

NAPSWI LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2020

(To a professional social work practitioner who made distinct contribution in any specific area of practice)

Dr. Nirupama Deshpande



Dr. Deshpande, a person with excellent academic credentials and rich sectoral experience, is an alumnus of Nagpur University and Tata Institute of Social Sciences. She is recipient of the Gold Medal of Nagpur University in 1989 for first in B.S.W; Sir Dorabji Tata Trust Scholarship for best student in Social Work (1990-91); Khadi and Village Industries Commission's Abhudaya Golden Jubilee Fellowship in 1999-2000; and also so many other prestigious awards from government and other agencies.

Dr. Deshpande is a social work professional with an exceptional distinction and has a wide range of experience. She has worked closely with the government departments and has the capability and competence to provide a strong visible leadership to the programmes she anchors. Dr. Deshpande has served in various capacities like - the Deputy Community Development Officer, MHADA Mumbai; Research Assistant, TISS, Mumbai; Faculty Member, Indian Institute of Youth Welfare, Nagpur; Sampoorna Bamboo Kendra, Lawada; District Coordinator, CCAP, UNICEF and Koshish. She has been trainer, and Director, Self Help Group Certificate Course, YashwantraoChavanMaharashtra Open University; and Project Consultant, Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology (Bhopal).

She was associated as a Founder Member of Melghat Karigar Panchat, Venu Shilpi Audyogik Sahakari Santhan, Koshish (a district level networking of NGOs) and Shalalna (a State level networking of 150 NGOs). Besides, she has been member of CAPART's General Body (1999-2001); Member, CAPART's Monitoring Committee (1999-2001); Secretary, Koshish (2001-2005); Treasure, Koshish (2005-2009); and Secretary, Chalana (2001-2006). Dr. Deshpande conducted and participated in a number of research projects on a wide range of issues pertaining to women, child, rural and urban development, poverty etc. She has highlighted various issues of national and local importance through her articles. She has a number of articles published in various newspapers, reports, Books, Journals etc.

NAPSWI, during the 8th Indian Social Work Congress 2021 jointly hosted with Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharti, Santiniketan confers the NAPSWI Life Time Achievement Award to Dr. Nirupama Deshpande. This Award is conferred to Dr. Deshpande for her outstanding and distinct contribution as social work practitioner in her respective area of practice. The award has been conferred on 28th February, 2021.