

Dr. Bhushan Punani

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

- Ph.D. (1995) from the Gujarat University,
- Bachelor of Law (1986),
- Advanced Vocational Rehabilitation Course, Haifa University (1983):
- Post-Graduate Diploma in Business Management (1977-79) from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS: Recipient two AWARDS in LL.B. Examination, UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDAL for standing First Class First in the B.Sc.

DESIGNATIONS: Executive Secretary, Blind People's Association, the largest NGO in the disability sector in India: Advisor (CBR) CBM, SARO (North)

Chairman: International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment ICEVI West Asia Region

OTHER POSITIONS HELD: Member, National Monitoring Committee for Education of SCs, STs and Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India; Member, Central Advisory Committee to finalize the National Strategic Plan of Action to Implement the Foundation Course on Education of Children with Disabilities through Distant / On-line Mode; Member, Task Force for Educational Development of Persons with Disabilities under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India; Member, Committee for Developing Guidelines for education of children with disabilities under the Right to Education Act under the Ministry of Human Resources Development.

Member: CBR India Network; Member: Member: New Disability Legislation Committee: Member: Working Group on Disability – 12th Five Year Plan; Member: Steering Group on Social Welfare – 12th Five Year Plan; Member: X Five Year Plan Working Group on Disability Empowerment, Member: Governing Council, National Institute for the Visually Handicapped; Member: Governing Council, Institute for the Physically Handicapped; Member: Rehabilitation Council Committee Dealing with Professionals in the Field of Visual Disability; Member: Organizing Committee, ICEVI World Conference, 2002; Chairperson, Organizing Committee, ICEVI Dbl Asian Conference

CONFERENCES ATTENDED: So far, participated in 236 seminars at the State, National and International level on education, employment, community based rehabilitation, networking and administration of services for the disabled.

PAPERS PRESENTED: Presented 218 papers at various National and International conferences on various topics including Innovations in the Field of Visually Handicapped, Planning and Management of CBR, integrated education, National Policy for the Disabled, Evaluation, Monitoring Networking, Services for the Deafblind, Development of Braille, Persons with Disabilities Act, Corporate Social Responsibility and Advocacy.

ARTICLE & BOOKS PUBLISHED: Published 83 Articles in the National as well as International journals and 8 books on the subject of integrated education, community based rehabilitation and a handbook on visual impairment

PROFESSIONAL AREAS OF SEPCILIZATION: Community Based Rehabilitation, Laws related to disability in India, Institutional Development, Inclusive Education, Community Approaches to Handicap in Development, Portfolio Management for NGOs, Laws related to charities in India, General Administration, Advocacy, Corporate Social Responsibility, Curriculum Development and Research in Disability Related Areas

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS: EXAMINER: DOCTORATE PROGRAMME of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Jamia Milia Islamia and M.S. University, Vadodara.

INSTITUTIONAL EVALUATION: Evaluation of 10 programmes including community Based Rehabilitation and education programmes in Nairobi, Zimbabwe, Nepal, Bangladesh and India. Carried evaluation of 13 teacher training programmes in India on behalf of Rehabilitation Council of India

AWARDS

1. **Helen Keller Award**, National Centre for Promotion of Employment of Persons with Disabilities, New Delhi, 2nd December, 1999
2. **R. M. Alpawalla Award** National Association for the Blind, Mumbai, 2003 19th January, 2001
3. **Neelkanth Rai Chhatrapati Award**, Andh Kalyan Kendra, Ahmedabad, 2003
4. **N. D. Memorial NASEOH Award**, National Society for Equal Opportunities for the Handicapped, Mumbai, 2005
5. **Lions Role of Honour**, International Association of Lions Clubs, Ahmedabad, District 323 B, 25th August, 2005
6. **Dr. A. K. Das Endowment Award 2005**, Indian Alumni Group of ICEH, London, 8th February, 2006, Indore
7. **Award by the Society for the Welfare of the Persons with Mental Retardation**, Ahmedabad, for the year 2007- 2008
8. **One of 100 Power – Eminent Persons of Gujarat** by Divya Bhaskar, 26th July, 2008
9. **Dr. T S Bhamankar Award**, presented by Puna Blind Men's Association, 9th February, 2009, Pune
10. **Distinguished Alumnus Award**, India Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, 11th December, 2011
11. **Neelkanth Patang Nagar Pratibha Award** – Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and Dhramadev Infrastructure Ltd, Ahmedabad, 11th May, 2012
12. **Babubhai Bawanii Memorial Award**, Amreli, 8th May, 2014