

DR. SHALINI RAJNEESH, IAS – BRIEF NOTE

Dr. Shalini Rajneesh joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in the year 1989 as Women Topper at the age of 22 years. She received Gold Medalist in B.A. and M.A. Psychology from Punjab University. 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 in 2013. She has written 13 books, 8 in English and 5 in Kannada, covering subjects like Management, Personality Development, Women Empowerment, IAS Coaching, Smart City, creating awareness in people regarding COVID-19, Creating good future for youth etc. She regularly writes article and gives lectures/interviews in T.V., Radio, National and International forums, 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.

In the State as Secretary, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, she was instrumental in implementing Karnataka's Guarantee of Services to Citizens Act, 2011 popularly known as "Sakala" which delivers 1201 services to the citizens; covering 101 departments within stipulated time. Crores of citizens have successfully availed of Time Bound Services. **"SAKALA" Implementation has been awarded PRIME MINISTERS'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 in 2014 at the international level.** On 28th November 2015, she got 'g-files' exceptional contribution to Governance Award. SAKALA ISO 9001 CERTIFICATION received within 2 months for the first in the country.

As Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, she catalysed Integrated State Health Policy and Universal Health Coverage, etc.

As Principal Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education Department, she introduced bagless days to make learning more qualitative, joyful, interesting & rewarding. She also succeeded in bringing CSR funds from 42 private companies for the development of Government schools.

She Served as Additional Chief Secretary, Planning and Statistics Department for 5 years. Established Sustainable Development Goal Coordination Center in collaboration with UNDP wherein Karnataka improved from 6th rank to 3rd in the country. She published trillion GDP action plan for the state. India's first integrated CSR platform "Akanksha" built in association with UNDP was awarded the India CSR award in 2022.

As Additional Chief Secretary, Youth Empowerment and sports Department successfully organized "**Khelo India University Games - 2022**" and "**National Youth Festival-2023**" with a participation of more than 7000 youth and delegates across the country.

As Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner from November 2023 to July 2024, she worked for enhancement of State's GDP by optimizing resources of Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal husbandry and coordinating credit linked programs with Bankers.

Currently she is posted as Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka from August 2024.

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