

Dr. Anju Sharma, a distinguished economist, hails from the picturesque Shimla District, from Lower Bazar in Shimla city. Her educational journey commenced at the Govt. Girls Sr. Sec School in Lakkar Bazar, where she not only excelled academically but also distinguished herself as the **Head girl**. Building upon this foundation, she pursued her undergraduate studies at Rajkiya Kanya Maha Vidyalaya, Shimla (RKMV), graduating with First Division. Throughout her college tenure, she showcased exceptional leadership qualities by taking on roles such as class representative, General Secretary, and President, underscoring her unwavering commitment and dedication.

Her academic journey continued with postgraduate studies in Economics, culminating in an **MA, M. Phil, and Ph.D.** from Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. Dr. Anju Sharma's brilliance in her studies was evident from the start.

Dr. Anju Sharma initiated a remarkable 25-year journey in the realm of education, dedicating herself to the Department of Higher Education. Throughout this extensive career, she etched her legacy through various milestones. Notably, she contributed significantly to Academic literature, with a formidable record of 25 research papers published in International Peer reviewed and UGC listed Research journals and 30 in esteemed National journals and books.

Demonstrating her intellectual prowess, Dr. Sharma also authored **two impactful books**. The first delves into the critical discourse of gender inequality, addressing societal challenges with a keen scholarly perspective. Her work on **gender inequality** issues underscores a commitment to social issues and an awareness of the importance of addressing such concerns in the academic sphere. Meanwhile, her second publication serves as a comprehensive textbook for a hobby course, unraveling the intricacies of economic terminology for eager learners. Dr.

Sharma's multifaceted contributions within the educational landscape reflect not only her dedication to teaching but also her profound impact on shaping intellectual discourse.

Dr. Anju Sharma's influence within the academic sphere extends beyond the classroom. Her global impact extended to presenting over 38 papers at International and National conferences including **Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Vietnam**. Dr. Anju Sharma also served as a keynote speaker and resource person, chaired and co-chaired technical sessions at various International and National platforms.. She has held key positions, serving as the **Controller of Evaluation** for answer books, consecutively for three years and overseeing the conduct of final examinations at H.P. University across various college centers. Notably, her expertise has been recognized as she has been entrusted with the role of a paper setter for the Undergraduate final examinations at H.P. University.

Furthermore, Dr. Sharma's commitment to academic excellence is evident in her role as an **evaluator for Ph.D. theses** (research work) in numerous universities across the country. This recurrent appointment underscores her standing as a respected authority in academia, contributing her insights to the evaluation and advancement of scholarly research at the highest level.

Outside academia, Dr. Sharma actively contributed to the administrative services in the Department of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh. In 2018, she joined the **Department of Higher Education as a Principal-cum-OSD Colleges**. She has served as State Nodal Officer of HP, All India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE). She has also worked as State Coordinator Bachelor of Vocational course as well as Nodal Officer of Anti Women Sexual Harassment cell at DOHE. Among many initiatives Dr Anju has also worked as Member Secretary of screening committee, Skill Impart Component training programme and National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) in Higher Education in Himachal Pradesh. She has also served as Member of

Expert Committee Technical group, Sport for Statics Strengthening (SSS) scheme H.P. Formulated proposed budget for skill development allowance of Govt. of H.P Polices as member from DOHE Shimla. Developed Curriculum for Spoken English Course of Level-I for Plus I&II students and Level-II for College students. She additionally has been appointed as Member Secretary in Committee for Evaluation and working out modalities for taking over of private Colleges by Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Her commitment to the development of women and girls reflects as she was appointed State Commissioner guide for three year (2018-2021) of Bharat Scouts and Guides of Himachal Pradesh. Her outstanding contributions earned her the prestigious **Asian Pacific Leadership Award** in 2021 from the **World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts**.

After retiring, Dr. Anju Sharma's professional journey persisted with her appointment by the **Himachal Pradesh Private Educational Institution Regulatory Commission**. She assumed the role of **Chairman** of the Committee tasked with evaluating and analyzing the detailed bio-data of faculty members in private colleges across Himachal Pradesh

In acknowledgment of her significant contributions, Dr. Anju Sharma received a prestigious **fellowship** at the **Indian Institute of Advanced Studies**, Rashtrapati Niwas, Shimla, on March 3, 2022. This recognition was a testament to her scholarly achievements. Later, on October 27, 2023, Dr. Sharma added a new dimension to her illustrious career by assuming the role of a **Member** in the **Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission**, reinforcing her legacy as a distinguished economist, educator, and dedicated public servant.