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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 five decades of life in the field of education and has contributed to School Education, Higher Education, Teacher Education, Women's Education, Open and Digital Learning, Online Learning, Life Long Learning, Open Education.

She was nominated by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD, now Ministry of Education: MoE), Government of India to the **National Education Policy Draft Committee** (GoI) under the Chairmanship of Dr. Kasturirangan in June 2017. The **NEP-2020** came into being on **July 29, 2020**.

Presently she is Chairperson, Governing Board of the **CEC (Consortium of Educational Communication)**, an Inter-University Centre of UGC) from June 2021. CEC is a consortium of 21 EMRCs (Educational Media Research Centres) established at 21 universities in India. The EMRCs develop and offer MOOCs which are offered on SWAYAM Platform. CEC also offers 24 hours educational programmes through 11 Swayamprabha DTH Channels.

Recently she has developed Interactive OERs (Open Education Resources) on 18 important themes from **NEP-2020 (for Higher Education)** in collaboration with the Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA, COL), New Delhi and the Department of Educational Technology, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai.

She was a Member of the International Advisory Council of Chanakya University, Bangalore (2022-2025), and presently a member of Advisory Board of OE4BW (Open Education for the Better World) an international project spread across all continents undertaken by the UNESCO Chair Slovenia since 2017.

She was **Vice Chancellor of SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, India, from May 2011 to May 2016**, and introduced many innovative practices in Curriculum Development, Pedagogy, Assessment, and industry linkages, especially compulsory Internships for all Master's programmes, and the use and integration of technology for the university's academic and administrative processes. During the period 2007-11, she was Joint Director of Central Institute of Educational Technology, NCERT, New Delhi. During her tenure at CIET, she introduced many innovative programmes and activities, including Online courses, a 21st-century video production

studio, digitalization of Video production as well as summer camps for children during school vacation.

She was member of High-Level Expert Committee constituted by the **Ministry of Defence, Government of India** to conduct an objective, independent and thorough review of NCC (Sept. 2021).

She was also Member of the Task Force constituted by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India** to examine matters of age of motherhood, imperatives of lowering MMR, improvement of Nutritional levels and related issues (June 2020).

She was a Member of the Governing Board of CSC (Common Service Centre Scheme) Academy of the **Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India**.

She is a recipient of the **Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship** for conducting research in the Florida State University, USA (2005-06), the **Best Teacher Award** by the Maharashtra State Government (2005-06), and the **Rotary International Fellowship** (2004-05) during which she taught a course at University Technology, MARA (UiTM), Malaysia. She served as **Honorary Advisor of Commonwealth of Learning** (COL) Canada from 2019-21.

She intensely advocates the integration of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in higher education (HE). Conducts Professional Development programmes for faculty from HE in the use of learner-centred pedagogies and integration of ICTs (Blended, Flipped and Online Learning), and assessment strategies in day-to-day teaching-learning-evaluation processes.

She is closely associated with the implementation of NEP-2020, especially in higher education. She was a Member of the Committee constituted by the UGC to develop the Academic Bank of Credits, the Apex Committee for Binary Accreditation constituted by the NAAC (2024), and such other high-level committees.

She has been invited by many international universities and organizations for academic interactions, and has visited several countries like Canada, USA, China, UK, Slovenia, France, Netherlands, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Bangladesh, Qatar, Hong Kong, Belgium, Mauritius, Italy, Slovenia etc. for academic discourse.

She has conducted several research studies for various National/International organizations such as Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), UNDP, World-Bank, UNICEF, MHRD, etc. She has worked closely with Open Universities and the National Institute of Open Schooling in various capacities. She has closely worked with organizations such as Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), YCMOU, IGNOU, NIOS.

She has many publications (Research papers, book chapters, research reports etc.) at her credit.

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