Federation of University Women, Council meeting and Seminar in Dhaka Bangladesh on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2001. Also presented a paper on 'Infant Trafficking in SAARC Countries'. Attended 27<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference of 'International Federation of University Women' at OTAWA, CANADA from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2001 as a voting delegate of IFUWA.

Visited various universities in USA from 18<sup>th</sup> August to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2001.

Attended Tenth Conference of 'World Council of Curriculum and Instruction' from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2001 at Madrid, Spain and presented a paper on 'Fostering a Culture of Peace through Education.

Led the delegation as President of Indian Federation of University Women's Association to the Triennial Conference of International Federation of University Women; held at Perth, Western Australia, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August,

2004 and presented a paper on "Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place" under Human Rights Seminar session.

She was nominated President of Nagpur University Principals' Forum from 1998-2003 and also of, Akhil Maharashtra Federation of Principals' Association of Non-Government colleges for the year 1998-99.

She was President of 'Indian Federation of University Women', affiliated to International Federation of University Women for a period of three years – 2002-2005. Founder Member and CIR of SAARCFUW- 1995-1998, Convenor, Constitution Advisory Committee, IFUWA 2009- 2011.

She was a nominated member of 'Programme Advisory Committee', All India Radio, Nagpur from 2003-06.

Executive Committee Member – Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Nagpur Chapter. Member, School Managing Committee, BVM & CDS, Exmember SMC Modern School and Ira International School, Butibori, Nagpur.

Donor Life Member – Women's Education Society,

Patron – Chinmaya Mission Nagpur Kendra.

Trustee & Secretary, Women's Home, Nagpur.

She was nominated member on 'High Court Committee' of Shradhanand Anathalaya, Nagpur.

She was nominated member on R.R.C. R.T.M. Nagpur University, Nagpur (2005-2010) & R.R.C. SNDT Univ. (College of Home Science, Mumbai) (2010-2015).

Board of Studies, Human Development, Rani Durgawati University, Jabalpur. External Expert member on Research Degree Committee, Child Development, Rani Durgawati University, Jabalpur(2005-2010)

She was a member, Advisory Committee, Trident academy, Nagpur, Advisory Board, Member, Nagpur Film Academy (in association with Whistling Woods International) (2010-2013).

She is a Chairperson, Advisory Board, M.K. Ponda College of Business & Management, Bhopal.

Presently, she is Hon. Director and 'Secretary' Women's Education Society, Nagpur which runs

- L.A.D. & Smt. R.P. College for Women,
- M.M. College of Architecture,
- Women's Technical Education Instt. Smt Ratnadevi Purohit.
- Justice M.L.Pendse School of Languages & Media Studies
- Academy of performing Arts, Liberal Arts & Culture Studies
- Chairperson, W.E.S. Hostel Comm.

Additional Independent Woman Director (Non-Executive) Bajaj Steel Industries Ltd., Nagpur (Feb. 2015).