

Brief Profile of Prof.Saraswati Raju Iyer



1. Prof.Saraswati Raju Iyer is a Professor & Head, Department of Sociology & Social Work, Member, Executive Council, Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Coordinator, Centre for Community Social Responsibility, Coordinator, UGC-SWAYAM, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, India.

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3. Date of Birth: 30-09-1968.

4. Educational qualifications: M.S.W., M.A. (Sociology), N.E.T., S.L.E.T., I.P.C., C.I.G., C.L.S., Ph.D. & D.Litt.(U.S.A).

5. P.G. Teaching experience: 20 years

6. Academic Profile: She is also a trained Counsellor. She has visited United States of America in 2014 to present a paper; chaired and presented a paper at an International Conference at Nepal during 2012. Chaired sessions in **72** International and National Seminars; Presented **126** papers in International and National conferences; as a resource person gave sessions in **101** forums, gave **17** interviews on All India Radio.

7. Awards/Honours: She is a recipient of several Awards such as:

1. **Gold Medal** for being the Best Student of P.G. College of Social Work, Hyderabad in 1991-92.
2. **Cash Award** for being the Best Student of P.G. College of Social Work, Hyderabad in 1991-92.
3. **Award and a Certificate of Appreciation** for being the Best Youth at the All India Youth Camp in Kerala in December 1990.
4. **The Best Citizens of India Award - 2011** by the International Publishing House, New Delhi, 2011.
5. **The 2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century Award - 2011** by International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England, 5th September, 2011.
6. **Best Research Paper (Arts, Commerce & Law) Award** for Paper Published in National Journal during 36th Foundation Day Celebrations on 11-09-2012.
7. **Best Research Paper (Arts, Commerce & Law) Award** for Paper Published in International Journal during 37th Foundation Day Celebrations on 09-11-2013.
8. **Certificate of Assistance** by Research Academy at the offices of the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England, August, 2014.
9. **Rajiv Gandhi Excellence Award & Certificate of Excellence** for Outstanding Individual Achievements & Distinguished Services to the Nation by General (Retd.) JJ Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Former Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, India International Friendship Society, New Delhi on 04-09-2014.
10. **Best Research Paper Award** for Paper Presented in International Seminar at Abroad (Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Law & Commerce/Management) during 38th Foundation Day Celebrations on 11-09-2014.
11. **Award** for being Eminent Teacher by Lions Clubs International: District 316D – 2015 Lions Club of Vijayawada Excellence and Venkateswara Nagar Welfare Society on the Eve of Teachers' Day Celebrations at Sri Residency, Venkateswara Nagar, Vijayawada on 05-09-2015.
12. **Award of Women of Distinction (VIWA 2016), Certificate & Medal** for the contribution and achievement in the field of Counselling, Venus International Foundation, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India on 05-03-2016.
13. **Certificate of Assistance** by Research Academy at the offices of the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England, April, 2016.

14. **Adarsh Vidya Saraswati Rashtriya Puruskar** - Distinction of being one of the Best Teachers in the Country by Global Management Council, Ahmedabad on 10-05-2016.
15. **Legend Book of Records** under the Subject – An Academician Par Excellence, 26th January, 2017.
16. **Pride India Shiromani Puraskar - Women of Excellence National Award** by Score More Foundation (An International Foundation), Vijayawada on 05-03-2017.
17. **The Best Talent Award in Teaching Field** at the National Level by Different Artist of Replica in Letter Art (DARLA), Hyderabad on 05-03-2017 at Makineni Basava Punnaiah Vignana Kendram, Vijayawada.
18. **Outstanding Woman Educator and Scholar Award, Trophy, Memento & Award Certificate**, National Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development (NFED), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India at the Women's Day Awards 2017 on 08-03-2017.
19. **Dr.Abdul Kalam Life Time Achievement National Award, Gold Medal, Memento & Award Certificate**, International Institute for Social and Economic Reforms (R), Bengaluru, Karnataka, India for the distinguished contributions to the development of the Nation and achieving outstanding excellence in the field of Teaching, Research and Publications on 24-06-2017.
20. **Best Research Paper (Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences & Law) Award (First Prize)** for Paper Published in International Journal during 41st Foundation Day Celebrations on 16-09-2017.
21. **Best Research Paper (Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences & Law) Award (First Prize)** for Paper Published in National Journal during 41st Foundation Day Celebrations on 16-09-2017.
22. **Champions Book of World Records** in the Field of Teaching & Education, 17-09-2017, Memento & Medal.
23. **Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam Award for Teaching Excellence-2017, Memento & Award Certificate**, Marina Labs Research and Development, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India on 21-10-2017.
24. **Champions Book of World Records - Indian Icon Top 50 Indians – 2017**, Award Certificate & Medal, October 2017.
25. **Supreme Book of World Records, 2017** in the field of Education.
26. Biography selected for **Asia Pacific Who's Who**, Volume published during December 2017.
27. **Best Teacher Award** in the Subject Category – Social Sciences from Government of Andhra Pradesh on 05-09-2019.

28. **International Award** in recognition of exceptional contribution towards child safety across India through Darkness to Light & Jeevan Aadhar's Baccho Ke Sanrakshak Project on 09-09-2019.
29. **Best Researcher** in University College of Arts, Commerce & Law, A.N.U. under Best Senior Researcher Award Category during 43rd Foundation Day Celebrations on 11-09-2019.
30. **Teacher Innovation Award**, Zero Investment Innovations for Education Initiatives on 30-09-2019.
31. Recipient of **A.N.U. International Women's Day Award** as Runner in Tug of War, International Women's Day Celebrations-2020 organized by Centre for Women's Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, 08-03-2020.
32. Recipient of **A.N.U. International Women's Day Award** as Best Speaker in English, International Women's Day Celebrations-2020 organized by Centre for Women's Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, 08-03-2020.
33. Recipient of **A.N.U. International Women's Day Award** as Winner in Musical Chairs International Women's Day Celebrations-2020 organized by Centre for Women's Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, 08-03-2020.
34. Recipient of **A.N.U. International Women's Day Award** as Winner in Singing, International Women's Day Celebrations-2020 organized by Centre for Women's Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, 08-03-2020.
35. Recipient of **Best Women Faculty Award** given by K.B.N. College commemorating International Women's Day 2020 on 08-03-2020.
36. Recipient of **Ugadi Puraskaram State Award - 2020** in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments and contributions in the field of "Teaching, Research & Administration" given by Suryas's Educational & Welfare Society, Abhaya Society for Psychological Interest & Rehabilitative Education, at Gurajada Kalakshetram, Vizianagaram on 21-03-2020.
37. Recipient of **Asian Education Awards 2020** for the commendable contribution to the education community given by Kites Productions commemorating National Teachers Day on 05-09-2020.
38. Recipient of **Global Teacher Role Model Award 2020** for the commendable contribution to the education community given by MVLA Trust commemorating World Teachers Day on 05-10-2020.
39. Recipient of **Outstanding Teaching Award** for Exemplary Leadership in Education awarded at World Education Leaders Summit & Awards 2021 by International Centre for Excellence in

Education (INCEED) and Society for Perpetuation of Art, Culture & Education (SPACE) on 07-03-2021.

40. Recipient of **Nari Samman Award** 2021 for Excellence in Education awarded on the occasion of Society for Integrated Federation & Award ceremony at FTCCI, Hyderabad, Telangana on 07-03-2021.

41. Recipient of **Andhra Pradesh Scientist Award -2020** for the contributions in the field of Social Sciences by Government of Andhra Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh state council of Science & Technology (APCOST), Vijayawada on 22-03-2021.

8. Research Experience: Produced **22** Ph.D.s. & **5** M. Phil's.; Submitted **2** Ph.D. thesis; Completed the U.G.C. Major Research Project during 2011-2013 and ICSSR Short Duration Research Project during 2017.

9. Publications: Has edited/authored **14** books; served as a reviewer of **20** International and National journals; Published **99** articles in International & National journals, authored **73** Chapters in Reference books, **2** articles in newspapers, contributed **138** lessons in distance mode and presented **18** lectures through ICT mode of MOOCs.

10. Conferences/Seminars/Workshops Organized

1. Seminar Secretary of the National Seminar on Social Work in the Changing Scenario, organized by Social Work Department, Maris Stella College, Vijayawada during 2005.
2. Workshop Coordinator for "Capacity Building Workshop for the NGOs of Krishna & Guntur District" on 21 & 22 Nov 2007 organized by Bapuji Mahila Mandali Peddakakani sponsored by CAPART, Pastoral Centre, Guntur.
3. Convener of the U.G.C. Sponsored National Seminar on Challenges and Opportunities for the Physically Challenged Persons organized by Higher Education for Persons with special Needs (HEPSN) & NSS Units of Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, in collaboration with Community Social Responsibility, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur 04-05 January 2017.
4. Organizing Secretary of the UGC Sponsored Three Day International Seminar on Women Entrepreneurship and Globalization: Issues and Challenges organized by Department of Sociology & Social Work, Acharya Nagarjuna University during 02nd – 4th February, 2018.
5. Convener of the National Seminar on Recent Trends in Inclusive Education organized by Madonna College for the Deaf & Madonna Comprehensive Resource Centre for Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs (HEPSN),

- Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada & Centre for Community Social Responsibility, Acharya Nagarjuna University during 07th & 08th February, 2018.
6. Coordinator of the Child Rights Advocacy Foundation Sponsored One Day Workshop on Child Rights organized by Department of Sociology & Social Work & Centre for Community Social Responsibility, Acharya Nagarjuna University on 10-03-2018.
 7. Workshop Coordinator of the NCRI Sponsored 7 Day FDP organized by Department of Sociology & Social Work & Centre for Community Social Responsibility, Acharya Nagarjuna University during 21-03-2018 27-03-2018.
 8. Convener of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India sponsored Advanced Training for Frontline Functionaries of One Stop Centre (OSC), Women Helpline (WHL), Family Counselling Centre (FCC) and Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) for Rendering Quality Services and Coordinated Assistance for Women Affected with Violence organized by Department of Sociology & Social Work, Acharya Nagarjuna University on 13-10-2018.
 9. Workshop Coordinator of the MGNCRE Sponsored 7 Day Faculty Development Programme on NaiTalism, Experiential Learning and Work Education in School & Teacher Education Curriculum organized by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Hyderabad in collaboration with Acharya Nagarjuna University during 23-10-2018 to 29-10-2018.
 10. Workshop Convener of the Two Day Workshop on Social Research Methodology organized by Jeevana Sravanthi (JS) at Ananda Jyothi Renewal Centre, opp. Acharya Nagarjuna University during 09-11-2018 to 10-11-2018.
 11. Workshop Convener of the National Institute of Social Defence, New Delhi sponsored Two Day Workshop on De-addiction Counselling for Students of Social Sciences organized by Department of Sociology & Social Work during 04-02-2019 to 05-02-2019.
 12. Workshop Convener of the National Institute of Social Defence, New Delhi sponsored Two Day Workshop on De-addiction Counselling for Students of Social Sciences organized by Department of Sociology & Social Work during 09-02-2019 to 10-02-2019.
 13. Organized Webinar on “Human Trafficking during Covid-19 with Special Focus on Women and Children” organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Community Social Responsibility, Acharya Nagarjuna University in collaboration with International Justice Mission on 18-06-2020.
 14. Organizing Secretary for “National Level 5 day Faculty Development Programme on Re-think and Re-Design of Curriculum, Teaching Methods and Mode of Teaching in Post Covid

Scenario” organized by Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Acharya Nagarjuna University and Young Researchers Forum, Mumbai, Maharashtra from 19-06-2020 to 23-06-2020.

15. Organized One Day Interactive Session on Preparation for NAAC Assessment and Accreditation at Acharya Nagarjuna University on 24-06-2020.

16. Organized One Day Webinar on "NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Process" in association with National Assessment & Accreditation Council, Bangalore at Acharya Nagarjuna University on 28-07-2020.

17. Organized Commemoration of World Day against Human Trafficking in Persons by Launch of Anti - Human Trafficking Club by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) & Community Social Responsibility, Acharya Nagarjuna University in association with International Justice Mission on 30-07-2020.

11. Community Outreach and Extension Activities: As a Coordinator of Centre for Community Social Responsibility has organized more than **100** programmes and reached around **6,000** people.

12. Membership in Professional Associations: Is a Member of several professional bodies and offered consultancy services to **24** projects besides monitoring and evaluation of **10** CAPART funded projects. NAAC Member Coordinator since 07-11-2019, Subject Expert, APPSC since July 2019 and State Government Nominee to serve in the UGC Expert Committee of Government College for Women, Guntur since 15-06-2020.

13. Visiting Faculty: Is a Visiting Faculty, School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada; Acharya Nagarjuna University College of Architecture, Guntur, National Institute of Design, Vijayawada & Andhra Pradesh Human Resource Development Institute (APHRDI), Bapatla.

14. Research Areas: Specialized in Social Welfare and Social Development and research interests include Psychological Counselling, Gender issues, HIV/AIDS, Child rights and Disability.

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