

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE

Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath



Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath is currently Founder and Director of **WISCOMP (Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace)**, an initiative that seeks to promote the leadership of South Asian women in the areas of peace, security, and regional cooperation.

She is also Chair, Board of Governors, Centre for Policy Research (CPR) and Principal Emerita of Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi, where she served as Principal for 26 years from 1988-2014. She has been a member of the University Grants Commission (UGC), India.

As an educationist, Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath pioneered curriculum development and introduction of **Education for Peace** programmes at University and college level in the country.

Dr. Gopinath was the first woman to be nominated to the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) of India. She is a member of multi-track peace initiatives and people-to-people dialogues in South Asia.

She has authored among others *Pakistan in Transition*, and co-authored *Conflict Resolution – Trends and Prospects*, *Transcending Conflict: A Resource book on Conflict Transformation* and *Dialogic Engagement* and has contributed to several books.

She also headed the Task Force of the SAKSHAM Report of the University Grants Commission that initiated several policy reforms on Gender Equity on Higher Education Institutes in India.

She has been a Fulbright scholar and has received several fellowships including the Australian International Education Foundation Fellowship (1996-97) and the University Grants Commission Indo-Israel Exchange Fellowship (1994-1996) among others.

In recognition of her contribution to the field of women's education and empowerment, she has received several awards including the *Padma Shri Award*, *Indira Priyadarshini Gandhi Award*, the *Rajiv Gandhi Award for Excellence in Education*.
