

DR.SHALINI RAJNEESH, IAS - BRIEF NOTE



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Dr. Shalini Rajneesh joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in the year 1989 as Women Topper at the age of 22 years. She is a Gold Medalist in B.A. and MA Psychology from Punjab University. After joining service, she completed Ph.D. in Rural Development from Mangalore University (2000) and MBA from Latrobe University, Australia (2001). Considering her achievements and contributions to women empowerment, public administration and also her passion for implementing the Government schemes effectively for the welfare of women, the Karnataka State Women's University honored her with **Doctorate of Literature** on 03.03.2013.

She is the Guest faculty for MBA Course in Central University Gulbarga. She has presented many papers at National and International forums, written 13 books, 8 in English and 5 in Kannada, covering subjects like Management, Personality Development, Women Empowerment, IAS Coaching, Smart City etc. She regularly writes articles and gives lectures/interviews in T.V., Radio, seminars, etc., to connect to people at large.

She has worked in many capacities in Government of India in the Ministries of Finance, Civil Aviation, Shipping, Agriculture and Road Transport. **Her most momentous experience has been during her stint as Deputy Commissioner, Belgaum District when the first historic Legislative Session was held in 2006, outside the State Capital, with a grand success.** A major disaster hovering lakhs of people was averted due to her deft management of unprecedented floods. Her special contribution through a **Book on Inclusive growth** for the upliftment of the Backward regions of Karnataka has borne fruit in the form of Central amendment to the Constitution ie Article 371 J, giving special status to Hyderabad Karnataka region.

She won the 2nd Best Panchayat Raj National Award in 2012. She has been selected as "Bureaucrat of the Month" twice i.e., during January, 2011 and February, 2013 by the "Bureaucracy Today" News Magazine, New Delhi, showcasing outstanding Projects of Government leaders. **She is the National Resource person for implementation of Administrative Reforms Commission recommendations at Government of India. She was the first one to feature in World Bank's series on Government Leaders!**

As Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, **she steered a revolutionary legislation ie Karnataka's Guarantee of Services to Citizens Act, 2011** popularly known as "Sakala". This unique Act ensures that Government servants deliver 688 services to the citizens,; covering 52 departments within stipulated time, else a compensatory cost, payable to the citizen, will be deducted from their salaries, besides disciplinary action will be taken for committing more than 7 willful defaults **This is the highest ever Number achieved in the country. In a span of three years, 90 million citizens have successfully availed of Time Bound Services.. "SAKALA" Project has been awarded PRIME MINISTER'S Award, Google innovation Award, National e-Governance Award for "Outstanding Performance in Citizen Centric Service Delivery" in 2013-14 and Quality Circle of India National Award-2014, Commonwealth Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) Award 2014. Her commitment to qualitative Governance has earned SAKAL ISO 9001 CERTIFICATION in a record time of 2 months, again the first in the country!**

As Principal Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department, **she has conducted the first ever Social & Educational Survey of 6 crore people of Karnataka mapping 55 parameters, to bring in Social equity and inclusiveness in planning and development. She has also initiated 'Save the Farmer' campaign using CSR funds, aiming at making farmer less vulnerable & agriculture more profitable. On 28th November 2015, she got gfiles exceptional contribution to Governance Award.**

As Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, she has **initiated, fueled and accelerated many innovations which are pro poor and pro health needy focusing to the deprived rural and urban population.** She has also taken reigns of the responsibility for the **State Health Policy and Amendment to KPME Act 2007.** In the arena of IT for Health she has pro actively maneuvered the planning, **implementation and functioning of E-Hospital, Telemedicine & Teleradiology** to ensure efficient referral and specialist care to the underserved and hard to reach rural areas in the State. She also sphere headed **the planning and implementation outlay of Universal Health Coverage.** Her passion was to spread **"Awareness of Health in its true sense and convergence of all health related activities** in the Government for the benefit of people of Karnataka. As Principal Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education Department, she has tried to bring in changes in policy to make learning more joyful, interesting & rewarding. At present, she is holding Principal Secretary, Planning Department. **For more details please visit www.shaliniias.org**